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on part of GOH which caused it to support new, restructured CEDEN leadership.

3. Our view is that as long as issue of implementing agency remains in slightest doubt, old CEDEN leadership will seize every opportunity to cast doubt on qualifications of its successors. It will also use such arguments as the potential loss of support from various PVO's in Europe and the United States with which it had close ties. Once GOH decision is firmed up, however, and UNHCR and ourselves show our support for new arrangement, then we believe the dust will settle and those genuinely interested in helping the refugees will get back to their humanitarian mission. Illustrative of this point is fact that in December when some of the more politically minded CEDEN relief workers walked off the job at the refugee site at La Virtud, those working in Colomocagua said they intended to stay on the job and accept whatever arrangement furthered their humanitarian mission.

5. We believe UNHCR has become overly concerned with internal relief agency politics. This posture on their part runs risk of appearing to interfere in political question of great import to GOH in the name of preserving "efficiency". We believe UNHCR would be much better advised to show its support for GOH by falling in with new CEDEN leadership, forgetting about CODE and getting on with the humanitarian task at hand.

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