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SUBJ: ALLOCATION OF FY 74 MAP

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1. REFTEL GIVES THE FY 74 ALLOCATION OF MAP FOR BOLIVIA AT \$2.730 MILLION (MATERIEL \$2.300, TRAINING \$.400). SINCE THIS REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL CUT IN ANTICIPATED LEVEL AND WILL DISMAY GOB AND CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR US WITH GOB MILITARY AT A CRUCIAL TIME IN BOLIVIAN POLITICAL SITUATION, I WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT RECONSIDERATION AND UPWARD AJUSTMENT IN THE BOLIVIA PROGRAM FOR FY 74 TO A LEVEL NOT LESS THAN THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY WHICH HAS BECOME COMMON KNOWLEDGE. I OFFER THE FOLLOWING REASONS IN SUPPORT OF MY REQUEST:

A. THE FY 74 ALLOCATION OF \$2.73 MILLION IS A REDUCTION FROM THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION LEVEL OF \$3.5 MILLION CONSISTING OF \$2.9 MILLION MAP-M AND \$.6 MILLION MAP-T. TO GO BELOW \$3.5 MILLION WILL MEAN HEAVY CUTS OF MUCH NEEDED EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO OPERATE EQUIPMENT ALREADY DELIVERED UNDER THE FY 72 AND FY 73 PROGRAMS FOR ALL SERVICES.

B. BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN PRESSING US HARD IN RECENT WEEKS  
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FOR EXPEDITIOUS DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT IN ONGOING PROGRAMS. THEY

APPEAR TO BE WONDERING WHETHER WE ARE HOLDING BACK FOR SOME UN-  
STATED REASONS. WERE I TO INFORM THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT AT THIS  
TIME THAT THE MAP GRANT PROGRAM IS NOW DOWN TO \$2.73 MILLION WHEN  
THEY HAVE KNOWLEDGE THAT CR LEVEL IS \$3.5 MILLION, THEIR CONCERNS  
WOULD BE INCREASED AND OUR RAPPORT CUM CREDIBILITY REDUCED.

C. A REDUCTION IN THE MILITARY AID PROGRAM WILL BE VIEWED AS  
COMPANION PIECE TO "BAD NEWS" ON PL480. WE HAVE HAD TO TELL THE  
GOB THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER PL-480 TITLE ONE PROGRAM FOR  
FY 74 AND THAT THE CHANCES ARE SLIM THAT THERE WILL BE ANY FOR  
FY 75. THE IMPACT ON PRESIDENT BANZER, PERSONALLY, WILL BE  
QUITE NEGATIVE.

D. RECENTLY THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES CAME TO US WITH AN  
URGENT APPEAL FOR AMMUNITION, AND WHILE WE DID APPROVE THE SALE,  
WE INITIALLY CONDITIONED IT ON THEIR COMING TO PANAMA TO PICK  
IT UP AND OUR MAKING A COLLECTION OF PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF ITS  
DELIVERY. WHILE THIS WAS ULTIMATELY WORKED OUT TO OUR AND THE  
BOLIVIAN'S SATISFACTION, NEVERTHELESS OUR CONDITIONS WERE NOT WELL  
RECEIVED.

E. I WOULD OBSERVE THAT THIS 2.73 FIGURE IS DRASTICALLY BELOW  
THE MAP FIGURES IN OUR APPROVED CASP (4.7 MILLION), IN THE  
CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT (4.450 MILLION) AND IN THE  
CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION DOCUMENT AS PUBLISHED (5.2 MILLION).  
I HAVE NO BASIS ON WHICH TO EXPLAIN TO THE GOB WHY THESE HIGHER  
FIGURES ARE INOPERATIVE OR WHAT HAS CAUSED THIS CUT IN THE BOLIVIAN  
MAP. WHILE WE MAY BE MISINFORMED, WE HAVE HEARD INFORMALLY THAT  
THE CONGRESS HAS AUTHORIZED FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE APPROVED  
BOLIVIAN PROGRAM.

F. BOLIVIA IS PASSING THROUGH A CRITICAL AND FLUID  
POLITICAL/MILITARY PERIOD. PRESIDENT BANZER, ALTHOUGH AN ARMY  
GENERAL, IS NOW QUITE DEPENDENT ON THE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES FOR  
HIS SURVIVAL. RECENT DECISIONS ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT HAVE  
BROUGHT THE POPULARITY OF THE BANZER REGIME TO ITS LOWEST POINT  
SINCE THE OCTOBER '72 DEVALUATION, WITH A CONSEQUENT INCREASE  
IN DIVISIVE TENDENCIES WITHIN THE MILITARY. IN A SETTING SUCH  
AS THIS, WE CAN FURTHER OUR INTERESTS AT LITTLE COST;  
OR WE CAN LOSE EFFECTIVE RAPPORT BY MAKING THE DOWNWARD CUT  
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IN OUR FY-74 MAP. THE MILITARY PROGRAM HAS BEEN ONE OF MY  
PRINCIPAL INFLUENCE AND LEVERAGE MECHANISMS WITH THE GOB.  
I HAVE BEEN ABLE THROUGH THE MILITARY PROGRAM TO APPLY  
PRESSURE OR TO ENLIST SUPPORT WHERE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MEANS  
WERE NOT APPROPRIATE. TO REDUCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TOOL  
WILL HARM MY ABILITY TO OPERATE EFFECTIVELY.

2. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WAYS BE FOUND

TO HOLD THE FY-74 MAP PROGRAM AT THE FY-73 LEVEL. MEANTIME,  
I SHALL NOT INFORM GOB NOR WILL I HAVE MILGP DO SO EITHER.  
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