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THE WHITE HOUSE

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WASHINGTON

August 6, 1986

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL *RM*

REQUEST: Meeting with Bolivian Cabinet Ministers

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PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

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LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: Bolivian Ministers of Planning (in charge of internal affairs like Blast Furnace) and Finance, and possibly the Minister of Foreign Affairs; John M. Poindexter; WH Drug Policy Director Carlton Turner, others to be determined.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Photo op; President receives Ministers for brief meeting.

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC to provide.

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PROPOSED PHOTO: President receiving letter in front of fireplace.

RECOMMENDED BY: John M. Poindexter, Department of State, Carlton Turner

OPPOSED BY: None

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SUBJECT: Narcotics in the Andean Region

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among the important drug producing countries;
to further U.S. narcotics initiatives ^{to curtail supply,}
~~(tentative) to announce a Presidential
Commission on Narcotics and Development.~~

BACKGROUND: Bolivian President Paz wants to continue the
momentum against narcotics generated by
Operation Blast Furnace by hosting a summit
with the Presidents of Bolivia, Peru,
Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and possibly
Brazil. *(all democratically elected Presidents.)*

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President hosted the President of
Venezuela in a Dec '84 State Visit, and the
President of Ecuador in a Jan '86 State
Visit. He has not met the Presidents of
Bolivia, Colombia, and Peru.

DATE & TIME: To be determined, but the Bolivians have
suggested mid-~~October~~. *to late October.*

LOCATION: The Bolivians have suggested Santa Cruz,
Bolivia, as the summit site but are willing
to meet in the U.S, *possibly Miami.*

PARTICIPANTS: To be provided.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: To be provided.

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC to provide.

MEDIA COVERAGE: We anticipate extensive media coverage.

~~PROPOSED "PHOTO": To be provided.~~

RECOMMENDED BY: John M. Poindexter, ^{the} *Department of State and* Carlton Turner

OPPOSED BY: None

*to sign a joint declaration
on narcotics control
activities,*

*to demonstrate to the U.S. Congress
the success of our international
efforts on narcotics.*

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRESIDENT PAZ

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OPPOSED BY: None

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think it could help with the Congressional elections by demonstrating the administration's intent to stem the overall availability of drugs by helping insure that the plants are not grown to begin with. International reaction should be salutary, because the initiative acknowledges our understanding and concern about the livelihood of those we want to stop growing narcotic-related plants.

The Bolivians also raised the possibility of Mrs. Reagan going to Santa Cruz in mid-September as the US troops participating in Blast Furnace begin to phase out. If this seemed desirable and feasible, it seems to me that the groundwork for the announcement of a Presidential Commission at an October summit could be laid during such a visit by highlighting the plight of the peasants.

Perhaps we could discuss these matters at greater length sometime in the near future.

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

REQUEST: Summit Meeting on Narcotics with Andean
Country Presidents. Host would depend on
location of the Summit.

PURPOSE: To encourage cooperation and coordination
among the important drug producing countries;
to further U.S. narcotics initiatives;
(tentative) to announce a Presidential
Commission on Narcotics and Development.

BACKGROUND: Bolivian President Paz wants to continue the
momentum against narcotics generated by
Operation Blast Furnace by hosting a summit
with the Presidents of Bolivia, Peru,
Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and possibly
Brazil.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: The President hosted the President of
Venezuela in a Dec '84 State Visit, and the
President of Ecuador in a Jan '86 State
Visit. He has not met the Presidents of
Bolivia, Colombia, and Peru.

DATE & TIME: To be determined, but the Bolivians have
suggested mid-October.

LOCATION: The Bolivians have suggested Santa Cruz,
Bolivia, as the summit site but are willing
to meet in the U.S.

PARTICIPANTS: To be provided.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: To be provided.

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC to provide.

MEDIA COVERAGE: We anticipate extensive media coverage.

PROPOSED "PHOTO": To be provided.

RECOMMENDED BY: John M. Poindexter and Carlton Turner

OPPOSED BY: None

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TAGS: SNAR, PREL, BL
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RONALD REAGAN

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OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF THIS MESSAGE. IF PRESIDENT PAZ
DECIDES TO DO SO, PLEASE INFORM US SO WE CAN RELEASE THE
TEXT IN WASHINGTON AS WELL. SHULTZ
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MEETING WITH BOLIVIAN CABINET MINISTERS

DATE: August 14, 1986

TIME: 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Oval Office

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER *JP*

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I. PURPOSE

To send a strong signal of US political support for Bolivia's democracy, which is threatened by narco-traffickers; to publicly highlight the joint US-Bolivian efforts in the fight against narcotics.

II. BACKGROUND

It is difficult to overstate the threat the narcotics industry poses to Bolivia's democracy. From 1980-1982 Bolivia's government was actually controlled by narco-traffickers from the President on down. You may recall your conversation at the United Nations luncheon last fall with Bolivian Vice President Garrett about this issue.

