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Dear Cy:

I am forwarding for your consideration a letter just received by Dave Jones from General Agosti, Air Force member of the ruling junta in Argentina. I think it bears careful reading, because it constitutes the clearest statement we have seen from the Argentine leadership on a number of points.

Agosti as Air Force Commander points out the practical consideration of keeping his force operationally ready. Clearly he prefers the U.S. as the prime source. Agosti as junta member points out the approaching requirement for a hard political decision to turn to Europe for new equipment--a decision which would also involve considerable monetary cost, as well as detracting from our own efforts to reduce arms trade in the hemisphere. Agosti the man expresses deep concern over the current course of events, encouraging further dialogue aimed at a "new current of understanding."

It is Agosti's call for further dialogue which I see as seeking and offering us an opportunity to continue what was started by the Newsom mission, which you recommended. I think this is encouraging--in sharp contrast to the Montes reaction described in Ambassador Castro's message (BA 5169). Clearly Agosti represents a moderate element in the leadership closely akin to the approach of President Videla (BA 5209). My view is that we should seize on this opportunity and try to work with Agosti.

First, I recommend that we respond to him promptly, reaffirming our own deep concerns and expressing the hope that mutual respect, common interests and the search for mutual understanding will lead to early solutions. Second, I believe we must be prepared to assure him that meaningful Argentine initiatives, including an opening for the IAHRC visit, will be recognized by prompt and positive steps on our part. Finally, I believe we should invite Agosti to Washington and hear him out. General Allen would host the visit. Charles Duncan or I would find time to meet with him, as would Dave Jones. You might also wish to receive him, countering the Montes charge that GOA officials are slighted in Washington.

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I hope you will agree to this approach, and will so advise me at your very earliest convenience. I am available to discuss this further if you wish.

Sincerely,

Harold

Attachment
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Comandante en Jefe

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BUENOS AIRES, June 28th 1978.

Dear General Jones:

Deeply concerned with the development of the relations between our Governments, I have considered convenient to let you know these opinions on the matter.

I have taken into account for this the true communication that we have established in our previous meetings, identified by the true vocation characteristic of an authentic military man, and conscious of our responsibility on decisions of the outmost importance for our countries.

The present situation of the relationship between our countries is not encouraging and it is hard for me to clearly understand the meaning of the policy of the United States towards Argentina.

In all the fields it is essential to know where our friends and enemies are. Above the difference in some important cases, most of the Argentine have believed in the friendship of your country, based on the defense of mutual values.

But beyond those considerations, we have believed to find the existence of common interests on which we could build up our relationship. We haven't asked special favors or concessions but only to work within a frame of mutual respect.

We could even understand your indifference towards us. But we cannot do it in front of an attitude that sometimes seems harder than that bestowed to potential enemies.

We think we are really understanding and ready to exchange ideas. Nevertheless we cannot accept impositions on decisions that are only ours; that would mean to give up a principle of sovereignty always claimed by our countries.


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The continuity of present conditions will unfortunately lead to a restatement of Argentine position towards the United States. Anyhow, up to this point, the damage caused to our trust in your country will be very difficult to repair.

As you know, dear General, as military men, we have the unavoidable responsibility of being permanently prepared for the fulfillment of our mission.

For that reason, it is particularly serious not to count today with guaranties in order to be able to keep in working conditions the material acquired in the U.S.

Therefore the Air Force will not be able to neglect in the future the need to resort in a higher degree to other sources for its equipment.

We are looking forward to the surging of a new current of understanding that will strengthen the relations between our Governments.

Because I believe in that possibility, because I wish to remain confident in that result, because reasonable conditions are given to that end, it has been my wish to let you know my concern for the present situation.

Wishing you success in your arduous functions and your personal happiness, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Military Relations With Argentina

We continue to look for ways to take advantage of whatever momentum we have gained toward the resolution of fundamental problems with Argentina. I firmly believe we did gain some ground through the State/DoD mission to Argentina, although it has been a daily battle to follow through for tangible results. As you know, the matter of a visit by the IAHR is still being negotiated between the GOA and the Commission. Indications from the Argentine Army and Air Force are encouraging; from the Navy through Foreign Minister Montes--a Navy man--the outlook is most pessimistic. Attached are two messages from Ambassador Castro relating his conversations with Army Chief of Staff Viola (President Videla's alter ego) and with the Foreign Minister. I think the messages reveal the very deep divisions within the Junta and the lack of communication between them (TAB B).

