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NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Herbert E. Meyer

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SUBJECT: Task Force on International Private Enterprise

- 1. The attached letter provides an update on Butch Otter's drive to perform radical surgery on our country's foreign aid establishment.
- 2. As you will see, Butch's proposal drew more support that he had anticipated. His major problem now, besides the usual reluctance of the Task Force staff, is concern among some Task Force members over the question of whether the Task Force has a mandate to go as far as Butch proposes.
- 3. Butch believes he would be helped enormously by a signal from someone high up that indeed the White House would like the Task Force to consider whatever may be necessary to make the President's Cancun proposals take hold.
 - 4. Butch is looking for advice and, obviously, for some quiet help.

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