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REF:	TEGUCIGALPA <del>XXXX</del> 82 11229 proposed 1. I commend Shep Lowman's/letter to the Washington Post to your attention. It is not so different in tone and style, I believe, from a number of statements emanating from ARA bureau in past twelve months. It represents an effective defense against a positively silly article by Chris Dickey.		
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in response to a strong letter (not for publication) to Mrs. Graham.

3. So, I would hope you might reconsider turndown contained in STATE 356445 and concur in Shep sending his letter. It need not be for publication and we could so state explicitly in letter. Also, in order to take into account any specific Washington objections or problems with the text, we would welcome any suggested changes which you believe would make it more useful or readable.

4. Warm regards.

*JON*  
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