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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1974

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PLACE: EOB
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
DATE: January 16, 1974

SUBJECT: Call by Robert C. Hill, United States
Ambassador to Argentina

PARTICIPANTS: The Vice President
Commander Kerr *[Signature]*
Ambassador Robert C. Hill

Following an exchange of pleasantries Ambassador Hill advised the Vice President that he had been told by numerous Spanish friends of their appreciation for the Vice President's attendance at the funeral of Carrero Blanco. He also thanked the Vice President for inviting him to accompany him and expressed his regret at being unable to make the flight.

Ambassador Hill then discussed the problems of terrorists in Argentina and the potential long-range problems to American companies from paying ransom today to terrorists in exchange for release of their employees. He stated very strongly that the official US position of not acquiescing to terrorist demands is the only means of discouraging future terrorism. He stated that he intended to point out to Peron that if terrorism continues in Argentina he expected a decrease in US investments in that country. He stated that he intended to encourage the Argentine government to deal with the terrorists while at the same time being very circumspect in that the US government could not be put in a position of actively advocating terrorist activities in a foreign country.

Ambassador Hill thanked the Vice President for taking time to see him and invited him to visit Argentina on one of his foreign travels.