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**Telegram No. 146 from Brasília to Brazilian Embassy  
in Buenos Aires, 'Nuclear Energy. Brazil-Argentina  
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**Summary:**

The telegram reports the visit of Admiral Castro Madero to Brazil between 28 and 30 January 1980 and his meetings with the presidents of the National Nuclear Energy Commission, Nuclebrás, and with the representatives of the Ministries of Energy and Foreign Relations. During the meetings, they talked about possible areas of cooperation and the signature of an agreement.

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O Almirante Castro Madero, Presidente da Comissão de Energia Atômica da Argentina, visitou oficialmente o Brasil de 28 a 30/01/80. Seu programa incluiu entrevistas com o Ministro de Minas e Energia e comigo; visita à mina de urânio da Nuclebrás em Poços de Caldas; às instalações da NUCLEP em Itaguaí; Central Nuclear Almirante Alvaro Alberto; à CNEN, onde, depois de ser recebido pelo Presidente, percorreu o Centro de Informações Nucleares (CIN) ENCERROU-se o programa com reunião final de avaliação no Rio de Janeiro, presentes os presidentes da CNEN, da Nuclebrás e representantes do MME e do Itamaraty. A visita decorreu em clima de grande cordialidade, tendo Castro Madero e seus acompanhantes demonstrado vivo interesse pelo programa nuclear brasileiro. Realizaram-se conversações preliminares sobre as possibilidades de cooperação Brasil-Argentina no campo Nuclear, tendo o presidente da CNEA apresentado uma lista de possibilidades de cooperação, a qual será estudada pelas autoridades competentes. Falou também sobre a assinatura de acordo para disciplinar essa cooperação, sugestão essa que foi anotada e está

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diversas [redacted] ocasiões, procurando obter do visitante informações mais concretas sobre a possível cooperação, principalmente no tocante a eventuais fornecimentos de componentes para ATucha II pela NUCLEP. Tanto Castro Madero [redacted] o Embaixador Nogueira Batista procuraram esclarecer que o estágio atual era de contatos preliminares, que seriam desenvolvidos posteriormente. Ao fim da visita, Castro Madero convidou os Presidentes da CNEN, da NUCLEBRAS e de [redacted] Furnas para visitar a Argentina, o que ocorrerá [redacted] em março. [redacted] a visita [redacted] foi de [redacted] utilidade, [redacted] pois permitiu o entrosamento dos [redacted] dirigentes da CNEA com as principais autoridades brasileiras no [redacted] campo nuclear e poderá representar o início de relações mutuamente frutíferas para ambos os países nesse terreno.

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Admiral Castro Madero, President of the Argentinian Atomic Energy Commission, officially visited Brazil from January 28th to 30th 1980. The agenda included meetings with me and the Minister of Mines and Energy, visits to Nuclebrás' uranium mine in Poços de Caldas, to NUCLEP's facilities in Itaguaí, to Almirante Alvaro Alberto Nuclear Power Plant, and to CNEN [National Nuclear Energy Commission] - where after being welcomed by President [Hervásio de Carvalho], he walked through the Center for Nuclear Information (CIN) [and NUCLEN]. The visit finished with a final evaluation meeting in Rio de Janeiro, to which the Presidents of CNEN and Nuclebrás, and officials from the Ministries of Mines and Energy and Foreign Affairs were present. The visit had a cordial tone with Castro Madero and his entourage showing great interest in the Brazilian nuclear program. [Throughout his stay, the President of CNEA was accompanied by the Chief of DEM and a MME advisor]. Preliminary talks were held on the possibility of Brazil-Argentina Cooperation on nuclear affairs, and [at the end] the President of CNEA presented a list of [possible cooperation areas], which will be studied by the relevant authorities. He also talked about executing an agreement that would overview such cooperation, a suggestion that was noted and is under analysis. The press [had access to the visitor on] many occasions and tried [to get] from him more concrete information about a possible cooperation, especially regarding the possible NUCLEP supply of components to Atucha II Nuclear Power Plant. Both Castro Madero and Ambassador Nogueira Batista clarified that discussions are preliminary, to be later developed. At the end of the visit, Castro Madero invited the Presidents of CNEN, NUCLEBRAS and Furnas to visit Argentina, which is scheduled for March. It was a useful trip since it meshed CNEA officials with the main Brazilian authorities on nuclear affairs, and it may represent the beginning of mutually profitable relations on that matter for both countries.

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[1] Translator's note: The handwritten parts of this document are signed with brackets.