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E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR TAGS: PGOB, PREL, US, BL SUBJECT: ENDERS-MACHICADO MEETING 1. C - ENTIRE TEXT,.

2. FINANCE MINISTER FLAVIO MACHICADO, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR BAPTISTA, HAD A CORDIAL 40-MINUTE MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS FEB. 28. MACHICADO DESCRIBED BOLIVIA'S SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND SAID HE WAS TRYING TO SELL WITHIN BOLIVIA THE NEED FOR AUSTERITY AND REALISTIC POLICIES. HE SAID HIS INITIAL QUOTE CONTACT UNQUOTE MEETING WITH IMF OFFICIALS AT LUNCH EARLIER IN THE DAY WAS VERY POSITIVE, AND A FURTHER WORKING MEETING HAD BEEN SCHEDULED. ENDERS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF, AND MACHICADO AGREED. ,. THE FINANCE MINISTER SAID HE WISHED TO EXPLAIN THE GOB'S FOREIGN POLICY. ENDERS REPLIED THAT ASPECTS OF THAT POLICY, SUCH AS ALLOWING THE MONTONEROS TO FINANCE A MEETING IN LA PAZ, CONCERNED US AND WARNED OF POSSIBLE ARGENTINE REACTION. THE GOB SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH ACTIONS AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO COOPERATE WITH IT. ENDERS THEN PRAISED THE EXPULSION OF NAZI WAR CRIMINAL KLAUS BARBIE AND THE GOB'S RECENT STATEMENT ON AFGHANISTAN.

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MACHICADO SAID SOME FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS RESULTED FROM LACK OF ORGANIZATION OR INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS "WE FACE 50 THOUSAND INTERNAL CONTRADICTIONS",, BUT ASSERTED THAT BOLIVIA CONSIDERS ITSELF A WESTERN COUNTRY. RELATIONS WITH CUBA, HE ADDED, WILL REMAIN AT THE PRESENT LEVEL (NOT FURTHER SPECIFIED). 4. ENDERS STATED OUR DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE GOB'S FAILURE TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING. MACHICADO REPLIED THAT PREOCCUPATION WITH ECONOMIC MEASURES HAD PREVENTED THE ISSUANCE OF A DECREE SETTING UP A NARCOTICS COUNCIL LAST WEEK, BUT HE EXPECTED THE DECREE SOON. HE NOTED HIS OWN BELIEF THAT COMBATTING NARCOTICS WAS VERY MUCH IN BOLIVIA'S OWN DOMESTIC INTEREST. SHULTZ NNNN NNDD