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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY GOH MINISTER OF
FINANCE AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT
2. DOCTOR SUAZO HAS ADDRESSED ANOTHER LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN CONCERNING HONDURAN ECONOMIC NEEDS. ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LETTER WILL BE TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.
3. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ADVISE DEPARTMENT THAT GOH MINISTER OF FINANCE ARTURO CORLETO AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR GONZALO CARIAS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WASHINGTON FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS DURING WEEK OF AUGUST EIGHT TO EXPLAIN DOCTOR SUAZO'S LETTER AND EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON OFFICIALS. THEY MIGHT BE ACCOMPANIED BY HONDURAN BUSINESSMAN MIGUEL FACUSSE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR GROUP KNOWN AS APROH (ASSOCIATION PRO HONDURAS). APROH PLAYED A PART IN DRAFTING DOCTOR SUAZO'S LETTER.
4. AMONG THE CONTACTS WHICH CORLETO AND CARIAS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ARE IN STATE, TREASURY, AID, OMB AND NSC. IN DEPARTMENT, IT OCCURS TO US THAT THIS MIGHT BE USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR AMBASSADOR MOTLEY TO HEAR FIRST-HAND ABOUT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HONDURAS.
5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM DEPARTMENT ITS REACTION TO PROPOSED VISIT BY CORLETO AND CARIAS, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS LIKELY AVAILABILITY OF AMBASSADOR MOTLEY DURING THE TIMEFRAME INVOLVED. ALSO, IF VISIT TAKES PLACE, WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING OTHER APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS FOR VISIT.

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