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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
FROM: THOMAS P. THORNTON
SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Martinez de Hoz,
Argentine Economic Minister

The State Department Country Director for Argentina volunteered to do a background paper for your meeting with Martinez and I told him it would of course be welcome. It is attached at Tab A, together with biographic material.

This will probably be mainly a listening session for you. There are a few items that you might want to have at hand, however:

-- Tab B is a morning summary item from today reporting that the Argentines are hoping to initiate bilateral discussions with us on human rights - to begin at the OAS General Assembly meeting. The telegram on which it is based also claims that they accept our position on human rights. State tells me that they are not sure of the reliability of the Argentine official who made these statements. They will pursue it at a higher level.

-- Tab C, however, tends to reinforce the view that the Argentines believe that they have to give ground to us on human rights. It is the summary of the Blumenthal-Martinez conversation and probably forecasts what he will be telling you. The Argentines are clearly worried about how we will be voting on their loans. The Embassy in BA suggests that our chances in getting movement during the bilateral discussions will evaporate if we vote against them in the IFIs. Martinez may follow the same line. If the Argentines do come through on human rights, we would be able to book a major advance in our policy. "If", however, is the key word.

-- Tab D, to refresh your memory, is Bob Pastor's memcon on Martinez. Look out for your wallet - unless, of course, you consider yourself poor.

Jessica has seen this.

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