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July 6

NSC/s:

Per Fontaine, pls. retire this; McFarlane spoke to State on the phone re. this.

Thanks.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS:

REF: Haig's memo to the President on "Rebuilding Relations with Argentina

See President's comments on page 2. (Comments passed to Kathy McGraw orally on July 1.)

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From:

Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Subject:

Rebuilding Relations with

Argentina

General Bignone is scheduled to become the new president of Argentina on July 2. The threat of a coup by disgruntled military officers is still real but seems to have receded; Bignone has selected some moderates for his cabinet, and he has held positive talks with responsible civilian political leaders, promising a return to elected government by 1984.

Bill Clark has had a message from Argentine Army Chief Nicolaides, asking that we attempt to arrange the return of the remaining 1,000 prisoners. It appears that the British are contemplating an early repatriation even in the absence of an explicit Argentine acknowledgment of an end to hostilities, which the British now realize is unrealistic. We want to be sure that we get all the credit we can with the Argentines for a prisoner release. I therefore propose:

- -- that we have our Ambassador tell Nicolaides that we will do what we can with the British;
- -- that I call in Nicko Henderson to encourage an early move on the prisoners and to ask that they use us as the intermediary.

If we succeed on the prisoners, we will have an early and natural occasion on which to lift our own economic sanctions against Argentina. If the British are not prepared to return the prisoners soon, we should lift economic sanctions anyway in another week or so, after advising the UK. These sanctions, while largely symbolic, are a serious obstacle to restoration of US-Argentine ties, and it will be hard to justify their continuation if the defacto ceasefire holds. We should not, however, reopen the military pipeline until we have a clear idea of where the new Argentine Government is heading.



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Once we have taken these steps, a message from you to President Bignone would be in order. Before we have taken some concrete steps, I am concerned that sending a Presidential message would be leading with our chin.

I will also instruct Ambassador Shlaudeman to initiate a dialogue with the new Foreign Minister.

Recommendation

That	you	approve	the	course	of	action	outlined	above.
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President's handwritten comment:

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"Asking them to let us be the intermediary on prisoners should be on basis that if and when they (U.K.) are ready it could help us with our Latin American interests."

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S E C R E T STATE 184638 NODIS E.O. 12065: GDS 7/2/88 (ENDERS, THOMAS O.) TAGS: K, AR SUBJECT: UK MESSAGE ON ARGENTINE POWS

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UK MESSAGE ON ARGENTINE POWS, DELIVERED ON JULY 2 BY BRITISH CHARGE TO UNDERSECRETARY EAGLEBURGER:

QUOTE: WE HAVE ASKED THE SWISS TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES:

"THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOW PROPOSES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENTER INTO IMMEDIATE COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE SWISS GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE EARLY EXCHANGE OF REMAINING PRISONERS OF WAR ON THE BASIS THAT ACTIVEHOSTILITIES ARE NOW AT AN END AND THAT THEREFORE SUCH ACTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

ARTICLE 118 OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION."

THIS IS DESIGNED TO ELICIT A TACIT RECOGNITION ON THE RECORD FROM ARGENTINA THAT ACTIVE HOSTILITIES ARE QVER. THE ONLY PRISONER OF WAR IN ARGENTINE HANDS IS FLT LT

GLOVER. THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN WORDED IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO REPRESENT ANY DISPARITY IN THE EXCHANGE WE ARE NOW SUGGESTING. UNQUOTE

2. SUMMARY MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION OF JULY 2 MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL. STOESSEL

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I DE NI JA L BUENOS AIRES 4012 E.O. 12065: GD\$ 7/5/88 (SHLAUDEMAN, H) OR-M TAGS: PDEV, PDIP, PPDC, P\$DC, AR SUBJECT: BIGNONE'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT REGAN'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE **REF: STATE 183122**

