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June 23, 1981

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I look forward to the opportunity of seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Jose Lopez Portillo
President of the United Mexican States
Mexico, D. F.

Dispatch via NSC

State Visit and Exchange of Gifts of
Jose Lopez Portillo, President of Mexico

NSC #8103578

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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Mary Power

Mary:

Attached is approved letter
to Lopez Portillo for his
gifts.

carole

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Dispatch via NSC

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Dear Mr. President:

PP Nancy and I were delighted to welcome you to Washington and to have the opportunity to entertain you at the White House. [We deeply appreciated your warm and generous toast at the luncheon, and we look forward with pleasure to having you join us on future occasions.]

PP I am very pleased that we ~~went to~~ ^{at Camp David} Camp David and could relax together ~~by horse-back riding~~ in the clear mountain air. It is most encouraging that our meetings went so well and that we agreed on many subjects crucial to the welfare of our two countries. I am grateful for your support of many of the issues we discussed and for your cooperation in striving toward closer bilateral relations between the United States and Mexico as true partners in the Western Hemisphere. I want to reiterate that my Administration will do everything possible to expand the bonds of friendship we have established. I also want to say once again that "mi casa es su casa". I look forward to seeing you at the October conference in Cancun.

PP The generous gifts you kindly brought for me are magnificent. The ostrich eggs encased in Mexican silver will be cherished especially for the goodwill they represent. I cannot tell you how pleased I am with the bronze sculptures of the running horses and cowboys by Humberto Peraza and of Abraham Lincoln depicted as "Friend of the Mexicans." Thank you, too, for the beautiful atlas on Mexican antiquities, and for the glass etching depicting your original sketch of wild horses. I shall greatly value these gifts, not only for their expert craftsmanship, but for the warm personal friendship that prompted them. ¡Muchas gracias!

PP Nancy joins me in sending you and Mrs. Lopez Portillo our best personal regards.

Sincerely,
RR

His Excellency
Jose Lopez Portillo
President of the United Mexican States
Mexico, D. F.

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FROM LOPEZ PORTILLO, JOSE DOCDATE 09 JUN 81

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN
SUBJECT: Message From President Lopez Portillo

The following message from President Lopez Portillo was received via the Leesburg air traffic control center at 4:14 pm, June 9, 1981:

His Excellency, Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House, Washington, D.C.

Upon departing the territory of the United States after a visit which has been the most cordial and fruitful and that constitutes one more link in the history of the relations between our two countries, I wish to express to your excellency my most sincere appreciation for all courtesies, friendship and affection that I received along with my colleagues.

Jose Lopez Portillo
President of the United States of Mexico

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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ID 8102515

DATE 810608

WHITE HOUSE GIFT UNIT

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NAME LOPEZ PORTILLO, Jose

Last

First

Middle

ADDRESS Mexico, D. F.

Street

City

STATE ZIP

COUNTRY Mexico

CATEGORY CODE 9999

GIFT INTENDED FOR

- P President
- F First Lady
- B President and First Lady
- R First Family, Other
- W White House Staff
- O Other

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DESCRIPTION Ostrich eggs, (2), each 8" x 6", and each encased in silver openwork designs, mounted on silver stands; one design incorporates the Seal of Mexico w/an Aztec design in base; the other incorporates the Seal of the United States w/3 bears design in base; each piece is 11" high; displayed in a lined cherrywood chest w/silver hardware, depicting two male reliefs on hinged doors & reliefs of the Seals of Mexico & the U. S. on top w/an engraved silver presentation plaque; enclosed in a lined leather case; overall 20" x 11" x 19"; Included are 2 keys for outer case; and 2 silver keys for wood chest, contained in a suede-lined, silver, jeweled hinged case, depicting the Seal of Mexico on lid; 3 1/4" x 2 1/4" x 5/8".

ORGANIZATION

TITLE His Excellency; President of the United Mexican States

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- O Other

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- PS Presidential Staff
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ARCHIVE BOX #

COMMENT Thru Off. of Protocol, State; On occasion of visit by President Jose Lopez Portillo, June 7 - 9, 1981; Name, titles & address verified w/L. Denham, State; Valued at approx. \$6,000 per C. G Sloan & Co., Inc., Wash., DC.

See ID 8102517, 8102518, 8102519, 8102520; Lopez Portillo, Jose

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ID 8102517 DATE 810610 WHITE HOUSE GIFT UNIT

NAME LOPEZ PORTILLO, Jose
Last First Middle

ADDRESS Mexico, D. F. STATE ZIP
Street City

COUNTRY Mexico

CATEGORY CODE 0101

GIFT INTENDED FOR

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- F First Lady
- B President and First Lady
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- W White House Staff
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DESCRIPTION Sculpture, bronze, entitled "Ocho Caballos Corriendo Con Dos Charros" (Eight Horses Running with Two Cowboys); on bronze base, mounted on white marble base, attached w/plaque lettered "Escultor (Sculptor) Humberto Peraza" (Ojeda); overall, 23½" long x 12¼" wd. x 15" high.

