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E.O. 12065: GDS, 7/16/87 (BINNS, J.R.) OR-M
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DOD FOR ISA AND DSAA

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2. MILGRP COMMANDER JULY 14 RECEIVED WRITTEN REQUEST FROM HONDURAN G-4 ASKING FOR "APPROXIMATELY" 10 MILLION DOLLARS IN INCREASED FMS CREDIT FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. REQUEST INCLUDED RECAP OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES, OBLIGATIONS AND URGENT REQUIREMENTS TOTALING SOMETHING OVER 16 MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH PRODUCES SHORTFALL OF MORE THAN 11 MILLION DOLLARS. REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES AND

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OBLIGATIONS REVEALED 2.1 MILLION DOLLARS PURCHASE OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS WHICH WAS NOT COORDINATED WITH MILGRP, THE UNSCHEDULED ACQUISITION OF FOUR UH-1B HELICOPTERS (250,000 DOLLARS) WITH REPAIR PARTS AND ARMAMENT (AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS), AND 1.3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT. TOTAL OF EXPENDITURES AND OBLIGATIONS IS 5.7 MILLION DOLLARS,
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WHICH EXCEEDS AUTHORIZED FY 81 FMS LEVEL. ITEMS WHICH APPEARED HIGH ON THEIR ORIGINAL LIST OF PRIORITIES -- E.G., REPAIR OF NAVY PATROL BOATS (FOR WHICH WE UNDERSTAND GOH IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING), TRUCKS, RADIOS, AND LARGE QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION -- REMAIN UNFUNDED ON THE LIST OF "URGENT NEEDS," WHICH TOTALS 10.4 MILLION DOLLARS.

3. MILGRP COMMANDER WILL MEET WITH HONDURAN G-4 JULY 16 IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE THEM TO BRING EXPENDITURES/OBLIGATIONS WITHIN 5 MILLION DOLLARS FY 81 FMS PROGRAM AND TO REALIGN PRIORITIES. PURCHASE OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS (2.1 MILLION DOLLARS) AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES (1.3 MILLION DOLLARS) WILL BE PRINCIPAL TARGETS FOR AMENDMENT. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT PROPOSED REALLOCATIONS -- WHICH WILL NO DOUBT INCLUDE CARRY OVER WITH FY 82 PROGRAM -- WILL ENABLE GOH TO USE FY 81 CREDIT FOR REPAIR OF NAVY PATROL CRAFT (WHICH COS CHINCHILLA RECENTLY CONFIRMED WAS HIGH PRIORITY) AND PURCHASE OF SOME ADDITIONAL TRUCKS. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING, MILGRP CHIEF HOPES TO MEET WITH CHINCHILLA TO GAIN APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO POINT OUT THAT: (A) THERE IS SIMPLY NO MORE FMS CREDIT AVAILABLE THIS FISCAL YEAR; (B) THEIR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS, IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM, MAY WELL PREJUDICE THEIR CASE, BUT WE WILL SEND IT FORWARD, IF THEY SO DESIRE; (C) APPARENT OVER EXPENDITURE OF FY 81 PROGRAM MUST BE RESOLVED; AND (D) WE ARE SERIOUSLY DISAPPOINTED WITH THEIR FAILURE TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN LIST OF PRIORITY ACQUISITIONS WHICH WAS NO LABOROUSLY WORKED OUT EARLIER WITH MILGRP ASSISTANCE.

4. OBVIOUS GOH LACK OF DISCIPLINE IN UTILIZING FMS CREDIT IS, OF COURSE, DISHEARTENING TO ALL OF US INVOLVED IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. NOR IS THIS TENDENCY TOWARD
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PROFLIGACY LIMITED TO FMS: THEY HAVE RECENTLY PURCHASED TWO (PERHAPS WITH COMMERCIAL OR OTHER CREDITS) NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (WHICH ARE NOT COMPATABLE WITH EXISTING SYSTEMS) FROM U.S. AND UK AT COST OF SEVERAL MILLION AND AN ISRAELI EXECUTIVE JET AIRCRAFT (WESTWIND), NEITHER OF WHICH COULD BE FAIRLY JUDGED AS HIGH PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS.

5. I SUSPECT, HOWEVER, THIS PUSH FOR ADDITIONAL FMS WAS

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DICTATED MORE BY MISPLACED EXPECTATIONS AND/OR TACTICAL DESIGN THAN BY IRRESPONSIBILITY. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PRESIDENT PAZ AND OTHER HIGH RANKING MILITARY HAVE BEEN LOBBYING HARD AND LONG FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE, MOST RECENTLY HAVING PRESENTED EMBASSY, GGENERAL WALTERS, GENERAL NUTTING AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL VISITORS EXTENSIVE LISTING OF THEIR "PRIORITIES" WHICH COST OUT AT BETWEEN 80 AND 140 MILLION DOLLARS, AND HAVE REPEATED THESE ENTREATIES ON VISITS TO WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THEY HAVE RECEIVED NO ENCOURAGEMENT OR REASONS TO BELIEVE USG IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING ANY INCREASE, LET ALONG ONE OF MAGNITUDE REQUESTED, THEY TEND TO INTERPRET ANY RESPONSE LESS THAN A FLAT NO AS POSITIVE. THUS I SUSPECT THEY HAVE DESIGNED THIS EXERCISE AT LEAST IN PART TO FORCE THE ISSUE.

6. IF THERE IS IN FACT NO POSSIBILITY OF AN INCREASE IN FMS LEVEL FOR FY 81, WHICH I UNDERSTAND TO BE THE CASE, THEN WE SEEM TO HAVE COME TO THE POINT WHERE THIS MESSAGE HAS TO BE BROUGHT HOME TO THEM IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS. AN INCREASE IN FMS FOR FY 82 MAY WELL MAKE SENSE AND BE POSSIBLE, THOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW ANY COMMITMENTS COULD BE MADE BEFORE CONGRESS HAS APPROVED SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION. WE SHOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND THEIR PROPENSITY FOR CREATIVE INTERPRETATION IN FORMULATING ANY RESPONSE ON FY 82 QUESTION. MOREOVER, BASED ON THEIR PERFORMANCE WITH THE FY 81 PROGRAM, I AM NOT SANGUINE THAT INCREASED CREDITS WOULD BE WISELY SPENT WITHOUT SOME KIND OF MUTUALLY UPON
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ACQUISITION PLAN.

7. ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL BE WELCOME.
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