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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN DELEGATION TO THIRD UN CONFERENCE ON  
LAW OF THE SEA

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1. BOLIVIAN DELEGATION TO THIRD UN LOS CONFERENCE WAS APPROVED  
BY PRESIDENT BANZER ON MAY 28. CHIEF OF DELEGATION WILL BE  
GUSTAVO MEDEIROS QUERJAZU, EX-FOREIGN MINISTER AND CURRENTLY  
A MEMBER OF GOB'S MARITIME COMMISSION. IN LIKELY EVENT THAT  
MEDEIROS DOES NOT REMAIN IN CARACAS FOR ENTIRE CONFERENCE, ALTER-  
NATE CHIEF OF DELEGATION: DR. FELIPE TREDINNICK ABASTO, WILL  
HEAD BOLIVIAN TEAM. TREDINNICK ASSUMED POST AS DIRECTOR OF  
LOS DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IN APRIL AND IS BOLIVIA'S  
LEADING EXPERT ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVING LAW OF THE SEA.  
OTHER MEMBERS OF BOLIVIA'S FIVE-MAN DELEGATION ARE SERGIO  
PALACIOS, MANUEL FRONTAURA ARGANDONA AND VICTRO TORRES ACHA.  
ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION HOLD PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR  
EXCEPT TORRES, WHO AS SECRETARY-GENERAL OF DELEGATION

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WILL HOLD TITLE OF MINISTER-COUNDELOR.

2. FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC DATA ARE PROVIDED ON MEMBERS OF BOLIVIAN DELEGATION. DELEGATION CHIEF MEDEIROS IS ONE OF BOLIVIA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED FORMER DIPLOMATS, HAVING SERVED IN A VARIETY OF DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS FROM 1938-1952, AND AGAIN FROM 1964 TO 1969. BORN INTO A PROMINENT SUCRE FAMILY ON OCTOBER 15, 1913, MEDEIROS SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED HIS LAW DEGREE IN LOCAL UNIVERSITY AND THEN DID POST-GRADUATE WORK IN ARGENTINA BEFORE EMBARKING ON HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER. FROM 1938 TO 1952 HE SERVED IN VARYING CAPACITIES WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IN BUENOS AIRES, SANTIAGO, PARIS, RIO DE JANEIRO, THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA AND UNESCO. HIS LAST POST DURING THIS PHASE OF HIS DIPLOMATIC LIFE WAS AS DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. MEDEIROS RETIRED INTO PRIVATE LIFE DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF MNR'S RULE IN BOLIVIA (1952-64), SERVING AS PROFESSOR OF CIVIL LAW AT UNIVERSITY OF SUCRE, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL BANK OF BOLIVIA, LEGAL ADVISOR TO SUPREME COURT AND VICE RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY OF SUCRE. FOLLOWING FALL OF MNR, HE HEADED BOLIVIAN DELEGATION TO UNITED NATIONS, WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA IN MARCH 1965, AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO WORK IN FOREIGN MINISTRY FROM NOVEMBER 1968 UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN MINISTER BY PRESIDENT SILES SALINAS ON MAY 5, 1969. MEDEIROS, A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S MODERATELY RIGHT-WING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HELD THIS POST UNTIL OVERTHROW OF SILES IN SEPTEMBER 1969 WHEN HE AGAIN RETIRED INTO PRIVATE LIFE. MEDEIROS SPEAKS FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE, BUT IS NOT BELIEVED TO SPEAK ENGLISH. FURTHER DETAILS ON HIS CAREER MAY BE FOUND IN EMBASSY FS-405 REPORT OF MAY 16, 1969. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, MEDEIROS' CHIEF ROLE AT CARACAS IS LIKELY TO BE THAT OF A DISTINGUISHED FIGUREHEAD, AND HE IS UNLIKELY TO BE PRESENT THROUGH ENTIRE TWO-MONTH CONFERENCE. MEDEIROS' LONG ABSENCE FROM ACTIVE DIPLOMACY AND HIS PERSONAL LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH LOS ISSUES WILL FORCE HIM TO RELY HEAVILY ON TREDINNICK, WHO WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY PROVE TO BE LEADING BOLIVIAN NEGOTIATOR ON KEY POINTS AT ISSUE.

