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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPSECDEF

I braced Dave Newsom again about DoD-wide unhappiness with our Latin American policy, which seemed to be designed to lose us friends and alienate key regimes. Why was LA the last refuge of a large number of often counterproductive policies on human rights, arms sale restraints, non-proliferation etc? And why was ARA the geographic bureau with which we had the greatest trouble?

Dave bristled that our policy was changing gradually, and that DoD overstated the case. Things were going well with Brazil, for example, and better with Argentina.

It strikes me that you might want to host a no-holds-barred working lunch for Newsom, Bowdler, and Bushnell, at which to let them have it. Add say Komer, Kramer, CNO, maybe Dutch Shuller on our side for 8 in all. We could work them over on our own home ground. What say?

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R. W. Komer

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