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PERSONAL FOR GEN MC AULIFFE FROM GEN BROWN

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE^(ATCND) IN WHICH YOU WRAP UP REACTION

IN LATIN AMERICA TO HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT

THIS ADMINISTRATION DID NOT AT ITS OWN INITIATIVE PUBLISH THE
TROUBLESOME REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IT WAS

REQUIRED TO DO SO BY STATUTE. THEREFORE, IF THERE IS ANY FINGER
POINTING TO BE DONE THE FINGER SHOULD BE POINTED AT THE CONGRESS
FOR REQUIRING AND THEN RELEASING THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

HAVING SAID THAT, I AM AWARE, AS YOU ARE, THAT IT WAS A UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT ACTION. I TESTIFIED BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AND IT WAS REPORTED
ACCURATELY BY REUTERS. THAT REPORT IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE: WASHINGTON, MARCH 17, REUTER - THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF TODAY VOICED CONCERN OVER THE LONG-
TERM EFFECT OF REJECTION OF U. S. MILITARY AID BY LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES ANGRY AT CRITICISM OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.

FIVE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS HAVE SAID THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MORE
U.S. MILITARY AID BECAUSE OF A STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON
HUMAN RIGHTS. BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY WERE THE FIRST TO DO
SO, FOLLOWED BY GUATEMALA AND EL SALVADOR. ASKED AT A MEETING OF

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
WHETHER THE ACTION BY THE COUNTRIES ENDANGERED U.S. SECURITY;
GENERAL GEORGE BROWN SAID: QUOTE "NOT IN ANY IMMEDIATE SENSE"
UNQUOTE. BUT HE ADDED THAT: QUOTE "LONG-TERM FRAGMENTATION AND
LOSS OF HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY" UNQUOTE WAS OF SERIOUS CONCERN.
HE ACKNOWLEDGED HUMAN RIGHTS HAD TO BE RESPECTED BUT SAID HE HOPED
A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO PURSUE HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS QUOTE "
WITHOUT LOSING OUR FRIENDS IN THE PROCESS." UNQUOTE.
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WARM REGARDS.

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