3. FELIPE TREDINNICK WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 30, 1930 OF A BOLIVIAN MOTHER AND AN ENGLISH FATHER. HE HOLDS LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF BRAZIL AND DOCTORATE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FROM UNIVERSITY OF MADRID. HE CURRENTLY IS PLANNING TO PUBLISH CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS 500-PAGE DOCTORAL THESIS: "LAW OF THE SEA AND MARITIME FRONTIERS," IN SPAIN DURING 1975. TREDINNICK'S PREVIOUS KIPLO-MATIC POSTS SINCE JOINING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1964 HAVE INCLUDED MINISTER-COUNSELOR IN BRASILIA AND MADRID, CHIEF OF DELEGATION TO 1974 LANDLOCKED NATIONS CONFERENCE IN KAMPALA AND CHIEF OF DELEGATION TO GROUP OF 77 LOS CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI. HE IS ALSO A PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AT SAN ANDRES UNIVERSITY IN LA PAZ, AND ATTENDS CLASSES AT PRESTIGIOUS SCHOOL OF HIGHER

MILITARY STUDIES. TREDINNICK IS FORMER MEMBER OF FSB AND WAS EXILED TO BRAZIL BY MNR FROM EARLY 1950'S TO 1964 FOR HIS POLITICAL VIEWS; HE IS STILL PRO-FSB AND VIOLENTLY ANTI-MNR IN HIS POLITICS. HE SPEAKS PORTUGUESE AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF ENGLISH.

4. IN RECENT EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH TREDINNICK, EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE SERIOUS, DEDICATED OFFICIAL WITH WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF LOS ISSUES. HE HAS BEEN OPEN AND FRIENDLY IN ALL OF THESE CONTACTS, AND APPEARS TO HAVE HIGHLY FAVORABLE ORIENTATION TOWARD UNITED STATES. TREDINNICK STATES THAT MANY OF HIS FAMILY RELATIVES LIVE IN US, WHERE THEY HOLD ANNUAL REUNION IN WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA; HE HIMSELF EXPRESSES GREAT INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF VISITING US AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. TREDINNICK'S ATTITUDES TOWARD BRAZIL ALSO QUITE FAVORABLE, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT HIS WIFE IS BRAZILIAN; HE ALSO FEELS FROM HIS OWN EXPERIENCE IN BRAZIL THAT BRAZILIANS MAKE GOOD DIPLOMATS AND ARE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO MAKE NEGOTIATION POSSIBLE OVER POINTS OF DIFFERENCE. FROM HIS RECENT EXPERIENCES AT KAMPALA AND NAIROBI, TREDINNICK CARRIED AWAY STRONGLY NEGATIVE REACTION TO PERUVIAN AND CHILEAN DIPLOMATS, WHOM HE CHARACTERIZES AS LACKING ANY BARGAINING FLEXIBILITY AND FREEDOM TO NEGOTIATE.

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TREDINNICK HIMSELF, WHILE FAVORING IDEAL IMAGE OF COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE AND INDEPENDENT DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATOR, IS PROBABLY BOUND TO A DEGREE BY HIS OWN PRIOR INTELLECTUAL THESES, EXPRESSED IN HIS DOCTORAL DISSERTATION (WHICH HE WILL HAVE WITH HIM IN CARACAS). TREDINNICK ALSO LIKELY TO BE SOMEWHAT CIRCUMSCRIBED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS IN CARACAS, ALTHOUGH FACT THAT HE WILL DRAFT ORIGINAL BOLIVIAN POSITION PAPERS AND HIS ADVANTAGE IN EXPERTISE OVER ALL OTHER BOLIVIAN DELEGATES GIVES HIM CONSIDERABLE ASSETS WITH WHICH TO IMPOSE HIS POINT OF VIEW. OVERALL, HE APPEARS TO POSSESS QUALITIES OF A CAPABLE, REASONABLE NEGOTIATOR.

5. ON SPECIFIC LOS ISSUES, TREDINNICK HOPES TO OBTAIN EARLY AGREEMENT AT CARACAS ON TWELVE-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND "REGIONAL ECONOMIC ZONE" FOR LATIN AMERICA FROM 12 TO 200 MILES. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THESE TWO POINTS FOR BOLIVIA, HE APPEARS READY TO BARGAIN OVER VOTING SYSTEM IN NEW INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY, FOR WHICH HE ORIGINALLY FAVERED "ONE NATION, ONE VOTE" CONCEPT. TREDINNICK HAS BEEN LESS SENSITIVE TO US NEEDS ON QUESTION OF RIGHT OF FREE TRANSIT THROUGH STRAITS, EXPRESSING