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COMMENT On occasion of meeting at Camp David, MD., during visit, June 7 - 9, 1981; Name, titles & address verified w/L. Denham, State; Valued at approx. \$15,000 per. Fisher Gallery, Wash., DC.
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DESCRIPTION Sculpture, bronze, of Abraham Lincoln in a standing pose w/broken chains, mounted on marble lettered "Amigo de los Mexicanos y Luchador Insobornable por la Libertad" (Friend of the Mexican Unceasing Fighter for Liberty), by "Hicicza O.", 1977; contained in a black fabric - covered, hinged cabinet; sculpture is 21" tall x 8 3/4" x 7 1/2"; case is 30 1/2" x 13" x 12".

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WHITE HOUSE GIFT UNIT

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NAME LOPEZ PORTILLO, Jose

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ADDRESS

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Mexico, D. F.

City

STATE

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COUNTRY

Mexico

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0104

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DESCRIPTION

Etching of horses on five - sided piece of glass, mounted in brass base, engraved "Grabados Tomados de Dibujos Originales del señor Lic. Jose Lopez Portillo" (Works taken from original drawings of Jose Lopez Portillo) on one side and a facsimile signature, name & title of President Lopez Portillo on the other side; overall, 13 1/4" x 14" x 4".

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DESCRIPTION "Atlas de las Antiguedades Mexicanas Halladas en el Curso de los Tres Viajes de la Real Expedicion de Antiguedades de la Nueva Espana, Emprendidos en 1805, 1806 y 1807" (Atlas of the Mexican Antiquities Discovered in the Course of the Three Trips of the Royal Expedition of Antiquities of New Spain, carried Out in 1805, 1806 & 1807), published in Mexico, 1978 by San Angel Ediciones; *lim. ed. 2,000 copies.*

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Wash., D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 4, 1981
3:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE
Friday, June 5, 1981

9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
9:30 am (2 hrs)	Department of Defense Strategic <u>Fiscal Planning Meeting</u> (Craig Fuller)	Cabinet Room
11:30 am (5 min)	Robert Kennedy Family and Senator Kennedy <u>Meet President and Mrs. Reagan</u> (Joseph W. Canzeri) White House Photographer	Oval Office
11:35 am (20 min)	Robert F. Kennedy Medal Presentation (Joseph W. Canzeri) Open Press Coverage	Rose Garden
Noon (90 min)	<u>Working Luncheon (re Portillo visit)</u> (Richard V. Allen)	Cabinet Room
1:30 pm (5 min)	<u>Courtesy Call - Charlton Heston</u> (Frank Hodsoll) White House Photographer	Oval Office
1:45 pm (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Ambassador William Brock</u> (Craig Fuller) White House Photographer	Oval Office
2:00 pm (10 min)	<u>Dropby at Meeting re Block Grants</u> (Richard Williamson)	Roosevelt Room
2:15 pm (30 min)	Meeting with H. E. Claude Cheysson, <u>Minister of External Relations of France</u> (Richard V. Allen) Press Pool Photo Opportunity	Oval Office
3:00 pm	<u>Depart for Camp David</u>	South Lawn

June 5, 1981
3:30 pm

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE
Monday, June 8, 1981

9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
9:30 am (30 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Richard V. Allen)	Oval Office
10:00 am (15 min)	<u>Meeting with Baker, Meese, Deaver, Friedersdorf, Speakes and Gergen</u>	Oval Office
10:30 am	<u>The President greets President Lopez- Portillo at the South Portico</u>	South Portico
10:40 am	<u>President Reagan makes welcoming statement and President Lopez-Portillo responds</u>	South Portico
10:50 am	<u>Official Mexican and U. S. Parties are introduced</u>	South Portico
10:55 am	<u>President Reagan escorts President Lopez-Portillo into Diplomatic Room for signing of guest book after which they are escorted by Amb. Annenberg to Yellow Oval Room to join Mrs. Reagan for coffee</u>	Diplomatic Room and Yellow Oval Room
11:15 am	<u>The two Presidents depart South Lawn for Camp David</u>	South Lawn
11:55 am	<u>Arrive Camp David</u>	

COMPROMISING ON TAXES

The Administration is willing to change some details of its new tax proposal to regain the support of business groups for the congressional fight that begins in earnest this week, WH C of S Baker said Sunday. In an appearance on "Face the Nation", Baker said that while President Reagan is probably through negotiating with the Democratic leadership on the tax issue, the bargaining with business isn't over. Meanwhile Speaker O'Neill said his side had some bargaining to do as well, and will try to pry Republican and Democratic House members away from the President's side by forcing separate House votes on a half-dozen of the most sensitive spending cuts proposed by Reagan. The House speaker hit hard at Reagan, calling the Administration tax program a 'windfall for the rich.'

