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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

→ Fontaine

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May 4, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICK NEAL

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *rv*
SUBJECT: Bolivia

In response to your request that NSC handle Mr. Albert Johnson who called you to request an appointment with the President to relay a message from the President of Bolivia, Luis Garcia-Meza, Roger Fontaine of my staff (Inter-American Affairs) met with Mr. Johnson and received the message which is attached at Tab A.

I do not believe it is appropriate that the President see Mr. Johnson.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 30, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE RF

SUBJECT: Bolivia

At Tab I is a memo from you to Rick Neal informing him of the action taken in response to his request that NSC handle Mr. Albert Johnson. Rick Neal wrote (Tab II) that Mr. Johnson alleges to have recently returned from Bolivia with a personal message from the President of Bolivia, Luis Garcia-Meza, for President Reagan.

On April 29, I met with Mr. Johnson and received his verbal message from Garcia which is at Tab III. A copy of my memo reporting on the conversation is also attached at Tab A for you to forward to Rick Neal. I do not believe it is necessary for the President or you to meet with Mr. Johnson.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I to Rick Neal.

Approve Disapprove

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April 29, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE *RF*
SUBJECT: Message from Garcia (U)

At your request, I met with Albert Johnson, a businessman, who has just returned from Bolivia. (U)

Johnson met with Garcia Meza. The latter sent the following verbal message. He wants US support soon. He would accept a special envoy to talk about reopening US-Bolivian relations. He would also appreciate a US Ambassador. He would like to negotiate a friendship treaty with the US. (C)

Johnson has already seen Ambassador Enders and repeated the same message. (U)

Johnson is a member of the Board of the Houston Oil Technology Corporation and his company is interested in tertiary oil recovery in Bolivia, and has already initiated talks with the Bolivian State Oil Monopoly. (C)

Comment

The message from Garcia reads like all the other ones he sent via other channels. Nevertheless, the need to have a high level contact soon is one that has already been proposed and seems a useful way to proceed. (C)

Attached is my previous recommendation on this subject. (U)

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April 27, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD ALLEN

FROM: RICK NEAL *RN*

SUBJECT: BOLIVIA

On April 24, 1981, Mr. Richard Williamson's office was telephoned by Mr. Albert Johnson. Mr. Johnson alleges to have recently returned from Bolivia with a personal message from the President of Bolivia, Luis Garcia-Meza, for President Reagan.

On Saturday, April 25, 1981, I spoke with Mr. Johnson and offered my assistance. He insists that he must personally relay the message to President Reagan.

Mr. Johnson is Chairman of the Board of Dodson and Johnson, an investment firm which deals in oil. Plus, he is President of the National Association of Certified Mortgage Bankers and a Republican Eagle.

Mr. Johnson can be reached in Florida this week at (305) 655-5430. His office number in Tennessee is (615) 244-8600.

Appropriate action by your office would be appreciated.

cc: Richard S. Williamson
Alan F. Holmer

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April 24, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE *RF*

SUBJECT: Weekly Report (U)

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Bolivia. It is about to pop. Rumors of coup plotting have been going on since I arrived at the OEOP. The State Department has always believed the Garcia Meza regime would last only two weeks. Finally, State may be right. The whole system is now askew. Hugo Banzer has publicly declared war on the regime and the rest of the generals are very restless. Meanwhile, Garcia Meza has turned away his real tough guy, Lucho Arce. The break could come next week. What to do? I'm in touch with the few real Bolivia experts in this town. The consensus is the US has played the waiting game for too long. If the coup attempt succeeds, we should, after a short, decent interval, send a special envoy to Bolivia -- perhaps General Sumner -- and have him say specifically what we want from the new government in preparation for full recognition and resumed relations (meaning our Ambassador). If the coup fails -- we should still do the same. Judging from the cable traffic, the Garcia Meza regime still isn't quite -- sure what we want -- and more importantly -- how much we want it. Again, a special envoy would help enormously on this matter. I can spell all this out in greater detail next week if you wish. (S)

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 19, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE CF

SUBJECT: Meeting With Dean Burch, May 6, 1981

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May 26, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE

RF

SUBJECT: Bolivia

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BY RW NARA DATE 7/25/13

Dear Roger:

Per your request, here is a short resume of the three Bolivian officers you are interested in, plus one other. This is a personal assessment, written off the top of the head. I know Cayoja, Ayoroa and Rico Taro extremely well, and Anez fairly well. Please look upon this as a Larry Tracy-Roger Fontaine unofficial communication, so as to not rattle bureaucratic chains.

