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SUBJECT (U)

Second Inter-American Naval Conference on Hydrography, Oceanography, and Naval Research (IANC-HONR), 20-24 September 1979.

HIGHLIGHTS (U)

U.S. principals present: CNR, RADM A. J. Baciocco, Jr.; Oceanographer of the Navy, RADM R. N. Williams; and two scientific advisors. Countries present: Argentina (host), Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Haiti, Paraguay, U.S. and Venezuela. Due to the long interval between the first and second meetings (14 years) the statutes of the IANC-HONR were updated along with the recommendations of the first meeting. Substantive new recommendations were developed for consideration by IANC X.

DISCUSSION (U)

The spirit of cooperation and mutual interest in strengthening communications in hydrography, oceanography, and naval research were confirmed by the attendees. Despite the long lapse in IANC-HONR meeting, communications and cooperation has continued. U.S. Navy contributions of note include: formal professional training in hydrography by NAVOCEANO has produced graduates that now lead many of the Latin American hydrographic services. Also the NAVOCEANO Harbor Survey Assistance Program has provided a cadre of basic hydrography qualified personnel for 11 countries. U.S. Navy vessels have been made available on lease for hydrography, oceanography, and naval research. Interim interfacing and communications has been achieved through U.S. involvement in international organizations wherein the American navies are also present: i.e. the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, the Inter-governmental Oceanographic Commission, and the International Hydrographic Bureau. Latin American naval research activities and national oceanographic centers are also growing in stature with U.S. guidance.

RECOMMENDATIONS (U)

Recommend IANC X review the 1979 IANC-HONR Speciality Conference minutes. U.S. should recommend that a third meeting of the Speciality Conference be convened as soon as possible (1981) to take advantage of the momentum established during the recent meeting and to overcome a limited level of activity caused by the 14 year hiatus in meetings. A host country (other than the U.S.) for subject meeting should be identified and endorsed by the U.S.

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The Second Inter-American Specialized Conference on Naval Analyses

HIGHLIGHTS(U)

- o The First Inter-American Naval Conference on Naval Analyses was hosted by the U.S. at U.S. Naval Academy 11-13 June 1979.
- o Delegations from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, United States attended.
- o Observers from Canada and the Inter-American Defense Board attended.
- o Delegations from the Dominican Republic and Guatemala did not attend.
- o Delegates recommended that a similar specialized conference be held in calendar year 1980.
- o No country has offered to host the calendar year 1980 conference.
- o The U.S. delegation agreed to act as the conference secretary until such time as a follow-on conference site, time, and host country are agreed on by the delegate countries.
- o The cost to the U.S. to host the first conference was \$40,471.

DISCUSSION(U)

- o CNO forwarded the minutes of the First Conference to each participating country 7 August 1979.
- o To date, responses have been received from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela.
- o CNO, Argentine Navy, stated in his response that the delegations discussed as a working hypothesis the possibility that the host country would be Argentina or Brazil since both countries have already established organizations for naval analyses; however, Argentina cannot host it due to reasons of reorganization.
- o CNO, Brazil, felt there would be little progress within the next two years in the navies which have not yet established their respective Centers for Naval Analyses and recommended that a second conference should not be held until the exchange of information indicates a need.
- o All others concurred with the conference recommendation that a second conference should be held in calendar year 1980; however, no country volunteered to host the conference.
- o Venezuela may be willing to host the conference at some later date.
- o Op-61 recommended that the U.S. not volunteer to host the second conference, but rather submit the subject for discussion at the Tenth Inter-American Naval Conference.

RECOMMENDATION(U)

- o Initiate discussion to determine the host, date, and place for the Second Inter-American Specialized Conference on Naval Analyses.