

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: President Ford
Amb. Arnaldo T. Musich, Argentine Republic
Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
Amb. Harry W. Schlaudeman, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs
Hampton Davis, Assistant Chief of Protocol

DATE AND TIME: Monday, July 19, 1976
2:35 p. m.

PLACE: The Oval Office

SUBJECT: Presentation of Credentials

[The press entered for photos.]

President: I hope you will join us tomorrow night at the White House reception.

Musich: I hope to, with my wife.

President: You were assigned to Washington before.

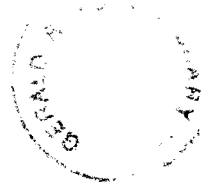
Musich: That is right.

[The press departed.]

President: Are you a skier?

Musich: No, unfortunately. I am a jogger and a biker.

President: I hear you have as good snow as Chile.



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Musich: Not really. It is softer on our side.

President: We are happy to have you here. I would be interested in hearing your evaluation of the current situation in Argentina.

Musich: First, Mr. President, may I convey the greetings of my President and the government leadership.

We appreciate the firmness with which you have led the fight to reactivate the economy. It is important not only for the United States but for the world.

Let me point out the specific character of the guerrilla in Argentina. These are not local people. They are well organized, and they have foreign support.

President: From where?

Musich: From Cuba and elsewhere, like Chile. So I would hope that if circumstances demand, we could have direct contact, without, of course, prejudice to regular diplomatic channels.

President: Are they coordinated or separate?

Musich: We think they are coordinated at the top, at least.

President: They don't seem to be as active.

Musich: They are active on an individual basis now rather than by group action as earlier.

President: Why are they more visible in Argentina?

Musich: That is a difficult question. I think it happened earlier in Chile and Brazil. There they were encouraged earlier to come to the area.

President: How is your economy coming?

Musich: We are right now in a recession but we expect a good recovery later on.

We hope for a good wheat crop.



President: How about the drought?

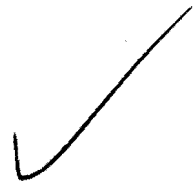
Musich: It was not enough to damage the crops.

President: It is nice to have you here and I'm looking forward to seeing you tomorrow evening [at the White House reception for the Diplomatic Corps].



P/Aunt Musich

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Perrin

P Hope you will join us tomorrow night
M I hope to, w/ my wife
(Discussion of M being org'd to Wash before)
Peace out

P Are you a skier

M No, except. I am fatter & a biker

P I hope you have as good snow as Chile

M Not really. It is softer on our side.

P We'd be happy to have you here. I would be
interested in hearing your evaluation of ^{current} ~~current~~ ^{in Argentina}
M Army & economy, a quarter of my P + a ^{best} ~~best~~
leadership.

We appreciate a firmness perhaps you have
had a fight to want, a economy. It is important
not only for US but for World

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in Argon. These are not bad. They
are well org'd w/ foreign support.

P From where

M Ex. Cuba & elsewhere, like Chile

So I should hope that if circumstances demand, one
could have direct contact, w/o of course,
prejudice to reg. dip. channels.

P Are they creditworthy?

M We think they are creditworthy, at least.

P They don't seem to be as active

M They are active in inland regions near military
arm garrisons and are active.

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P Why are they more visible in Anger?

M That's a difficult question. I think it happened earlier in Chile - Brazil. Then they were encouraged^(?) to come to an area.

P How is the economy coming?

M We are right now in a deep hole but we expect a good recovery later on. We hope for a great wheat crop.

P How about drought?

M Not going to damage crops.

P It's nice to have your house & looking forward to seeing you tomorrow evening.

