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March 18, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Information Items

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Arms Sales to Latin America: A State Department analysis concludes that the cancellation -- or rejection -- of U.S. military sales credits for Latin America as a result of human rights violations will not add significantly to the already preponderant share that third country suppliers hold of the region's arms market, especially as there will be some transfer of sales to U.S. commercial sources. However, with receding U.S. influence, incentives that the U.S. uses to persuade Latin American countries to exercise restraint in buying arms and building up military forces will further weaken. To the extent that more military spending follows, third countries may have a chance to build significantly bigger markets for their arms in the region than they now enjoy. The U.S. was the most important supplier a decade ago, but during 1975-76 it supplied only about one-seventh of the \$2.3 billion of arms sold to Latin America.

State Department review completed

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI

FROM: The Situation Room

SUBJECT: Additional Information Items

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Castro Visit to Ethiopia: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the main purpose of Castro's visit to Ethiopia was to suggest and promote reconciliation talks with Somalia. The PMAC chairman reportedly agreed to a meeting and Castro promised to seek the Somali president's acceptance of Addis Ababa's conditions for the talks. The Cuban delegation also reportedly expressed strong interest in the Eritrean insurgency and offered to assist Ethiopia in any way possible.

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SUBJECT: Noon Notes

Soviet Union Denies Violation of Human Rights: The Soviet Union today issued a denial of allegations that human rights were being violated and accused the West of waging "foul slander campaigns" on the issue, according to Reuter. Pravda said in a long article that the individual's political rights and freedoms in the Soviet Union were restricted by only one demand -- that they should not damage the rights of others or of society as a whole. The reason for the uproar is the absence of freedom for anti-Soviet propaganda and activity, and the fact that spongers and anti-social elements are not allowed to live according to the "jungle laws" of capitalism. "Freedom of the individual is the sacred and inalienable right of all upright citizens and workers, but not of those who hope for freedom for activity against the people."

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