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PAYMENTS FOR FMS
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2. During course of January 7 courtesy call by Ambassador, General Alvarez recalled December 4 meeting between our two Presidents at which Alvarez had raised issue of difficulties caused for Honduras by high cost of FMS. Alvarez also recalled that Judge Clark had responded by promising to look into matter.
3. Alvarez commented that this issue continues to be one of deep concern to Honduran military and, if FMS credit terms cannot be softened or put on grant basis, then GOH will simply have to seek other supply alternatives.

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Alvarez asked for reply to matter he raised at December meeting as soon as possible.

4. COMMENT: Foregoing subject will be high on Alvarez' mind if General Gast visits Tegucigalpa later this month. Embassy welcomes possibility of Gast visit and would appreciate confirmation of his travel plans when known.

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