- (U) THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DELIVERED TO ME AT 1430 HOURS TODAY (JULY 5) THE SUBJECT REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. HE SAID THE GOA PLANNED TO MAKE THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES PUBLIC THIS EVENING AND ASKED THAT I RELAY BIGNONE'S MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE.
- 2. FOLLOWING IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS THE TEXT OF THAT MESSAGE: QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WISHES FOR SUCCESS WHICH YOU HAD THE KINDNESS TO SEND ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY OF MY COUNTRY. THE LETTER WHICH CONTAINS THESE EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL ALSO REFERS TO THE IMPORTANCE YOUR GOVERNMENT ASSIGNS TO THE RESTORATION OF NORMAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. I BELIEVE THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER THAT THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE LED TO THE DETERIORATION OF THOSE RELATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCED BY THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC OR ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ITS RESPONSIBILITY. FURTHERMORE; THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES PERSISTS IN MAINTAINING EVEN STILL TODAY THE COERCIVE MEASURES WHICH IT IMPOSED IN A GIVEN MOMENT ON MY COUNTRY, A CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH WITHOUT ANY DOUBT MAKES STILL MORE DIFFICULT THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS TO WHICH YOU

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

MR, PRESIDENT ASPIRE AND WHICH CONSTITUTES ALSO A DESIREABLE OBJECTIVE FOR THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, WITHIN THE IRRENOUNCE-ABLE POSTULATES WHICH OUR DIGNITY PRESCRIBES. UNQUOTE 3 (C) THE MESSAGE SEEMS CLEAR ENOUGH: THE GOA WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN REPAIRING THE RELATIONSHIP, BUT NOTHING CAN BE DONE WITH THE SANCTIONS IN FOURCE. THE CHIEF OR PROTOCOL IN GIVING ME THE MESSAGE SAID THE GOA WANTED-TO "RECOMPOSE" THE RELATIONSHIP, BUT NOT TOO QUICKLY AND WITH "HONOR". I SPOKE SEPARATELY WITH PRESIDENT BIGNONE AND FOREIGN MINISTER AGUIRRE LANARI AT TODAY'S RECEPTION FOR THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. BOTH WERE CORDIAL AND IN AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT. BUT I SEE NOTHING HAPPENING OF CONSEQUENCE UNTIL WE LIFT THE SANCTIONS-- AND THE LONGER WE MAINTAIN THEM THE STICKER THE GOING WILL BE. SHI AUDEMAN

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1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

- 2. SWISS AMBASSADOR GASPARD BODMER DELIVERED THE SUBJECT NOTE (REF A) TO UNDER SECRETARY FELIX PENA ON JULY 3. HE TELLS ME HE HAS HAD NO RESPONSE AS YET, EXCEPT FOR PENA'S REMARK ON READING THE MESSAGE THAT THERE WAS AN OBVIOUS "LINK" BETWEEN THE PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCHANGE OF POWS AND HMG'S PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR ASSURANCES THAT A FORMAL CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IS IN EFFECT. BODMER IS NOT OPTIMISTIC. HE THINKS THE ARGENTINES WILL SEE THE BRITISH PROPOSAL AS LEADING TO A FORCED ADMISSION BY THE GOA THAT IT HAS AGREED TO END HOSTILITIES, AN ADMISSION THAT WOULD CARRY HEAVY POLITICAL COSTS DOMESTICALLY.
- 3. IT IS ALSO THE AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THAT NO ONE IN THE GOA IS CURRENTLY IN A POSITION TO TAKE AN AFFIRMATIVE DECISION ON THE PROPOSAL, A DECISION THE NAVY AT LEAST WOULD BITTERLY OPPOSE. BODMER DOUBTS THAT THE GOA IS IN ANY HURRY TO GET ITS POWS BACK, THEY BEING A POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME LOT. IN TERMS OF OVERALL

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

STRATEGY, THE ARGENTINES, HE BELIEVES, SEE THEIR REFUSAL TO DECLARE MORE THAN A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE AS THE ONLY LEVERAGE THEY HAVE. BOOMER THINKS THEY WILL TRY FOR THE TIME BEING TO STAND BY THE DEMANDS OF THEIR NOTE OF JUNE 18 TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, TAKING THE POSITION THAT THE BRITISH SHOULD REPLY TO THAT NOTE THROUGH THE SAME CHANNEL. (COMMENT: THERE COULD BE MORE PRESSURE WITHIN THE ARMY TO REPATRIATE THE POWS THAN THE SWISS AMBASSADOR SUSPECTS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOTHING TO SUPPORT SUCH A CONJECTURE. I FIND HIS ANALYSIS OTHERWISE SOUND.)

