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This administration decided in mid-1981 to begin supporting Argentine requests for IFI loans in recognition of the fact that the human rights situation then was markedly improved from the period of the so-called "dirty war" when disappearances and torture were common occurrences. By mid-1981 disappearances had virtually stopped, the number of prisoners detained under emergency powers (P.E.N. prisoners) was declining, and this administration believed that we should recognize the improvements that had occurred in order to encourage more improvement. We are pleased that Argentina's human rights record has continued to improve, and that democratic elections are scheduled to be held in October of this year, with the installation of the new government planned for January, 1984.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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