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REF: JOHNSTONE/NEGROPONTE MARCH 9 TELECON

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT
2. Per ref telecon, I raised question of possible U.S. training for Salvadoran forces on Honduran soil with Armed Forces Commander Alvarez morning March 10. I mentioned to Alvarez that a variety of training might be involved ~~and that~~ and that numbers in question could ~~reach~~ reach as high as two battalions at any given time. I told Alvarez that I realized such a project might have some political ~~ex~~ costs for Hondurans but on balance I was certain they would see such an idea as in the mutual Salvadoran, Honduran, and U.S. interests.
3. Alvarez responded tentatively by saying that he personally

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would be willing to talk to a team of U.S. experts to explore in further detail precisely what might be involved. He clearly did not rpt not reject idea out of hand.

4. We left matters that I would raise idea with Doctor Suazo to ensure that he did not have any overriding political objections, after which we would consult as to the appropriate next step.

5. I have appointment to see Doctor Suazo afternoon March Ten. Suggested course of action will be recommended as appropriate following that meeting.

5. During same conversation, Alvarez recalled ~~in~~ recent meeting with DASD Nestor Sanchez in which he inquired about the acquisition of two Chinook helicopters. Alvarez said he wanted the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Chinooks badly and wondered if I could reiterate his request ~~NEGROPONTE~~ to Washington. I promised to do so.

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