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SUBJECT: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL ALVAREZ  
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2. Further to reftel, Ambassador met with General Alvarez at airforce ~~base~~ operations center at 1930 local ~~time~~ time.
3. Alvarez explained situation as follows:  
rejecting  
-- GOH message/~~XXXXXXXX~~ any ransom payment whatsoever would be conveyed to aircraft from Control Tower;  
-- GOH is working through Mexican Embassy to obtain necessary clearances for aircraft to land in Cuba;  
-- Alvarez viewed outcome as still entirely unpredictable and was personally awaiting hijackers reaction to GOH message.
4. On question of use of force, Alvarez said in reply to

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question that, if it ever comes to that, he wanted to use his own forces. He was, however, extremely appreciative of the various technical assistance we were offering and looked forward to our advisors practicing with his men when Dash Seven arrives from Canada.

5. Ambassador urged continued patience on GOH part, pointing out that negotiating track did not seem to be working too badly and, if force were needed as last resort, GOH soldiers should be as well prepared as possible.

6. Late report: As of 2045 local time GOH message had been received by hijackers and they have responded that they in turn will have a response for GOH at 6:00 a.m. local time. Meanwhile, hijackers also asked about flying time to Havana and other flight details.

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