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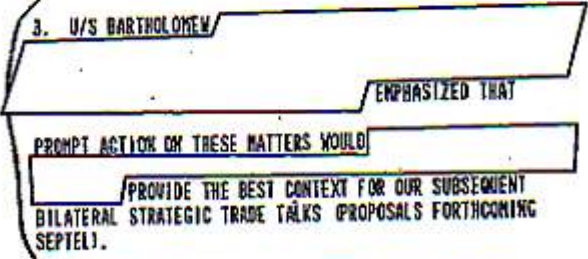
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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY BARTOLOMEW'S MEETING WITH ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR ON CONDOR

REF: (A) 92 BUENOS AIRES 1600.
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1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AMBASSADOR REGINALD BARTOLOMEW, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, MET WITH ARGENTINA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., CARLOS ORTIZ DE ROZAS, AND ARGENTINE DCM ATILIO MOLteni ON MARCH 5 TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS ON TERMINATION OF THE CONDOR II BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM (REFTEL). ARA/SC DIRECTOR ANDREW SENS' SPECIAL ASSISTANT STEPHEN TOMCHIK, AND PM/PRO ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR BAINBRIDGE COWELL (NOTETAKER) ALSO ATTENDED.

3. U/S BARTOLOMEW



4. ORTIZ DE ROZAS WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS (BEGIN TEXT):

0 I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT
WE FEEL WE MADE FURTHER PROGRESS IN OUR JOINT EFFORTS ON THE TERMINATION OF THE CONDOR MISSILE PROGRAM.

0 WE UNDERSTAND THAT DR. SARADE MAY BE IN WASHINGTON THIS MONTH AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SOME OF OUR EXPERTS. THE DEPARTMENT'S ARGENTINA DESK WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE THOSE MEETINGS. (END TEXT.)

5. ORTIZ DE ROZAS UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE TO THE GOA. HE SAID THAT ARGENTINA IS NOW BETTER ABLE TO ADDRESS THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS, SINCE THE HARSH CRITICISM OF THE GOA ON THE CONDOR ISSUE OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS QUIETED DOWN AND THE CONDOR FACILITIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO CONRA AND ARE BEING INVENTORIED.

HE ADDED THAT TO NEUTRALIZE ANY NATIONALISTIC FEELINGS ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF CONDOR, IT WOULD BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT FOR ARGENTINA'S TALKS WITH THE U.S. TO GET OFF TO A PROMISING START. IN THAT WAY, THE GOA COULD REASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT ARGENTINA'S TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD CONTINUE DESPITE THE ELIMINATION OF

CONDOR: "INSTEAD OF DOING THE WRONG THINGS FOR THE WRONG REASONS WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE, WE'LL BE DOING THE RIGHT THINGS FOR THE RIGHT REASONS WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE."

6. U/S BARTOLOMEW SAID THAT WHEN HE TRAVELS TO ARGENTINA FOR BILATERAL TALKS, HE EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO TELL PRESS CONTACTS THAT THE GOA HAS TAKEN STEPS ON NON-PROLIFERATION THAT PLACE ARGENTINA IN A DIFFERENT CLASS FROM BEFORE.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE U.S. STANDS READY TO OFFER FURTHER ASSISTANCE IF NEEDED.

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