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EOB:SEA

MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS:

NO MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS

MESSAGE:

PRIORITY

R 212235Z JAN 81

FM DR VALENZUELA SANTA CRUZ BOLIVIA

TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

UNCLAS

SANTA CRUZ BOLIVIA

21/1/81

RONALD REAGAN

EXCMO. PRESIDENTE DE LOS E.E.U.U. DE NORTE AMERICA.

DESEAMOS EXPRESARLE NUESTRAS FELICITACIONES COMPLACENCIA POR
ASUNCION A LA PRESIDENCIA DE LOS E.E.U.U.TENEMOS LA GRAN ESPERANZA QUE EL 20 DE ENERO SE INICIA UNA
NUEVA ETAPA PARA LOS PAISES COMPROMETIDOS CON LA POLITICA DE
ORDEN, JUSTICIA, TRABAJO Y PAZ MUNDIAL PROPUGNADOS POR SU GOBIERNO.BOLIVIA A ISTE A LA HORA DE LAS GRANDES TRANSFORMACIONES, SE HA
INICIADO LA RECONSTRUCCION NACIONAL GN A TRAVES DEL ENTENDIMIENTO
DE LAS FUERZAS ARMADAS Y SU PUEBLO, LIDERIZADO POR EL GRAL.
LUIS GARCIA MEZA TEJADA Y LA JUNTA DE COMANDANTES CON UN ALTO ESPIRIT
U
PATRIOTICO.LA UNION DE LAS NUEVAS GENERACIONES DE PROFESIONALES DE
BOLIVIA CONFIA EN LA SERIEDAD, RESPONSABILIDAD QUE IMPULSARAN
SU NUEVA POLITICA INTERNACIONAL PARA LOS PUEBLOS DE LATINOAMERICA,
REQUIROVRIARA EN BENEFICIO MERICA TODA Y EN NORM
PARTICULAR PARA BOLIVIA, EN UN MARCO DE RESPETO Y YUDA MUTUA
QUE SIEMPRE CRACTERIZIO A AMBOS PUEBLOS HERMANO.

POR LA INION NACIONAL D PROFESIONALES

LIC. MOISES GARBOZA

STRIO. EJCTIVO.

LIC. O CAR DAZA.

STRIO EJECUTIVO.

DR. GONZALO VALENZUELA.

STRIO. EJECUTIVO .

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LA PZ- BOLIVIA

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MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE
DE RUESLZ #1203 0561905
O 251900Z FEB 81
FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6249

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ LA PAZ 1203

EXDIS

E.O. 12065: XDS-4 2/25/86 (WATSON, ALEXANDER F.) OR-M

TAGS: PEPR, BL

SUBJECT: G08 REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING EXPULSION US EMBASSY PERSONNEL

REF: LA PAZ 1174

1. ~~(CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT)~~.

2. IN FOLLOW UP CONVERSATION WITH US THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 24, NATUSCH CONFIDANT BORIS MARINOVIC PASSED ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN PICKED UP FROM MILITARY SOURCES WITHIN THE MIRAFLORES HEADQUARTERS THE SAME AFTERNOON. ACCORDING TO MARINOVIC, OFFICERS WERE DISCUSSING A MEETING, PRESUMABLY ATTENDED BY GARCIA MEZAA AND INTERIOR MINISTER COL. "LUCHO" ARCE, IN WHICH A LIST OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL OF THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN DRAWN UP TO BE REVIEWED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A DECLARATION OF PERSONA NON GRATA FOR A NUMBER OF THEM. NO NAMES WERE MENTIONED, BUT MARINOVIC SAID THAT UNDER CONSIDERATION WAS A STRATEGY TO GET RID OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL IF DIPLOMATIC "RECOGNITION" WERE NOT ACCORDED BY MARCH 20 AND HAVE THEM REPLACED BY NEW PERSONNEL "WITH A FRESH VIEW OF BOLIVIA," EVEN IF THIS MUDDIED THE WATERS SUFFICIENTLY TO CAUSE THE USG TO HOLD UP "RECOGNITION" FOR ANOTHER 30 TO 60 DAYS.

