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| 01c. Talking Points | Re: Points To Be Made for Meeting with Argentine Foreign Minister Guido di Tella (1 pp.)                                                                                      | n.d.   | (b)(1)         | <del>C</del>   |
| 01d. Report         | Re: Biography [FOIA RESTRICTIONS REDACTED] (2 pp.)                                                                                                                            | 2/4/91 | (b)(1), (b)(3) | S              |
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| 02d. Memo          | From Robert Gates<br>Re: Follow-Up to South American Trip (2 pp.)                                                                                                                                                  | 12/17/90 | (b)(1)      | <del>C</del>   |
| 02e. Letter        | Siero de Noriega to President Bush<br>[Spanish] (1 pp.)                                                                                                                                                            | 12/6/90  | (b)(1)      |                |
| 03. Talking Points | Re: Points To Be Made for Meeting with President Carlos Salinas<br>of Mexico (4 pp.)                                                                                                                               | n.d.     | (b)(1)      | <del>C</del>   |

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MEETING WITH

ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER GUIDO DI TELLA

DATE: February 8, 1991

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 1:30 - 1:40 p.m.

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *Rg for*

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By SS NARA, Date 3/1/24

I. PURPOSE

To brief you in advance of your meeting with Argentine Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella.

II. BACKGROUND

Di Tella is in Washington to say his farewells as Ambassador and make his debut as Foreign Minister. Two Cabinet shuffles by President Menem during January saw Di Tella sworn in first as Defense Minister, and now as Foreign Minister (he was sworn on January 31).

Following your brief meeting with Di Tella, I will be meeting with him separately. I recommend that you touch on several themes which I could then follow up: (a) our appreciation for Argentina's support as a member of the international coalition in the Gulf, and particularly for President Menem's supportive phone calls to you; (b) the need to begin looking beyond the Gulf War, to start thinking how we will deal with problems such as missile and nuclear proliferation; and (c) to reaffirm your commitment to the Enterprise for the Americas initiative and to conclusion of our trade and investment framework agreement with Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, and Paraguay. The talking points at Tab A, which have been cleared with State, cover these points.

Di Tella will want to stress the continuity of Menem's foreign policy, which has made close cooperation with the United States a new (and welcome) goal. According to our Embassy in Buenos Aires, former Foreign Minister Cavallo (now Minister of Economy), pushed Di Tella's candidacy because they both share the same general outlook. We believe Di Tella will be eager to get our assessment of progress in the Gulf War, and I will be prepared to brief him in more detail after your meeting.

Di Tella may also want to touch on our bilateral Subsidies Agreement negotiations, where the ball is now in our court to give the Argentines a reaction to their most recent proposal. We do not believe Di Tella has any other specific bilateral problem he wishes to discuss with you.

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cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff

III. PARTICIPANTS

A list of Participants is at Tab B.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Photo, writing pool

V. SEQUENCE

Photo opportunity, followed by brief conversation.

Attachments

|       |                      |
|-------|----------------------|
| Tab A | Points to Make       |
| Tab B | List of Participants |
| Tab C | Biographies          |

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POINTS TO BE MADE FOR MEETING WITH  
ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER GUIDO DI TELLA

- First of all, congratulations as you take over as Argentina's new Foreign Minister. As the President indicated, we look forward to working closely with you.
- I would like to cover some of the areas that we touched on with the President in some more detail.

PERSIAN GULF SITUATION

- As the President indicated, things are on track. We are confident that we will achieve our objectives -- the liberation of Kuwait, the restoration of the legitimate government, and regional stability.
- Saddam's forces are taking a fierce pounding, and we are not going to let up. We are not in a rush to begin a ground campaign, but are putting our forces into position if this becomes necessary.
- As I believe you're aware, the President is sending Secretary Cheney and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Powell to the Gulf to make a first-hand assessment of the situation. The President will have this by early next week.
- The international coalition is holding together extremely well. We are grateful for Argentina's contribution to this force, and its supportive statements and actions.
- I can tell you very frankly that the phone calls of support that the President received from President Menem were greatly appreciated by the President.

