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GUATEMALA CITY TELNOS 408 AND 409 AND MY TELNO 237 TO GUATEMALA CITY
:BELIZE/GUATEMALA

1. APPARENT HARDENING OF THE GUATEMALAN POSITION AND THEIR
RELUCTANCE TO BE PINNED DOWN TO AN EARLY MEETING MAY NOT BE UNCONNE-
CTED WITH THEIR HOPES FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FROM THE
REAGAN ADMINISTRATION. THEY MAY WELL HAVE SOME BASIS FOR SUCH
HOPES (WILMSHURST'S LETTER OF 16 DECEMBER) AND WE OURSELVES
(BELMOPAN TELNO 389) HAVE INDICATIONS THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION
MAY BE MORE DISPOSED TO LEAN ON BELIZE RATHER THAN GUATEMALA.
IT IS CLEARLY MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD TAKE THE EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF HAIG AND HIS ADVISERS ON CENTRAL AMERICA
(WHEN THESE ARE APPOINTED). WE DEPEND ON YOUR GUIDANCE AS TO
WHEN AND HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS, BUT MR RIDLEY OR MR DAY WOULD BE
PREPARED TO COME TO WASHINGTON AT SHORT NOTICE. WE SHOULD BE
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ADVICE WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO ARRANGE
A MEETING EVEN BEFORE THE INAUGURATION.

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