President Paz Estensorro is a deeply committed democrat who came to power in 1985 understanding that in order to stabilize Bolivia's political system and get control of a basket case economy, he had to confront the narcotics problem head on. He has initiated a series of actions against narcotraffickers and producers, the most bold being Operation Blast Furnace. It is particularly appropriate that the first actions implementing NSDD 221 on narcotics were in Bolivia. One half of the coca leaves that eventually reaches the US as cocaine is grown in Bolivia, and the economic power of the narcotics industry (\$600 million) is larger than formal exports (\$500 million). President Paz correctly saw that failure to act could lead to control of the economy as well as the government by the narcos.

That President Paz requested US assistance of this nature is a testament to his courage and commitment. And he has paid some costs: intelligence indicates that the narcos have targetted him for assassination and there are movements underway in the Bolivian Congress to impeach him.

We will work to sustain President Paz's resolve in the difficult times ahead, and your meeting with his Cabinet

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ministers is essential to that effort. You wrote President Paz shortly after Blast Furnace commenced (letter at Tab A) and his Cabinet ministers will hand deliver a reply. While here, in order to indicate broad support and give the narcos pause, they will also be received by the Vice President, Secretary Shultz, Secretary Baker, Secretary Weinberger and Attorney General Meese.

We understand that the letter from President Paz will raise the possibility of your attending a summit on narcotics with the Andean country presidents. We are currently exploring this proposal and you may wish to tell them that we will seriously consider the proposal.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Listed at Tab B.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House press corps for photo opportunity.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

You greet the Bolivian Cabinet Ministers, photo op, short meeting.

Prepared by:
Jacqueline Tillman

Attachments

Tab A	Letter
Tab B	List of Participants
Tab C	Talking Points

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** END OF CABLE **

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United States

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The Vice President
Secretary George P. Shultz
Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger
Attorney General Edwin Meese, III
Mr. Donald T. Regan
Dr. Carlton E. Turner
Mr. Rodney B. McDaniel
Ms. Jackie Tillman

Bolivia

Foreign Minister Guillermo Bedregal Butierrez
Planning Minister Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada
Ambassador Fernando Illanes de la Riva

TALKING POINTS

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- Welcome to the White House.
- I am very pleased to be able to personally express to you our admiration for President Paz.
- He is a courageous man who has shown his deep commitment to Bolivia's democracy by moving decisively against the narcotics traffickers.
- The United States is proud to be Bolivia's partner in the war against narcotics.
- You can count on our continued support.
- [If needed] We would be happy to explore the possibility of a summit on narcotics with Andean country presidents.

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: JACQUELINE TILLMAN *ST*

SUBJECT: Meeting With Bolivian Cabinet Ministers,
8/14/86, 3:15 p.m. to 3:²⁵₃₀ p.m.

Attached is the meeting memorandum for the President's meeting with the Bolivian Cabinet Ministers on Thursday, August 14, 1986. This is essentially a photo-opportunity to show our strong political support for Bolivia's courageous actions against the narco-traffickers. President Reagan wrote President Paz a letter congratulating him for his strong actions after Operation Blast Furnace commenced. The Cabinet Ministers will present the President with a letter of reply.

The Bolivians are here to discuss resource issues as well. I have been assured that they will not raise assistance matters with President Reagan. I have just learned that the letter they will give to President Reagan will mention an idea that they are currently developing for a summit on narcotics with the Andean country presidents and President Reagan. We are currently working on this proposal. The President can say that we will see if that is possible. The Bolivians have agreed not to say anything publicly about this summit at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward your memorandum to the President.

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove _____

[Signature] Burghardt, Stark, Lavin concur.

Attachment

Tab I Memo to the President

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: JACQUELINE TILLMAN *JT*

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation of Meeting with
Bolivian Cabinet Members, August 14, 1986,
3:15-3:30 p.m.

Attached please find the Memorandum of Conversation for the
President's meeting with the Bolivian Cabinet Ministers on
Thursday, August 14, 1986.

RECOMMENDATION

That you review and approve the attached Memorandum of
Conversation.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment:
Tab I Memorandum of conversation

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Bolivian Cabinet Ministers (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Secretary George P. Shultz
Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger
Attorney General Edwin Meese, III
Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan
Dr. Carlton E. Turner
Mr. Rodney B. McDaniel
Ms. Jackie Tillman

Foreign Minister Guillermo Bedregal Butierrez
Planning Minister Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada
Ambassador Fernando Illanes de la Riva

DATE, TIME August 14, 1986
AND PLACE: 3:15-3:30 p.m., Oval Office

President Reagan: Welcome to the White House. Thank you for this letter. I'll look at it when we've had it translated. We are very pleased to work in this cooperative effort with your country to attack the scourge of narcotics. We were talking just now before you came in about how important it is to stop the coca leaves from being grown. That would solve a big part of the problem. (C)