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TREATY OF TLATELOLCO/NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION

- As the President indicated, we need to start looking beyond the Gulf War, to learn lessons from it. We are convinced that the international community will have to make an even stronger effort to deal with nuclear, missile, and chemical weapon proliferation.
- We believe the next few months offer a rare opportunity to bring the Treaty of Tlatelolco into force for all of Latin America, with Cuba being the only holdout. Anything you could do to speed this process would be warmly welcomed by the U.S., and would rightly be seen as a major accomplishment.
- Argentina and Brazil are already working on the full-scope safeguards issue. We were pleased to learn that Argentina and Brazil are moving forward with the actions required under the November 28 Foz de Iguazu accord. We hope your negotiations with the IAEA will lead to early conclusion of a full-scope safeguards agreement.
- We have some concerns, however, that the clear political commitment made by Presidents Menem and Collor could be undermined by actions of the bureaucracies in both countries. I hope you will take the necessary steps to ensure that progress toward full-scope safeguards stays on track.

CONDOR MISSILE

- We are grateful for Argentina's hospitality to the U.S. technical team which traveled to Argentina in January to visit Condor missile sites.
- We are worried by the fact that the team found a number of completed first-stage rocket motors, crated and apparently ready to be shipped. We urge that these motors be destroyed without delay. We would be willing to send technical advisers to cooperate with you in this endeavor.
- Destruction of the first-stage motors would be another important signal that Argentina is getting out of the missile business. Because the team was not able to see everything during its visit, we will have some followup issues that we will want to address; we are also looking at ways to help you redirect your research and development efforts.

URUGUAY ROUND

- We look forward to continued cooperation with you in the Uruguay Round. Have you seen any signs of European willingness to cut a deal on agriculture?

ENTERPRISE FOR AMERICAS/TRADE AND INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

- We are working hard on the EAI legislation. We expect to reintroduce the legislation in a few days, and will work actively to get it passed as early as possible this session.
- We are eager to finish work on our five-party framework agreement, to step up cooperation on trade and investment issues.

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FOREIGN MINISTER GUIDO DI TELLA OF ARGENTINA

- CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENTS. IT'S NOT EVERYONE WHO CAN SERVE AS DEFENSE MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE SPACE OF A SINGLE MONTH.
- PLEASE GIVE MY PERSONAL GREETING TO PRESIDENT MENEM, AND CONVEY MY THANKS FOR HIS STRONG SUPPORT AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COALITION IN THE GULF. I HAVE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED HIS PHONE CALLS. (IF YOU STILL PLAN TO CALL MENEM, YOU SHOULD INFORM DI TELLA.)
- THINGS ARE ON TRACK IN THE GULF. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVES -- THE LIBERATION OF KUWAIT, THE RESTORATION OF THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT, AND REGIONAL STABILITY.

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- WE AND OUR COALITION PARTNERS SHOULD START LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. IN THE POST-WAR ENVIRONMENT, MISSILE AND NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION ISSUES ARE GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT.
- ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL ARE ALREADY MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION WITH REGARD TO FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS.
- ANYTHING YOU COULD DO TO SPEED THE PROCESS OF BRINGING THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO (TLAH-TAY-LOH-KO) INTO FORCE WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED BY THE U.S.
- THE SAME APPLIES TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE CONDOR MISSILE PROGRAM.
- ON EAI, I'M PRESSING HARD TO GET LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE CONGRESS. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING US FINISH OUR FIVE-PARTY FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL HELP US INCREASE OUR COOPERATION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT ISSUES.

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John H. Sununu, Chief of Staff

Brent Scowcroft, Assistant the President for National  
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Robert M. Gates, Assistant to the President and Deputy for  
National Security Affairs

Philip McLean, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for  
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William T. Pryce, Senior Director for Latin American and  
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Guido Di Tella, Foreign Minister

Jorge Tellerman, Foreign Ministry Officer

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**Guido DI TELLA**  
(Phonetic: deeTAYyah)

**ARGENTINA**

*Minister of Foreign Affairs*  
(since January 1991)

*Addressed as: Mr. Minister*

A prominent economist and intellectual, Guido Di Tella has extensive experience in government, international finance, and academia. He is an influential member of the reformist wing of the ruling Peronist Party

1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)

Cavallo selected Di Tella to replace him, telling Menem that the former Ambassador to the United States (1989 – January 1991) is familiar with the economic issues and is someone with whom he could work. Di Tella, who served briefly as Defense Minister when Menem first shuffled his cabinet in mid-January,

1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)



### Continuity in Policy

1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c) Di Tella's public statements 1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)

suggest that ideology will continue to take a backseat to pragmatism in Argentine diplomacy. Di Tella, like his predecessor, understands the primacy of economic issues to Argentine foreign policy. He almost certainly will maintain the course set by Cavallo, continue to cultivate improved relations with industrialized countries, and work to restore the confidence of world financial institutions in the Argentine economy. Di Tella became intimately involved in US-Argentine issues while serving as Ambassador, and he has a stake in their success. He supports working closely with Washington on the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and is well aware of US concern about the potential technology transfer problem stemming from Argentina's role in developing the Condor II ballistic missile.

