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On Aug. 16 in Washington, Argentine Vice President Eduardo Duhalde told reporters that President Carlos Menem will formally request a bridge loan of more than $500 million from the US during an official visit beginning Sept. 21. Duhalde said Menem will address the United Nations in New York, and meet with President George Bush. Duhalde spoke with reporters after leaving the White House where he discussed drug policy with Vice President Dan Quayle. Also on Wednesday, US State Department official John Burr and Alberto Lestelle Argentine secretary of state on drug-related matters signed an anti-drug trafficking cooperation pact. Lestelle was appointed by Menem about three weeks ago to head Argentina's first cabinet-level anti-drug position. The accord signed Aug. 15 was part of a broader anti-drug program developed in May, which includes US provision to Argentina of technical material to identify narcotics, said Lestelle. (Basic data from AFP, 08/15/89)

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