(Peter Behr, Washington Post, 6/8, A1)

CONABLE MIFFED AT WHITE HOUSE TREATMENT

Barber Conable was summoned to the WH just in time for the announcement of a tax compromise bearing his name -- but he wasn't sure of its details until he got there. Sources said the highly respected N.Y. Republican was more than a little annoyed the WH apparently took his allegiance for granted while actively pursuing the support of conservative Democrats to assure a bipartisan coalition would back Reagan's tax package. One congressional source, who asked not to be identified, said, "We're being rolled by the Administration." Secretary Regan Friday confirmed Conable had expressed his annoyance. But, Regan told reporters, "A 'concern' doesn't mean we lose his vote."

(UPI, 4:43)

MEXICO'S PRESIDENT MEETS REAGAN TODAY FOR FIRST OF TALKS DURING 2-DAY VISIT

Mexican President Portillo arrives at the WH today for a two-day meeting with President Reagan that a senior Administration official said will center on discussions of trade, energy, immigration and the continuing bloodshed in Central America. Lopez Portillo will formally invite Reagan to the October summit on the Third World's economic problems to be held in Cancun, Mexico, and Reagan will accept, on the condition that Fidel Castro not be invited, a WH official said. A senior Administration official told reporters that trade issues will be high on the agenda. The official noted Reagan wants to hear Lopez Portillo's ideas on immigration problems. The senior official also said the two presidents would take the opportunity to discuss problems in El Salvador and other nations of Central America.

(Lee Lescaze, Washington Post, 6/8, A2)

WHISTLEBLOWER SAYS UP TO \$1 BILLION WASTED AT HUD

A government critic says a lack of proper controls on federal housing department contracts may have cost taxpayers up to \$1B in waste since 1975 and drastic changes are needed to keep more from being "thrown down the rat hole." Al Ripskis, an outspoken HUD program analyst, said his waste estimate was based largely on a random audit of 10 contracts by HUD's inspector general's office. "They waste about two-thirds of the money that they've been spending on contracts," Ripskis said. The audit concluded HUD technical representatives ignored requirements for monitoring contracts and failed to pin down consulting and research firms for progress or cost reports. Ripskis said the money involved in the 10 contracts studied ballooned from \$3.8M to 5.8M - an increase of 53 percent.

(Gregory Gordon, UPI, 12:51)

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: *Carole*
CAROLE FARRAR

SUBJECT: Thank You to Lopez Portillo

Attached for your approval is a proposed thank-you letter to President Lopez Portillo for gifts. Roger Fontaine has cleared the text.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the proposed letter
(Gift Unit will have signed)

Approve _____

As amended _____

Dear Mr. President:

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Sincerely,

RR

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Jose Lopez Portillo
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Mexico, D. F.

Dispatch via NSC

REFERRAL

DATE: 24 JUN 81

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: LOPEZ PORTILLO

SOURCE: PRES

DATE: 23 JUN 81

KEYWORDS: MEXICO

GIFTS

LOPEZ PORTILLO, JOSE

SUBJ:

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Donna S. Lenz

FOR ALLEN J LENZ

STAFF DIRECTOR

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1985

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Please add this background material to outgoing Presidential letter to President Jose Lopez Portillo of June 23, 1981.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Nov. 15, 1982

We have no use for these. Would you like to have them? I believe that this sculpture was presented to the President by Lopez Portillo.

Lydia Barker
Curator's Office

The Capital Report



United Press International

President Reagan, playing host to Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo, takes his guest for a horseback ride through the grounds of Camp David.

Lopez Portillo Backs Caribbean Partnership

Reagan Proposes Joint Development

By Jeremiah O'Leary
Washington Star Staff Writer

President Reagan yesterday won support from Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo for the idea of a partnership between Mexico, the United States and Canada that would produce a development plan for the Caribbean region.

According to a senior administration official who attended the meeting between the two presidents at Camp David, Reagan feels Lopez Portillo should have a central role in the development plan for the less developed areas of the Caribbean Sea and Central America.

The official added that the Mexican president's backing for such a plan is subject to working out several elements of the partnership, such as the level of financial involvement of the two countries.

Deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said that yesterday's meeting between the presidents and the larger discussions involving them and their aides were "spirited, enthusiastic and very amiable."

In a one hour and 10-minute summit session at the Catoctin Mountain presidential retreat, the senior official said, Reagan and Lopez Portillo discussed a wide range of issues, including Central America.

The United States and Mexico do not see eye-to-eye on a solution to the violence in El Salvador and Guatemala, on the reported Soviet and Cuban arms shipments to Nicaragua or on the general role of Cuba in the region.