1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)

### Di Tella's US Network

1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)

He was educated in the United States and is favorably disposed toward this country. At various times over several decades he has had business here as head of his family's manufacturing conglomerate, its philanthropic foundation, and a family-founded think tank. In the process he has forged a network of close associates among various US business, intellectual, and political circles.

1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)

### Career and Personal Data

Di Tella was born on 12 June 1931. Since earning a degree in industrial engineering (1955) at the University of Buenos Aires and a Ph.D. in economics (1958) from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Di Tella has successfully pursued a number of career interests. He served as executive vice president of his family's conglomerate until the

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early 1970s. He has taught economics at his Argentine alma mater and at Oxford, and he has written several books on Argentine economic development. Heir to the family fortune, he heads a philanthropic organization and is the founder of the Di Tella Institute, a prestigious center for economic, social, and political research that has ties to such US entities as the Ford Foundation, the Brookings Institution, and many universities. He broke with his family's upper-class conservative tradition when he became a Peronist. Joining the new breed of Peronists who embraced the party's call for the redistribution of wealth but rejected the old guard's authoritarian rule, he was elected national deputy for Buenos Aires Province in 1987. <sup>1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)</sup>

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<sup>1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)</sup> He speaks fluent British English. Married to the former Neli Ruvira, he has five children. <sup>1.4(c); 1.4(d); 3.5(c)</sup>

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WWD - Per Robin the President has the original, Phil Brady's Office has a copy. She asked that it be put in the system.

I ~~do~~ put it in. Doc Logged to WWD and on to the President. Bill Pryce still needs a copy

Thanks  
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- Please put in system
- ensure Bill Pryce gets copy
- copy to Phil Brady

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 13, 1991

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

THROUGH: WILLIAM T. PRYCE

FROM: DONALD C. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: Replies to President's Questions on South America  
Trip Issues

The Memorandum at Tab I responds to two questions from the President regarding follow-up to the South America trip.

Concurrence: Tim Deal

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Memorandum to the President at Tab I.

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Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Previous Memo with Hand-written Queries from the President

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Your Queries on Follow-Up Actions to Your South America Trip

This replies to your queries of February 9 (Tab A) regarding follow-up actions to your South America trip.

First, with regard to Brazil's debt negotiator. You asked whether Collor had named a new debt negotiator. The answer is that no new negotiator has been named. Diplomat Jorio Dauster continues to head the Brazilian team, and in fact is in New York this week talking to the commercial banks. Treasury has told us that the talks are going somewhat better than expected, but we're not close to a deal yet.

Second, on how a meeting between General Noriega and his wife could be destabilizing for Panama. The remnants of Noriega's tame party, the PRD, and a number of former military officers loyal to Noriega, are still in Panama. Mrs. Noriega knows who could be useful for stirring up trouble, and although she has little love for her husband the General, she might see her own interests served by causing problems (money is something that springs readily to mind). There is nothing to be gained by giving General and Mrs. Noriega a chance to confer privately.

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Tab A Memo With Your Hand-Written Queries

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Chief of Staff

For: Bill Rye

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *RS for*

SUBJECT: Report on Follow Up Actions to South America Trip

You have asked recently about follow-up on your South America trip. We have put together a summary of all the actions taken to date.

✓ 1. President Alywin asked you for a more positive U.S. response to a Chilean request for U.S. Government information relating to the murder of General Prats. Chilean General Prats was killed by a car-bomb in Argentina in 1974. The Chileans requested related testimony given in 1983 in U.S. Federal Court in Alexandria for their investigation of the Prats' killing. The testimony was released a few days ago, and it has been sent to the Chileans.

2. You promised President Collor you would talk to Secretary Brady about encouraging the private banks to work with the Brazilians on commercial debt. You did talk to Secretary Brady to see what we could do with the private banks in terms of encouraging the private banks to work with the Brazilians on commercial debt. Since the visit, however, relations between Brazil and its commercial creditors have continued to worsen. Furthermore, we (through Treasury) have been leading the effort by the G-7 countries to block World Bank/IDB lending to Brazil until they work out a deal with the commercial banks. The Brazilians are not happy. While we have been sending a strong message to Brazil through the IFI's, Treasury, including Secretary Brady, has continued to work with the commercial banks to keep open lines of communications with the Brazilians.