Two of the three junta members appear to be trying desperately to avoid a break with the U.S. Admiral Massera, the political spoiler, is making it extremely difficult. Somehow I believe we must take full advantage of our openings with the moderate elements if we are to achieve important gains in human rights, arms control and other important interests.

General Agosti, the Air Force Commander and Air Force member of the Junta, has written to Dave Jones (TAB C) baring his soul on the whole complex issue and calling for additional dialogue aimed at mutual understanding and finding solutions. I believe this represents an opportunity which we should not pass up. In addition to providing a prompt and positive response to his letter, I believe we should invite Agosti to Washington to meet with us--you or Charles, General Jones, General Allen and possibly Secretary Vance--to continue the efforts which we have started.

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I recommend that you sign the letter to Secretary Vance, next under, proposing the Agosti visit.



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BUENOS AIRES 1165

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS; AMBASSADOR'S CHAT WITH FERRIN

1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES AT 10:00 AM AT HIS OFFICE TODAY (WED) JULY 5. REFERENCE MY CONSULTATION TRIP TO BUENOS AIRES A FEW DAYS AGO. HE RECEIVED ME COURTEOUSLY BUT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS UNHAPPINESS. HE PROVIDED AN EXTENSIVE CHAT ABOUT HIS FEELINGS AND ASKED WHAT I HAD IN MIND.

2. I INQUIRED ABOUT HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT TO WHICH HE REPLIED IN SUCCINCT AND CLEAR LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS: MONTES DESCRIBED HIS WASHINGTON TRIP AS A "TRAGEDY". HE STATED AMERICAN POLICY ARGENTINA IS LOOKED UPON BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS A THIRD RATE COUNTRY, WITHOUT MENTIONING ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRY, HE ADDED MOST LA COUNTRIES RECEIVE ALL EXPECTED COURTESIES BUT MONTES EMPHASIZED IN HIS JUDGMENT ARGENTINA DOES NOT. IT WAS APPARENT AT WASH. ALLUDING TO HIS INABILITY TO MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE.

3. MONTES THEN PROCEEDED TO DESCRIBE THE NEWSON-ALLARA MEETING AS A DISASTER. HE THEN EMPHATICALLY STATED ARGENTINA IS NOW FULLY CONVINCED IT CANNOT DO BUSINESS WITH THE USG, AND INSTEAD GOA IS MOVING TOWARDS JAPAN AND OTHER POWERS WHERE THEIR DIGNITY IS RESPECTED AND APPRECIATED. COMMENT: I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER SO SOLEMN AS WHEN HE MADE THIS STATEMENT. HE WAS JUST DEAD SERIOUS. END COMMENT. I THEN INTERJECTED TELLING MONTES THAT USG WANTED TO CONTINUE ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA. I EXPLAINED TO HIM OF THE DIFFERENT ROLES PLAYED BY THE EXECUTIVE, CONGRESS AND THE GENERAL AMERICAN PUBLIC. MONTES EXPRESSED HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE HUMPHREY/KENNEDY AMENDMENT AND ALSO THE HARKINS AMENDMENT. MONTES SAID HE APPRECIATED THE PRESSURE FACED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT BUT THAT THIS DIDN'T CHANGE THE END RESULT AS FAR AS GOA-US RELATIONS WENT.

4. MONTES ALSO SAID HE ALSO APPRECIATED MY SITUATION AS BEING "ENTRE LA ESPADA Y LA PARED" - I.E., BETWEEN "THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP BLUE SEA". HE ADDED HE REGRETTED SEEING GOA-US RELATIONS AT SUCH A LOW EBB BUT HE FEARED THIS WAS ONE OF THE UNHAPPY SITUATIONS HE HAD EXPERIENCED IN HIS CAREER AS FOREIGN MINISTER.

5. I TOLD MONTES DIALOGUE BETWEEN HIS OFFICE AND IANFC WAS VERY MUCH THEIR PRIVATE DOMAIN. I EMPHASIZED THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD WE WANT TO VIOLATE THAT RELATIONSHIP. HE REPLIED SAYING THAT THE INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO IANFC BUT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPLIED WITH A SERIES OF NINE QUESTIONS. I INQUIRED IF THESE QUESTIONS PRESENTED A PROBLEM. MONTES ANSWERED BY SAYING HE FELT INTERROGATORIES WERE NOT MADE IN GOOD FAITH. I THEN QUESTIONED IF IT WAS TRUE THAT INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AS WELL AS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAD ACCESS TO PRISONS. HE REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. MONTES THEN STATED DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO COMPLY WITH IANFC REQUEST WAS UP TO PRESIDENT VIELLA. HE TOLD ME HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT WITHIN A HALF HOUR.

