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Argentina-Brazil: Nuclear Stand

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Officials in both Argentina and Brazil reportedly intend to hold to a hard line against overtures they expect on the nuclear issue during Secretary Vance's visit early next week.

have regarded the treaty as infringing on their national sovereignty and preventing the transfer of nuclear technology.

Argentine President Videla continues to be advised by the armed forces and by officials in the nuclear program that it is not in Argentina's interest to ratify the Treaty of Tlatelolco, which prohibits the development of nuclear weapons in Latin America.

A recent news article leaked from the Atomic Energy Commission asserted that "if Vance (See Argentina-Brazil. . .Page 4)

Argentine officials

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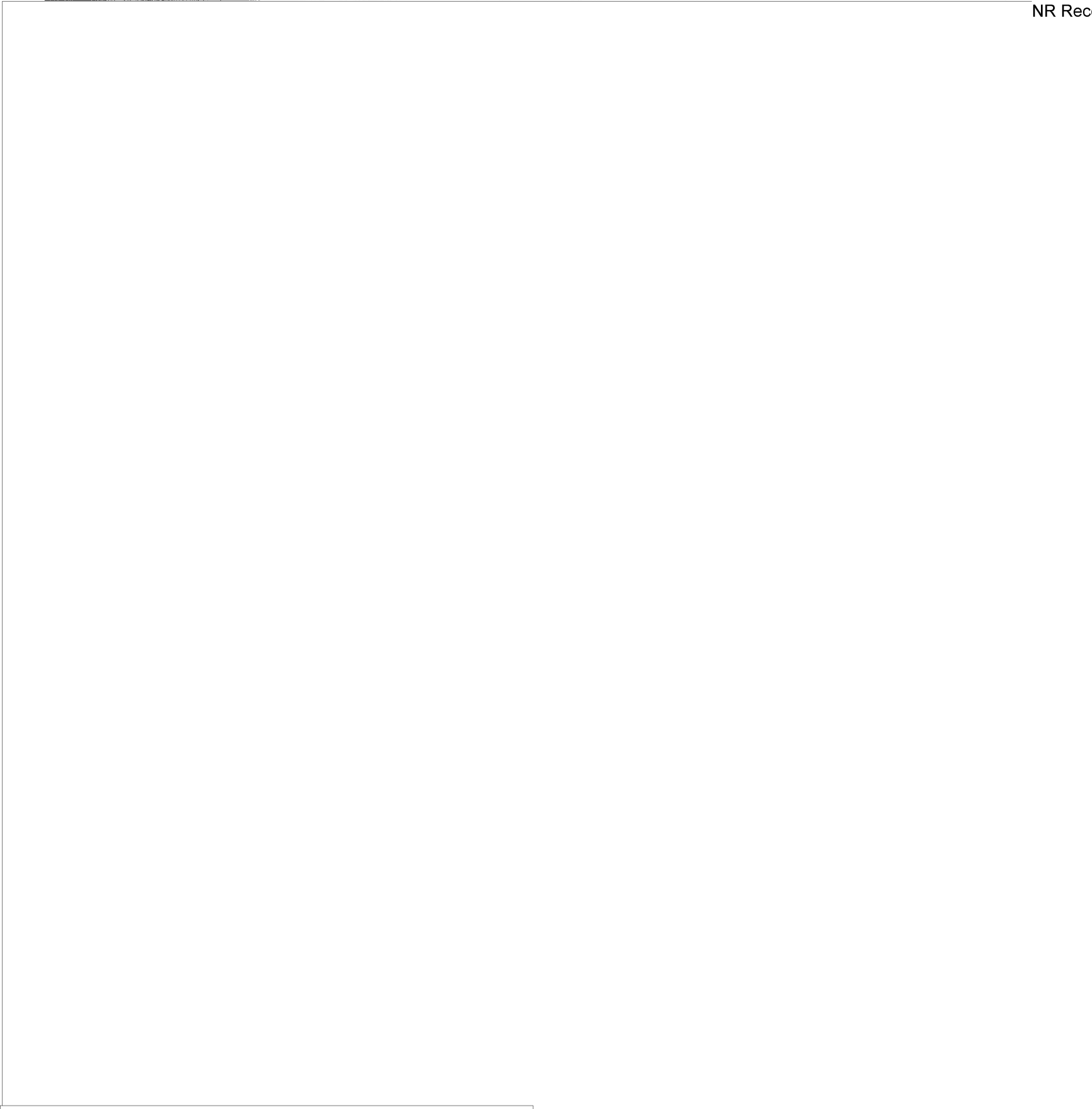
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wants Tlatelolco, he'll have to hand over heavy water technology and maybe something more."

In Brazil, President Geisel remains adamant on holding intact the Brazilian - West German nuclear agreement, especially since the Brazilian Government is aware of US initiatives to West Germany to modify the accord.

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