Humberto Cayoja. Considered as one of the better professionals in the Bolivian Army. He could have been President in 1971 as he was the major planner/executor of the Banzer coup, and Banzer was in prison at the time. He deferred to the more senior Banzer, however. Shortly thereafter, he was sent to the U.S. as a student at Fort Leavenworth and then a Military Attache. While here, he pursued an MA at Catholic University, ^{AND} ^{ED} planning on writing a thesis on U.S. involvement in Vietnam. I don't know if he finished, but this is indicative of an intellectual curiosity and academic bent rare in Bolivian ^{MILITARY OFFICERS}. He reads English fairly well.

After returning to Bolivia (1975) he was the Army G3, a key post for a junior colonel. (Currently this job is held by a BG.) After 8 months, he was sent to Chile as Attache. He is convinced Banzer sent him off twice because Banzer was concerned that Cayoja would move against him.

He is not, understandably, a big fan of Banzer. I cannot say how wide a base support he has in the Army. Many officers do not trust him, for reasons unclear to me. He divorced his first wife, who was very active politically against the Leftist Torres Government, and married a much younger, very attractive, very ambitious

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woman. They met and were married here in Washington. (She was with the Embassy, I believe.) Cayoja was Minister of Education in the ~~Pereda~~ ^{Pereda} Government. Should Cayoja move to the Presidency, we could work well with him. He is a graduate of Fort Leavenworth, very pro U.S. and I know of no involvement with drugs. He's about 50.

Juan Ayoroa Ayoroa

Leader of a military family, dubbed the "Ayoroa Clan." He was Minister of Interior under Ovando Candia. He was ^{or} fired by Banzer as Command of the Command and Staff School in 1975 for criticism of the Government's policy toward Chile (Banzer had resumed relations, broken since 1962) and Banzer's tendency to keep the military in politics. He remains the most respected senior officer (he's about 57-59). He has ~~Consistently~~ stuck to the line that the military should not play a direct political role. He and I have had many lengthy discussions on this subject, and I believe he is sincere in wanting to create a professional military that does not ~~Distract~~ itself by constant political intrigue. He is the leader of a retired officer group ^{TO PATER} ~~(named after a famous battle in the War of the Pacific)~~ - named after a famous battle in the War of the Pacific) and has excellent ties with the LTC's and junior officers ^{AS well,}

I believe as President he could bring ^{together the} private sector, senior officers (all on active duty are junior to him-he graduated in the class of 1945, two years prior to Banzer's graduation from the Argentine Academy) as well as the unit commander.

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I met LTC Medina (Taran^{PA}aca Regiment, the ^{STRONGEST} strategist unit in the Army) through Ayoroa. ^{DOLIA MEDINA COMMANDER} He and others have great respect for Ayoroa. He has been recalled to active duty, but I don't know what specific post he now holds. ^{INDEPENDENTLY} Inherently wealthy (old money), no hint of corruption/drugs.

BG Luis Anez

Newly appointed Chief of Staff (No. 2) in Army. He is an engineer, with no strong opposition ^{FOLLOWING} as far as I know. He is not known as a political comer, however; And, I don't believe he could really muster wide support. He is a good No. 2 man, would make a good Cabinet Minister, especially one that is technical (Communications, Transportation). Well respected by private sector.

COL Faustino Rico Toro, new Commandant of the Military Academy.

