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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTONACTION
October 28, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT: 

SUBJECT: Report of the Commission on
U.S. - Latin American Relations

The Commission on U.S. - Latin American Relations, with which you had some correspondence through its chairman, Sol Linowitz, has now completed its Report. In general the Report is an affirmation of support for many of the policies of our "New Dialogue." In the economic and trade policy areas it is particularly helpful, as it is in support of the Panama Canal negotiations currently underway. However, the Report also terms our past covert activities in Chile as "indefensible" and supports steps to normalize our relations with Cuba.

The Committee very much wanted to meet with you to present you a copy of their Report. I consulted with Secretary Kissinger regarding their request and it is our judgment that, in view of those aspects of the Report which might make headlines in the current environment, it would not be prudent to have you so personally identified with the Report.

Instead, we proposed that a copy of the Report be delivered to me under cover of a letter to you from Sol Linowitz, which you could then acknowledge. This procedure met the strong desires of the Commission for some association with you, and the Report with its covering letter has now been delivered (Tab B).

The Report will be made public tomorrow, October 29, and a draft telegram from you to Sol, which he could release with the Report, is at Tab A. The telegram thanks the Commission for their efforts and suggests that they meet with Secretary Kissinger to discuss the Report.

Text approved by Paul Theis.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the telegram at Tab A to Sol Linowitz.

APPROVE: MC⁷

DISAPPROVE: _____

Attachments:

Tab A: Draft Telegram

Tab B: The Report with its covering letter

*I would like copy of Report
to read*