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MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: NORTH-SOUTH (Thornton/Spillotes) ^{T.T.} ^{N.S.}
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SUBJECT: Evening Report (U)

Lunched with Orfila and some of his staff at the OAS. Good meal; more or less made up for the absence of Helga, especially since his home-grown wines are quite full-bodied. On the substantive side we talked mostly of Argentina where I hit him on the grain and Soviet angles. He riposted neatly on human rights. He particularly highlighted his concern about the Beagle Channel dispute where he sees the mood getting ugly (as does US intelligence). The IAHR human rights report on Argentina will be circulated next week. It has been cut back a bit and doesn't name names. Still, it will be poorly received in Argentina. He asked me what I thought about the idea of a South Atlantic NATO-type organization and was visibly relieved when I told him. (C)

The less exciting moments of the day were spent gearing up for Monday's PRC on Pakistan. Tons of paper. In that regard, the item in the NID today on Saudi-Pak matters was meant as a partial response to the requirement laid on at last week's SCC. (S)

I would treat with great reserve Zia's reported statements about the desirability of greater U.S. aid to the Afghan rebels. He may have been misquoted -- or changed his position. (S)

Liberia. The improving trend continues and efforts to resolve the rice problem have met with some success. Hearings on abuses by former government officials are ongoing -- so far, no sentencing. I have asked State to consider the effects of a Presidential message to Head of State Doe, urging clemency and respect for human rights. The new regime is reestablishing order and violence has been minimal. State's working group has helped Liberia locate a Continental Grain Corp. shipment of 9,000 tons and Senegal has offered to sell a smaller amount so the two-week gap will be filled. (C)

Forwarded a phone call proposal recommending that the President congratulate Maggie Thatcher on the successful outcome in Zimbabwe. (C)

Press Contacts. None. (U)

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