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ACTION MEMORANDUM

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Recommend your signature.

(Signed)
EUGENE V. MACAULIFFE

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Buenos Aires, Argentina
April 30, 1976

The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

My Dear Don -
On April 27th, I made an official protocol visit to the new Argentine Minister of Defense, Retired Air Force Brigadier Mayor (Major General) Jose Maria Klix. The meeting was very cordial and the minister appeared to be completely at ease with me and the principal U.S. military officers of my staff who accompanied me.

During the course of the visit, the subject of difficulties in the U.S Security Assistance Program was mentioned. The Minister assured me that he understood that the United States was looking at its Security Assistance activities from a global viewpoint and that he did not interpret recent problems as being specifically directed against Argentines.

At another point in the conversation, when reference was made to the upcoming trips of several senior Argentine officials to the United States, I asked if the minister had any plans for such a visit. He answered in the negative, but expressed interest and said that he would discuss such a possibility with the President at the appropriate time. Of course, I offered my assistance in making the necessary arrangements.

With warm regard,

RC Hill
Robert C. Hill
Ambassador

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