Reagan, however, discussed in detail with Lopez Portillo the development plan that he had worked out for the entire region in conjunction with Mexico and Canada, and indicated his wish to cooperate with the two U.S. neighbors on the project.

According to the U.S. official who briefed reporters on the presidents' meeting, Lopez Portillo said he could visualize the plan as eventually having worldwide application. Lopez Portillo was reported to have said that consideration has to be given in the plan to external as well as internal causes for the problems in some of the Caribbean basin countries.

He added that the development plan could be successful if it is begun without imposing conditions on the countries to be helped.

Lopez Portillo told Reagan, the U.S. official reported, that Mexico has a role to play as the "ideal communicator for the region, since Mexico's relations with all countries of the region are in excellent shape."

Canada also has full diplomatic relations with Cuba. The United States, however, has only a small diplomatic interest section in Havana and has had no trade with Cuba since the Eisenhower administration.

The Mexican president said that Mexico could also serve as a commu-

issue: the complicated range of problems between developed and the developing countries.

Reagan informed Lopez Portillo of U.S. concern about the flow of arms from the Soviet Union and Cuba to Nicaragua. In the past, Mexico has not shared the U.S. concern about this alleged intervention of arms and advisers in Central America.

Reagan was host at a barbecue at Camp David after he and Lopez Portillo went horseback riding there late yesterday. The two presidents will return to the White House by helicopter today.

The meetings began yesterday with Reagan giving Lopez Portillo a warm welcome at the White House.

Reagan said, "God made Mexico and the U.S. neighbors, but it is our duty and the duty of generations yet to come to make sure that we remain friends."

"I welcome you with the pledge that this administration will sincerely and diligently strive to maintain a relationship of mutual respect and cooperation and that decisions which affect both sides of our border will be made only after the closest consultation between our governments."

Lopez Portillo, obviously pleased at seeing Reagan again, said, "We are not only neighbors, we are also the representatives of two worlds, the north and the south. I come here now as a friend without any prejudice to talk with you and prove that there can be friendship among friends."

"When we do not have coinciding opinions, then we will talk things over without arrogance. We will select the road of reason without any submission and without any arrogance."

Lopez Portillo, Reagan Talk Of Friendship, Differences

By Lee Lescaze
Washington Post Staff Writer

President Reagan and Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo ended two days of talks yesterday with warm words of friendship amid indications their two nations are still far apart in attitudes toward Central America and the Caribbean.

They agreed to establish commissions on bilateral political and trade issues, and the U.S. side outlined its plan for a pilot program for 50,000 Mexican "guest workers" to be admitted to the United States on temporary permits.

Reagan accepted an invitation to an October conference on helping the developing world, to be held in Cancun, Mexico, and the two presidents discussed a three-way summit to include Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, according to participants in the talks.

U.S. officials emphasized the interest they said Lopez Portillo had shown in an evolving U.S. plan for economic aid to the Caribbean basin, but Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda stressed that Mexico has reservations about the plan.

Castaneda also said Lopez Portillo delivered Mexico's message that "military aid to the [El Salvador] junta only postpones solution of the problem." The Reagan administration stepped up military and economic aid to the junta.

"We should not intervene on behalf of one side or the other," Castaneda told reporters. "We should all respect the right of the people of El Salvador to self-determination."

Castaneda's account appeared to contradict that of two U.S. officials who spoke on the understanding that they would not be identified. One of the U.S. officials told reporters there had been "no specific political discussion of El Salvador."

In addition to differences over El Salvador, Cuba is an obstacle to the Caribbean development plan the United States wants to establish. Lopez Portillo insisted that no plan

should automatically exclude any nation from participation, according to Castaneda and the two U.S. officials.

The United States accepted that condition in principle, Castaneda said. The U.S. officials said, however, that the United States did not address the question of eligibility of nations for the plan.

Mexico has good relations with Cuba, but the United States has no diplomatic relations with Cuba and maintains a trade embargo against that nation.

The U.S. officials said details of the Reagan Caribbean plan remain to be worked out. Castaneda made the "working-out" sound likely to be prolonged.

Whatever differences remained between the two nations, Lopez Portillo made it clear that he considered his visit a success, in large part because of the manner in which he was received as an equal partner rather than as the head of a poor neighbor.



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President Reagan and Mexican President Lopez Portillo return to the White House to continue talks after a day at Camp David.

"I must confess that I am moved," he said in toasting Reagan at a White House luncheon yesterday after the two presidents returned from Camp David where most of the talks were held.

"I have spoken... in this same place three times before, and I have never been so moved as I feel today," he said. "The relationship for some reason or another had always been a tense one. The relationships between neighbors are always difficult... but for the first time now, I have felt totally relaxed.

"The most important thing of all is respect. If all the powerful people in the world were to truly understand what respect means to the weak people, the world would truly change."

