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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Rodri,

Visit of Dr. Martinez de Hoz

Dr. Martinez de Hoz called on the Prime Minister yesterday afternoon as arranged. Most of the discussion consisted of a presentation by Dr. Martinez de Hoz of his economic policies. He argued that his policies, which he asserted were very similar to those being pursued by the Prime Minister, were just beginning to show results.

At the end of the meeting, Dr. Martinez de Hoz conveyed General Videla's greetings to the Prime Minister. He said that if there were to be a change of President in Argentina in March next year this would not presage any change of policy. The same would apply if Dr. Martinez de Hoz himself were to be moved. The Armed Forces would continue to determine the overall policy of Argentina and intended to remain on their present course until the conditions for a return to democracy had been firmly established.

Yours ever

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