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Embassy Tegucigalpa notes that USG air support for the mission was greatly appreciated by the ministers and "made us look really good." Charge's detailed readout on members' meetings is attached.

Gregory Macris, Senior Watch Officer

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Beihl called me from the plane just before departure. De facto negotiating team will return to DC Wednesday for several days talks. While ministers were discouraged by de factor regime intransigence, Beihl said that Zelaya had also lost some support. He said that all the ministers were shocked by Zelaya's behavior in a telephone conference call just before their press conference this afternoon. Zelaya spoke of people dying by hundreds, being thrown in jail and tortured. Zelaya appeared to be very out-of-touch, Beihl said. He added that "even" the Argentine FM was questioning whether Z's return was the correct course. Beihl said that while a democratic solution was needed, perhaps Zelaya was not the right option. I again expressed our position that the problem was not who replaced Zelaya, but that he was removed unconstitutionally.

News conference was straightforward. Only one minister spoke (I don't know them by face), said that the solution was return to democratic order and the regime not prepared to accept SJ. I haven't got hold of transcript yet, will do so asap.

Beihl again expressed thanks for our move on visas (as well as our logistical support), saying that all the ministers thought it a good move.