6. I STIPESSED TO MONTES THAT TIME WAS OF THE ESSENCE. I ADDED OCTOBER 1 WAS A DATE MOST FAMILIAR TO ALL MILITARY FRANCHES.

HE AGREED. I SUGGESTED A SERIOUS EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO COME TO TERMS WITH IANFC. I EMPHASIZED MILITARY TRAINING WAS VERY MUCH CONTINGENT ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOA INVITATION BY IANFC. I ALSO EXPLAINED THERE WAS NO NEED TO WAIT UNTIL OCTOBER 29, BUT COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE MADE WITH IANFC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE NEXT DAY. MONTES ALTHO REFUSED IT WAS UP TO PRESIDENT VIELLA TO MAKE FINAL DECISION.

7. THROUGHOUT OUR CONVERSATION MONTES KEPT REPEATING IT WAS JUST IMPOSSIBLE TO DO BUSINESS WITH USG AND THE GOA MUST BE LISTENED TO MEET HIS NEEDS.

8. I CONCLUDED BY STATING USG VIEWED TO HAVE FRIENDLY AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA BUT THERE WERE STRONG PRESSURES FROM CONGRESS AND THE GENERAL AMERICAN PUBLIC. MONTES THEN STATED HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WITH GOA AND GOA, A TRADITIONAL POLITICAL FRIEND AND A REMOVED ONLY AMERICAN. FOLLOWS: MONTES SAID VANCE MEET WITH A LATER TELEPHONY MEETING FOR A FEW MINUTES AND HE, THE AMERICAN, HAD TO EAT IN MEET WITH AND THE HIGHER THAN A MAJOR OFFICIAL. HE SAID HE FELT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WANTED HIM UNDERSTANDING THE SITUATION.

9. MONTES' FINAL STATEMENT WAS THERE MUST BE A RETURN TO A SENSE OF LAW IN ARGENTINA. HE SAID TO PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY WITH SOME OFFICIALS IN VARIOUS USG VISA TERRORISTS WERE IN THEIR FULL ELEMENT. HE CONCLUDED SAYING ARGENTINA IS MOVING TO A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS FERRIN WAS AS FAST AS WERE EXPECTED TO BY OTHERS.

10. AT A MILITARY CEREMONY AT 11:00 AM I RAN INTO GENERAL VIELLA. HE SAID HE HAD DISRUPTED GOA-US RELATIONS WITH PRESIDENT VIELLA AND HE HAD SOME COMMENTS FOR ME FROM VIELLA. I SHALL MEET WITH VIELLA AT 1:00 PM TODAY (WED).

11. LATER I MET UNDER SECRETARY ALLARA AT VENEZUELAN INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION. HE CORNERED ME AND TOLD ME THE MEETING WITH NEWSON WAS AN UTTER FAILURE. HE SAID USG HAD BEEN APPLYING HUMPHREY/KENNEDY BILL BEFORE IT TAKES EFFECT. HE STRESSED THIS WAS NOT A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP FROM A COUNTRY PROFFERING TO BE A FRIEND. ALLARA EMOTIONALLY SAID I ALWAYS TOLD GOA OF OUR DESIRE TO KEEP STRONG FRIENDLY TIES WITH THEM, BUT THE NEW HARKINS AMENDMENT IS NOT YET IN EFFECT AND ALREADY USG WAS INSTRUCTED EXAM DARK NOT TO FURNISH GOA REQUESTS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF HARKINS AMENDMENT. ALLARA LOOKED AT ME STEPMY AND SAID YOU TELL ME AND MY GOVERNMENT THE USG IS NOT ARBITRARY AND YET YOUR GOVERNMENT IS APPLYING LAWS THAT ARE NOT YET IN EFFECT.

12. IT BECAME OBVIOUS TO RECEPTION GUESTS THAT ALLARA AND I WERE HAVING A SERIOUS DISCUSSION SO HE FELT IT BEST NOT TO CONTINUE. I AGREED TO MEET WITH HIM ON MY RETURN FROM WASHDC.

