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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GENERAL VIOLA ON IAIRC

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1. UPON MY RETURN TO POST I OBTAINED AN APPOINTMENT WITH GENERAL VIOLA FOR 11:00 O'CLOCK SEPTEMBER 23 TO REVIEW HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT STATE OF US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS, VIOLA RESTATED HIS COMMITMENT TO LEADING ARGENTINA TOWARD A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND HIS BELIEF THAT ARGENTINA MUST WORK WITH THE US TO FURTHER OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES. HE SAID THEY WOULD BE MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO IMPROVE MATTERS IN BOTH THE POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS FIELDS. I TOLD HIM THAT THE DECISION TO ISSUE A LETTER OF INTEREST TO ALLYS CHALMERS HAD BEEN MADE AND THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS FACT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I TOLD HIM THAT THOUGH IT WOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC, THE LETTER OF INTEREST DID CONTAIN A CONDITION THAT THE IAIRC ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO VISIT BY THE GOA. THIS DID NOT BOTHER VIOLA WHO SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT COULD BE MADE SOMETIME BETWEEN THE 15TH AND 20TH OF OCTOBER. HE ALSO

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