Probably has best, most devious political mind in the Army. Excellent charismatic commander, with ~~was~~ good following among young officers, Very ambitious. He was aide to Ovando. Speculation has always been that he was responsible for "shooting down" Barrientos helicopter. He was tried but acquitted. Close ties with Argentina. He is graduate of Argentine Command and Staff School, and son is in last year at the Argentine Military Academy.

He was Military Attache to U.S. 1979-80. He was one of chief architects of ^{Pedraza} ~~Pedraza~~ coup (July 1978) and then served as Minister of Interior until Padilla coup (Nov 78). He wants to be President, and would be, under certain circumstances, very

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ruthless. He has told me that Bolivia is a target of international Marxism, and a blood bath may be inevitable as a means of determining which system will prevail. As Commandant of the Military Academy, he will have 500 well-trained, disciplined cadets, all armed with automatic weapons, ^{AN} and excellent light infantry battalion (by Bolivian standards).

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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May 27, 1981

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE RF

SUBJECT: Bolivia Update

Garzia Meza has now been forced to resign effective August 6 --Bolivian Independence Day. He was eased out by a consensus of senior military officers who wanted to bring the turmoil within the Armed Forces to an end in order to preserve the chain of command. (Two revolts within a month led by a Lieutenant-Colonel is unacceptable). The new government has yet to be assembled. The preliminary indications are positive. (More on this later). If men like Humberto Cayoja form the new leadership after August 6, then the U.S. should move quickly to recognize the new government. We have two months in which to make the preparations -- there is no reason why we can't be in place on or about August 6. ✓

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The growing discontent prevalent in the armed forces against the Garcia-Meza government has compelled the regime to move toward a peaceful, face-saving change in leadership. President Garcia-Meza has announced a reorganization of armed forces hierarchy and called on his military colleagues to choose a successor by mid-July. He proposes to relinquish the presidency on August 6, Bolivian independence day.

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Garcia-Meza's position had become increasingly untenable:

- The regime was badly tainted in the eyes of its civilian and military constituencies by the alleged involvement of many high-level military and government officials in cocaine trafficking.
- Efforts to curb the drug trade and eliminate official involvement had been only partially successful and the narcotics stigma prevented full normalization of diplomatic relations with the US, some Latin American neighbors and several Western European nations.

Garcia-Meza's dwindling cadre of supporters and those in the establishment who oppose him are wary of the dangers of dropping the facade of unity. They fear a fratricidal conflict that could destroy the armed forces and allow the organized left to gain a foothold in Bolivia. Their apprehensions improve prospects for a peaceful change of command.

Garcia-Meza may still have some cards up his sleeve. He has announced that he was assuming the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, a slot abolished after the July 17, 1980 coup. It is unclear whether he will relinquish this job along with the presidency on August 6. Moreover, Garcia-Meza has named two trusted colleagues to the positions of Army Commander and Army Chief of Staff, either of whom could succeed him as President.

Civilian politicians, as well as labor and student leaders who have consistently sought a return to democratic rule, will find the new arrangement frustrating, despite vague pledges of an eventual return to constitutional practices.

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Bolivia

ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF TURDERA DIES OF HEART ATTACK

PY081635 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 1555 GMT 8 Jul 81

[Text] La Paz, 8 Jul (TELAM)--Gen Carlos Turdera Villa, the army chief of staff, died of a heart attack in a clinic in Cochabamba this morning. The office of the commander of the 7th Army Division headquartered in this city, 600 km from La Paz, has issued an official communique on the general's death.

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July 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: ROGER FONTAINE *RF*SUBJECT: Response to Fourth of July Message From
Garcia Meza

Attached at Tab A is a memorandum to you from State recommending a low key response to Garcia Meza's message of congratulations to the President on our July 4 celebration.

NSC staff concurs with this approach in light of current relations with Bolivia.