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AS NOTED REFEEL, I MET WITH GENERAL VIOLA AT HIS OFFICE
1400. NO ONE ELSE WAS PRESENT. HE HAD JUST MET WITH ABOUT
8 VISITING PERUVIAN ARMY OFFICERS. DESPITE THE LIMITED
AMOUNT OF TIME HE HAD AVAILABLE, HE HAD MADE SPECIAL EFFORTS
TO SEE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

VIOLA EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE RESULTS OF FOREIGN
INTEREST MINISTERS VISIT TO WASHINGTON AS WELL AS THE FEELINGS
WHICH DISSEMINATED AND WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. HE
HAD BLUNTLY WARNED AGAINST COMING DEAL WITH THE FOREIGN
MINISTER'S TRIP. HE INQUIRED IF I HAD ANY FIRST HAND KNOW-
LEDGE OF THE TRIP. I EXPLAINED THAT I WAS NOT FULLY FAMILIAR
WITH THE FACTS AND IT WAS BEST HE GET DETAILED ANSWERS FROM
THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

I TOLD VIOLA I HAD MET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER
EARLY WEDNESDAY, JULY 5. I SUGGESTED TO VIOLA THAT I HAD
THE IMPRESSION OF AN APPARENT LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND PRESIDENT VIDELA AND HIMSELF. I
POINTE OUT THAT MY CONCLUSION WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT
THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME APPARENTLY
AS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
SECRETARY DENISON AND VIOLA. VIOLA AGREED WITH MY ASSESSMENT
AND STATED THAT THE REASON WAS OBVIOUS. IT WAS EQUALLY
OBVIOUS THAT VIDELA AND VIOLA WERE NOT AWARE OF THE DETAILS
OF THE MONTE-ALLANA PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH
UNDER THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR TAMBO.

COMMENT: THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS NAVY ORIENTED WITH ADM. HASSERA
INDIRECTLY HAVING A STRONG INPUT INTO THE MINISTRY. VIDELA,
VIOLA AND THE ARMY IN GENERAL HAVE A STRONG DISTRUST FOR THE
NAVY AND THUS HAVE NOT MADE FOREIGN MINISTER MONTE OR SUB-
SECRETARY ALLANA FRIVO TO DETAILS OF MY POLICY DEALINGS WITH
VIDELA OR VIOLA. THIS IS AN INTERNAL COMMUNICATION PROBLEM
WITH TWO GOA AGENCIES AND WE MUST EXERCISE DILIGENT CARE IN
ORDER NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN WHAT AMOUNTS TO AN IN-FAMILY
DISPUTE. END COMMENT.

VIOLA MADE IT CLEAR TO ME HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT
VIDELA THE QUESTION OF TAMBO VISIT TO ARGENTINA. HE WAS MOST
EMPHATIC IN LETTING ME KNOW THAT HIS COMMENTS WERE COMING
DIRECTLY FROM PRESIDENT VIDELA. VIOLA SAID VIOLA TOOK
POSITION THAT WHETHER TAMBO CAME TO ARGENTINA OR NOT
SOME TYPE OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT WOULD BE SUBMITTED ON
ARGENTINA BY TAMBO OR SOME OTHER AGENCY. HE SAID THAT
TAMBO PROBABLY WOULD A REPORT WOULD BE ILL FOUNDED
AND NOT FACTUAL. JUST LIKE MEDIA REPORTS OF ALL DESCRIP-
TIONS ON ARGENTINA'S HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS WHICH CONTINUE
TO BE PRINTED ABROAD. THEN BELIEVE (VIDELA-VIOLA) THAT
IT IS PREFERABLE FOR TAMBO TO COME TO ARGENTINA. ITS
REPORT MIGHT THEN BE FACTUAL AND INPUT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING
FROM THE GOA.

5. WITH AN EMPHATIC GESTURE, VIOLA REQUESTED THAT I INFORM
THE US THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO HAVE TAMBO VISIT
ARGENTINA. VIOLA REVIEWED THE SEVEN QUESTIONS FORTHCOMING
BY TAMBO TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE SAID AT LEAST TWO OF
THREE OF THOSE QUESTIONS COULD BE ANSWERED NOW. HE SAID
THAT QUESTIONS DEALING WITH FURNISHING OF DOCUMENTATION
OR MATERIAL RELATING TO TAMBO PREPARATION OF HIS REPORT
REQUIRED STUDY. HE MADE IT CLEAR TAMBO WANTED TO COOPERATE
BUT NEEDED CLARIFICATION BEFORE ANSWERING SOME OF THOSE
QUESTIONS.

