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4. The political briefing on Brazil was given by [redacted] [redacted] He discussed the political dynamics underway that will culminate in presidential elections in 1985, replacing the military-backed regime headed by General Figueiredo. [redacted] cited positive signs that indicate Brazil is experiencing some improvement in its economic situation. He stressed, however, that there are many potential pitfalls that could disrupt Brazil's recovery. [redacted] covered Brazil's thriving arms industry, and its important arms sales to Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Libya. [redacted]

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5. The briefing concluded with coverage of Argentina by [redacted] He spoke of President Alfonsin's political astuteness and cited indications of his adroit handling of the political situation since the election of a civilian government in December 1983. [redacted] also commented on the President's handling of the military and Peronist-dominated labor unions. He briefly described Argentina's economic difficulties and expectation of some reduction in the inflation rate. [redacted]

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6. The HPSCI staffers posed a number of substantive questions which were answered by the briefers. No follow-up matters are anticipated. The two-hour DI briefing was followed by a Directorate of Operations presentation which [redacted] attended as the OLL representative.

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