3. CONCOMITANT WITH THAT MOVE IS ANOTHER INITIATIVE UNDER CONSIDERATION TO EXPEL THE ENTIRE USAID MISSION, UNDER THE SUPPOSITION THAT USAID HAD DEPARTED COLOMBIA AND CHILE WITHOUT ILL EFFECT TO THOSE COUNTRIES AND HAS NOT BEEN DOING ANYTHING

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

FOR BOLIVIA LATELY.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THE FOREGOING THROUGH OTHER SOURCES, BUT THE PNG MOVE IS NOT IMPALUSIBLE IN VIEW OF OTHER REPORTS WE HAVE HAD CONCERNING CERTAIN EMBA&SY OFFICERS WHICH THE REGIME CONSIDERS UNFRIENDLY. IT IS ALSO NOT IMPROBABLE THAT THE REGIME INTENEYXARRSEG ZVMTKY-- NOT NECESSA RILY THROUGH MARINOVIC, HOWEVER -- AS A MEANS OF APPLYING FURTHER PRESSURE FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. TMPVUHYPE OF UNFRIENDLY MOVE WOULD -- IF CARRIED OUT -- APPEAR OUT OF PHASE WITH LT.COL. DORIA MEDINA'S DEMARCHE TO US ON NARCOTICS CONTROL COOPERATION. THIS TYPE OF INCONSISTENCY OR INCOHERENCE IN THE WAY THIS REGIME ACTS HAS BEEN CHARACTERISTIC FROM ITS INCEPTION, HOWEVER, SO THAT EXPELLING U.S. DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AT THE SAME TIME THAT DORIA MEDINA ATTEMPTS TO ENLIST OUR SUPPORT FOR HIS EFFORTS, WITH GARCIA MEZA'S BLESSING, SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE.
WATSON

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TOR: 057/03:21Z

RTG: 251900Z FEB 81

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WHSR COMMENT:

MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS:

NO MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS

MESSAGE:

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DE RUEHC #6149 0732217

O 142149Z MAR 81 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ IMMEDIATE 8793

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ STATE 066149

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E.O. 12065: GDS 3/13/87 (BUSHNELL, J.A.)

TAGS: SNAR, ASEC, BL

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION THREAT

1. ~~Q~~ - ENTIRE TEXT

2. AN INFORMANT HAS ADVISED A MEMBER OF CONGRESS THAT SOMEONE (PERHAPS A MEMBER OF THE SANTA CRUZ MAFIA) HAS OFFERED DOLLARS 500,000 FOR HIS ASSASSINATION. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, SEVERAL (PERHAPS AS MANY AS FIVE) SOUTH AMERICANS (PRESUMABLY BOLIVIANS) WERE TO COME TO THE U.S. FOR THE PURPOSE. THE REPORT HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE FBI WHICH IS INVESTIGATING. THE MEMBER OF CONGRESS RAISED THIS THREAT WITH THE DEPARTMENT. HE IS NOT SURE OF ITS BONA FIDES AND HE DOES NOT WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY IDEA THAT SUCH THREATS COULD BE USED TO INTIMIDATE U.S. LEGISLATORS OR OFFICIALS. HE DOES NOT WANT HIS NAME USED. HOWEVER, HE WOULD APPRECIATE DORIA MEDINA'S BEING REQUESTED PERSONALLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY COME TO HIM ON SUCH A THREAT.

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

3. THIS AND ANY OTHER THREATS WILL BE SOMETHING THAT THE DEA TEAM WILL RAISE IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH DORIA MEDINA. WE WOULD HOPE THAT HE WOULD BE PERSONALLY ALERT TO, AND PASS ON TO THE USG, ANY INFORMATION REGARDING

THREATS BY NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF USG OFFICIALS, WHETHER IN THE ADMINISTRATION OR CONGRESS. OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD CONSIDER THE GOB RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING ALL IN ITS POWER TO PREVENT THE CARRYING OUT OF ANY SUCH THREATS.

