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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Status Report No. 9 of SSDSG  
Latin America Study

1. The major focus of our efforts since my last report has been on getting general agreement on "bare bones" statements of US interests, objectives, and key issues. This process has now been completed, Ambassador Martin has left Washington, and several key members of the group are taking leave for the holiday period. After the holiday lull, the group is expected to use the period up until the ambassador's 22 January return for preparing a first draft of the main section of the study itself for his review.

2. No new commitments have been asked of me or of the Agency lately. The group has accepted my offer to attend and report on meetings at Agency headquarters next month for oral contributions to forthcoming National Intelligence Estimates on Brazil and on Revolutionary Potential in Latin America.

3. Miscellaneous bits of information to report are: that Ambassador Coerr will be leaving the group soon for an as yet undisclosed assignment and will be replaced by Mr. David Bronheim, former Deputy Coordinator for the Alliance for Progress; that the SSDSG's next project, an eight- or nine-month worldwide military bases study, formally begins on 15 January under four-star General Robert Wood, USA (ret.); and that several members of the group will be visiting Rand Corporation headquarters in California early next month to ascertain if there are additional Rand resources that can be useful in either the Latin America study or the bases study.

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4. Unless otherwise advised, I shall plan to submit my next report at such a time in early or mid-January when there are further newsworthy developments to report.

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