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hijacking late April. As in case of hijacking, U.S. military presence would be kept absolutely confidential.

4. Wish to emphasize that foregoing request does not rpt not mean that GOH ~~has~~ ^{has} decided to assault Chamber of Commerce building. This is merely a contingency exercise. I believe, however, that it is in the U.S. interest to respond promptly and affirmatively to Alvarez' request. If Colonel Paschall were available for this mission, I would be extremely grateful indeed.

5. If Washington response is favorable, I would like Colonel Paschall to pass through Tegucigalpa before going to San Pedro in order to discuss strategy. Other four or five technical members of his group could, however, go directly to San Pedro Sula, in blue jeans of course.

6. Please advise.

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