

# TELEGRAM

NOV 21 17 37 81

INDICATE  
 COLLECT  
 CHARGE TO

A133

R

FROM Amembassy TEGUCIGALPA CLASSIFICATION ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

E.O. ~~XXXXX~~ 12065: GDS 11/20/87 (NEGROPONTE, John D.) OR-M SREF, HO, ES CN: 8683 7  
TAGS:  
SUBJECT: Ambassador's Meeting with UNHCR Representatives

ACTION: SecState WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
INFO: Amembassy SAN SALVADOR IMMEDIATE  
US MISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ TEGUCIGALPA 8683

AMB  
DCM  
POL  
ECON  
AID  
ICA  
CONS  
DAO  
MILGP

- ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - Entire Text.
- Ambassador met with UNHCR representatives, Charles Bozoche and Phillip Sargisson, morning of November 20, to discuss recent developments on Honduran/El Salvador border. Main points made by two visitors were as follows:
- First, they believe that GOH is providing inadequate security for IO's, relief workers and refugees themselves. They cited as examples recent sabotage of UNHCR chartered plane by unknown persons at airport near border, three separate efforts by unidentified armed individuals, presumably Salvadorans, to abduct refugees from camps, and murder of

DRAFTED BY: AMB:JDNegroonte:ek	DRAFTING DATE 11/20/81	TEL. EXT. 211	CONTENTS AND CLASSIFICATION APPROVED BY: AMB:JDNegroonte
-----------------------------------	---------------------------	------------------	---

CLEARANCES:

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
CLASSIFICATION

OPTIONAL FORM 153  
(Formerly FS-413)  
January 1975  
Dept. of State

50153-101

Dept. of State, RPS/IPS, Margaret P. Grafeld, Dir.  
() Release ( ) Excise ( ) Deny () Declassify  
Date 11/1/98 Exemption \_\_\_\_\_

Honduran CARITAS worker.

4. Second, UNHCR is moving as fast as it can to transfer refugee populations inland. Neither logistics nor resources seem to be a serious obstacle, except for additional work required on relocation sites themselves. Reps did state, however, that UNHCR expected a special contribution from USG to facilitate move. They also stated that movement of refugee populations would take place from following locations: Guarita, La Virtud, Mercedes, Mapulaca, and Valladolid. They stressed that while they strongly favored relocation, they also felt that retention of some sort of refugee reception center on border itself is indispensable.

5. Third, asked what they thought most needed from GOH at this time, reps repeated concern for security of their personnel and equipment and importance of clear-cut instructions with respect to camp security from local GOH Battalion commanders.

6. Reps stated that they had conveyed foregoing points to GOH Foreign and Interior Ministers and urged us to make similar points to GOH.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
CONFIDENTIAL

Classification

UNCLASSIFIED

7. Ambassador is calling on Minister of the Interior on afternoon of November 23 to review refugee situation. We will also follow up on other points raised by UNHCR reps as appropriate. Also by separate message we will be submitting report prepared by EmbOff who has just returned from a four day trip to border area.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: Meanwhile, we would appreciate Department and/or Geneva comment with respect to expectation expressed by Sargisson to effect that USG has promised a "special contribution" to facilitate refugee move.

JAN  
NEGROPONTE

UNCLASSIFIED

Classification