

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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October 3, 1977

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: ROBERT A. PASTOR (17st)

SUBJECT: Follow-up to the President's Bilaterals with Latin American Leaders

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Pursuant to our brief discussion last week on following-up the President's bilaterals, I compiled a checklist (at Tab A) and have forwarded it to the State Department to prepare a status report in one month on the specific items which required follow-up after the President's bilaterals with Latin American leaders. In a few cases -- where President Carter made a commitment to follow-up on specific items, where the other President made a commitment or a statement to which we would like him to remain committed, or when there may have been a misinterpretation or a vagueness -- in these cases, and there are about five, I have requested draft letters from State for the President to send. In addition to forwarding the checklist to the State Department, I will send it to appropriate agencies.

As you may recall, the President told Admiral Poveda of Ecuador that he wanted to issue a statement declaring the OPEC-Exclusionary Benefit to GSP unfair, but first he wanted to consult with Ambassador Strauss. Strauss has been out of town for most of the month, and while I have left messages with his staff assistant, I think that a short memorandum from you to him indicating that the President would like his views on such a statement would be one way to ensure that in fact he communicates with the President on this issue. I am afraid that this issue will not go away. The OAS continues to raise it, and it will be a subject that we will have to deal with again when the President visits Caracas.

RECOMMENDATION

Therefore I recommend that you sign and send the memorandum at Tab I to Ambassador Strauss.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

SUBJECT: OPEC-Exclusionary Amendment to GSP

In his meeting on September 8, 1977, with President Alfredo Poveda of Ecuador, the President said that it was a goal of his Administration to remove the OPEC-exclusionary amendment to the provision on generalized tariff preferences of the Trade Act. He said he would consider issuing a statement regarding his conviction that the OPEC amendment was unfair, but first he wanted your views on the subject.

Zbigniew Brzezinski

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September 27, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Peter Tarnoff
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Follow-up of the Bilaterals

As discussed by NSC Staff and officials in the Department of State, I am sending Checklists and Follow-up Items which were compiled from the bilateral meetings between the President and Latin American and Caribbean Heads of State. Please follow-up as appropriate, and prepare a status report for the President. This report should be transmitted to the NSC not later than October 20, 1977.

Also please draft letters for possible use by the President to the Heads of State of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay. These letters should include references to the status of items discussed between the two Presidents. Please provide drafts of these letters by Monday, October 3, 1977.

Christine Dodson
Christine Dodson
Staff Secretary *for*

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MEETING

President Carter with President Jorge Rafael Videla
of Argentina

September 9, 1977 - 9:00 a.m.

Cabinet Room - White House

Checklist and Follow-up Items

1. Videla said that as soon as political conditions permit -- perhaps before the end of the year, Argentina would ratify the Treaty of Tlatelolco.
2. President Carter told Videla the USG would talk to the Cubans about signing the Treaty of Tlatelolco. He asked whether Argentina would send representatives to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation Conference on October 19 - 21, 1977.
3. President Carter said he would provide the Department of State for onward transmission to the Government of Argentina, a list prepared by a Washington human rights group containing the names of 3,000 individuals being detained in Argentina.
4. Videla said he hoped that the problem of detainees might be resolved by Christmas 1977.
5. In response to President Carter's inquiry whether it might be possible to send representatives of the OAS or UN to confirm human rights progress in Argentina sometime after Christmas, Videla referred to recent visits by USG officials and said such visits are the best way to show that Argentina is not ashamed of its record. Videla said he was not troubled by visits by international human rights commissions which testify to the facts in Argentina.
6. The President and Secretary Vance accepted Videla's invitation for the Secretary to visit Argentina after his trip to Brazil to complete bilateral consultations.

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