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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
 FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
 SUBJECT: Follow-Up Action on Latin America Trip

We have tasked the Departments and have been actively monitoring the follow-up items from your trip. Below is a status report:

Venezuela

Conventional Arms Restraint Initiative: A two-member team travelled to Caracas last week and held exploratory talks with President Perez. The Venezuelan leader agreed to undertake an initiative on regional arms restraint by convoking a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Ayacucho signatory states before the May 18 opening session of the SSOD if possible. We have agreed to hold parallel restraint talks with the Soviet Union and the major West European arms suppliers.

North-South Dialogue: Under Secretary Cooper has written Perez-Guerrero inviting him to hold consultations on the Common Fund and other outstanding issues in New York during the May 10-12 meeting of the UN Committee of the Whole. Following discussions in Brazil, Deputy Special Trade Representative Wolff may stop in Venezuela the week of May 14 to discuss trade issues. We are preparing a response to President Perez's letter concerning Caribbean development which will supplement the background information which we provided Ambassador Vaky to use in discussions with the Venezuelans.

Energy: State Department is working closely with the Department of Energy in the preparation of a response to the NSC memorandum to DOE on energy-related issues raised during the President's visit.

Law of the Sea: Given that the immediate crisis at the Law of the Sea Conference in Geneva has been resolved (the Amerasinghe Presidency issue) and that we are in close and regular contact with the Venezuelan negotiators, the State Department and Embassy Caracas concurred in Ambassador Richardson's recommendation to defer any high-level bilateral talks in Caracas until a need arose.

Humphrey Scholarships: NSC is chairing an inter-agency group which is preparing a proposal for your consideration, and we expect it to be ready in another week. We are consulting with the Vice President and with Mrs. Humphrey.

Consultations: The Department is preparing or has already sent papers on Africa, the Middle East, your talks on non-proliferation in Brazil, and Belize for Ambassador Vaky to brief President Perez.

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Nicaragua: President Somoza has rejected our request that he invite the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and as a result, Venezuela plans to raise the issue at the O.A.S. General Assembly. He will support the Venezuelans' efforts in the O.A.S. but will let them take the lead.

Brazil

Consultations on Global Issues: State is preparing talking points for the Embassy to use in briefing the Brazilians on Africa and Cuban intervention, the Middle East, and SALT.

Non-Proliferation: On April 12, Ambassador Gerard Smith proposed a mid-May visit to the Brazilians during which he would discuss our non-proliferation law as it affects the 1972 U.S.-Brazilian fuel supply agreement for Angra I. The Brazilians have not yet responded.

Cooperation in Agriculture: Secretary Bergland has proposed that the Brazilians meet in Washington during the week of June 19 to set out the objectives of the proposed sub-group on Agriculture and to consider topics of interest to both nations.

Non-Nuclear Energy Cooperation: DOE and State have been in touch with Brazilian officials about organizing a working session to discuss our proposals in June.

Military Relations: DOD and State are formulating a proposal on a future U.S.-Brazil military relationship along the lines you mentioned to Harold Brown.

Your Invitation to President Geisel: Silveira rather impolitely told the Brazilian press corps that Geisel has rejected your invitation for him to visit the U.S.

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