Reagan also spoke of the "warm, personal relationship" he said he and Lopez Portillo had established. "My house is your house," he told Lopez Portillo in halting Spanish.

Reagan demonstrated the impor-

tance he attaches to Mexico by making Lopez Portillo the first foreign leader he has invited to Camp David and the first to be there since Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat negotiated their peace agreement with President Carter.

Attorney General William French Smith explained the American thinking on guest workers. Although the U.S. plan is not complete, Castaneda said it would experiment with 50,000 Mexicans crossing the border on temporary work permits and that an amnesty for more than two million Mexicans in the United States illegally was discussed.

The anonymous U.S. officials said the talks had brought them nearer to implementing a guest worker program.

The U.S.-Mexican dispute over fisheries was discussed briefly without any agreement and the two nations also signed, for the third straight year, an agreement for the sale of U.S. grain to Mexico.

House Sharing

The Reagans' Lunch For Lopez Portillo

By Elisabeth Bumiller

"*Mi casa es su casa*," President Ronald Reagan said to Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo over lunch at the White House yesterday. "My house is your house."

For yesterday's midday meal, it seemed that it was. The two presidents disagree on major foreign policy issues, but these were glossed over by the bright day and chilled wine. From Lopez Portillo:

"We have spoken about many things," he said in his toast to Reagan. "Fortunately, we have agreed on most of them. We have dissented on some. But with the greatest respect we have agreed to talk about the matters on which we dissent in order to find appropriate solutions."

Lopez Portillo's toast, spoken through an interpreter, was a lot longer than Reagan's. At one point, he appeared to refer to the previous administration. "I had always spoken frankly," he said, "but I have always measured the weight of each of my words because the relationship for some reason or another had always

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The Reagans and Lopez Portillo at the White House; by Frank Johnston

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been a tense one. A relationship between neighbors that are so different is always difficult ... but I confess for the first time now, I have felt totally relaxed."

The lunch began at noon as a harpist played delicate tunes in the cool shadows of the White House diplomatic entrance, a circular room just off the South Lawn. One of the first people to arrive was a big, burly baseball player: Fernando Valenzuela, rookie pitcher of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"Of course I'm very proud," he said through his impromptu interpreter, John Gavin, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico. Valenzuela is a big star in Mexico as well as in the United States, and was just about the biggest star at the White House yesterday. He signed three baseballs for Mexican journalists, cameras whirring.

At this point, Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrived. He stopped, posed for a few pictures with Valenzuela, then listened to the shouts from a pack of reporters behind ropes.

"Mr. Secretary, are you a baseball fan?"

"You betcha!"

"Did Israel violate restrictions on American arms?"

"Possible."

"Might the U.S. cut off arms shipments to Israel?"

"I'm not going to get into that."

Haig was referring to Israel's weekend raid — with American-supplied aircraft — on an Iraqi nuclear plant, and what the U.S. response might be. "We have obligations to report possible violations," Haig said as he headed up the marble stairs to the main floor of the White House, "and we're doing so."

Behind him came White House chief of staff James Baker and Attorney General William French Smith. Others on the guest list included golfer Lee Trevino, Joseph Albritton of Albritton Communications and columnist Clayton Fritchey, who's not a Republican.

"You're a Democrat!" somebody shouted at him.

"Shhhhhhh!" he replied.

Lunch, for 138 people, was king crab legs, veal, rice pilaf, spinach, raspberry mousse with fresh peaches, plus lots of wine. Everyone sat in the East Room at round tables with pink peonies and blue and white ribbons. Lopez Portillo's visit was a working visit and not a state visit, which is why he wasn't given a state dinner.

Still, strolling strings played during dessert, and when Lopez Portillo drea-

White House Lunch

out the White House driveway in his limousine, guards held flags of the American states to mark the way. Just before Lopez Portillo's departure, Reagan stood on the steps of the North Portico, flags flapping, trees blowing in the warm wind, and announced results of his meetings with the Mexican leader.

"The talks that we've had were frank, they were valuable and they lead to a closer relationship between our two countries," he said.

In his toast to Lopez Portillo, Reagan told the story of a California mud slide and a Mexican man whose home was destroyed. "We were both knee-deep in mud," Reagan said. "It must have been heart-breaking for him because his home had obviously been newly furnished. Now it was a scene of ruin.

"With quiet dignity and the utmost serenity, he said, 'Governor Reagan, *mi casa es su casa*. My house is your house.'"

Guests tittered at this, the image being one of the White House in a mud slide. But Lopez Portillo saw it differently.

"For the first time, a president of the United States has used with me that very generous formula of 'My home is your home,'" he said. "For we who understand the greatness and dignity that there is behind that expression, what I have heard from the president today has deeply moved me — as I can understand very well that he felt deeply moved also when he heard that old man who had no roof over his head, and who was offering him his home."

