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| | CONFIDENTIAL TEGUCIGALPA 4059 |
| | FOR ADMIRAL TRAIN FROM AMBASSADOR NEGROPONTE |
| | 1. (C) I would like to extend a personal invitation for you to visit Honduras when your busy schedule will permit. |
| | 2. (C) The Honduran Navy is equipped with 1-85', 5-65' and 3-105' patrol boats. They are a young naval force (5 years old) but are trying to upgrade their equipment and training to meet the requirement of a two ocean navy. |
| | 3. (C) The Commander of the Honduran Navy is also planning to improve facilities at the main naval base at Puerto Cortes and is exploring the possibilities of reactivating a support facility at Puerto Castilla (a joint Honduran/US facility during WW II). Perhaps in advance of your visit, you might wish to send representatives to acquaint themselves with the Honduran naval structure, facilities and plans. |

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4. (C) The Honduran naval hierarchy view the US Navy as their chief ally, particularly after the three very successful ship visits and the highly publicized Falcon Vista 81 joint exercise. Honduras is requesting an expanded venture, "Fuerzas Unidas", for October 1982.
5. (U) Navy Commander Robert Horne, recently assigned to our Military Group, will be the project officer for any assistance and/or additional information.
6. (U) I feel that your visit to Honduras sometime during the course of this year would do much to positively demonstrate USG interest and support to Honduran Armed Forces and their newly elected democratic government.

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