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2. Based on readout from March 24 Honduran National Security Council meeting, it appears GOH would be prepared to acquiesce in a U.S. request for training of Salvadoran forces on Honduran soil. According to Honduran Armed Forces Chief of Staff, GOH would like a government-to-government agreement on this subject. GOH would also prefer to stress regional as opposed to strictly bilateral Salvadoran aspect of training if and when it should take place.
3. Foregoing information is based on military-to-military contacts. E

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we do not yet, however, have

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President Suazo's direct confirmation.

4. If past experience on similar matters is any guide, GOH will not rpt not as next step give us an outright affirmative reply. More likely, is that they will now be prepared to welcome a team sent here to negotiate a memorandum of understanding or whatever type of instrument is judged necessary to cover proposed training activities. Therefore, as next step, Embassy Tegucigalpa proposes that Department consider desirability of designating a State/Defense negotiating team along lines similar to group which negotiated Milcon agreement last year.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: If Washington agrees with foregoing suggestion, then we suggest that we be instructed to raise with GOH matter of a Washington negotiating team coming to Tegucigalpa and begin process of ascertaining mutually acceptable dates for a negotiation.

6. Meanwhile, we would hope that further leaks on this subject could be kept to an acceptable trickle. There are indications that leaks thus far may be hurting prospects for idea here in Tegucigalpa.

7. Please advise.

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