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Mr. George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation between the President and Argentine Foreign Minister Vignes

Attached for your information is a summary of the President's conversation with Argentine Foreign Minister Vignes on September 21, 1974.

A copy of the summary has also been sent to the Argentine Embassy at their request.

Jennie W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Attachment
MEMORANDUM
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 26, 1974

SECRET

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT
FROM: STEPHEN LOWE
SUBJECT: Memcon on Meeting with Foreign Minister Vignes

Attached is a summary of the Vignes conversation written in very general terms and with only elliptical references to subjects like Cuba. I did not do it on official stationery but did assign a classification to it. If it seems all right to you, perhaps Mary could call Mr. Heurgo to pick it up, and I would send a copy to State.

Also attached is a redraft of your original memcon, which I took the liberty of correcting and filling in blanks of, based on earlier conversations with Vignes which I and others held.

Information: Mary Stifflemire

Attachments: two memcons
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