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FOR PEURIFOY FROM ASCHAM

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

HENRY HOLLAND HAS ASKED ME TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO YOU  
URGENTLY:

1. SOMOZA'S AMBASSADOR HERE HAS JUST TOLD HOLLAND  
THAT SOMOZA WILL TRY TO REACH CASTILLO ARMAS BY TELEPHONE  
IN EL SALVADOR ~~PREVIOUSLY~~ AND HENRY ADVISED THAT HE DO SO  
THROUGH AMERICAN EMBASSY THERE. SOMOZA WILL URGE ARMAS  
TO MAKE PROPOSAL THAT HE BE PRESIDENT WITH RIGHT TO NAME  
HIS CABINET AND PERSONAL GUARD BUT TO AGREE TO MAKE MONZON  
MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES.

2. SOMOZA DESIRED KNOW WHETHER US GOVERNMENT WOULD  
BACK SUCH PROPOSAL. HENRY REPLIED THAT WE WOULD BE GLAD  
TO LEND MORAL~~E~~ SUPPORT TO ANY ARRANGEMENT INCLUDING  
ABOVE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THE PARTIES. HENRY WANTED  
YOU TO KNOW THAT IF YOU DID NOT ALREADY HAVE OTHER PROPOSAL  
IN THE WORKS YOU MIGHT WISH TO FACILITATE TELEPHONE  
CONVERSATION BETWEEN ARMAS AND SOMOZA AS FEEL THAT  
SOMOZA'S INFLUENCE ON ARMAS MIGHT BE CONSIDERABLE.  
HE LEAVES IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT.

Note: Above passed to Mr. Wisner for dispatch.

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