3. You proposed to Carlos Andres Perez that he get the Salvadoran government and FMLN together in Caracas. Perez counterproposed that we talk directly with the FMLN. President Perez is prepared to host a Caracas meeting to try to hammer out a Salvadoran peace agreement, and we are in close contact with his government on this issue. Since this meeting is viewed as a "closer" to the talks, however, holding it will depend upon the success of on-going talks in Mexico. We have consulted with the President Cristiani on our willingness to meet with the FMLN if such a meeting would result in a cease-fire and a political

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settlement. Nevertheless, we have informed El Salvador, Venezuela and other governments that we currently are not disposed to meet with the FMLN in the wake of the executions of U.S. servicemen.

✓ 4. You told CAP that you would have Ambassador Shlaudeman brief him on our views on Lacayo. Action completed. Shlaudeman made the trip to Caracas on December 17 and met with President Perez. They agreed that Lacayo's economic policies leave much to be desired, but disagreed on his politics, with CAP still unpersuaded Lacayo is too soft on the Sandinistas.

✓ 5. You promised to look into CAP's allegation that Panamanian police officers were being given humiliating treatment by U.S. noncommissioned officers. The Embassy in Panama and U.S. Southcom both claim that this was not happening. In any event, if there were a few isolated instances, they should not be repeated because U.S. Southcom no longer has noncoms in the Panamanian Public Force Headquarters, and no longer conducts joint patrols except in the Canal area, where the need for mutual respect is emphasized. We are getting a joint memo from State and Defense confirming this.

How??  
OK  
agree — 6. CAP requested that we consider a visa for Mrs. Noriega to visit Noriega in jail. State and Justice have told the NSC staff that they think that granting the visa would be a bad idea for two reasons. First, it is commonly believed in Panama that Noriega and his wife bear great animosity towards each other and would only be meeting for mutual nefarious benefit which might include destabilizing Panama. Second, a meeting could complicate the Noriega trial. Justice would also want to interview her if she comes under our jurisdiction, even though there are no charges pending. The NSC staff has advised State and Justice to handle this as a regular visa request on its merits. State is coordinating a cable to CAP. The cable is being handled by Aronson, Kimmitt, and Eagleburger. We believe the White House should not be further involved. You made no commitment to get back to CAP.

agree — 7. CAP proposed that the U.S., Venezuela, and Spain together prepare a plan for the Group of 24 to address Central American economic needs. We have not encouraged the Venezuelan idea of creating a separate Group of 24 mechanism for Central America, and Venezuela has not pursued it with us. We have advanced the Partnership for Development and Democracy (PDD) proposal for Central America, which is similar to Venezuela's idea, and both Venezuela and Spain have participated in organizational meetings.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 6, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR ~~ROBERT M. GATES~~

THROUGH:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

*The President*

~~WILLIAM T. PRYCE~~

*Grant Scorscroft*

~~DONALD C. JOHNSON/DAVID A. PACELLI~~

*Report on*

~~Follow Up Actions the President Agreed to Pursue  
in the Course of His One on One Conversations  
During his Dec 2-8 Trip to South America Trip~~

*President Alwyn*  
1. ~~Chilean request that we look into responding more positively  
to a Chilean request for U.S. Government information relating to  
the murder of General Prats. Action on the Prats request has  
been completed. By way of background, General Prats was killed  
by a car-bomb in Argentina in 1974. Some time after the 1976  
car-bomb killing of Orlando Letelier here in Washington, the  
Chileans asked us to extradite Townley, who had been convicted of  
the Letelier bombing. A hearing was held in Alexandria federal  
court on this request in 1983, and our Legal Attache in  
Montevideo at the time of the Prats killing gave testimony. This  
was the testimony requested by the Chilean Rettig Commission,  
which is investigating human rights violations during the  
Pinochet dictatorship.~~

~~The U.S. lawyer who has been acting pro bono for the Rettig  
Commission here in the U.S. finally succeeded in getting the  
testimony released a few days ago, and it has been sent down to  
the Chilean Commission.~~

