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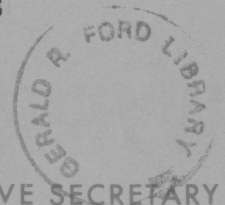
SUBJECT:PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT PERON. IF RECIPIENT NOT AVAILABLE,
DELIVER TO HIGHEST OFFICIAL AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MADAM PRESIDENT:

IT WAS WITH EXTREME RELUCTANCE THAT I DECIDED THAT
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LONG PLANNED TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA
HAD TO BE POSTPONED. THE CRITICAL SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA LEFT ME NO ALTERNATIVE. I RECOGNIZE AND SINCERELY
REGRET THE INCONVENIENCE WHICH THIS DECISION CAUSES YOU AND
THE OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT. IT IS MY HOPE, HOWEVER,
THAT YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, WILL COMPREHEND THE OVERRIDING
IMPORTANCE OF THE SITUATION WHICH LED TO THIS DIFFICULT



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DECISION.

AS I BELIEVE YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE, I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING OUR RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA. IN THE COURSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES NEXT MONTH SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE CONSULTING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES ON A SERIES OF HEMISPHERIC AND GLOBAL ISSUES. I ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGAIN AT THAT TIME.

SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL GIVE HIS TRIP TO SCUTH AMERICA A HIGH PRIORITY IN HIS FUTURE SCHEDULE.

WITH ALL BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS,
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOA WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER



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