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Dear Mr. Rogers:

I am writing to you concerning long-standing efforts on the part of the Department of Defense to establish a formal working relationship with the defense establishments of Argentina and Brazil in the field of research and development. In the case of Argentina, these initiatives stem from specific recommendations made to the Secretary of Defense in April 1973 by John Davis Lodge, then U.S. Ambassador to Argentina. Similar initiatives with Brazil were formulated during June 1974 upon the recommendations of Ambassador Crimmins and the Chief U.S. Delegate, Joint Brazil-U.S. Military Commission.

To formalize and facilitate management of the proposed cooperative relationship, DoD prepared draft Master Data Exchange Agreements to be consummated with our defense counterparts in each country. A copy of the draft document for Argentina was submitted to ARA/APU for clearance during June 1974. The draft for Brazil was submitted for Department of State clearance on 20 August 1974 during a meeting convened at the Pentagon to discuss the two proposals and to answer any questions emanating from interested parties. Defense is on record as assuring the Department of State an opportunity for prior review on any specific data exchange projects subsequently proposed. Little or no substantive progress has been made since the 20 August meeting.

One point upon which our legal representatives apparently agree is that Defense has authority to conclude Data Exchange Agreements

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