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Amb. Hill's thrice-
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a high-level visit.

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Mr. Staser, Ambassador
Hill, Mr. Hill, and
Military Personnel

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

MAY 26 1976

The Honorable Robert C. Hill
American Ambassador
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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As you know, we directed a strong, but fruitless appeal to Senator Inouye last February to request Committee reconsideration of their limitations. We have carefully considered the possibility of restoring at least some of the cuts by redirecting funds from other Latin American programs but have finally determined such an action would in all probability have overriding negative repercussions on other DOD legislative programs. Furthermore, taking money from other Latin American country programs might strengthen the hand of those who want to make further cuts in Latin American MAP training.

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Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Bill

Deputy

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Recommend your signature.

(Signed)
EUGENE V. MCAULIFFE

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