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SITUATION ROOM NOTE

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Deaths of Americans in Nicaragua Helicopter Crash

A group of four Americans met with our consul general in Tegucigalpa on September 2 to pass along information on the deaths of the two Americans in the helicopter crash in Nicaragua the previous day. They were very reluctant to divulge any information concerning the mishap or the nature of their visit to Honduras.

- o However, they said their mission in Honduras was strictly a voluntary one and they were not being paid by the U.S. government or any agency connected with the government.
- o They were there to do their part in fighting communism in Central America, and to train some people in need of their area of specialization.

The two Americans who were killed, Dana Herbert Parker, Jr., and James Perry Lowell, III, left in the helicopter with a Nicaraguan pilot on what was to have been a very short mission. As time passed and the helicopter did not return, the group decided to leave the training area where they were and to return to Honduras.

- o The four Americans planned to leave for the U.S. early on September 3. (C)

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