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BE A SATISFACTORY ACCEPTANCE OF ARGENTINA'S INVITATION TO IAHRC.

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4. ALLARA STRESSED THAT IAHRC INVITATION WAS AN ARGENTINE INITIATIVE BUT OTHERWISE OFFERED NOTHING NEW. HE STATED, "WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT WHAT ARGENTINA IS READY TO DO. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT USG IS READY TO DO. WHAT ACTION IS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILLING TO TAKE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS? ALLARA MENTIONED EXIMBANK CASES INVOLVING BOEING AND ALLIS CHALMERS, COMMENTING THAT ARGENTINA CAN FINANCE ITS NEEDS BUT THAT EXIMBANK POLICY HAS "PROFOUND POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE."

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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSON'S MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLARA.

5. NEWSON EXPLAINED THAT WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH AN ISSUE THAT IS STRICTLY IN HANDS OF STATE DEPARTMENT OR WHITE HOUSE, REFERRING TO CONGRESSIONAL STRICTURES AND NEED TO BE ATTENTIVE TO CONGRESSIONAL VIEW OR RISK EVEN MORE RESTRICTIVE LAWS.

1. SUMMARY. THERE WERE NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS DURING UNDER-SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH ARGENTINE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. NEWSON ONCE AGAIN EXPLAINED NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT PRISONERS, TORTURE, DISAPPEARANCES AND INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION IF UNITED STATES IS TO JUSTIFY POLICY CHANGES, INCLUDING MILITARY PROGRAMS. NEWSON WELCOMED INVITATION TO INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHETHER ARGENTINE INVITATION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO COMMISSION. SECOND MEETING LARGELY DEVOTED TO FURTHER ELABORATION OF EX IM ISSUE. END SUMMARY

NEWSON MENTIONED THAT EXIM LEGISLATION IS BEFORE CONGRESS NOW AND THAT SENATE HAS PASSED VERSION REQUIRING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN OFFERING FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS. NEWSON INFORMED ALLARA THAT, AS HE TOLD VIDELA AFTER NEWSON VISIT, IF GOA ANNOUNCES ITS

2. UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS NEWSON MET WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLARA FOR APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES ON JUNE 23. SECOND MEETING WAS HELD AT OAS AND WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. ALLARA WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL, NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION DIRECTOR ESPECHE AND HUMAN RIGHTS WORKING GROUP DIRECTOR ARLIA. HA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHNEIDER, ZIMMERMAN AND RICHOD OF ARA/ECA, AND MILLER OF P WERE ALSO PRESENT.

INVITATION TO IAHRC, AND AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS, WE WILL ACT FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS FOR MILITARY TRAINING. WE ASSUME, NEWSON OBSERVED, THAT VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE UNDER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS SO THE IAHRC MIGHT CARRY OUT ITS MISSION. IF FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TAKE PLACE, NEWSON ADDED, WE WOULD RESPOND WITH APPROPRIATE APPROVALS. IF THERE WERE A DETERIORATION, THIS WOULD MAKE OUR WORK MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

3. AFTER INITIAL EXCHANGE OF REMARKS NEWSON NOTED PROBLEM THAT U.S. PROGRAMS, INCLUDING MILITARY ONES, CANNOT GO FORWARD UNLESS WE CAN JUSTIFY CHANGES IN AMERICAN POLICY RESULTANT FROM ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS. NEWSON TOUCHED ON FOUR AREAS OF CONCERN.

6. DURING SECOND MEETING HELD AT OAS UNDER SECRETARY AGAIN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND IAHRC. HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THERE HAD BEEN NO DRAMATIC PROGRESS IN RELEASE OF DETAINEES OR IN PROVIDING INFORMATION ON DISAPPEARED PERSONS, THIS SEEMED TO BE ONLY ELEMENT WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY NEW LOOK AT BOTH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC CASES NOW PENDING.

-- INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION. NEWSON WELCOMED INVITATION TO INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IAHRC).

7. ARGENTINE SIDE POINTED OUT CONDITIONAL NATURE OF THEIR INVITATION TO IAHRC BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT INVITATION WOULD BE ACCEPTED. (FYI: WE HAD EXPECTED WORD TODAY BUT THERE IS AS YET NO FINAL DECISION WE ARE AWARE OF. END FYI)

-- PRISONER RELEASES. HE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE RELEASE OF SOME 2,000 PRISONERS, INCLUDING U.S. PAROLE PROGRAM AND OUR READINESS TO RECEIVE A NUMBER OF PRISONERS SO LONG AS THEY HAVE NO CLEAR TERRORIST BACKGROUND.

8. ARGENTINES ALSO PRESSED HARD ON WHY US COULD NOT GO FORWARD WITH EX IM FINANCIAL. NEWSON EXPLAINED THAT CURRENT EX IM LEGISLATION CONTAINS REQUIREMENT THAT WE CONSIDER HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS AND THAT ANY CREDIT IN EXCESS OF \$50 BILLION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOR FORMAL REVIEW. IT IS JUDGMENT OF US THAT ANY SUCH NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS IN ABSENCE OF DEMONSTRATED PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS COULD SET BACK EFFORTS AT MORE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA.

-- PROBLEM OF CONTINUING REPORTS OF DISAPPEARANCES AND TORTURE ALTHOUGH WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT SIGNIFICANT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO DISCIPLINE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXCESSES.

9. FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS WITH NEWSON ARGENTINES DECIDED THEY NEEDED NO FURTHER APPOINTMENTS. VANCE

-- NEED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

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