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VII. CONDOR II MISSILE

- o There are ramifications of the Condor II project which are of concern to the US.
- o On several occasions, President Bush has made clear his concern about the proliferation of ballistic missiles anywhere. Administration policy in this area is firmly grounded.
- o When fully operational, the Condor II will be capable of carrying a warhead of 500 kg (or greater) -- including potentially a nuclear warhead -- a distance of at least 300 km.
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- o Everything we have learned about the Condor II demonstrates to us that it is a military system.
- o The INF Treaty signed by the US and USSR eliminates an entire class of missiles; it is in no one's security interests to see this same class of missiles emerge in other parts of the world.
- o There has been substantial US-Argentine space cooperation, including discussion of a US-supplied launch for an Argentine satellite; Such cooperation should continue and expand.

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