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THROUGH NON GOVTL ORGANIZATIONS.I HAVE INDICATED TO THE AUTHORITIES IN HONDURAS THAT CDA WILL CONTINUE ITS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING IN 1984 AND THAT OUR ASSISTANCE WILL INCREASE OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME.

I HAD DURING MY VISIT AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PRES, WITH THE MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY, MR FLORES, THE MIN OF FINANCE, AND OTHER ECONOMIC MINISTERS. AND IN THE COURSE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE TOUCHED UPON OBVIOUSLY THE SECURITY SITU IN CENTRAL AMERICA, THE CO TADORA PROCESS, THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES THAT HONDURAS FACES, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER SUBJS THAT WERE RELATED TO THESE.

Q: CAN YOU TELL US WHAT THE GOVT OF HONDURAS SAID TO YOU ABOUT THE CURRENT CDN AID PROGRAM ABOUT ANY OF THE WAYS THEY WOULD LIKE US TO HELP?

DPM: THE AUTHORITIES IN HONDURAS ARE AGREED WITH CDA THAT ITS GOOD IDEA FOR US TO SPECIALIZE IN THE SECTORS OF FORESTERY, AGRIC AND ENERGY. THESE ARE URGENT PRIORITIES IN HONDURAS AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO HELP. AND WE DID DISCUSS PRACTICAL QUESTIONS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR EFFORTS IN THESE AREAS. THE MIN OF FINANCE DID RAISE WITH ME IN OUR DISCUSSION THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS OF HONDURAS. THE NEGOTIATIONS THAT ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY BETWEEN HONDURAS AND THE INNATL MONETARY FUND IN ORDER TO GET BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT. AND IN THAT CONTEXT, THE MINISTER DID MAKE AN APPEAL TO CDA TO PROVIDE SOME BALANCE OF PAYMENT/SUPPORT ...3