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 TO RUEHZP / AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE 2185
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 TAGS: PREL, OVIP (WEINBERGER), HO
 SUBJECT: PROPOSED DINNER TOAST FOR SEC WEINBERGER.

1. ENTIRE TEXT.
2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S DRAFT FOR TOAST BY SEC WEINBERGER AT AMBASSADOR'S DINNER ON SEP 7:

BEGIN TEXT: I AM HONORED TO BE HERE IN HONDURAS AMONG FRIENDS AND VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO MY STAY HERE. TOMORROW I WILL BE CALLING ON PRESIDENT SUAZO WHOM I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF FIRST MEETING ON JULY 14 OF LAST YEAR WHEN HE PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MY GOVERNMENT, FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN ON DOWN, RESPECTS AND ADMIRES THE STRONG LEADERSHIP OF DOCTOR SUAZO IN RESTORING CONSTITUTIONAL RULE TO HONDURAS AND DEFENDING FREEDOM IN CENTRAL AMERICA. WE ALL WISH HIM A SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY.

THIS IS ALSO A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SUAZO'S MOST TRUSTED ADVISORS IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY. TOMORROW WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRAVELLING WITH SOME OF YOU TO VISIT TWO OF THE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHICH ARE MAKING IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL SECURITY, PALMEROLA AIRBASE AND THE REGIONAL MILITARY TRAINING CENTER (RMTC). HAVING JUST COME FROM EL SALVADOR, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE TRAINING WHICH YOU HAVE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH OPERATIONS OF THE RMTC IS CRUCIAL TO THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM IN THAT COUNTRY. THE RMTC IS ALSO A REMINDER OF THE REGIONAL NATURE OF THE CRISIS IN CENTRAL AMERICA TODAY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A REGIONAL RESPONSE. WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS COMMON EFFORT.

FINALLY, I WANT TO REMARK THAT WE ARE PROUD TO BE CONDUCTING JOINT-EXERCISES WITH YOUR ARMED FORCES. WE VIEW THESE MANEUVERS AS A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN THE REGION AND A DISCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE WHO MIGHT MISINTERPRET OUR PEACE-LOVING ATTITUDE FOR AGGRESSIVENESS. WE, LIKE YOU, KNOW THAT BY IMPROVING OUR READINESS WE DETER THOSE WHO MIGHT BE TEMPTED BY AGGRESSION.

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AGAIN, I AM DELICATED TO BE IN HONDURAS AND TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENT
SUAZO AND TO CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES. END TEXT. NEGROPONTE

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