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MEMORANDUM FOR MELVYN LEVITSKY
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: President's Telephone Call to Colombian President Barco (P)

The following summary of the President's conversation with Colombian President Barco last evening concerning the U.N. Human Rights Commission vote on Cuba is provided for the State Department's information. (P)

- In response to the President's points, President Barco explained that he had talked to his Foreign Minister and Ambassador about the Cuban human rights report and that Colombia was working with the Latin American Group to try to achieve a compromise. (P)
- The President described Barco's response as "noncommittal." Barco was clearly trying to hide behind multilateral diplomatic activity. (P)
- Barco spoke in English and was friendly and open. (P)

Since, due to technical difficulties, the President's conversation was not monitored by a notetaker, this summary was provided by the President. (P)


G. Philip Hughes
Executive Secretary

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: G. PHILIP HUGHES 

SUBJECT: President's Telephone Call to Colombian
President Barco

The President just telephoned to inquire if we were successful in monitoring his telephone call with President Barco. I explained that, regrettably, we were not; his call was interrupted by a loss of the connection and when Signal Board established a new connection, for technical reasons that I do not understand, we were unable to establish a patch on the line to monitor it.

The President gave the following readout of his conversation with Barco:

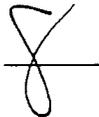
- The President said he followed his talking points fairly closely, emphasizing the importance of the vote in the UNHRC, and sought to persuade Barco to support us.
- Barco spoke in English and was friendly and open, according to the President.
- Barco explained that he had talked to his Foreign Minister and Ambassador about the Cuban human rights report and that Colombia was working with the Latin American Group to try to achieve a compromise.
- The President said that Barco was "noncommittal" and "trying to hide behind the multilateral thing".

With your permission we will share this readout with the State Department for passage to Ambassador Valladares.

RECOMMENDATION

That we pass this information to the Department of State.

Approve



Disapprove _____

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