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National Intelligence Council

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution
FROM: Robert D. Vickers, Jr.
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SUBJECT: Agenda for July 1986 Latin America
Warning and Forecast Meeting

1. The July 1986 Warning Meeting for Latin America will be held on Wednesday, 23 July 1986, at 1015 hours in Room 7E32, CIA Headquarters. Invited agencies and components should please keep their representatives to a necessary minimum because of space limitations.

2. We intend to discuss the following countries/topics: Argentina, Peru and Nicaragua:

Argentina

Tensions between President Alfonsin and the military have increased considerably over the last several months as a result of a number of factors. These include the sentencing by civilian courts of military leaders for their conduct in the Falklands War and the fear that human rights trials will be extended to lower-ranking officers.

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What are the prospects that elements of the military will resort to violent tactics against Alfonsin over the next several months, and what is the longer term likelihood that military dissidents can rally sufficient support for a serious coup attempt?
(CIA/ALA - 20 minutes)

Peru

Although tensions between President Garcia and the military over accusations of brutality in the recent prison uprisings appear to have receded, serious problems between the President and the armed forces may lie ahead. President Garcia is attempting to cut military expenditures significantly, as evidenced by the reduced purchase of Mirage aircraft.

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[redacted] Finally, the Navy, which is relatively more conservative than the other services and which was indirectly implicated in the prison riots, is a potential source of coup plotting against Garcia. What are the prospects for a serious attempt by the military to undermine Garcia's power base, and what are the indicators that such a move is underway? (STATE/INR - 20 minutes)

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Nicaragua

The US Congressional approval of the military aid bill for the Contras would result in a considerable increase in logistical support for the insurgency. Such support may include stepped-up air and sea deliveries to insurgent forces in central and eastern Nicaragua. What is the likely Soviet and Cuban reaction to a significant increase in US logistical support for the insurgents: i.e., will the Soviets station an AGI office off Nicaragua's east coast to monitor air and sea traffic? Will the Cubans send air defense missile units to Nicaragua as they did in Angola? Will the Soviets risk delivery of MIG fighter aircraft to Nicaragua? (DIA - 30 minutes)

3. Please have your clearances passed [redacted] with your attendance plans no later than Tuesday, 22 July.

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