4. THE INTENTION OF THE DEA TEAM TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH DORIA MEDINA SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, PRECLUDE MENTIONING IT TO HIM EARLIER IF THERE IS A CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. THEREFORE, IF YOU HAVE OCCASION TO BE IN TOUCH WITH DORIA MEDINA PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S ARRIVAL, PLEASE APPRISE HIM OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE AWARE OF A REPORTED THREAT AGAINST AN IMPORTANT USG OFFICIAL (WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHO IT IS) AND OUR DESIRE TO HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION IF THERE IS ANY. YOU SHOULD AT SAME TIME POINT OUT GOB RESPONSIBILITY.
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EOB: ARA

WHSR COMMENT:

MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS:

NO MESSAGE ANNOTATIONS

MESSAGE:

IMMEDIATE

DE RUESLZ #2546 1182000

O 281925Z APR 81

(MSG CORR BY

FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

WH COMM CTR)

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7105

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E.O. 12065: GDS 4/28/87 (WATSON, ALEXANDER F.) OR-M

TAGS: PGOV, PDIP, SHUM, PINT, PINS, MILI, BL, PEPR

SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER ANNOUNCES PROMPT USG RECOGNITION OF
BOLIVIAN REGIME

REF: A) LA PAZ 2487, B) LA PAZ 2534

1. (U) LA PAZ NEWSPAPERS TODAY, APRIL 28, GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER MARIO ROLON ANAYA YESTERDAY IN COCHABAMBA TO THE EFFECT THAT WITHIN A FEW MORE DAYS THE REGIME WOULD NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE USG (REF B). IN FACT, THE PRESS QUOTES HIM AS SAYING THAT "IN A FEW MORE DAYS THE UNITED STATES AND BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENTS WILL PROCEED TO FORMALIZE (DIPLOMATIC) RELATIONS THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS."

2. (U) AS A WAY OF EXPLAINING HOW NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IS ACHIEVED, THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD THE PRESS THAT NORMALIZATION IS A PROCESS REQUIRING THE TAKING OF SEVERAL STEPS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: THE RETENTION OF A DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN A COUNTRY, COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SAID MISSION AND THE HOST CHANCELLERY,

LA PAZ

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MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

THE REACTIVATION OF BILATERAL PROGRAMS OR PLANS AND THE FORMAL EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS. THIS PROCESS, HE ADDED, HAS ALREADY BEEN FOLLOWED WITH MOST COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD THAT MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BOLIVIA AND IS IN A VERY ADVANCED STAGE IN THE CASE OF THE U.S.

3. (U) THE REGIME'S PUBLIC OPTIMISM OVER A POSSIBLE PROMPT "RECOGNITION" BY THE USG IS ALSO A MATTER BEING WIDELY DISCUSSED IN BOLIVIA.

FORMER GENERAL JUAN AYOROA TOLD US TODAY, APRIL 28, THAT GEN. GARCIA MEZA HIMSELF HAD TOLD HIM LAST THURSDAY, APRIL 23, THAT THE VATICAN WOULD "RECOGNIZE" THE REGIME APRIL 24, (WHICH PROVED TRUE, REF A), AND THAT THE USG WOULD RECOGNIZE HIS GOVERNMENT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29. ANOTHER USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR RAUL JIMENEZ, ALSO TOLD US YESTERDAY, APRIL 27, THAT GEN. GARCIA MEZA HAD TOLD THE ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND LATE LAST WEEK THAT THE USG WOULD "RECOGNIZE" BOLIVIA BEFORE MAY 5, AND POSSIBLE THE WEEK OF APRIL 27. WHEN THEY HEARD THIS "RUMOR", BOTH MEN HARBORED DOUBTS EXCEPT THAT THE VATICAN'S NORMALIZATION WITH THE REGIME ON APRIL 24 HAS MADE THEM, THEY TOLD US, WONDER WHETHER OR NOT THE USG WILL NOT FOLLOW SUIT AS GEN. GARCIA MEZA IS SAYING. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT ON APRIL 27 IS FUELING THAT SPECULATION, THEY SAID.