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL

July 6, 1982

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

ROGER W. FONTAINE

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Conversation with Argentine Ambassador, Esteban A. Takacs and Brigadier General Miguel A.

Mallea Gil, Military Attache

Thursday, July 1, 1982 at the Ambassador's Residence

Over lunch with Ambassador Takacs and General Mallea Gil on July 1 these points were made:

According to both the attache and the ambassador, General Bignone was a moderate and he had chosen a relatively strong cabinet under the circumstances. AGUIRRE Lanari, the foreign minister, is inexperienced but is conservative. He has spent little or no time in the United States. The new finance minister, DAGNINO Pastore, served under President Ongania after Krieger Vasena, and he is a moderate. His views do not differ much from Alemann, but he is easier to deal with than his predecessor. The Ambassador believes Dagnino will give the industrial sector "a little oxygen" to revive business and restore private sector confidence.

General Mallea worried aloud about the President's statement on the Argentines during his press conference, wondering why the President "was so hard on us." Both felt we needed a public gesture like lifting the sanctions which would strengthen Bignone. Even at that, it would be four to six months before any U.S. delegation should be sent to Buenos Aires. In the meantime, General Mallea suggested the new Secretary of State could meet with all the Latin American ambassadors as a sign of his interest.

Later, alone with Takacs, the ambassador admitted that Malvinas was a disaster brought on by the Argentines themselves. He felt the civilians were at the greatest fault--Costa Mendez in particular-because they did not have the courage to warn the military of the consequences of such an action. He added he would be returning to Buenos Aires "to smell out the new government." He was not sure he would be asked to stay in Washington.

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1. F - ENTIRE TEXT).

- 2. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE GOA WILL NOT ACCEPT THE BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN HINISTER. HE PRESSED ME ON THE SANCTIONS ISSUE AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE CAN BE NO PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS UNTIL THEY ARE LIFTED. WE SHOULD DELAY NO FURTHER IN TAKING THAT ACTION. END SUMMARY.
- 3. I CALLED JULY 7 ON UNDERSECRETARY ENRIQUE ROS FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. WE WERE JOINED ALMOST IMMEDIATE (AND UNEXPECTEDLY FOR ME) BY THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, JUAM RAMON AGUIRRE LANARI. THE DISCUSSIONS WENT ON FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:
- 4. PRISONER EXCHANGE AGUIRRE AND ROS SAID THE GOA WILL NOT AGREE TO THE BRITISH PROPOSAL (REF C).

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

THE ARGENTINE POSITION IS CLEAR: AS STATED IN THE JUNE 18 NOTE TO THE UNSC A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE EXISTS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. ARGENTINA IS OBSERVING AND WILL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THAT CEASEFIRE. (THE MINISTER STRESSED THIS POINT). AS IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, THE MILITARY SERVICES ARE "DEMOBILIZING" AND RETURNING TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES. TO GO ON RECORD AS ACCEPTING THE DEMAND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT "ACTIVE HOSTILITIES" HAVE CEASED WOULD BE SEEN AS CEDING TO BRITISH PRESSURE AND WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO ARGENTINE PUBLIC OPINION. THERE HAD BEEN NO DECLARATION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE FIRST PLACE AND PRISONERS WERE RETURNED UNILATERALLY DURING THE CONFLICT. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, AGUIRRE SAID THAT IS WHAT THE GOA INTENDS TO DO WITH THE ONE PRISONER IT NOW HOLDS - RETURN GLOVER UNI-LATERALLY. HE CONCLUDED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT

ARGENTINA HAS GONE AS FAR AS IT WILL GO ON THIS QUESTION.