Minister Sanchez: Now that the price is down, the farmers are willing to look at other alternatives, at other crops. We want to make sure the interdiction efforts continue. The narco traffickers think that the Americans will go home by Christmas and they will be able to go back to business as usual. We believe this has to be a joint effort. President Paz is determined to achieve the complete eradication of coca in his time in office. So this is a great joint effort: we will work on supply, you will work on demand. (C)

President Reagan: We are launching a great crusade to take on the customers, to try to stop demand. (U)

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Foreign Minister Bedregal: In the letter from President Paz you will see that he would like to organize a summit meeting of other Latin American producing countries, like Colombia, Mexico, Peru. They are all involved in this. Perhaps the EC, especially Spanish top officials, might participate in something like this. We have a special interest in the success of the Secretary General's efforts next year in Vienna at the UN Conference. It is like the Pope said, the new slavery of this century. (S)

President Reagan: Well, we'd be very interested in such a summit if it is possible to arrange. You know we just met with President de la Madrid and discussed that Mexico is a transit point and how we might shut off that corridor. (C)

Minister Sanchez: We would like to hold the summit in Santa Cruz in Bolivia. We have agreed to keep discussions about the summit confidential for now. We need to galvanize technical support. We are such a poor country, and we need help. (S)

Foreign Minister Bedregal: But it is important to be cautious. I was just in Bogota for the inauguration of the new president and I ran into some suspicions about the U.S. soldiers. Some were not enthusiastic about it. One person said that Ronald Reagan wanted to make Bolivia the Honduras of South America. (C)

President Reagan: Well, I have been well aware, long before I came here, of the memories in Latin America about the "colossus of the north." We're not that today, and we have no interest in being that. (U)

Foreign Minister Bedregal: We have to work on public opinion about this. (C)

President Reagan: Well that would take care of the summit. We're not going where we're not invited. (S)

Attorney General Meese: The Mexicans are hosting the Ministers of Justice of the hemisphere in October. Perhaps this could be a first step to a summit. (S)

Ambassador Illanes: We've got to declare war together. Right now we're alone. (C)

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Minister Sanchez: When we came into office, inflation was at 50,000%, the seventh largest in the history of man. Our economy was ruined by seven years of corruption from military rule and then a very left wing government that left the economy in shambles. We have managed to stabilize the economy, and in the middle of the struggle to do this, the President tells us that we have to launch a holy war against the narcotics traffickers. We had suffered enormous blows, the drop in tin and oil prices, which are our main exports, and the economic power of the narco traffickers made it seem that they could take over the economy, and even the political parties. So the President tells me to find the money to fund this holy war. We knew they could destroy us. So it was not pressure from the United States that led us to take these actions. We invited you in. We have to win. It is life or death for us. We are a small, poor country. Our GNP is that of a moderately sized corporation -- \$4.5 billion. Our minimum wage is twenty dollars a month. President Paz has made great sacrifices to accomplish this. The President has been accused of breaking the constitution. (C)

Foreign Minister Bedregal: This is an ethical problem. (U)

President Reagan: It is. We have found 4th graders, just ten years old, being approached to take drugs. (U)

Ambassador Illanes: It is the poor children that suffer from this. (U)

President Reagan: My wife has been very busy for years working on this. She has found such a lack of knowledge from parents about this, or maybe it is that they just don't want to know. She was speaking in an elementary school about three years ago, and a child asked her a question about what they should do if someone asks them to take drugs. And she said, "Just say no." And do you know that there are over ten thousand Just Say No clubs today? They've got T-shirts, buttons, we're working very hard on this. Well, it's been a pleasure to have you here. (U)

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From: NSJRS --CPUA Date and time 08/25/86 20:06:10
To: NSRBM --CPUA JOHN M. POINDEXTER NSWRP --CPUA JOHN M. POINDEXTER
NOTE FROM: JAMES R. STARK
SUBJECT: Blast Furnace follow on operations
Meetings at State today discussed two possible operations
which would be follow-ons to Blast Furnace:

--Bolivia has requested that we NOT withdraw our helos on the scheduled 15 Sept departure date. Amb Rowell, DEA, and Southcom reps all agreed that sudden departure of US forces could endanger all the gains of past 45 days. Alternatives are keeping current 6 helos there til rainy season effectively ends operations (about 1-15 November), keep a smaller number of helos (4) in Bolivia til rainy season, or remove all US air transport assets and replace with intelligence and comms support personnel. For variety of good reasons, first option was favored. I've asked State to get issue ready for interagency clearance asap, either through PD-27 procedures or a Platt-Poindexter memo which first gets interagency clearance; I've recommended the former as the most direct procedure. In any case, expect to see within about a week a formal request to extend Blast Furnace in some form. FYI no additional emergency declaration is needed--the original is good for 6 months. Long term solution is getting Bolivians to handle the problem with their own helo assets (all 3 helos are down hard). State/DOD/DEA all working the problem.

--Seaga has requested possible US military helo support and training for Jamaican Def Forces (JDF), along with several other measures. We're going back for more info and trying to find other, non-DOD ways to meet JDF requirement. Bottom line--no Blast Furnace in Jamaica now, but it may be a possible future issue.

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