Attached at Tab I is a Lenz to Bremer memorandum approving this response.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the Lenz to Bremer memo at Tab I.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I - Memo to State

A - Incoming Correspondence

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White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2006
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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Response to Fourth of July Message From
Garcia Meza (S/S 8120430)

The NSC concurs with State's suggestion of a low keyed response to Garcia Meza's message of congratulations on our July 4 celebration.

Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

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July 17, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSESUBJECT: July 4th Congratulatory message from Bolivian
President Garcia Meza to President Reagan

Bolivian President Garcia Meza has sent an Independence Day message of congratulations to President Reagan. In normal circumstances, a response by President Reagan would be customary. In this instance, however, such a Presidential response would receive wide publicity and be used by Garcia Meza as evidence that normalization of relations had been achieved.

This week the Bolivian armed forces are scheduled to decide whether Garcia Meza should be extended in office or be replaced by another military officer. Our interests are best served by not providing Garcia Meza with anything which he might be able to use to strengthen his position.

The Department recommends that in lieu of a presidential response, the Charge in La Paz be instructed to express appreciation for the GOB's congratulatory message. A draft cable is attached.

John H. Kelly
for L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Commercial Cable of 7/4/81
2. State 180540
3. Draft Cable

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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DE LA REPUBLICA DE BOLIVIA
NOMBRE GOBIERNO Y PUEBLO DE BOLIVIA, EXPRESOLE
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
SECRETARY FROM BOLIVIAN FONMIN ROLON (S/S NUMBER 8120119)

REF: COMMERCIAL CABLE OF 7/4/81

1. FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE WAS RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT
ON 7/4/81. QUOTE: ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY
OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS
TO YOU SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND WISHES FOR THE PROGRESS
OF THE NORTHAMERICAN PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY HAIG SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTER ROLON ANAYA:

DEAR MR. MINISTER: I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION
FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 205TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SINCERELY, ALEXANDER M. HAIG,
JR.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. HAIG

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FROM: John Kelly S/S 28448 7224
(Officer name) (Office symbol) (Extension) (Room number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION cable to La Paz re Response to Fourth of July
Message to the President from Bolivian President Garcia Meza

TO: (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	Extension	Room No.
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FOR: CLEARANCE ☒ INFORMATION ☐ PER REQUEST ☐ COMMENT ☐

REMARKS: _____

S/S Officer: John Kelly

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E.O. 12065: GDS 7/13/81 {BRIGGS, E.E.}

TAGS: PDIP, US, BL

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT GARCIA MEZA {S/S NUMBER
8120430}

REF: {A} COMMERCIAL CABLE OF 7/4/81 {B} STATE 180540

1. {U} FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE WAS RECEIVED IN DEPART-
MENT ON 7/4/81. QUOTE: IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF BOLIVIA, I EXPRESS TO YOU SINCERE CONGRATULA-
TIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY,
EXTENDING BEST WISHES FOR THE PROGRESS AND WELFARE OF
THE NORTHAMERICAN PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

2. {C} THE BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES ARE SCHEDULED TO REACH
A DECISION THIS WEEK ON WHO SHOULD REPLACE PRESIDENT
GARCIA MEZA. A PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE MESSAGE
COULD HAVE MORE OF AN IMPACT THAN WOULD BE DESIRED.
AT A MINIMUM, IT WOULD BE HERALDED BY THE GOB AS PROOF
OF THE LONG-AWAITED NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND AT
MAXIMUM COULD SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE SELECTION PROCESS
THE GOB IS GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW.

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3. {U} CHARGE IS INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER: QUOTE

HIS EXCELLENCY
MARIO ROLON ANAYA
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP

I WISH TO CONVEY THE APPRECIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE MESSAGE SENT BY YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE 205TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES.
SINCERELY, ALEXANDER WATSON, CHARGE D'AFFAIRE, A.I.

4. {C} IN THE EVENT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE TO CONVEY TO FOREIGN MINISTER ROLON THE MESSAGE TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL B, ABOVE RESPONSE SHOULD BE ALTERED TO READ "MESSAGES" VICE "MESSAGE".

5. {U} NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. YY

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