

should be part of our initial negotiating position.

5. Implementation of proposal would have favorable political impact on Honduran military and body politic. There would undoubtedly be some adverse reaction from a vocal minority; but we believe such reaction would be within host government ability to contain and in the long run/^{implementation of proposal}would strengthen government's hand vis-a-vis these types of critics.

6. Strategic impact would be viewed here as significant; offsetting to some extent Nicaraguan buildup and alleviating concern about Nicaraguan acquisition of MIG-21's. Such U.S. ^{access}~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ would not repeat not in our view be substitute for upgrading and modifying Honduran Air Force fighter capability.

7. Regarding timeframe, we believe agreement in principle could be obtained almost immediately after new government takes office; and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ if Washington can keep its requirements for a detailed agreement reasonably simple and straightforward, we could probably negotiate an agreement in very short order after that.

8. We do not foresee any serious difficulties in the negotiating process.

9. Department please repeat CINCLANT NORFOLK VA, USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PANAMA AND JCS.

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