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There is more to the Chilean request, however. They also asked  
the FBI to provide forensic information on the bomb which killed  
Letelier. FBI has not agreed, inasmuch as there are still  
outstanding indictments against three persons involved in the  
Letelier killing. ~~Two of these persons, Contreras and Espinoza,  
we tried to extradite from Chile, but failed; the other, Virgilio  
Paz, is a fugitive.~~

However, on the positive side of the Letelier case, the Rettig  
Commission sent people last fall to meet with the U.S. Attorney's  
Office here in Washington. The U.S. Attorney's office was very  
cooperative. Finally, the State Department is completing a  
Freedom of Information case brought by the Rettig Commission, and  
the releasable material from this will be sent to the Chileans  
very soon.

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You ~~have~~ did

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2. Presidential commitment to talk to Secretary Brady about encouraging the private banks to work with the Brazilians on commercial debt. ~~The President did indeed talk to Secretary Brady on seeing what we could do with the private banks in terms of encouraging them to work with the Brazilians on a commercial debt agreement.~~ Since the visit, however, relations between Brazil and its commercial creditors have continued to worsen. Furthermore, we (through Treasury) have been leading the effort by the G-7 countries to block World Bank/IDB lending to Brazil until they work out a deal with the commercial banks. The Brazilians are not happy. While we have been sending a strong message to Brazil through the IFI's, Treasury, including Secretary Brady, has continued to work with the commercial banks to keep open lines of communications with the Brazilians.

You

3. The President's proposal to Carlos Andres Perez that he get the Salvadoran government & FMLN together in Caracas. Perez's counterproposal that we talk directly with the FMLN. President Perez is prepared to host a Caracas meeting to try to hammer out a Salvadoran peace agreement, and we are in close contact with his government on this issue. Since this meeting is viewed as a "closer" to the talks, however, holding it will depend upon the success of on-going talks in Mexico. We have consulted with the President Cristiani on our willingness to meet with the FMLN if such a meeting would result in a cease-fire and a political settlement. Nevertheless, we have informed El Salvador, Venezuela and other governments that we currently are not disposed to meet with the FMLN in the wake of the executions of U.S. servicemen.

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Lacayo

4. President's agreement to arrange for Ambassador Shlaudeman to brief CAP on our views on the situation in Nicaragua. Action completed. Shlaudeman made the trip to Caracas on December 17 and met with President Perez. *They agreed that Lacayo's economic policies*

5. Carlos Andres Perez's allegation that Panamanian police officers were being given humiliating treatment by U.S. noncommissioned officers. *learn much to be desired, but CAP still disagreed on his politics, with CAP still un-*

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6. CAP request that we consider possible visit for Mrs. Noriega to visit Noriega in jail. *is too soft on the Sandinista* ~~This is an issue on which the White House should not be further involved. The President made no commitment to get back to CAP. State at the Assistant Secretary level, and Justice have told the NSC staff that they think that~~

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8. USIA follow-up on slowness of their Latin American Division to provide Presidential statements/announcements to Embassies. USIA claims that their process has been speeded up in the last several months. They now have a new process whereby the wireless file is now sent electronically every evening (rather than by radio as before). PAOs can get the file the same night if there is a special urgency, and they send somebody in to the Embassy to pick it up and print it. They will seek to do a better job of alerting their customers when there are Presidential statements of particular interest. USIA asks that we help by giving appropriate "heads-up" notice and we will try. USIA would like to know who complained. They guessed that Ambassador Todman, who has fired his PAO, was one source.

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Tab A Gates Memo

*CAP proposed that the US, Venezuela and Spain together prepare a plan for the Group of 24 to address Central America economic needs.*

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17 December 1990

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Robert Gates

SUBJECT: Follow-Up to South American Trip

Following are actions the President agreed to pursue in the course of his one on one conversations in South America:

- 1) In Chile, agreed to look into responding more positively to a Chilean government request for US government information relating to the murder of a General Prats. It sounds like a Justice Department action. They need to be reminded of the request from the Chileans and told that Aylwin raised it directly with the President.
- 2) The President agreed with Collor to talk to Secretary Brady about seeing what we could do with the private banks in terms of encouraging them to work with the Brazilians.
- 3) The President proposed to Perez that he get representatives of the Salvadoran government and the FMLN together in Caracas to try and hammer out an agreement. Perez counterproposed that the US have at least one private contact with the FMLN, perhaps with a Cristiani observer. The President agreed to consider and that he would be back to Perez on this.
- 4) The President agreed to arrange for Ambassador Shlaudeman to meet privately with Perez in Caracas to express our concerns about Lacayo.
- 5) Perez described to the President the Panamanian police force's unhappiness at humiliating treatment by US non-coms of Panamanian officers. The President agreed to look into this.

