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AMB DCM	EXDIS DECAPTIONED REF: STATE 93287 1. SECRET - Entire Text 2. Ambassador drew on contents reftel in April 12 meeting with Minister to Presidency Carlos Flores welcomed and Foreign Minister Paz Barnica. They WELCOMED/ENK our eight points as "encouraging and complementary" to their own six-point approach. In Ambassador's presence Flores requested Paz Barnica to make some positive comments to Honduran press on United States initiative.	

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3. Flores then embarked on next steps as Hondurans see them. First, Nicaraguans haven't answered Honduran invitation to meet in Tegucigalpa at Foreign Ministers level. But, if talks took place, Honduran intention would be to use their own proposal as basis for discussions. Next, Hondurans seeking to obtain maximum international support for their plan. They were pleased with Royo's support as expressed in an eight-page letter to Dr. Suazo; Venezuelans had been very encouraging and Brazilian President had promised to bring matter up in his meeting with President Reagan. Next step might be to raise Honduran initiative to level of Presidents, possibly at ~~Mongex~~ ^{Monge's} inaugural. Further ~~PASXXXXXXX~~ OAS action not ruled out.

4. Flores then came to USG role. Comparing our respective plans point-by-point, he came to conclusion that our approaches were very similar. Honduran plan is regional in scope and therefore avoids specific mention of Nicaragua, though it is clear towards whom plan is directed. Also, Honduran plan doesn't mention infiltration; but does talk about ~~mechanisms~~ mechanisms to stop regional arms traffic. U.S. plan, on other hand, is both more specific and bilateral in nature. But respective plans were very compatible, and Flores

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wondered whether USG couldn't be a bit more forthcoming in endorsement of Honduran approach. Flores also remarked that Hondurans were thinking of approaching West Germans for support of their plan. He said Honduras needed a functional equivalent of what France ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ is to Mexico, i.e., a window on Europe. He asked what we thought of the idea of their seeking German help for this purpose.

5. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: Hondurans are making strong effort to develop international ~~xxxx~~ constituency. Believe they deserve appropriate assistance as part of our regional policies. Would appreciate guidance as to what we might tell Hondurans as to best way to develop European support. Also, any guidance on what Ambassador may say publicly and privately regarding Honduran peace plan would be most appreciated.

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