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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR VISIT OF USNRC CHAIRMAN RICHARD  
A. MESERVE TO CHILE, ARGENTINA, AND BRAZIL (DECEMBER 7-15,  
2000)

1. Summary and Action Request: Country clearance is requested  
for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Chairman Richard  
A. Meserve, who will visit Chile, Argentina, and Brazil for  
discussions with the respective nuclear authorities and site  
visits. Chairman Meserve will travel alone to Chile, and will  
be accompanied by his international assistant, Dr. Karen  
Henderson, in Argentina and Brazil. End Action Request.

2. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

December 7:

07:05 a.m. Chairman Meserve arrives Santiago, Chile via  
American Airlines 0511

08:30 a.m. Meet U.S. Ambassador and Embassy  
Representatives

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10:00 a.m. Site visit to La Reina research reactor - RECH-1 and meet Chairman, Comision Chilena De Energia Nuclear (CCHEN)

01:00 p.m. Depart for Santiago airport

02:40 p.m. Depart Santiago via Lan Chile LA 0118 for La Serena, Chile

03:30 p.m. Arrive La Serena

December 8-10: Participate in Carnegie Institution activities regarding the Magellan dedication at Las Campanas observatory

December 10:

10:35 a.m. Dr. Henderson arrives in Buenos Aires on United Airlines #0985

05:55 p.m. Chairman Meserve departs La Serena via Lan Chile LA 0373 for Santiago

06:45 p.m. Arrive Santiago

09:10 p.m. Depart Santiago via Lan Chile LA 0481 for Buenos Aires

11:05 p.m. Arrive Buenos Aires

December 11:

09:00 a.m. Chairman delivers keynote address at International Atomic Energy Agency conference of National Regulatory Authorities with Competence in the Safety of Radiation Sources and the Security of Radioactive Materials

11:00 a.m. Meet U.S. Ambassador and staff

02:00 p.m. Meet representatives of the Autoridad Regulatoria Nuclear (ARN) and Comision Nacional de Energia Atomica (CNEA)

December 12:

a.m. Site visit to the Atucha Nuclear Power Plant

p.m. Site visit to the Ezeiza nuclear research facility

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December 13:

a.m. Meet Investigaciones Aplicadas (INVAP)  
representatives

03:10 p.m. Depart for Rio de Janeiro via AR 1438

07:10 p.m. Arrive Rio de Janeiro

December 14:

a.m. Meet U.S. Consul General and staff

Meet representatives of the Comisao Nacional  
de Energia Nuclear (CNEN)

p.m. Meet representatives of the Agência  
Brasileiro-Argentina de Contabilidade e  
Controle de Materiais Nucleares (ABACC)

December 15:

All day Site visit to Angra 2 Nuclear Power Plant

11:50 P.M. Depart for Miami via UA 4156

3. Action Request: Embassies are requested to appoint visit control officers and arrange for a car and driver for the Chairman's official business in Santiago on December 7, in Buenos Aires from December 10 to 13, and in Rio de Janeiro from December 13 to 15. Embassies are also requested to contact the respective regulatory authorities to coordinate meetings and site visits. NRC is working on hotel reservations via separate channels to Embassies. Chairman Meserve warmly welcomes Embassy and Consulate representatives to accompany him to meetings and site visits.

#### 4. Biographical Information:

On October 29, 1999, Dr. Richard A. Meserve was sworn in as Chairman of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC is an independent federal regulatory agency responsible for licensing and regulating nuclear facilities and nuclear materials, as mandated by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Immediately, prior to becoming the NRC Chairman, Dr. Meserve was a partner in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Covington Burling, having joined the firm in 1981. From 1977 to 1981,

Dr. Meserve served as legal counsel to the President's science and technology adviser.

Holding degrees in law and physics, the new NRC Chairman has focused on a wide range of issues during his career that arise at the intersection of law and of science and technology. These include environmental law, nuclear licensing, counseling of scientific societies, and nuclear non-proliferation. He has served on a variety of committees of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering, including service as Chairman of committees that examined the safeguarding of nuclear weapons material in the former soviet union, that advised the Department of Energy on declassification of information, that examined environmental issues associated with the nuclear weapons complex, that assessed technical and safety issues relating to certain DOE reactors, and that examined the prospect for enhanced fuel economy in automobiles.

Dr. Meserve is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Physical Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He serves on the Board of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and on the Board of Overseers for Arts and Sciences of Tufts University. He formerly served as Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory and as a member of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board. Earlier in his career, he served as a law clerk to Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the United States Supreme Court and before that to Judge Benjamin Kaplan of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Dr. Meserve received a B.A. from Tufts University in 1966, a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1975, and a Ph.D. in applied physics from Stanford University in 1976.

This information, including a photograph, is also available at NRC web link: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/WHATIS/meserve.vitae.html>

5. Fiscal Data will be provided as soon as possible via separate cable.

6. Please pass responses and other information related to this visit to Clarence Breskovic, Office of International Programs, NRC (cpb@nrc.gov, Tel 301-415-2364, Fax 301-415-2395). YY

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