Guests at the White House luncheon for Jose Lopez Portillo, President of Mexico:

Jorge Castaneda de la Rosa, secretary of foreign relations of Mexico
David Ibarra Munoz, secretary for finance and public credit
Jose Andres de Oleza, secretary of patrimony and industrial development
Jorge de la Vega Dominguez, secretary of commerce
Pedro Oleda Paulada, secretary of labor and social welfare
Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, secretary of programming and budget
Rosa Luz Alegria Escamilla, secretary of tourism
Fernando Rafful Miguel, chief, Department of Fisheries
Oscar Flores Sanchez, attorney general
The Ambassador of Mexico & Mrs. Margain
Jose Ramon Lopez Portillo Romano, under secretary of evaluation of the secretary of programming and budget
Roberto Casillas Hernandez, private secretary to the president
Gen. Miguel Angel Godinez, chief of staff of the Presidential General Staff
Rafael Izquierdo, adviser to the president
Luis Javier Solana Morales, coordinator of social communication, office of the president

Jose Antonio Ugarle Romano, adviser to the president
Alfonso de Rosenzweig-Diaz, under secretary for foreign relations
Jorge Eduardo Navarrete, under secretary for economic affairs, Office of Foreign Affairs
Carlos Gonzalez-Parrodi, chief of protocol
Miguel Marin, private secretary to the foreign minister
Andres Rozental, director general for North American affairs, Office of Foreign Affairs
Miguel Lopez-Azuara, director general for Information
George Abbott and Mrs. Abbott, New York, N.Y.
Dr. Hector R. Acuna, director, Pan American Health Organization, & Mrs. Acuna
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Richard V. Allen, assistant to the president for national security affairs, & Mrs. Allen
Mrs. Joseph Alsop, Washington, D.C.
Everett Alvarez Jr., deputy director-designate, Peace Corps, & Mrs. Alvarez
Marlin Anderson, assistant to the president for policy development
Leonore Annenberg, chief of protocol
James A. Baker III, chief of staff and assistant to the president, & Mrs. Baker
Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige & Mrs. Baldrige
Hector Barreto, president, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, & Mrs. Barreto
Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block & Mrs. Block
William E. Brock III, United States Trade Representative
Rep. Clair Burgener & Mrs. Burgener
Vice President & Mrs. Bush
John Ellis Bush & Mrs. Bush, Miami, Fla.
Jose R. Cano, national chairman, American G.I. Forum of the United States
Joseph W. Canzer, deputy assistant to the president and assistant to the deputy chief of staff
Michael Cardenas, administrator, Small Business Administration
Eugene Carusi & Mrs. Carusi, Washington, D.C.
William P. Clark, deputy secretary of state, & Mrs. Clark
Gov. William Clements of Texas & Mrs. Clements
Helen Copley, chairman, The Copley Press Inc., La Jolla, Calif.
Richard G. Darman, deputy assistant to the president and deputy to the chief of staff
Michael K. Deaver, deputy chief of staff and assistant to the president, & Mrs. Deaver
Rafael de la Colina, permanent representative of Mexico to the OAS, & Mrs. de la Colina
Rep. Eligio de La Garza & Mrs. de La Garza
Tito del Junco, chairman, California Republican Party, & Mrs. del Junco, Los Angeles, Calif.
Antonio DeMarco, Los Angeles, Calif.
Sen. Peter V. Domenici & Mrs. Domenici

Glenn S. Dumke, chancellor, California State University & Colleges, & Mrs. Dumke
Secretary of Energy James B. Edwards
C. Allen Ellis & Mrs. Ellis, New York, N.Y.
Thomas O. Enders, assistant secretary of state-designate for inter-American affairs, & Mrs. Enders
Clayton Fritchey & Mrs. Fritchey, Washington, D.C.
Craig L. Fuller, deputy assistant to the president and director of the office of Cabinet administration
John A. Gavin, American ambassador to Mexico
Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig and Mrs. Haig
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Sarah McClendon, McClendon News Service, Washington, D.C.
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Sen. Harrison Schmidt
Attorney General William French Smith
Larry Speakes, deputy press secretary to the president
George Strake, secretary of state, Texas, & Mrs. Strake
Henry Starvink, violinist; Mexican delegate to UNESCO
Louis Terrazas, president, Gold Mine Manufacturing Co., San Antonio
Col. C. J. Tippet & Mrs. Tippet, Upperville, Va.
Nicholas Timmesch, Los Angeles Times Syndicate
Sen. John Tower & Mrs. Tower
Lee Trevino, professional golfer, & Mrs. Trevino, Dallas, Tex.
Charles P. Tyson, deputy assistant to the president for national security affairs
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Fernando Valenzuela, pitcher, Los Angeles Dodgers
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President Reagan offers a departure toast for President Lopez Portillo.

