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RE: DEPCIRTEL 178875

SUBJ: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVES ON CUBAN SUBVERSION

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1. IN THE COURSE OF CALL ON FONMIN TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF
 PUNTA DEL ESTE, IRIBARREN DECLARED GOV SATISFACTION WITH US
 OFFER TO ASSIST GOV IN INITIATIVES AGAINST CASTRO. HE
 EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION, HOWEVER, WITH TASK OF FINDING SOME
 ACTION WHICH COULD BE TAKEN BEYOND REPEATING PREVIOUS OAS
 DECLARATIONS. I SUGGESTED THAT ECONOMIC FIELD OFFERED SOME
 OPPORTUNITY IN VIEW OF SHAKY STAGE OF CUBAN ECONOMY AND EX-
 PENSE CUBAN ECONOMY TO SOVIETS. I REFERRED TO REPORTS THAT
 CUBA IS AGAIN SEEKING LARGE CREDITS FOR FERTILIZER PLANTS
 (REFTEL) AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS MIGHT BE AN AREA FOR
 COLLECTIVE PRESSURE. IRIBARREN AGREED. HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO
 STRONG CRITICISM OF CANADIAN POLICY TOWARD CUBA. GOC, HE SAID,
 IS A MEMBER OF THIS HEMISPHERE, AND AT TIME WHEN OAR'S ARE
 FACED WITH CASTRO INTERVENTION, IT IS DESTASTEFUL THAT
 CANADIANS MAINTAIN SUCH CLOSE RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

2. MY STAFF WILL FOLLOW UP THIS DISCUSSION WITH A SPECIFIC
 SUGGESTION TO FONOFF TODAY AS PER REFTEL SUGGESTING A
 DEMARCHE TO THE FRENCH. WE WILL LIKewise DISCREETLY SUGGEST
 A VEN INITIATIVE AT THE LATIN AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARIAN
 MEETING SCHEDULED LATER THIS WEEK (DEPTEL 179757 WHICH WE
 RECEIVED AFTER MY CALL ON FONMIN).

3. ALTHOUGH FONMIN SEEMED UNDECIDED AS TO WHICH VEHICLE TO
 CHOOSE FOR A NEW COLLECTIVE RESOLUTION ON CASTRO, HE WAS
 MORE POSITIVE IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE

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REACTIONS OF OAR'S. HE SAID CATEGORICALLY THAT COLOMBIA, GUATEMALA AND BOLIVIA WOULD BE WILLING TO CO-SPONSOR WITH VENEZUELA A RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT HIS MEXICAN COLLEAGUE HAD ASSURED HIM THAT HE WOULD EUOZORT, OR AT LEAST NOT OPPOSE, SUCH A RESOLUTION. HE SAID THAT THE GOM NOW CONSIDERS THAT THEIR TRADITIONAL, NON-INTERFERENCE DOCTRINE WOULD REQUIRE GOM TO CONDEM CASTRO'S INTERVENTION, ALTHOUGH THE COMPLEXITIES OF INTERNAL MEXICAN POLITICS STILL PROBABLY PRECLUDE THEM FROM PARTICIPATING IN A RESOLUTION. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE IN THE MEXICAN POSITION.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOTED DIFFERENCE IN POSTURE OF FONMIN WHO PERSONALLY SEEMS SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT PUSH AHEAD ON INITIATIVE AND DEPFONMIN NASS WHO IS CLEARLY EMOTIONALLY ENGAGED AND DETERMINED EXHAUST ALL AVENUES. SINCE NASS IS RANKING AD PARTY MAN AND CLOSE CONFIDENT OF LEONI, WE ARE INCLINED TO FEEL NASS IS BETTER BAROMETER OF GOV DETERMINATION.
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