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SUBJECT: GOA NOTES HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS

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1. THE PRESIDENT HAS NOTED RECENT ARGENTINE ACTIONS
DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE, INCLUDING
THE RELEASE OF PERSONS FROM CUSTODY, THE PROCESSING OF
CASES IN THE COURTS, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RIGHT
OF OPTION MAY BE REINSTATED.

2. WHILE THESE ACTIONS WERE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE SECRETARY
AT GRENADA AND BY OUR DIRECTOR AT THE WORLD BANK, WE
BELIEVE THAT A FURTHER EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO MAKE THE
ARGENTINES AWARE OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN THESE
AND CONTINUING STEPS TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF THE RULE OF

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LAW. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THESE 342 PRISONERS HAVE
BEEN RELEASED AND THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION ARE REAL RATHER THAN COSMETIC, THEN THE
PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS TO THE ARGEN-

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TINE GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESS HIS GRATIFICATION.

3. YOU ARE REQUESTED, THEREFORE, TO APPROACH THE GOA AT AN APPROPRIATELY SENIOR LEVEL AND NOTE THE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS IN RECENTLY ANNOUNCED GOA STEPS AND INQUIRE WHETHER FURTHER INFORMATION COULD BE PROVIDED CONCERNING THESE STEPS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN THE LIST OF 342 PERSONS RELEASED FROM EXECUTIVE CUSTODY HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY FREED. FOR PERSPECTIVE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD. ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE PROCESSED BY FEDERAL AND MILITARY COURTS (I.E., THE 1,000 CASES) AVAILABLE? WHAT ARE THE CHARGES AND SENTENCES? HOW SOON CAN WE EXPECT A DECISION ON THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE RIGHT OF OPTION?

4. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION HOW FAR TO GO IN ELICITING INFORMATION. HOWEVER, WE DO WANT THE GOA TO KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE MEASURES THEY HAVE ANNOUNCED AND WOULD APPRECIATE A MUCH CLEARER INDICATION OF THEIR SIGNIFICANCE TO THE OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. VANCE

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