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Mark --

Just a quick note to get into the bag before closing.

I met with your contact, Schamis. He appears to be working hard relating his impressions of the US domestic politics of Human Rights. He reports that he has had a long series of meetings with the top folks in the Army, as well as ^{with} his mentor, Martinez de Hoz.

He asked that I inform you that the Chilean situation has slowed down the "pasitos" he expected. He does not plan to travel to Washington as he previously intended. He is now thinking about January and wonders if that would be convenient for further meetings at State and on the Hill.

- We know reason.

The man is very complicated. He has unfortunately burned his ticket with the Ambassador by pulling out of an appointment at the last minute claiming a toothache. His reput-ation around town is that of a first class operator -- "Chanta Puffi" in the local slang. He is clearly angling for the Aja Espil job.

He does have the ear of many folks. He was in Washington with both Viola and Lambruschini and claims that he is regarded as being a person with good "liberal" contacts in DC.

He is certainly a person worth talking to. I hope that he is telling the message as he heard it from you. The complicating factor is his personal political ambitions. But he is so transparent, that he is not dangerous as everyone is on their guard.

I am swamped with information on all HR topics. I have got to close down the intake valve and spend more time outputting.

Cheers to the folks in HA,

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CC The Ambassador

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