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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BUSH TO PRESIDENT MENEM

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BUSH  
TO PRESIDENT MENEM AT APPROPRIATE TIME. WHITE HOUSE DOES  
NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION  
IF GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA WISHES TO DO SO. SIGNED  
ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR MY  
NONPROLIFERATION INITIATIVE. UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP,  
ARGENTINA HAS ACTED BOLDLY TO INCORPORATE ITSELF INTO THE  
WORLD COMMUNITY AND TO ADDRESS THE DANGERS OF  
PROLIFERATION. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS  
CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO CONTROL THE PROLIFERATION OF

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WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND  
TECHNOLOGY.

I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN FROM AMBASSADOR TODMAN THAT YOUR  
GOVERNMENT IS MOVING TOWARD EARLY DESTRUCTION OF THE  
CONDOR MISSILE COMPONENTS. THAT IS VERY GOOD NEWS  
INDEED. CONDOR ISSUES HAVE UNFORTUNATELY DEPLETED  
ATTENTION FROM ARGENTINA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS, EXPORT CONTROLS AND  
OTHER NONPROLIFERATION INITIATIVES, WHILE COMPLICATING  
RELATIONS WITH US AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MISSILE  
TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME. THANKS TO YOUR LEADERSHIP, I  
AM CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY  
RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES.

WARM BEST WISHES,

SINCERELY, GEORGE BUSH

HIS EXCELLENCY

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PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION  
BUENOS AIRES

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