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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/17/87 (WALKER, WILLIAM G.) OR-M
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2. EMBASSY PAO BUMPED INTO GEN. (RET) LEANDRO ROSADO INIQUEZ, RETIRED MEXICAN OFFICER AT TEGUCIGALPA'S TONCONTIN AIRPORT ON JUNE 12. ROSADO TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO CITY. HE EXPLAINED HE HAD MADE TRIP WITH COL. GUSTAVO ALVAREZ, CHIEF OF FUSEP (HONDURAN NATIONAL POLICE) AND ARMY G-2 COL. LEONIDAS TORRES ARIAS. ROSADO CLAIMED THAT VISIT WAS ARRANGED AT THE HONDURAS REQUEST THROUGH GEN. MIGUEL ANGEL GODINES BRAVO, CHIEF

OF STAFF OF MEXICAN PRESIDENCY. THE FOUR-DAY SOJOURN INCLUDED MEETINGS FOR ALVAREZ AND TORRES ARIAS WITH GODINES AND LOPEZ PORTILLO. ROSADO SAID HE WAS PRESENT ONLY FOR THE GODINES MEETING, DURING WHICH THE HONDURANS

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EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN WITH MEXICO'S REPORTED OVERTURES TOWARDS NICARAGUA. THEY DESCRIBED HONDURAN ACUTE CONCERN WITH NICA ARMS BUILDUP AND THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS THIS COULD HAVE ON REGIONAL STABILITY. THEY CITED THE RECENT FLIGHT OF THE MISKITO INDIANS AS ONE EVIDENCE OF THE UNPOPULARITY OF THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT. THE CORONELS ALSO POINTED TO THE THREAT OF SUBVERSION THAT MOST LIKELY EMANATES FROM MANAGUA.

3. GODINES REPORTEDLY TOLD THE HONDURANS THAT MEXICO DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE SIDES. HE PROMISED MEXICO WOULD MONITOR ARMS BUILDUP CAREFULLY, AND HAD EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN TO NICA GOVERNMENT. MEXICO, GODINES SAID, WILL CONTINUE TO REAFFIRM ITS POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TREATMENT ALVAREZ AND TORRES ARIAS WERE RECEIVING HAD NOT BEEN SIMILARLY ACCORDED TO SAAVEDRA ORTEGA DURING HIS RECENT VISIT. HE STRESSED SAAVEDRA ORTEGA HAD MADE A VERY PUBLIC VISIT, WHEREAS THEY WERE HOLDING DISCREET, SUBSTANTIVE TALKS. GODINES SAID THE GOH SHOULD NOT PLACE CREDENCE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SAAVEDRA ORTEGA BUSINESS, I.E., THAT LOPEZ PORTILLO WAS "GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS AND NOTHING ELSE."

4. LATER ALVAREZ AND TORRES ARIAS TOLD ROSADO THAT THE SAME TOPICS HAD BEEN RAISED WITH PORTILLO AND HE HAD REASSURED THEM THAT MEXICO WOULD RESPECT SELF-DETERMINATION AND NON-INTERFERENCE. THE HONDURANS STATED EMPHATICALLY (AS THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY WITH GODINES) THAT THE HONDURAN MILITARY WAS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS THIS YEAR AND THE ARMY WOULD GUARANTEE THEM. LOPEZ PORTILLO PRAISED THE SPIRIT OF THE HONDURAN MILITARY AND GAVE THEM ASSURANCES THAT MEXICO WELCOMES ANY DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO AID HONDURAS

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IN ITS DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. ROSADO SAID THAT THE HONDURANS SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS AND VIBES OBTAINED FROM THE MEETINGS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR IN HONDURAS, RENATO IROGOYEN, WAS NOT AWARE OF THE CORONELS VISIT. UPON RETURNING TO TEGUCIGALPA, PRES. PAZ GARCIA HAD SUMMONED ROSADO TO THANK HIM AND TELL HIM THAT HONDURAS FELT A BIT BETTER (WITH REGARDS TO MEXICO)

AFTER THE TRIP.

5. COMMENT: GENERAL ROSADO HAS SIZABLE INVESTMENTS IN HONDURAS. HIS MAJOR ONE IS A COMPANY CALLED ALIMENTOS NACIONALES DE HONDURAS (ALNAHSA), A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN A GROUP OF MEXICAN MILITARY OFFICERS AND HIGH RANKING HONDURAN COUNTERPARTS, INCLUDING ALVAREZ, TORRES ARIAS AND DEFENSE MINISTER FLORES TERESIN.
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