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SUBJ: MEXICO MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS

REF: LA PAZ 966

1. I REVIEWED STRUCTURE AND SUBSTANCE OF MEXICO CITY FOREIGN  
MINISTERS MEETING WITH DR. MARCELO OSTRIA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
THE BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL  
POLITICAL AFFAIRS. I COVERED THE SAME GROUND THAT I DID WITH THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER ON FEB. 12 BUT IN MORE DETAIL. OSTRIA TOOK  
NOTES AND WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION WHICH HE  
INDICATED HE WOULD USE TO GUIDE THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S  
CONDUCT AND SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS IN MEXICO.

2. OSTRIA SAID BOLIVIA UNDERSTANDS THAT IT WILL NOT PLAY A  
SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE, GIVEN THE POWER  
OF OTHERS AND THE AGGRESSIVENESS OF A FEW. HE EXPRESSED A GREAT  
INTEREST IN HAVING THE CONFERENCE ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS THAT  
AID PROVIDERS GIVE PREFERENCE TO ASSISTANCE TO THE POORER  
COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. HE FEELS THIS IS NOT A BILATERAL ISSUE  
IN ITS TOTALITY AND THUS CAN BE RAISED IN A MULTILATERAL MEETING.

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3. AS TO BILATERAL MATTERS, OSTRIA NOTED THAT THE U.S. AND

POLIVIA

HAVE NO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, THAT RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT  
AND THAT IF ANY MINOR MATTERS NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED BILATERALLY,  
IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT TO RAISE THEM WITH  
THE EMBASSY HERE IN LA PAZ.

4. OSTRIA THEN BRIEFLY TOUCHED ON A PERSONAL IDEA OF HIS WHICH  
IS LONG-RANGE ACHIEVEMENT OF A SATISFACTORY ACCESS TO THE SEA BY  
BOLIVIA BASED ON IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH CHILE. HE SAID IN  
CONFIDENCE THAT THE MINISTRY HAS AN INDICATION THAT THE CHILEAN  
FOREIGN MINISTER MAY TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN MEXICO TO MEET WITH  
FOREIGN MINISTER GUZMAN TO ATTEMPT TO SET THE STAGE FOR IMPROVEMENT  
IN BOLIVIAN/CHILEAN RELATIONS. OSTRIA SAID IT IS HOPED THAT OVER  
TIME THIS COULD BE CONVERTED INTO SOME TANGIBLE SETTLEMENT OF  
BOLIVIA'S LONG FELT NEED FOR A SEACOAST. HE NOTED ANOTHER  
PERSONAL IDEA THAT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE ONE OR TWO OF THE LARGER  
COUNTRIES IN THE REGION MIGHT WISH TO LEND GOOD OFFICES TO ASSIST CHILE  
PERU AND BOLIVIA IN REACHING SOME SATISFACTORY ACCORD.

5. OSTRIA IS A BRIGHT, ARTICULATE, FRIENDLY CAREER BOLIVIAN  
DIPLOMAT WITH WHOM THE EMBASSY HAS HAD CLOSE AND EFFECTIVE WORKING  
RELATIONS FOR SOME TIME. IN OUR VIEW, HE WILL BE THE KEY MEMBER  
OF THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION.

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