Reagan-Portillo Plan May Hit Snag Over Cuba Issue

By Jeremiah O'Leary
Washington Star Staff Writer

Mexican President José Lopez Portillo concluded his talks with President Reagan yesterday on a note of warm friendship, but there were signs that a plan for a joint Caribbean development program may have hit a snag.

The potential sticking point appears to be Lopez Portillo's position that all countries in the region, including Cuba and Nicaragua, be included in the plan.

The program, which would be developed jointly by the United States, Mexico and Canada, would be designed to help the underdeveloped countries of the Caribbean basin.

Although the two presidents said that subordinates would continue working on details of the plan, U.S. and Mexican officials indicated that there was less than total agreement on economic assistance for leftist countries.

"Mexico feels the plan ought to be extended to all countries in Central America and the Caribbean," said a senior U.S. official at the White House after Lopez Portillo had departed. "We did not take a position on that."

Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castañeda, in a separate briefing, said Lopez Portillo made three points: There should be no security aid provision in the economic development project; the project should be used to help the people and not to fight Communism; and no countries should be excluded.

Although an American spokesman said, "This is not a Marshall Plan and has no security aspect," he stopped short of saying exactly what the U.S. position would be toward extending the plan to Marxist Cuba, leftist Nicaragua or other places where leftists are influential.

U.S. officials said they doubted that Reagan, in his conversations with Lopez Portillo, went beyond agreeing that the program was necessary to help curb political and economic unrest through economic development.

In fact, as the two sides briefed reporters on the Caribbean plan, it became apparent that the project has only the vaguest outlines so far.

But at the White House, officials said Reagan and Lopez Portillo discussed a proposed three-way meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and indicated that such a session might be convened before a 23-member North-South summit meeting is held in October in Mexico.

A senior U.S. official said Reagan accepted the invitation to the North-South meeting, conceding that the decision was made easier by the fact that neither Cuban President Fidel Castro nor the Soviet leadership have been invited.

The two presidents in their meetings in Washington and at Camp David agreed to establish two working committees to work out some of the

substantial problems facing Mexico and the United States. One group will deal with foreign policy issues and the other will focus on trade and commerce. A third group will be formed to take up the problem of fishing in waters customarily used by the fleets of both nations.

During the two days of meetings the two presidents demonstrated friendship and good will. In the exchange of toasts at the official luncheon in the East Room, Reagan used the traditional Latin phrase *Mi casa es su casa* - "My house is your house."

In an oblique reference to his lack of rapport with President Carter, Lopez Portillo said in the past he has been cautious and found the relationship to be a tense one.

"But I confess for the first time," said Lopez Portillo in his toast, "that now I have felt totally relaxed. For the first time, a president of the United States has used with me that very generous formula of 'my home is your home.' What I have heard from the president today has deeply moved me."

"If all the powerful people in the world were to truly understand what respect means to the weak people, the world would totally change. When a human relationship is built on respect it is indestructible."



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President and Mrs. Reagan flank Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo at the White House.

Hispanic Flavor at the White House

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Secretary of State Alexander Haig, joining Valenzuela, his manager, and Gavin, was able to propel them toward the stairs, but not before Valenzuela had autographed two baseballs for his fans among the press.

"Are you a baseball fan, too?" someone asked Haig.

"You betcha," he said.

Later, the 20-year-old pitcher produced another couple of baseballs, which he got Reagan to autograph for him while guests were milling around before the luncheon.

Said one guest, "He was grinning from ear to ear as he held the baseballs."

The luncheon guests were also grinning and laughing after the anecdote with which Reagan began his toast.

The president recalled that when he was governor of California, he had once gone to a flooded area where homes had been virtually wiped out by the disaster. "One of these belonged to an old gentleman from your country, who was standing in the middle of what, before the slide, had been his living room. We were both knee-deep in mud. With quiet dignity and the utmost sincerity, he said, 'Governor Reagan, *mi casa es su casa*.'"

Guests laughed, but Reagan continued in a serious vein. "I was deeply moved and I realized that I was a witness to what was purely and traditionally Hispanic — personal pride and courage in the face of adversity."

Lopez Portillo responded, "For the first time a

president of the United States has used with me that very generous formula of 'My home is your home.' And for us who understand the greatness and dignity that there is behind that expression, what I have heard from the president today has deeply moved me."

Golfer Lee Trevino, who was a guest at the luncheon, said he believed that Lopez Portillo purposely took the time to explain the saying *mi casa es su casa*, so as to buffer what had first appeared to be a joke. "It seemed like a line out of a Bob Hope monologue: 'Now that the house is ruined, it's yours.' But in Spanish, it is the ultimate gesture of intimacy, the ultimate compliment."

While most guests agreed that that was the flavor of the remarks, some thought that Reagan meant to be funny. Columnist Clayton Fritchey wasn't sure, but said that even if Reagan intended humor, "I don't think the Mexicans got the joke anyway."

