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~~EXAMINE PROSPECTS IN THE COURSE OF CONSIDERING
CANDIDATES FOR THE PART OF HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS
AND ELIMINATED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT
UPON RESTRICTIONS ON EXHIBITING TO SPAIN
AND CLEARLY SOUGHT APPROVAL OF SUCH A PROJECT
DURING OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROJECT~~

5. EXIM HAS INFORMED BOTH ALLIS-CHALMERS AND BOEING OF DECISION.

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~~SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND U.S. PROGRAMS IN ARGENTINA~~

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1. ON BASIS FACT THAT IAHRC DOES NOT FEEL ABLE ACCEPT
CONDITIONAL ARGENTINA INVITATION, SECRETARY HAS DE-
CIDED THAT:

(A) WE CANNOT GO FORWARD, AS HOPE, WITH MILITARY
TRAINING PACKAGE AND DEFENSE IS BEING INFORMED.

(B) IN RECOGNITION OF MODEST IMPROVEMENTS, WE WILL
(AFTER CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS) RELEASE SAFETY
ITEMS (LISTED SEPT 78)
INCLUDING COMPASSES FOR VESSELS OF U.K. MANUFACTURE;

(C) WE WILL INFORM EXIMBANK THAT, ON FOREIGN
POLICY GROUNDS, WE RECOMMEND AGAINST FINANCING
OF OR URGENT INVESTMENT IN THIS (THIS APPLIES PRIMARILY
TO ALLIS CHALMERS APPLICATION FOR YACIRETA HYDRO-
ELECTRIC PROJECT);

~~WE RECOMMEND AGAINST EXIM FINANCING OR AIRFARE~~

BUT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO EXPORT IF THEY CAN BE
PRIVATELY FINANCED.

~~DEPARTMENT HOPES ARRANGE CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN
SESSIONS INCLUDING SENATOR TERRY, ON THESE CASES~~

3. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOA, STRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT
THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE EXTEND NORMAL INVITA-
TION TO IAHRC (ALONG LINES OF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES) AND HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN ABLE MOVE
APPRECIABLY ON EITHER RELEASES OF DETAINEES OR
ESTABLISHMENT OF RESPONSIVE MACHINERY FOR THOSE
SEEKING INFORMATION ON RELATIVES WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED.
OF COURSE, ANY MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE IAHRC AND THE GOA ENABLING THE COMMISSION TO GO
TO ARGENTINA WOULD BE VIEWED AS A POSITIVE DEVELOP-
MENT. THESE POINTS STRESSED TO DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
ALLARA AS REPORTED REFTEL. OYI: ARGENTINA ALSO
HAS NOT HALTED ILLEGAL DETENTIONS AND DISAPPEARANCES.

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