5. SANCTIONS - THE MINISTER AND ROS EXPRESSED PERPLEXITY OVER OUR FAILURE TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS WHEN "EVEN THE AUSTRALIANS" HAD LIFTED THEIRS, ROS SAID HE HOPED WE WERE NOT WAITING FOR THE GOA TO DECLARE A FORMAL CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. THAT WOULD NOT WORK, THE MINISTER WAS CONCERNED BY A REPORT IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS THAT WE WERE DELAYING UNTIL THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE WAS IN OFFICE. A DELAY OF THAT LENGTH WOULD DO VERY SERIOUS DAMAGE. FRIENDLY WORDS NO LONGER SUFFICE. THE GOA IS NOW LOOKING FOR "DEEDS", AGUIRRE SAID. BEFORE WE CAN GO ON TO LOOK AT THE "ROAD AHEAD", HE CONTINUED. "THE ROAD MUST BE CLEARED," AND THAT MEANS LIFTING THE SANCTIONS. PUBLIC OPINION IN ARGENTINA CANNOT UNDERSTAND OUR ATTITUDE ON THIS MATTER, THE MINISTER CONCLUDED. ROS TOOK THE OCCASION TO CONFIRM THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD OFFER NO FURTHER COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS WHILE THE SANCTIONS ARE IN FORCE (REF D).

6. ON CEASEFIRE/PRISONER EXCHANGE I PROBED TO FIND OUT IF THERE MIGHT BE A MIDDLE GROUND, ASKING IF THE GOA COULD NOT RESPOND TO THE BRITISH BY ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED: I.E., THAT A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE EXISTS AND ARGENTINA IS

MESSAGE (CONTINUED) :

OBSERVING IT. AGUIRRE WAS ADAMANT. ARGENTINA HAS GONE AS FAR AS IT WILL GO. ON SANCTIONS, I SAID IT

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- 2. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE GOA WILL NOT ACCEPT THE BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. HE PRESSED ME ON THE SANCTIONS ISSUE AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE CAN BE NO PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS UNTIL THEY ARE LIFTED. WE SHOULD DELAY NO FURTHER IN TAKING THAT ACTION. END SUMMARY.
- 3. I CALLED JULY 7 ON UNDERSECRETARY ENRIQUE ROS FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. WE WERE JOINED ALMOST IMMEDIATE (AND UNEXPECTEDLY FOR ME) BY THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, JUAM RAMON AGUIRRE LANARI. THE DISCUSSIONS WENT ON FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS:
- 4. PRISONER EXCHANGE AGUIRRE AND ROS SAID THE GOA WILL NOT AGREE TO THE BRITISH PROPOSAL (REF C).

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

THE ARGENTINE POSITION IS CLEAR: AS STATED IN THE JUNE 18 NOTE TO THE UNSC A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE EXISTS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. ARGENTINA IS OBSERVING AND WILL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THAT CEASEFIRE. (THE MINISTER STRESSED THIS POINT). AS IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, THE MILITARY SERVICES ARE "DEMOBILIZING" AND RETURNING TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES. TO GO ON RECORD AS ACCEPTING THE DEMAND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT "ACTIVE HOSTILITIES" HAVE CEASED WOULD BE SEEN AS CEDING TO BRITISH PRESSURE AND WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO ARGENTINE PUBLIC OPINION. THERE HAD BEEN NO DECLARATION OF HOSTILITIES IN THE FIRST PLACE AND PRISONERS WERE RETURNED UNILATERALLY DURING THE CONFLICT. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, AGUIRRE SAID THAT IS WHAT THE GOA INTENDS TO DO WITH THE ONE PRISONER IT NOW HOLDS - RETURN GLOVER UNI-LATERALLY. HE CONCLUDED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT

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- 5. SANCTIONS THE MINISTER AND ROS EXPRESSED PERPLEXITY OVER OUR FAILURE TO LIFT THE SANCTIONS WHEN "EVEN THE AUSTRALIANS" HAD LIFTED THEIRS. ROS SAID HE HOPED WE WERE NOT WAITING FOR THE GOA TO DECLARE A FORMAL CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. THAT WOULD NOT WORK. THE MINISTER WAS CONCERNED BY A REPORT IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS THAT WE WERE DELAYING UNTIL THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE WAS IN OFFICE. A DELAY OF THAT LENGTH WOULD DO VERY SERIOUS DAMAGE. FRIENDLY WORDS NO LONGER SUFFICE. THE GOA IS NOW LOOKING FOR "DEEDS", AGUIRRE SAID. BEFORE WE CAN GO ON TO LOOK AT THE "ROAD AHEAD", HE CONTINUED. "THE ROAD MUST BE CLEARED," AND THAT MEANS LIFTING THE SANCTIONS. PUBLIC OPINION IN ARGENTINA CANNOT UNDERSTAND OUR ATTITUDE ON THIS MATTER, THE MINISTER CONCLUDED. ROS TOOK THE OCCASION TO CONFIRM THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD OFFER NO FURTHER COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS WHILE THE SANCTIONS ARE IN FORCE (REF D).
- 6. ON CEASEFIRE/PRISONER EXCHANGE I PROBED TO FIND OUT IF THERE MIGHT BE A MIDDLE GROUND, ASKING IF THE GOA COULD NOT RESPOND TO THE BRITISH BY ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED: I.E., THAT A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE EXISTS AND ARGENTINA IS

