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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Argentina and Human Rights (C)

The President has read Ambassador Chaplin's report (Buenos Aires 0163) that he believes the Argentine government would be open to a U.S. effort to negotiate some specific human rights improvements in exchange for a U.S. vote not to condemn them in the forthcoming UNHRC meeting. The Ambassador also reported that he believes Buenos Aires' concern with avoiding censure opens an avenue for the U.S. to offer to trade support for the milder resolution in exchange for parole or release of political prisoners, improvement in prison standards and a beginning in dealing with the problem of the "disappeareds." The Ambassador concluded that this is an "opportunity which we should not let get away." (C)

In response to the above report, the President stated, "I agree -- propose a plan to me." (C)

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