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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Honduras

Honorable Alexander M. Haig, Jr.  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Al:

(U) As you know, an important part of our efforts in the Caribbean Basin is provision of assistance to Honduras to bolster that key nation.

To that end, we have developed a number of initiatives for Honduras, to include Honduran airfield improvements and U.S. access, already underway through the efforts of our Departments. In addition, we propose:

- periodic selective deployment of up to eight USAF fighters to Honduran airfields in response to an air threat to Honduras;
- training 100 Honduran Officer Candidate School students at the U.S. Army School of the Americas in Panama;
- jungle training for a Honduran Army company in Panama;
- the transportation of a Honduran Army company to CONUS for a combined exercise;
- greater Honduran involvement in and increased U.S. support for the HALCON VISTA series of exercises; and,
- funding of existing urgent readiness deficiencies through grant aid for Honduras as part of a FY 82 supplemental request.

In order to develop these initiatives fully and make them work on a timely basis, it is important that we move ahead now to obtain the FY 82 FMS supplemental to include the \$25 million projected for Honduras. I would appreciate your assistance in this regard. We will continue to work closely with State on both the supplemental and the above actions.

Sincerely,

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