6. "TERMINUS FURTUS" WAS STRESSED BY ME. I REMINDED VIOLA
OF THE RADIO DATE OF OCTOBER 1. I EMPHATICALLY REQUESTED
I SUGGESTED THAT AN IMMEDIATE DIALOGUE SHOULD EMERGE WITH
TAMBO. ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS NOT REQUIRING ANY STUDY
OR FURTHER CLARIFICATION SHOULD BE SENT IMMEDIATELY. IMMEDIATE
CLARIFICATION SHOULD BE SOUGHT ON ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.
I ONCE AGAIN REMINDED VIOLA OF IMPORTANCE OF FORTHCOMING
OF THE GOA INFORMATION BY 12-05 AND THE RELATION WITH
MILITARY TRAINING. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM WELL
AND WOULD BE MAIN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH PRESIDENT, WHO
WOULD GIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

7. VIOLA WISHED ME WELL ON MY TRIP. HE REQUESTED HE WAS
CERTAIN TAMBO WOULD COME TO ARGENTINA. HIS ONLY COMPLAINT
WAS DEPARTMENT'S VISIT WITH OSCAR ALONSO, DESCRIBING HIM
AS A NON-GRATA ARGENTINE.

8. AS I WAS READY TO DEPART, I INQUIRED OF VIOLA STATUS
OF LILLIANE DENISON, A HIGH CONSTITUTIONAL INTEREST CASE.
HE REPLIED LILLIANE IS GOING TO BE RELEASED SOON. HE THEN
NEEDED ME BY SAYING THAT EVERY TIME I COME WITH HIM I
ALWAYS HAVE A PLEA FOR A HIGH INTEREST CASE. HE CONTINUED
SAYING THAT THE FOLLOWING HIGH INTEREST PERSONS HAVE BEEN
RELEASED FROM PRISON: JACQUES TIMMERMAN, VOGLERS, DEUTSCH,
ESQUIVEL, FRANS, SEVILLA. HE ALSO REMINDED ME OF MY CON-
STANT REQUESTS FOR FORTHCOMING OF LILLIANE. HE CHIDED
ME FOR SAYING THAT IF THESE HIGH INTEREST CASES WERE
RESOLVED AND LILLIANE RATIONALLY THEN THESE GOA ACTIONS
WOULD BE CONSIDERED POSITIVE PROGRESS. NOW THAT THIS HAS
OCCURRED, HE SAID, WE ARE TOLD THIS IS HOPEFUL PROGRESS.
HE GARESTIONALLY STATED THAT OUR FUTURE IS SOME
SAFETY ITEMS. COMMENT: VIOLA DID NOT PERCEIVE THE GLOOM
PORTRAYED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS SUBORDINATES
EARLIER IN THE DAY. "TO THE CONTRARY" VIOLA SOUNDED
OPTIMISTIC AND FELT A SOLUTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. AT
NOON YESTERDAY (JULY) GENERAL VIOLA DECORATED LT. COL.
EDMOND, A MEMBER OF THIS EMBASSY'S GAO. HE ALSO GAVE A
RECEPTION FOR EDMOND AT HIS HEADQUARTERS. THIS
CEREMONY CONVINCELY PLEASED VIOLA AND HAS
HELPED DISPEL ANY FEELING OF POSSIBLE ANIMOSITY TOWARDS
USG.

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GENERAL DAVID C. JONES
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

MEMORANDUM TO:

Sary McAllister

DATE: July

Dave - Attached letter is from
Gen Agosti, Chief of Argentine Air
Force and mbr of Junta (the most
moderate one)

- I have come to know
Agosti quite well during three extended
meetings with Latin American Chiefs.

The Attache delivered this
personally and all I told him was
I would read carefully, give it serious
consideration and would answer.

I would like to have your advice.
I plan to let Harold know I'm working
issue with you. Thanks Dave
(at one of my
routine mtgs)

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SUMMARY (Describe briefly the requirement, background and action recommended):

ORIGIN: General Agosti, Argentine Air Force Commander and member of the Junta, has written to General Jones expressing his concerns over the course of events in our bilateral relations, pointing out the practical consideration of keeping his Air Force operational, and pleading for a continuation of the dialogue aimed at finding solutions.

Proposed letter to SECDEF forwards a letter intended to call Secretary Vance's attention to the letter and seeking SECSTATE agreement for an invitation to Agosti to come to Washington as an earnest of U.S. interest in reaching mutual understanding.

PURPOSE: Obtain ISA approval on the package to SECDEF.

COORDINATION: Chairman, JCS; Chief of Staff Air Force

RECOMMENDATION: That ASD(ISA) sign forwarding memo next under.

7/11 I have signed in note, but then changes & have indicated in the attachments should be made.

G. J. Schuller
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Director, Inter-American Region

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