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give me a progress report  
on follow-up to these items.  
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- 6) Perez brought up the question of a possible visa for Mrs. Noriega to visit Noriega in jail in Florida. He provided the President with a letter (attached) to President Bush through President Perez. The President made clear he did not want to get involved in the case at all but would consider this humanitarian request.
- 7) Perez proposed having Spain, the US and Venezuela get together to prepare a plan for the Group of 24 to help Central America. The President said he did not want to invent a new organization if a structure already exists but he would think about it.
- 8) USIA should follow-up on the slowness of their Latin American division to provide Presidential statements, announcements and speeches promptly to our embassies in South America. Several ambassadors complained that these often take days to reach them.

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POINTS TO BE MADE FOR MEETING WITH  
PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS OF MEXICO

Courtesy Points

- Please accept my belated birthday greetings (Salinas' birthday is April 3); also please give my greetings to Prime Minister Mulroney, whom I understand you'll be seeing tonight.
- Your swing through Boston, Chicago, Austin and San Antonio after the Canada trip is an excellent move.
- Good luck on your speech to the Texas Legislature in Austin, and congratulations in advance on the opening of the exhibit of 30 Centuries of Mexican civilization in San Antonio.

Fast-Track Extension and Free Trade Agreement

- The battle for fast-track extension is one that I do not plan to lose.
- My commitment to concluding the FTA with Mexico and Canada has not wavered one bit. You can tell Brian this, too.
- I know we face some strong opposition, particularly in the House, but I am working hard to overcome it.
- As you know, I've been making a number of speeches on the importance of fast-track extension. Ambassador Petricioli was at the White House when I spoke on March 19. Last

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Friday, I spoke to a Hispanic group in Los Angeles, and I'll be making another speech tomorrow here in Houston.

- Our strategy is to keep collateral issues such as the environment, labor standards, and drugs out of the formal FTA negotiating process.
- However, to succeed in this strategy, we need to make significant parallel progress on these issues. We must work together cooperatively, on the basis of mutual advantage.

Drugs and MLAT

- We are very pleased with our cooperation against narcotics traffickers; seizures reached nearly 50 tons last year.
- I understand that our people are working hard on the final details of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty. Completing this would help significantly with our Congress.
- Secretary Baker spoke about this with Foreign Minister Solana a few days ago. We know that the Helms language caused you problems, but we're committed to working out mutually acceptable language.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

- I know there is IPR legislation pending before your Congress. This has been a concern to several key U.S.

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congressmen. Passage of the IPR legislation in Mexico would boost support for FTA and the fast-track extension.

Labor

- We are pleased with the agreement we just signed to improve cooperation on labor issues. For this agreement to have positive impact, we need to make progress on issues such as child labor and health and safety standards.
- I'm willing to have my staff work with yours energetically to make progress.

Environment

- Our critics have seized on this issue to oppose the FTA. We are pleased with the progress we are making on environmental cooperation. Much more can be done, however.
- Your courageous move to close down the polluting PEMEX refinery near Mexico City helped show your determination.
- We appreciate the contributions your authorities are making to a comprehensive action plan we will present to our Congress on May 1. This will respond to the fast-track calendar.

Border Violence

- Since we discussed this in Monterrey, I'm happy to report that there has been a significant decline in incidents. Better and more cooperative law enforcement on both sides of

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the border has been the key. We remain committed to effective cooperation with you on this issue.

El Salvador

- I was pleased to hear from Secretary Baker and General Scowcroft after their meetings with Foreign Secretary Solana that you are pressing the FMLN and Cuba to end the war in El Salvador.
- The talks in Mexico City between the FMLN and the Salvadoran Government are an important opportunity to end this bitter and costly conflict. Ending the war would be a major achievement.
- We are disturbed by firm information we have that the Cuban government has shipped a substantial quantity of new weapons systems to the FMLN, including multiple grenade launchers, and most troubling of all, SA-16 missiles.
- If the FMLN uses these new missiles in a new offensive, our hopes for peace could be destroyed. I hope you will use your influence with the FMLN and the Cubans to stop these arms transfers and bring about a negotiated cease-fire.

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