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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 297

TO: The Secretary of State
 The Secretary of Defense
 The Administrator, Agency for International
 Development

SUBJECT: Latin American Military Aid

The President has today approved determinations with regard to military aid to Latin America.

In administering these funds and planning future programs, the President wishes to insure that our policies, MAP and otherwise, are directed toward the following general objectives:

1. Military expenditures by the host country which are consistent with and proportionate to expenditures for social and economic development.
2. The maintenance of a military establishment in the host country which is realistic in terms of our estimate of its potential missions.
3. The establishment of elite units which might be used in U.N. peace-keeping assignments.
4. Continued emphasis on civic action and internal security missions, the latter to be realistically defined.
5. Definition of a clear relationship between military internal security missions and police functions and a rational pattern of U.S. funding for same.
6. Emphasis in training and by other means on the role of the military in a modern democratic society.

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7. Avoidance of sophisticated and expensive prestige equipment in our grant or sale programs except where specifically justified. In this connection, host country purchase from other sources of non-essential prestige equipment is to be actively discouraged.

The President desires, by 1 August 1964, a brief analysis and report on the military situation in each country and the changes, if any, to which our policies are being directed. These reports should measure the existing situation against the above general objectives and other relevant factors. The reports should be prepared under the general direction of the Assistant Secretary for Latin American Affairs with the cooperation of other agencies.

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