4. (U) COMMENT: THE TIMING OF GARCIA MEZA'S PRIVATE STATEMENTS AND ROLON ANAYA'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING THE IMMINENCY OF US "RECOGNITION" APPEAR TO REFLECT THE REGIME'S PERCEPTIONS OF JUST HOW THREATENED IT IS. WE SUSPECT THAT GARCIA MEZA, PROBABLY FULLY AWARE OF THE SCHEMES TO UNSEAT HIM, IS ATTEMPTING TO FORESTALL OR DALAY SUCH EFFORTS BY CREATING CONFUSION WITH REGARD TO OSR INTENTIONS, ASSUMING THAT US "RECOGNITION" WILL DEFUSE OPPOSITION WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES AND ENABLE HIM TO CONSOLIDATE HIS POWER. CERTAINLY THESE LATEST PRONOUNCEMENTS IN THE PRESS BY ROLON ANAYA HAVE FANNED THE FIRES OF CURIOSITY NOT ONLY FROM THE LOCAL PRESS, BUT MANY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALREADY INQUIRING ABOUT THEM. WE SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT DENY PUBLICLY THAT ANY CHANGE IN US-BOLIVIAN RELATIONS IS IMMINENT AND THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS THURSDAY, APRIL 30, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DESIGNATE ENDERS EXPRESS OUR CONCERN REGARDING SUCH MISLEADING STATEMENTS BY

LA PAZ

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 5, 1981

URGENT INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE *RF*SUBJECT: Bolivia's President Garcia Meza's Attempt to
Phone the President (C)

Dick Fairbanks informed me that in his conversation with Al Johnson, the latter asserted Garcia Meza of Bolivia would attempt to call the President. (C)

The reliability of Mr. Johnson at this point is uncertain, but you should be aware such an attempt may take place. (C)

There is, of course, no reason for the President to talk to Garcia Meza. (C)

Attached are copies of previous correspondence on Al Johnson. (C)

*No danger here!
He won't get
through
RVA
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April 29, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

ROGER FONTAINE RF

SUBJECT:

Message from Garcia (U)

At your request, I met with Albert Johnson, a businessman, who has just returned from Bolivia. (U)

Johnson met with Garcia Meza. The latter sent the following verbal message. He wants US support soon. He would accept a special envoy to talk about reopening US-Bolivian relations. He would also appreciate a US Ambassador. He would like to negotiate a friendship treaty with the US. (C)

Johnson has already seen Ambassador Enders and repeated the same message. (U)

Johnson is a member of the Board of the Houston Oil Technology Corporation and his company is interested in tertiary oil recovery in Bolivia, and has already initiated talks with the Bolivian State Oil Monopoly. (C)

Comment

The message from Garcia reads like all the other ones he sent via other channels. Nevertheless, the need to have a high level contact soon is one that has already been proposed and seems a useful way to proceed. (C)

Attached is my previous recommendation on this subject. (U)

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April 24, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE *RF*

SUBJECT: Weekly Report (U)

Specific

Bolivia. It is about to pop. Rumors of coup plotting have been going on since I arrived at the OEOB. The State Department has always believed the Garcia Meza regime would last only two weeks. Finally, State may be right. The whole system is now askew. Hugo Banzer has publicly declared war on the regime and the rest of the generals are very restless. Meanwhile, Garcia Meza has turned away his real tough guy, Lucho Arce. The break could come next week. What to do? I'm in touch with the few real Bolivia experts in this town. The consensus is the US has played the waiting game for too long. If the coup attempt succeeds, we should, after a short, decent interval, send a special envoy to Bolivia -- perhaps General Sumner -- and have him say specifically what we want from the new government in preparation for full recognition and resumed relations (meaning our Ambassador). If the coup fails -- we should still do the same. Judging from the cable traffic, the Garcia Meza regime still isn't quite sure what we want -- and more importantly -- how much we want it. Again, a special envoy would help enormously on this matter. I can spell all this out in greater detail next week if you wish. (S)

