

“ of political peace and quiet in that country and attained by the agreement of all
“ parties to abide by the results of free and fair elections. Therefore, the Govern-
“ ment of the United States bespeaks the most honest attention to those political
“ and economic considerations which are of paramount importance. It entertains
“ no preference as between parties or candidates, and is not disposed to exert
“ influence for or against any candidate. But it is ready to afford co-operation,
“ assistance and support to any Government elected as the result of the will of the
“ Honduras electorate, through the medium of free and fair elections. If this
“ appeal proves unavailing, the Government of the United States will have no
“ alternative other than to consider that the responsibility for resulting disorgani-
“ sation, misery and sacrifice of economic stability must be borne by those who are
“ unwilling to reach an amicable settlement of their political differences.

“ The attitude of the Government of the United States with regard to the
“ recognition of new Governments, in the five Central American republics whose
“ representatives signed at Washington in February 1923 a general Treaty of Peace
“ and Amity, to which the United States was not a party, but with the provisions
“ of which it was in the most hearty accord, will be guided by the provisions of
“ article 2 thereof, which stipulates that—

“ (Translation.)

“ “The Governments of the high contracting parties shall not recognise anyone who
“ rises in any one of the five republics whatsoever by a *coup d'État* or a revolution
“ against a recognised Government until the representatives of the people, freely
“ elected, have reorganised the country in constitutional form. And even in the
“ latter case they bind themselves not to concede recognition if any of the persons
“ elected President, Vice-President or substitute (“designado”) have been
“ comprised in any whatsoever of the following cases :—

“ “ 1. If he have been the leader, or one of the leaders, in the *coup d'État* or
“ revolution; or if he be by consanguinity or affinity ancestor, descendant or
“ brother of one of them.

“ “ 2. If he have been Secretary of State or have held high military command
“ when the *coup d'État* or revolution took place or when the elections were held,
“ or have held that office or command six months previous to the *coup d'État*,
“ revolution or election.”

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