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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request to Participate in a Conference on Latin America at Saint Mary of the Woods College

1. Attached are two letters from Professor John Hoyt Williams, associate professor of History at Indiana State University, inviting me to attend a conference on "Latin America in the 1970's and 1980's" to be held at Saint Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute, Indiana, on 20 March 1976. Professor Williams would like to have a specialist on Latin America from the Intelligence Community participate with other Latin American experts from academia, and possibly from other government agencies and Latin American embassies in the US (e.g., Brazil), in a day's discussion of Latin American social problems, the changing role of Latin America in a world context, and future US-Latin American relations. [REDACTED] he has specifically indicated he would welcome my participation as a Latin American analyst from OPR.

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2. I would like to accept Professor Williams' invitation. The themes to be discussed at the conference are very much in line with my and OPR interests in projecting future trends in Latin America. The conference's sponsorship, themes, and atmosphere appear, moreover, to be well suited to the projection of a favorable image of the Agency and its efforts to further its academic "outreach."

3. I do not intend to present a paper, nor would I present or discuss classified material, at the conference. I would expect, however, to be an active discussant with other participants on themes and papers raised at the conference's sessions. I would also like to tell Professor Williams that I would be willing to contribute specific comments on any particular paper he might choose to send me in advance. At all sessions I would of course appear as an employee of the Agency and as a staff member of OPR.

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