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3. EMBASSY REQUESTED FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY, IN MANNER AMB. CONSIDERS MOST APPROPRIATE, AND ADVISE PROMPTLY AS SOON AS ARGENTINE REACTION RECEIVED.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

July 9, 1982

MEMO FOR JIM RENTSCHLER

FROM:

MIKE WHEELER

Jim--

Roger Fontaine's secretary brought the attached package to my office and said that Poindexter wanted it right away. I noticed that you had not seen it. If you would like to make any comments, I will make sure that they get with the package.

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July 8, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

ROGER W. FONTAINE

SUBJECT:

Lifting U.S. Economic Sanctions Against Argentina

At Tab I is your memorandum to the President recommending removal of U.S. economic sanctions imposed on Argentina April 30, 1982.

At Tab II is the State Department memorandum recommending the lifting of sanctions and in which I concur.

Henry Nau concurs.

Recommendation

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve ____

Disapprove ____

Attachments

Tab I Clark/President

Tab II Stoessel/President

cc: Alfonso Sapia-Bosch

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT:

Lifting U.S. Economic Sanctions Against Argentina

Issue

U.S. economic sanctions against Argentina imposed on April 30 served a useful purpose, but it is time to lift them without further delay after giving notification to the British.

Facts

The British asked us to keep the sanctions in place for another ten days or so, as leverage on the prisoner return/cessation of hostilities issue. The Argentine government has not been receptive, however. In Buenos Aires' view, any further Argentine public statement on formally ending hostilities—London's quid pro quo for the Argentine prisoners—would greatly undermine the new government, absent some British agreement to negotiations over the Islands' future status. Meanwhile, the Argentine government has made clear through public and private channels that a public gesture (lifting the sanctions) on the part of the U.S. is a sine qua non to begin improving Argentine relations.

Discussion

Our sanctions show signs of becoming a political football in this country. There are new questions as to why U.S. sanctions continue and what U.S. interests they serve.

U.S. economic interests include \$10 billion in U.S. private bank lending which must be protected as part of the \$35 billion total Argentine foreign debt restructuring about to get underway. Japan and the European Economic Community have already lifted their sanctions, and their exporters have a competitive jump over U.S. firms. This could cost us as much as \$100 million per month.

Finally, and most importantly, the sanctions jeopardize our efforts to restore our relations with Argentina and the rest of Latin America. Each week that passes is time lost in the difficult

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process of rebuilding working relationships in the hemisphere. Specifically, lifting such sanctions would improve relations with Argentina, Peru and Venezuela.

We have gone to great lengths to consult with the British on this issue and to take account of their interests. We will continue to keep them fully abreast of our plans, but it is time for us to move now.

Recommendation

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		That you authorize the immediate lifting of economic sanctions against Argentina after notifying the British of our intentions.
		That you authorize us to advise the British of our intention to lift economic sanctions on Argentina as soon as arrangements for the prisoner return are agreed, but in any event by Tuesday, July 13.

Prepared by: Roger W. Fontaine

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

From:

Walter J. Stoessel7 Jr., Acting Secretary

Subject:

Lifting of US Sanctions on Argentina

Based on your reaction to our earlier memorandum on this subject, we advised the British that we were considering the possibility of lifting economic sanctions on Argentina but wanted their views before making a decision. In response, the British expressed the hope that we would maintain sanctions for the time being, while they attempted to clarify the Argentine position with regard to a formal ceasefire and return of prisoners. The British also asked that, if and when we lift sanctions, we continue our arms embargo and make clear that sanctions would be reimposed if the Argentines resume hostilities.

