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SUBJECT: Evening Report (U)

USAID review

Lopez Portillo Visit. Torres, Krueger and I agreed that the criticism which certain hispanic leaders expressed to Lopez Portillo (front page of the Post this morning) should be countered with statesmanship. Krueger handled it well at the press briefing.

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Mexico-Soviet Union. UPI and Reuters carried remarks attributed to Mexican Defense Minister Galvan Lopez in Moscow about USSR-Mexico officer exchanges. The first reaction was that this was part of Mexico's usual balancing act with major powers. (Galvan went to China at the same time that Lopez Portillo went to Russia.)

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Food Aid to Kampuchea. On our urging, AID supported and FAO agreed to send an additional 4000 metric tons of rice and 200 metric tons each of edible oils and dried fish to Kampuchean refugees on the Thai border. (C) (Erb)

Civair: US and FRG. Two issues have dominated the follow-up to Monday's Inter-Agency Aviation Policy Committee. Our Economic Counselor in Bonn will urge German authorities to stop having US carriers revise fare filings to match Lufthansa fares. Action on miscellaneous UK matters took the form of an instructional cable to Ambassador Brewster. The Thatcher Government will be informed that Bermuda II is potentially stable, with both sides making small accommodations within an unsatisfactory framework. The British Civil Service

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has been unresponsive to our suggestions about major changes toward liberalization — to do for US-UK air traffic what Fred Kahn did for the US. Ambassador Brewster is to suggest (to Keith Joseph) that the Thatcher Government might want to move boldly, beyond the minor tinkerings of the British aviation bureaucracy. (C) (Cochrane)

Global Energy Talkfest. Enrique Iglesias, Secretary Waldheim's roving interlocutor on what the UN should do about LDC energy development and the global energy negotiation proposed by the non-aligned nations, solicited the views of Bloomfield, Erb and myself today. We found him responsive to most of our worries about UN-based programs, new global institutions, and universal dialoguing on energy. We offered several positive suggestions on training, information exchange and reliance on competent international and private agencies for operations. (U) (Poats)

AID Bias Allegation. At the request of Rep. Fisher, I received from an AID employee today a complaint of anti-Arab bias in AID's Middle East Bureau. I will discuss it and possible remedies with Bennet and Wheeler when they return from a trip to the Middle East. (C) (Poats)

Press Contacts. Attended briefing with Schecter and Krueger, took a follow-up call from Sutherland of the Monitor. (U) (Erb)

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