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IRENE DERUS	<u>WV</u>	11/0713
JANET COLSON	<u>JK</u>	11/0602
BUD NANCE	<u>JK</u>	
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FROM FONTAINE

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JOHNSON, AL

GARCIA MEZA, LUIS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PHONE CALL TO PRES FM BOLIVIAN PRES

ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

May 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: -- JANET COLSON *Janet Colson*
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
SANTA BARBARA

SUBJECT: Bolivian Army Units Declare State of Emergency

Sec. 3.3(b)(1)
E.O. 13526
[REDACTED] Bolivian Army
units declared themselves in a state of emergency today and
demanded the replacement of President Luis Garcia Meza and
his junta of military commanders. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Situation Room will provide additional information as it
becomes available.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 26, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE

RF

SUBJECT: Bolivia

Lt. Col. Lanza's second coup attempt in 2 weeks was a repeated failure. A virtual carbon copy of the first golpito, Lanza failed because no other units joined his CITE airborne battalion stationed in Cochabama.

The news stories and embassy reporting played it cautious and straight, but La Paz radio stations as reported by AFP were wildly inaccurate.

What now? Nothing in Bolivia is simple, and Garcia Meza is hardly secure. Quite aside from Bolivian political normality, i.e., always expect the unpredictable, two things suggest Garcia Meza may not be with us for long. First, coup attempts (even failed ones) always threaten the military as an institution. The La Paz exasperated generals may simply ask Garcia Meza to go quietly. Second, we did not hear over the weekend from Natusch Bush. Was Lanza's golpito a mere diversion while the real coup is being put together for a go next weekend?

In Bolivia this suggestion isn't even Byzantine.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE *RF*
SUBJECT: Reporting From Bolivia (S)

As a follow-up to my comments on the reporting from Bolivia, our embassy is much reduced since the July 1980 coup, and Charge Alex Watson, in fact, writes most of the cables himself. Alex is a good foreign service officer (I knew him when he ran the Brazil office in ARA) but he is wholly committed to getting rid of Garcia Meza. That may or may not be laudable, but it has colored his judgment on Garcia Meza's vulnerability to being overthrown. Hence, the steady stream of reporting from La Paz that indicated a successful coup would happen in early May. The mountain, in fact, produced a mouse -- two golpitos that were ludicrous failures. We all still stuck with Garcia Meza, and only an outline of a policy on what to do next. (S) ✓

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Weekly Item Report on Bolivia
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Bolivia. This is a small blip on your radar screen, but the Bolivian situation (the failed coup in particular) absorbed a lot of our time this week. Part of the problem is the truly awful reporting coming out of our Embassy. It has been, to be charitable, very misleading. If there is anything that can be done to expedite sending a new Ambassador who can write objective cables, it should be done. Larry Sternfield, I believe, can do that job. (S)

*How is present reporting so awful?
Is it biased — as just bad?
Ambassadors don't write cables. Staff
people do!*

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE RF

SUBJECT: Bolivia Update

Garzia Meza has now been forced to resign effective August 6 --Bolivian Independence Day. He was eased out by a consensus of senior military officers who wanted to bring the turmoil within the Armed Forces to an end in order to preserve the chain of command. (Two revolts within a month led by a Lieutenant-Colonel is unacceptable). The new government has yet to be assembled. The preliminary indications are positive. (More on this later). If men like Humberto Cayoja form the new leadership after August 6, then the U.S. should move quickly to recognize the new government. We have two months in which to make the preparations -- there is no reason why we can't be in place on or about August 6. ✓

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