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SUBJECT: Argentina Declassification Project

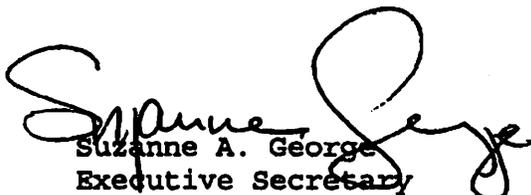
The Administration continues to support efforts to clarify the facts surrounding human rights abuses, acts of terrorism, and political violence in Argentina during the "Dirty War" period from 1975 through 1984. The Clinton Administration began this effort through a commitment by then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to review Department of State cables for declassification. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell continued the work on this project and, in 2002, provided approximately 4,700 declassified cables to the Government of Argentina.

The Administration is committed to continuing and expanding this declassification effort, to include documents from the Intelligence Community, law enforcement departments and agencies, the military, the National Archives and Records Administration, State, and the U.S. Agency for International

Development. In response to a personal request from Argentine President Mauricio Macri, the President announced his intention to undertake this project while on an official visit to Argentina, noting "we have a responsibility to confront the past with honesty and transparency."

In support of the President's commitment, your department or agency is asked to prioritize support for this effort consistent with further direction from the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) and National Security Council (NSC) staff. Your department or agency is asked to review responsive records for declassification and public access, in accordance with section 3 of Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information."

DNI will coordinate all public access review of third agency referrals. The point of contact at DNI is Jennifer Hudson, Director, Information Management Division. She can be reached at (703) 874-8085 or via email at Jennifer.Hudson@dni.gov. The NSC staff point of contact is John Fitzpatrick, Senior Director for Records, Access, and Information Security Management. He can be reached at (202) 456-9222 or via email at JFitzpatrick@nsc.eop.gov. Further details on the scope, standards for review and release, schedule, and tasks will be provided by DNI and NSC staff.


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