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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR VISIT

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FOR AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK FROM NEGROPONTE

1. By septel we are sending you proposed schedule of events for your visit based on assumption of 0800 arrival Monday, February 7 and 0900 departure Wednesday, February 9. Purpose of this message is to focus separately on press arrangements which are not rpt not likely to be a problem here but nonetheless workh focussing on beforehand.

2. We are proposing that you arrive on military side of Tegucigalpa airport for combination of logistical and security reasons. Civilian terminal and ramp space is particularly congested during early morning hours. Thus there will be no rpt no press on actual arrival.

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3. First time you are likely to meet press is upon emerging from your meeting with President Suazo at Presidential palace. Customarily at such meetings distinguished visitors are expected to stop for about five to ten minutes to talk to half-dozen or so Honduran press corps members (including radio and television) who cover the Presidency. You can ad lib; or you can use something along lines of proposed statement in paragraph five below which we will have available for you in translation. In any event, you can count on Honduran press in such situations to courteously and of their own accord leave you to proceed to your next engagement after not longer than ten minutes. You can expect a similar procedure at the Foreign Ministry. There will be no press at the location of your meeting with General Alvarez.

4. As for departure, you should leave from military side of airfield for same reasons obtaining upon arrival. Since press does not have access to military side of field, we propose twenty to thirty minute meeting with press at ~~the~~ 0815 at the Embassy. There is likely to be some foreign in addition to local press in attendance. We are preparing a draft departure statement for your use on that occasion. Meanwhile, herewith a proposed statement for your contingency use at the Presidency and/or Foreign Ministry.

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5. BEGIN PROPOSED TEXT:

I am very pleased that President Reagan and Secretary Shultz asked me to visit Honduras as a follow-up to our President's visit to San Pedro Sula on December 4. This forms part of a visit to a number of the democratic countries in the Caribbean Basin region. I bring the greetings of President Reagan to Doctor Suazo, other members of the constitutional government here and to the people of Honduras. My purpose in visiting your country is to consult with your leaders on a broad range of subjects, including ways to promote our common goals of strengthening democracy, promoting economic growth and enhancing the security of the Caribbean Basin region.

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