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DE RUEHTG #4454 092 **
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P 021808Z APR 85
FM AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA
TC RUEHC / SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0235
INFO RUEHLL / CONTADORA COLLECTIVE
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CHRG: PROG 04/1/85
APPRV: AMB:JDNEGROPONTE
DRFTD: AMB:JDNEGROPONTE
CLEAR: NONE
DISTR: AMB DCM POL
SA

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: Xk, CO, HO
SUBJECT: ~~BETANCUR VISIT TO HONDURAS~~

1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GLEAN ONLY SUPERFICIAL IMPRESSIONS OF SUBSTANCE OF BETANCUR'S MARCH 31 VISIT HERE. WE DO KNOW THAT THE ACTUAL DISCUSSIONS LASTED ABOUT FOUR HOURS AND FOCUSSED ON CONTADORA. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS REPORTEDLY FRIENDLY WITHOUT ANY HINT OF PRESSURES ON GOH TO ACCOMMODATE SANDINISTA POSITIONS. GOH GAVE WRITTEN SUMMARY OF ITS POSITION TO BETANCUR WITH WHICH HE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED COMPLETE SYMPATHY AND AGREEMENT.

3. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, FONMIN PAZ BARNICA SAID THAT BETANCUR HAD MET FOR TWO HOURS WITH ORTEGA EARLIER SAME DAY. ACCORDING TO PAZ, ORTEGA HELD FIRM ON NICARAGUAN ADHERENCE TO ORIGINAL CONTADORA ACTA. BUT BETANCUR HIMSELF APPARENTLY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT, "WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS", NICARAGUANS COULD EVENTUALLY BE BROUGHT AROUND TO ACCEPTING TEGUCIGALPA DRAFT. NEGROPONTE

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