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To All:

Arturo Corrales, a de facto supporter with whom we have maintained contact, told our USOAS chief today that he has been in touch directly with Zelaya regarding a possible deal involving political amnesty, acceptance of "most" of the San Jose Accord, and mutually agreed upon political reforms. This effort builds upon Corrales meetings last week with the pro-Zelaya Honduran permrep at the UN. Pressed upon whether this was serious or simply a de facto effort to buy time and avoid further U.S. pressure, Corrales insisted that there was a real chance for a deal as early as Thursday.

Caveat: We have encouraged Corrales to keep at it and stay in touch with us, but we have heard about similar soundings in the past that later went awry, so a healthy dose of skepticism is in order. The Secretary can sound out Zelaya about this tomorrow as she urges him to get serious about reaching a deal.

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