



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

I have asked Gene McAuliffe to initiate some tentative planning for me to visit Brazil in early November. I believe such a visit would be useful and I would plan on discussing the following topics with the Brazilians:

- Brazilian perception of threat to Hemispheric Security
- Brazilian willingness to assume increased role in Hemispheric Security
- Effectiveness of JBUSMC in fostering closer cooperation
- Master Data Exchange Agreement
- Co-production
- Future FMS credit levels

The discussions would take place in Brasilia, Sao Paulo and Rio over a two-day period, thus I would be away for a total of four days. Subject to your approval, I will ask ISA to proceed further on its tentative planning for the trip.


Robert Ellsworth

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