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SUBJECT : PAZ BARNICA TERMS SALVADORAN FOREIGN
MINISTER'S JULY 9 VISIT A SUCCESS

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2. DURING MY JULY 11 CALL ON PAZ BARNICA TO FOLLOW-UP ON AMBASSADOR SHLAUDEMAN'S VISIT, PAZ TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF ME ON SALVADORAN FOREIGN MINISTER TENORIO'S JULY 9 VISIT. PAZ SAID VISIT DEALT WITH FOUR MAIN POINTS:

A. FIRST, THE BORDER ISSUE WHICH WAS THE PRIORITY MATTER AS FAR AS GOH IS CONCERNED. PAZ SAID TENORIO APPEARED GENUINELY FORTHCOMING IN HIS PROFESSED DESIRE TO ACCELERATE TALKS AND RESOLVE BORDER QUESTIONS WITHOUT HAVING TO RESORT TO THE WORLD COURT;

B. NEXT, THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF INITIATING VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION PROGRAM OF SALVADORAN REFUGEES AT COLOMONCAGUA AND OTHER BORDER LOCATIONS;

C. THEN, GOH GOT TENORIO TO PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITY OFFERED TO SALVADORAN ARMED FORCES THROUGH EXISTENCE OF RMTG ON HONDURAN SOIL. TENORIO, IN FACT WENT SO FAR AS TO REPUDIATE RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR HERE TO EFFECT THAT GOES HAD BEEN "AT THE MARGIN" OF NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF RMTG;

D. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO COLLABORATE CLOSELY ON CONTADORA STRATEGY.

3. PAZ HAD NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR TENORIO WHOM HE CHARACTERIZED AS "CAPABLE, SERIOUS, UNPRETENTIOUS AND SINCERE."

4. AMBASSADOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT IN REGARD TO POINT 2B ABOVE OUR VIEW THAT STEPS WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT REPATRIATION OF SALVADORAN REFUGEES WERE GENUINELY VOLUNTARY. AMBASSADOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO AGAIN MAKE POINT THAT WHILE REPATRIATION WAS A DESIRABLE MEDIUM OR LONG-TERM GOAL, REMOVAL OF REFUGEES FROM BORDER LOCATIONS WAS AN URGENT MATTER. PAZ RESPONDED THAT HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE DELICACY OF THE REPATRIATION ISSUE. HE SAID GOH WOULD ADDRESS THESE VARIOUS

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ISSUES THROUGH MECHANISM OF NEW REFUGEE COMMITTEE SET
UP BY JULY 5 GOH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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