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Dear Ms. Dodson:

The Department of Commerce concurs with the memorandum from the Secretary of State to the President modifying the plan to improve U.S.-Argentine relations.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the Department's concern that any initiative vis-a-vis the Argentine Government avoid actions that might jeopardize the soon-to-be-announced contract awards for the multi-billion dollar Yacyreta hydroelectric project. The bids are currently being evaluated at the highest levels of the Argentine and Paraguayan Governments. Both the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and I have made representations to Argentine Government officials on behalf of the U.S. companies bidding on this project.

It should also be noted that the Department of Commerce is committed to several trade promotion events for Argentina during FY 81. Among these, the Auto Parts and Accessories Trade Mission is scheduled to visit Buenos Aires on Decemeber 2-6, 1980. This mission is part of Strike Force One, the Department's short-term export marketing program and one which has received high-level U.S. Government interest. The mission will be lead by Deputy Assistant Secretary Robert Nath.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Proyer
ACTING Secretary of Commerce

Enclosure

Ms. Christine Dodson
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Washington, D.C. 20506

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UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

October 24, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO: NSC - Christine Dodson
FROM: Norman G. Clyne *NGC*
SUBJECT: US Policy Towards Argentina

The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency concurs in the policy initiatives as stated in the Department of State's October 18 memorandum prepared for the President pertaining to US Policy Towards Argentina.

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