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DPM: I WILL MAKE A VERY FEW COMMENTS BECUAE IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK SOME QUESTIONS. I AM COMPLETING TODAY MY VISIT TO CENTRAL AMERICA AND I AM CERTIANLY VERY PLEASED THAT I CAN CONCLUDE THE VISIT IN HONDURAS, THE PLACE THAT IS SO ATTRACTIVE AND WHERE THE CDN DEL HAS BEEN SO WARMLY RECEIVED. MY PURPOSE IN COMING HERE IS TO UNDERLINE THE INTEREST THAT CDA AND THE CDN PEOPLE HAVE IN THE FUTURE CENTRAL AMERICA. WHAT STEPS WE ARE TAKING AND HOPE TO TAKE IN THE FUTURE TO ASSIST IN THE PROGRESS THAT IS SO URGENTLY REQUIRED ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA. CDA HAS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH HONDURAS SINCE 1974. AND AS I SAID LAST NIGHT, SINCE THEN WE HAVE SPENT ABOUT DLRS 60 M IN BILATERAL FUNDING FOR PROJS OR PROGRAMS IN HONDURAS, PARTICULARLY IN AGRIC, FORESTRY, AND ENERGY. AND APART FROM THAT WE ARE ALSO SUPPORTING GRASS ROOTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS CONDUCTED

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