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TRAVEL TO JAPAN BY HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER EDGARDO PAZ BARNICA,
MAY 3-8
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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FOR DCM CLARK FROM NEGROPONTE

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- Honduran Foreign Minister Edgardo Paz Barnica informed me April 13 that he is planning trip through Asia which will include a stopover in Tokyo May 3-8.
- Paz Barnica is a very articulate spokesman for the democratic approach in Central America and also one of the architects of the regional (as opposed to bilateral) proposal for solving tensions on this isthmus. His interlocutors will find him worth talking to.
- I planted thought with Paz that if our Caribbean Basin Initiative proposal for a 12-year free-trade zone passes Congress this year, then some Asian investors may be interested in pursuing advantages offered by preferential Honduran access to our markets. I further suggested to Paz

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that he may wish to consider inviting a Japanese investment mission to visit Honduras.

5. Foregoing is by way of background in case you should see Honduran Ambassador Flefil at any point between now and Paz visit. If there is any way that Embassy can be discreetly helpful, that, too, would be most appreciated.

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