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 TAGS: PREL, OAS, UNSC, HO, NU
 SUBJECT: HONDURAN REQUEST FOR OAS SESSION

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1. ~~TEGUCIGALPA 7205~~ ENTIRE TEXT
2. UPCOMING OAS SESSION WOULD APPEAR TO US IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE HONDURAN PRESENTATION WITH OUR OWN LATEST BILL OF PARTICULARS CONCERNING NICARAGUA. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS SINCE REGIONAL TENSIONS WERE LAST DEBATED IN AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM, AMONG THEM FURTHER CUBAN REINFORCEMENTS IN NICARAGUA, INCLUDING THE ARRIVAL OF A TOP CUBAN GENERAL, AND SIGNIFICANT NEW SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES. IN ADDITION, NICARAGUANS HAVE REINFORCED THE LAS TROJES-CIQUENTES BORDER AREA; CONTINUED VIOLATIONS OF HONDURAN BORDER AND, AMONG OTHER INCIDENTS, HAVE CAUSED THE DEATH OF TWO UNITED STATES CITIZEN CORRESPONDENTS. IN OUR PRESENTATION WE COULD TAKE THESE FACTS AND WEAVE THEM INTO THE THEME SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH THREE REPTTEL (B), NAMELY THE FAILURE OF THE SANDINISTA REVOLUTION TO KEEP ITS PROMISES. BY PLACING CURRENT HONDURAS/NICARAGUA BORDER TENSIONS IN THIS BROADER CONTEXT OF GENERAL SANDINISTA ARMS BUILD-UP AND LACK OF DEMOCRACY WE WOULD KEEP THE EMPHASIS ON THE BROADER CAUSES OF REGIONAL TENSION AND AVOID PITFALLS OF THE NICARAGUAN "BILATERAL THESIS".
3. WE DOUBT THE HONDURANS SEE THIS INITIATIVE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR WHATEVER SERIOUS REGIONAL NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT SOMEDAY TAKE PLACE. RATHER THEY VIEW IT AS THE BEST AVAILABLE FORUM IN WHICH TO MAKE THEIR VIEWPOINT KNOWN ON AS BROAD A BASIS AS POSSIBLE. NEGROPONTE

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