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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Central Intelligence Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Your Meeting with PFIAB, 14 March 1984

1. You are scheduled to meet with the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board on 14 March from 9:15 to 11:00 a.m.

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	DCI Remarks to PFIAB, January 9 1984	
	In my briefing today,	3.3(b)(1
	I will briefly	3.3(b)(1
	review some developments of particular interest in Latin America and Africa.	,\
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The brightest signs are in Argentina, where newly elected President Alfonsin is staking everything on a bold move to attack the three main problems confronting him before his strong electoral mandate evaporates.

- -- On the economic front, he has sent new tax measures to Congress, begun to implement wage and price controls, declared his intention of honoring all of the country's "legitimate" debts, and begun negotiations with the IMF for a new agreement.
- -- He is taking steps to clean up and democratize the corrupt Peronist labor unions, including plans for new elections of union officials.
- -- To curb the military, he has repealed the ammesty law that protected officers involved in antisubversive activities, ordered trials for nine military junta members for human rights abuses, replaced the heads of

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the three military services, taken steps to force many general officers into retirement, and made changes to subordinate the military commanders to the civilian Minister of Defense.

By simultaneously and energetically taking on the country's traditional power brokers—the Peronists, labor, and the military—Alfonsin is clearly making a large gamble. In view of the popular support he enjoys and the extent to which the military has been discredited, however, we think he has a fair chance of retaining his position, moving the country toward political reform, and getting a handle on the external debt.

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