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SUBJ: SOUTHERN CONE CHIEFS OF STATE TO MEET ON  
US POLICY

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ SUMMONED ME THIS EVENING (MAY 23)

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TO INFORM ME OF THE FOLLOWING WHICH HE SAID HE WAS  
PASSING TO ME IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE (PLEASE PROTECT):  
HE SAID PRESIDENT VIDELA HAD SENT HIM A PERSONAL  
EMISSARY, AN ARGENTINE GENERAL (HE DID NOT USE THE  
ARGENTINE EMBASSY, WHO TOLD HIM THAT ABOUT A WEEK AGO  
URUGUAY SUGGESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF CHIEFS OF STATE  
OF BRAZIL, URUGUAY, ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA AND CHILE  
MEET TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION TO TAKE IN FACE OF PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S POLICIES TOWARD LATIN AMERICA ESPECIALLY ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A MEETING (HE DID NOT KNOW WHO  
WAS IN ATTENDANCE) IN BRAZIL FRIDAY, MAY 20, WHICH  
DECIDED TO CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THESE  
COUNTRIES. PEREZ UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ANIMUS OF THE MEETING  
WOULD BE ANTI-US. PRESIDENT VIDELA, THROUGH HIS EMISSARY,  
INFORMED PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT HE (VIDELA) TOOK THE POSITION  
THAT OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE SHOULD ALSO BE INVITED, NOTABLY  
OF COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND PERU, AND THAT THE  
OBJECTIVE BE TO MERELY REAFFIRM NON-INTERVENTION  
AS A PRINCIPLE OF HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS.

2. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID HE INTERPRETS VIDELA'S  
DISPATCH OF THIS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALLY TO  
HIM (AND SEPARATELY TO MORALES BERMUDEZ IN PERU) AS A BID BY

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VIDELA FOR SOME SUPPORT IN MODERATING THIS INITIATIVE. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID HE WAS GOING TO SUMMON THE ARGENTINE EMISSARY THIS EVENING TO TELL HIM TO SAY TO PRESIDENT VIDELA THAT HE (PEREZ) THOUGHT THAT VIDELA SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THE LIKES OF BRAZIL AND CHILE IN SUCH A "MANIOBRA". HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO PASS THE SAME MESSAGE TO BANZER IN BOLIVIA AND TO MORALES BERMUDEZ IN PERU. HE WAS SURE THAT LOPEZ IN COLOMBIA WOULD SHARE HIS VIEWS.

3. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THIS WAS A BRAZILIAN GAMBIT("MANIOBRA"), AND THAT BRAZIL MERELY INDUCED URUGUAY TO APPEAR AS THE INITIATOR.

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HE SAID PERHAPS BRAZIL FEARED THAT SOME SORT OF "INTERVENTION" BY THE DEMOCRACIES WAS BEING CONTEMPLATED. IN ANY EVENT, HE WANTED TO LET US KNOW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

4. I THANKED HIM FOR THIS INFORMATION AND SAID I WOULD RELAY IT TO WASHINGTON.  
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