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MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Derian  
Mr. Schneider *ms*

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Comment on Inspection Report on ARA East Coast Countries

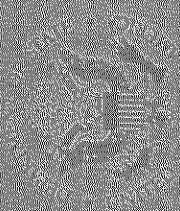
- 1) The Inspectors have no conclusions or recommendations on the human rights issue, per se. (Their mandate is not to judge policy but rather to judge how well policy is being formulated and implemented.)
- 2) The main conclusion in the report is that our overall policy toward these countries is unsettled and uneven. Policy in several fields, including human rights, has been developing on a case-by-case basis rather than under a well thought out umbrella policy concept with a set of priorities articulating the key US objectives and relating resources and strategies to their achievement. In the Inspectors' view, this deficiency presents a risk that US policy signals will be mixed or misunderstood and that some US interests may not be served.
- 3) The principal recommendation ---- that the Department should accelerate completion of the current cycle of country policy assessments and improve guidance to the field for the next cycle.

Country sections -

- a) Brazil-  
Need to refine pursuit of policies toward Brazil in such areas as human rights where policy is clear but application of policy has yet to stabilize on ways to meet long term objectives with the limited leverage and modest resources available.
- b) Argentina-  
Inspectors stated that policy coordination in human rights matters was working very well but saw some policy implementation and guidance problems in other areas, i.e., munition sales and the future of the Military Group.
- c) Paraguay-  
An unsettled policy problem at the time of the Inspection was whether continued economic development assistance was compatible with the regime's reluctance to improve its posture on human rights.

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