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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM'S MEETING WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLARA - PART II

1. SUMMARY. ~~THE~~ CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN NEWSOM AND ALLARA DEMONSTRATED THAT US AND ARGENTINE DIFFERENCES ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS REMAIN UNSOLVED. ARGENTINES COMMENTED AT END OF MEETING THAT IT SEEMS CLEAR TO THEM THAT USG DOES NOT BELIEVE GOA ASSURANCE REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. LATE IN AFTERNOON, ARGENTINES DROPPED REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ADDITION TO UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM, ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUCHNELL PARTICIPATED IN JUNE 23 AFTERNOON CONVERSATION AT OAS. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLARA, AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL, AND ARLIA AND ESPECHE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY WERE PRESENT ON THE ARGENTINE SIDE.

3. NEWSOM EXPLAINED TO GOA THAT ONCE WE HAVE RESULTS OF IAIRC DISCUSSIONS, WE WILL FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

EXIMBANK CASES OF BOEING AND ALLIS CHALMERS. A PRESIDENTIAL DECISION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS.

~~ALLARA COMMENTED THAT GOA HAS APPROVED SANCTIONS WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN ENACTED INTO LAW.~~

5. MR. BUCHNELL NOTED THAT PRESENT LEGISLATION REQUIRES EXIMBANK TO CONSULT WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN COUNTRIES TO WHICH LOANS ARE MADE. HE NOTED NEW HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS.

6. THERE WAS DISCUSSION WHETHER USG POLICY HAD CHANGED SINCE NEWSOM VISIT, LEADING LATTER TO REVIEW PURPOSE OF HIS MISSION. NEWSOM NOTED THAT ONLY NEW POSITIVE ELEMENT HE COULD POINT TO AFTER VISIT WAS IAIRC INVITATION.

7. THE STATE OF ARGENTINA'S INVITATION TO THE IAIRC WAS REVIEWED, AND WHETHER ARGENTINA DID NOT LIVE UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS BY ISSUING AN INVITATION. MR. NEWSOM OBSERVED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT WHETHER THE IAIRC ACCEPTS THE INVITATION OR NOT.

8. ALLARA COMMENTED THAT DURING THE SEPTEMBER 1977 MEETING

BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND VIDELA, THE U.S. ASKED FOR THREE OR FOUR SPECIFIC ACTIONS: RATIFICATION OF TLATELOLCO, PRISONER RELEASES BEFORE DECEMBER 1977 AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DEUTSCH AND TIMERMAN CASES. NOW, ALLARA STATED, THERE ARE OTHER CONDITIONS. EXIMBANK IS BEING TREATED LIKE MILITARY SALES. WAS THIS THE SITUATION THAT EXISTED BEFORE NEWSOM'S TRIP?

9. NEWSOM SAID THAT HE HAD SOUGHT A NEW CHAPTER IN RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT DISAPPEARANCES SUBSEQUENT TO THE CARTER/VIDELA MEETING HAD SET BACK U.S. EFFORTS. MR. NEWSOM REITERATED HIS HOPE FOR A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THE IAIRC.

~~10. ALLARA COMMENTED THAT THE TENDENCY TOWARD NORMALIZATION WAS SO OBVIOUS THAT IT CAN BE SAID TO BE A RECOGNITION OF THIS TENDENCY FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT NO MATTER WHAT ARGENTINA DOES, NO CHANGE IS SEEN IN US POLICY.~~

~~11. NEWSOM ONCE AGAIN STATED THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND THE PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATION WITH GOA REGARDING DISAPPEARANCES.~~

12. ARGENTINES SAID MEETING WAS USEFUL AND USG POSITION UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY. IT SEEMED THAT USG DID NOT BELIEVE GOA ASSURANCES REGARDING CHANGES IN ARGENTINE SITUATION.

13. AFTER MEETING, ARGENTINE EMBASSY ADVISED ARA/ECA THAT NEWSOM DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN ANALYZED AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MONTES WITHDREW HIS REQUEST TO MEET WITH OTHERS AT THIS TIME, AND WILL AWAIT A FUTURE OPPORTUNITY. VANCE

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