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MEMORANDUM FOR: Presidential Briefing Coordinator
NIO for Latin America

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Trends in Latin and Central America

1. I appreciate Bob's memo of 21 August on the trends in Latin and Central America. I think it sizes things up well.

2. For briefing purposes, I wonder if we could look at the trends in movement towards a democratic government as one separate topic. Perhaps a simple chart colored with those that have democratic and non-democratic governments hatched with those that are still attempting to shift and those that have recently failed. Is it just the same old story down there or are there more people pledged to move towards democracy, but are the recent failures in Honduras and Bolivia indicative of a bad trend?

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