In the meantime, evidence has mounted that the Argentines will not explicitly accept a ceasefire, but also that they will not resume hostilities. In addition, the new government has made clear that our continuation of sanctions is a serious obstacle to US-Argentine reconciliation, which they profess to want.

We have just learned from the British that they are about to propose to the Argentines, via the Swiss, that the prisoners be returned without precondition. The British have asked us to make no public disclosure of this until they have worked out the modalities and made their own announcement. They also ask that we not lift sanctions until the prisoner problem is settled, which should take no more than a day or two; but they say they would understand if we lifted sanctions promptly thereafter. We will look

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for an opportunity to get some credit for the prisoner move with the Argentines. We have, in fact, been instrumental in convincing the British that they could not secure a formal ceasefire by holding the prisoners.

In view of these developments, we recommend that you authorize the Department to advise the British that we plan to announce the lifting of economic sanctions as soon as we receive word that the Argentines have agreed to arrangements for return of the prisoners. The announcement would specify that the sanctions will be reimposed if the <u>de facto</u> ceasefire is breached.

If there is a hitch in the prisoner deal, we should nevertheless lift the sanctions promptly, in view of the high political price we are paying in Argentina and the fact that our sanctions give us no useful leverage. Thus, we propose also to tell the British that even if the prisoner problem is not resolved we will lift sanctions by Tuesday, July 13.

Recommendation

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PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

LIFTING OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

I have ordered termination of economic sanctions against Argentina, effective today, July 12. These sanctions, which were imposed April 30, include withholding of new Export-Import Bank credits, insurance and guarantees, and new Commodity Credit Corporation guarantees. I have made this decision after a thorough review of the situation in the South Atlantic following the cessation of hostilities. It is important now for all parties involved in the recent conflict to put the past behind us, and to work for friendship and cooperation. The United States, for its part, will do all it can to strengthen its historic ties among nations of this Hemisphere.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Contingency Statement on Lifting Economic Sanctions Against Argentina

Attached is a <u>contingency</u> statement plus questions and answers for use when the President decides to lift economic sanctions against Argentina.

L. Paul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated

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- Q. What about the military sanctions?
- A. No decision has been made on those yet. The suspension of military exports and the withholding of certification of eligibility for military sales remain under review.
- Q. Why are the economic sanctions being lifted now?
 Why weren't they lifted earlier when the fighting ended?
- A. This is an appropriate time to do so, in view of the situation in the South Atlantic and the importance we place on restoring normal and friendly relations with Argentina.
- Q. But what has changed since the fighting ended a month ago? Has the US decided that a formal ceasefire is not necessary?
- A. The important point is that hostilities have ended. The decision is, in any event, based on the presumption that the cessation of hostilities will continue.

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- Q. Was the decision delayed until the USG received assurances of some kind from the new Argentine government?
- A. No.
- Q. Will you reimpose the sanctions if fighting breaks out again?
- A. Obviously, a renewal of hostilities would necessitate a review of our policy.
- Q. Did you consult the British before lifting the sanctions?
- A. I do not intend to discuss diplomatic exchanges, except to note that we informed both the British and Argentine governments of the action.

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- 2. IN THE LIGHT OF ARGENTINE REPLY TO THE SWISS AMBASSADOR (BUENOS AIRES 4093), US INTENDS TO LIFT ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ON ARGENTINA. DECISION COVERS EXIM, CCC, AND COMMERCE DUAL USE/COCOM-TYPE TRANSACTIONS. IT DOES NOT COVER MILITARY SANCTIONS, EITHER PIPELINE ITEMS OR THE ADMINISTRATION'S WITHHOLDING OF FURTHER CONSIDERATION ON CONGRESSIONAL CERTIFICATION TO PERMIT FUTURE ARMS TRANSACTIONS.
- 3. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTER, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIALS, OF US DECISION ON MONDAY MORNING, JULY 12.

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

4. WE HAVE INFORMED BRITISH HERE OF US DECISION AND WILL MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN WASHINGTON AT NOON ON MONDAY.

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