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INITIAL BELIEF THAT CONSENSUS EXISTS ON "INNOCENT PASSAGE" DOCTRINE; HOWEVER, HE IS CURRENTLY STUDYING US POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ARGUMENTS ON THIS POINT. TREDINNICK MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED HERE BY HIS RECENT EXPERIENCES AS MINISTER-COUNSELOR IN SPAIN, WHICH HE DEPARTED TO ASSUME POST OF LOS DEPARTMENT HEAD IN MARCH 1974. PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT, TREDINNICK EMERGED FROM NAIROBI CONFERENCE WITH FEELING THAT SOME NATIONS: CHILE, PERU, ARGENTINA AND A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES, ARE HOLDING INTRASIGENTLY TO EXTREME POSITIONS, SUCH AS ABSOLUTE 200-MILE LIMIT, WHICH WILL FORCE MORE MODERATE LDC'S AND LANDLOCKED NATPONS INTO A VOTING ALLIANCE WITH DEVELOPED NATIONS. HE HAS RECOUNTED TO US CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GROUP OF LANDLOCKED STATES AFTER NAIROBI AT WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE NATIONS AGREED TO FEEL OUT PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPED NATIONS IN OPPOSITION TO 200-MILE COUNTRIES.

6. DR. MANUEL FRONTAURA IS A LONG-TIME MNR MILITANT, WHO HAS HELD GREAT VARIETY OF PROFESSORIAL, JOURNALISTIC AND DIPLOMATIC POSTS THROUGHOUT HIS LENGTHY CAREER, BORN IN POTOSI ON FEBRUARY 15, 1906, FRONTAURA ATTENDED UNIVERSITIES OF POTOSI, COCHABAMBA AND LA PAZ, SPECIALIZING IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. AFTER MANY YEARS AS A NEWSPAPER EDITOR AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR, HE ENTERED BOLIVIA'S DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, SERVING IN BERLIN AND SANTIAGO, AS PUBLICITY DIRECTOR OF

FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IN 1952 AS A DELEGATE TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN OCTOBER 1955 HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, DUE TO HIS LONG AFFILIATION WITH MNR. AFTER HOLDING THIS POST THROUGH 1957, HE RESIGNED AND WAS DESIGNATED AS A DELEGATE TO 1957 UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IN 1961 HE WAS APPOINTED AS BOLIVIA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN. IN RECENT YEARS, HE HAS DIRECTED MNR'S CARLOS MONTENEGRO INTITUTE. HIS ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY IS UNKNOWN. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE EMBASSY FS-405 REPORT OF JULY 7, 1961.

7. VICTOR TORRES WAS BORN IN LA PAZ ON AUGUST 17, 1945. EVEN BEFORE HIS GRADUATION FROM FACULTY OF LAW OF SAN ANDRES UNIVERSITY IN LA PAZ, TORRES BEGAN TO OCCUPY POSITIONS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, COMMENCING IN 1964. FROM 1964 TO 1966, HE HELD LOW-LEVEL POSTS IN PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY, TRANS-

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FERRING IN 1967 TO OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. FROM 1968 THROUGH 1971 HE SERVED AS SECOND AND THEN FIRST SECRETARY IN BOLIVIAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES. FOLLOWING A BRIEF PERIOD OF SERVICE IN LATE 1971 AS CHEF DE CABINET IN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICE OF MINISTRY, TORRES BECAME CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF MINISTRY DURING 1972 AND EARLY 1973; HE WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO HIS CURRENT POST AS A COUNSELOR IN OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL. TORRES ALSO HAS SERVED ON BOLIVIA'S DELEGATION TO INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF RIVE PLATE BASIN COUNTRIES (1969-71), AND AS A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT BANZER'S PARTY ON 1973 VISITS TO VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, ECUADOR AND PERU. HE WILL OCCUPY A LOW-LEVEL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION IN BOLIVIAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS CONFERENCE.

8. EMBASSY HAS VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON SERGIO PALACIOS, WHO CURRENTLY IS SERVING AS REPRESENTATIVE OF SCHOOL OF HIGHER MILITARY STUDIES TO MARITIME COMMISSION. PALACIOS IS REPORTED TO BE AN ENERGETIC YOUNG DIPLOMAT, WHO SERVED AT ONE TIME AS BOLIVIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRS IN TOKYO.

9. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION ON BOLIVIAN DELEGATION, AS WELL AS ON BOLIVIA'S EVOLVING POSTURE VIS-A-VIS MAJOR LOS ISSUES, AS SUCH INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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