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AMB DCM POL-2 DAO MILGP	<p>1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT</p> <p>2. Embassy invites Department's attention to fact that Honduran CINC General Alvarez, Air Force Commander Walter Lopez, and Navy Commander Colonel Ruben Montoya will be accompanying President Suazo on his visit to Washington July 13-15. Since Honduran military not expected to participate in a number of Dr. Suazo's meetings, Embassy visualizes useful opportunity for separate program for Honduran military. Also, it would be unwise to leave General Alvarez unattended for prolonged gaps of time.</p> <p>3. Embassy suggests Washington consideration designation separate escort (possibly DOD or JCS officer) and interpreter for Alvarez and his two colleagues. Also, recommend consideration of separate program of meetings with Deputy</p>	
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[SecDef, Chairman JCS and Service Chiefs as appropriate.]

A replay of the meeting with the Chiefs along lines held earlier this year might be a suitable forum although from Honduran perspective would be useful if size of meeting could be held down to ensure atmosphere of confidentiality. Among other matters, Honduran military will want to discuss:

-- Major equipment needs as measured against \$2.8 million FMS credits remaining in their kitty;

-- Nicaragua and Salvador military situations.

Honduras can be expected to express interest in our contingency plans in event of overt attack by Nicaragua;

4. Useful outcome of visit could include:

-- Section 506 action to cover costs of six A-37's and four C-123's in addition to other desired equipment. Impending transfer of Honduran battalion to Mosquitia could be cited as part of emergency rationale;

-- Commitment to some form of joint logistics or contingency planning. ~~Initial~~ ^{Initial} ~~step~~ /step could perhaps be the despatch of a high ranking officer to conduct a strategic survey of Honduras. General Alvarez recalls this suggestion by Nestor Sanchez and repeatedly asks about it;

-- Grant F-5E training for twelve Honduran Air Force pilots without commitment on actual delivery of F-5's.

(We would at least keep pace with Soviet and Eastern Bloc training of Nicaraguan MIG pilots.);

-- Consideration of DepSecDef Carlucci visit to Honduras.

5. Time permitting Department may also wish to arrange for visit by ~~SI~~ Alvarez and colleagues to CIA headquarters. Meeting between Dr. Suazo and SecDef being requested separately. Honduran military can be expected to attend that meeting.

6. In discussing Honduran naval needs, Washington agencies will want to bear in mind fact that CINCLANT will be making orientation visit to Honduras August 11-13 at Ambassador's invitation.

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