"Of course, they got it," said National Security Adviser Dick Allen, "They were all laughing."

But former ambassador to Mexico Joseph Jova took the diplomatic approach to the controversy, saying: "Here was an example where form was more important than the substance of words."

Notwithstanding the confusion over Reagan's intent, guests filed out agreeing that the warm sentiments exchanged by the two leaders over the last couple of the days were unique. "We're going to have the best relations ever," Trevino said, "and it's about time."

Lopez Portillo Welcomed for Bilateral Talks With Reagan

By Lee Lescaze
Washington Post Staff Writer

President Reagan gave Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo a warm welcome at the White House yesterday and then escorted his guest to Camp David for talks that centered on new plans for the Caribbean basin and for closer bilateral U.S.-Mexican relations.

In the relaxed atmosphere of the presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains about 60 miles from Washington, the two presidents and their top advisers plus almost their entire cabinets were also expected to discuss the fighting in El Salvador, on which the two nations differ, immigration of Mexicans to the United States and trade.

Reagan began by giving new emphasis to the important role good relations with Mexico and Canada has in his foreign policy.

"In a world filled with neighbors who resort to violence, neighbors who've lost sight of the shared values and mutual interests, the good will between Mexico and the United States is a blossom whose beauty we meet here to cherish and protect."

Reagan and Lopez Portillo each addressed the longstanding sensitivity of Mexico over being treated as a junior partner by the United States.

"I welcome you today with the pledge that this administration will sincerely and diligently strive to maintain a relationship of mutual respect and cooperation between our two nations, and the decisions which affect both sides of our border will be made only after the closest consultation between our governments," Reagan said.

Lopez Portillo said there should be neither arrogance nor submission in the relationship between the two countries. "We want to be understood and we want to understand," he said.

In 1979 Lopez Portillo lectured President Carter on the arrogance of U.S. attitudes and refused to embrace the American president when he visited Mexico City. Yesterday Lopez Portillo and Reagan greeted each other with the traditional Latin American embrace.

Lopez Portillo is the first foreign leader Reagan has invited to the presidential retreat at Camp David. After the short helicopter flight there, the two men changed into casual clothes and met, with interpreters, for 70 minutes.

Then they joined their top foreign policy aides for a two-hour meeting that included lunch on the patio overlooking a meadow and a swimming pool at Aspen Lodge. A senior U.S. official told reporters via a telephone hookup to the White House press room that most of the two meetings was devoted to Reagan's evolving



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Taking a break from Camp David talks on the Caribbean, bilateral ties and economic development for the region, Presidents Reagan and Lopez Portillo go horseback riding.

terlocutory role Mexico can play in the region.

The official, who spoke on condition he not be identified, made the meetings sound as though they had been an extremely general exchange. For example, he said Lopez Portillo gave "a sketch" of Mexican development that included such details as the nation's population (70 million), its area (764,000 square miles) and its rate of population growth (down from 3.6 percent annually to 2.8 percent).

In the same vein, reporters were told that the two presidents agreed that economic development "should be a goal for the whole region."

The senior official gave no indication that there had been much disagreement between the two presidents.

Reagan supports the ruling junta in El Salvador; Mexico disapproves of the U.S. military aid Reagan is supplying it. Mexico supports the Sandinista government in Nicaragua; the United States is withholding aid from Nicaragua to pressure the regime.

Asked whether Lopez Portillo had voiced his much-publicized position that both the United States and the Soviet Union should stay out of El Salvador, the senior official said not in "precisely those terms."

Although the administration does not yet have a finished plan for the Caribbean, it is working toward a program that would seek to provide long-term economic support to increase development in Central America and the Caribbean island nations.

Lopez Portillo sees a prominent role for Mexico in such a plan, the official said, as a nation that has good relations throughout the region — with Cuba as well as the United States.

The two presidents did not discuss any Mexican go-between role to facilitate U.S.-Cuba communications, the official said.

The two presidents ended their first day by going horseback riding and having a barbecue.

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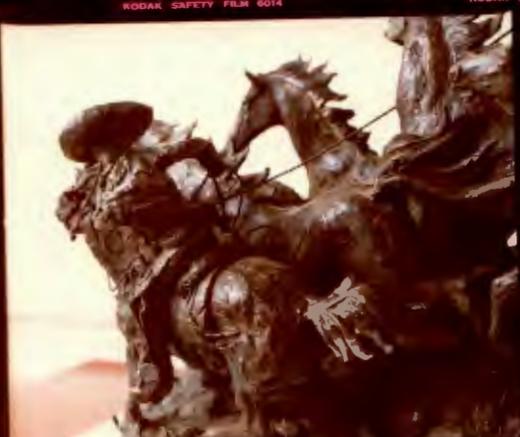
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