

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of SSCI Staff Chief Battaglia for South America Travel with Sen. Specter (R/PA)

1. On 25 May, DI/ALA officers briefed Charles Battaglia in Room OHB on Colombia, Haiti, and briefly Guatemala, in preparation for his 26-28 May trip to those countries with SSCI Chairman Senator Specter. (Guatemala was further briefed to Battaglia in closed session on the Hill that afternoon. Other OCA handled and wrote up this meeting, which was held with SSCI membership overall.)

2. The Colombia analysts advised that anything said by an official American in Colombia now will get a lot of attention.

3. A brief overview of political, economic and leadership issues in Haiti was also provided, with the analysts noting that the upcoming parliamentary elections are the primary area of concern at present.

The undersigned attended for OCA and worked with Battaglia on the trip.

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