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Personally accompanied by DCM, subject U.S. citizens departed Tegucigalpa aboard TAN/SAHSA Flight #776 bound for Miami. They were accompanied by United Kingdom subject Bianca Jagger.

Events surrounding their stay in Honduras will undoubtedly take some time to piece together. DCM had full opportunity to hear Brauer/Jagger version of events which will be reported septel November 19. We have been unable to locate any single Honduran authority with its own complete version of events, although we

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will keep trying.

- 4. Essential point is that subjects are safe, en route home, and with exception of confiscation of camera there have been no allegations of physical mistreatment.
- 5. COMMENT: We have no doubts that Jagger, at least, will use whatever transpired to embarrass GOH and GOES. We also know that Jagger has in the past been a vocal critic of moving camps away from border. We do not know if this experience, which by her own account was harrowing and included great danger to the refugees, may have modified her thinking in this regard. Upon leaving, Brauer seemed to be more impressed than he may have been initially by arguments in favoring of moving camps away from border.
- 6. In our own view this incident simply drives home urgency of moving forward with UNHCR/GOH plans ASAP and we will press this point at every opportunity, and Department may wish to consider pressing UNHCR/GENEVA along same lines.
- 7. We have sent Political Officer from Embassy to border for direct update on refugee situation. She will



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be returning Saturday, November 21 and we will file her report ASAP hereafters thereafter.

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