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118066	LETTER	GERALD FORD TO ROBERT MCFARLANE RE BOLIVIA (WITH PAPER ATTACHMENT) <i>R 4/15/2013 M353/1</i>	2	7/10/1984	B1 B3
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SECURITY ASSISTANCE

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON CURRENT POLICY RE BOLIVIA

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK DUE: 09 APR 83 STATUS S FILES

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## MEMORANDUM

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION

April 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: ALFONSO SAPIA-BOSCH *AL.*

SUBJECT: Economic and Security Assistance to Bolivia

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State has replied (Tab I) to your request for information on the above subject.

Bolivia at present is not eligible for new assistance under FMS because it is in arrears on previous loans made by the US.

Pipeline military assistance (MAP and FMS) was suspended, and our military group was withdrawn because of the 1980 coup. Because of the erratic course of the new government, neither military assistance nor the military group have been renewed.

In November 1982 State approved a phased economic assistance program for Bolivia; it is tied to the pursuit of (1) moderate political and economic policies; (2) maintenance of a good human rights record; and, (3) formulation of a narcotics eradication program. The Bolivian government has thus far failed to meet its commitments to us under (1) and (3) above. A narcotics council has been set up; this is a positive but very tentative step forward. That is to say, we are a long way from seeing the flow of narcotics from Bolivia stemmed.

There will be a continuing review, and revisions will be made if and when our relationship with Bolivia evolves.

Given that the Bolivians have strengthened relations with the Cubans despite their assurances to us that they would not, their toying with the establishment of relations with the North Koreans, etc., it is probably too soon to renew assistance. Nevertheless, President Siles may need our assistance sooner rather than later. We should remain flexible enough to provide assistance rather than have this unfortunate country go through another round of increased instability.

Oliver North concurs; Roger Fontaine on leave.

Attachment

Tab I Your memorandum from State dated April 5, 1983

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 5, 1983

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE34  
SUBJECT: Your Request for Information About Bolivia Policy  
WHITE HOUSE  
SITUATION ROOM

The NSC staff has requested clarification of our current policy on economic and security assistance to Bolivia.

Bolivia is ineligible for new assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act because of arrearages due on previous USG loans. Pipeline military assistance (FMS and MAP) was suspended, and our MILGP was withdrawn, following the 1980 coup; neither has been renewed because of the new government's erratic performance to date.

In November 1982, the Deputy Secretary approved a phased economic assistance program for Bolivia. The three tranche program is tied to pursuit of moderate political and economic policies, maintenance of a good human rights record and formulation of a narcotics eradication program.

On March 7, the Department reviewed the question of a 620(q) waiver to permit new economic assistance as well as the question of resuming the security assistance program. The Acting Secretary decided to defer action on both in light of the government's failure to meet its earlier commitments to us on effective narcotics control and moderate foreign and domestic policies.

Waiver of Section 620(q) and resumption of a security assistance program now would be premature. However, our assistance program to Bolivia will be closely reviewed, and revised as needed, as our relationship with the GOB evolves.

*Charles Hill*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

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TO MCFARLANE FROM FORD, JOHN W

DOC DATE 12 DEC 83

KEYWORDS. INTL FINANCE

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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL PROBLEM BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND ARGENTINA NAD POSSIBLE  
MEETING W/ MCFARLANE FOR ORFILA

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR MCFARLANE DUE: 14 DEC 83 STATUS S FILES

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Should be seen by:



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John W. Ford

Advisor to the Secretary General

I have written  
a copy of reply to  
Constantine Mergis

Organization of American States  
Washington, D.C.

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December 18, 1983

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter regarding Bolivia's financial difficulties. We share Minister Grinspun's concern for the future of the Siles Administration and the seriousness of the economic problems confronting that government.

I have asked Roger Robinson of my staff to explore the issues you have raised and to coordinate with the Treasury Department as appropriate. Although Treasury is the responsible agency in this case, Roger can also serve as a point of contact if needed. Please extend my regards to Ambassador Orfila.

Best regards,

Sincerely,



Robert C. McFarlane

Mr. John W. Ford  
Advisor to the Secretary  
General  
Organization of American States  
17th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

December 16, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM: ROGER W. ROBINSON *RWR*

SUBJECT: Financial Problem between Bolivia and Argentina and Possible Meeting with Orfila

John Ford, advisor to OAS Secretary General Orfila, has written you regarding possible financial assistance to Bolivia (Tab II). Argentine Minister of Economy Grinspun called Ambassador Orfila and discussed means of routing U.S. hard currency assistance through Argentina to Bolivia. U.S. Ambassador Corr cabled an urgent request for cash assistance to the beleaguered Siles Administration and supported the Grinspun proposal (Tab III).

Amid growing rumors of a coup attempt by disgruntled military elements, the Siles government is walking a fine line between a restive public and stiff IMF austerity demands, attempting to give something to both:

- o After an earlier agreement lapsed, Bolivia has been negotiating with the IMF for three years without reaching agreement on economic reforms.

- o Recent efforts to meet IMF demands have fallen short and have been offset by palliatives to workers and businessmen.

- o With worsening economic prospects and no means to promptly repay its \$4 billion debt, Bolivia is virtually cut off from commercial credits.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached response to John Ford (Tab I) expressing your concern for Bolivia's difficulties and naming me as a point of contact.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I Draft Reply  
Tab II Incoming Letter  
Tab III Cable

Doug *AM* McMan, Constantine *CM* Mendes and Oliver *N* North concur.

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ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 12, 1983

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Bud:

RE: Bolivia

Secretary General Orfila called me to his office this morning saying that he had just received a call from Bernardo Grinspun, Minister of Economy in the new government of Raúl Alfonsín, expressing grave concern over the financial plight of Bolivia, which as Orfila put it "is near bankruptcy."

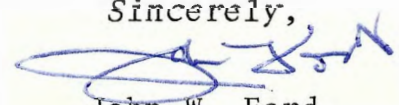
Grinspun informed Orfila that Argentina owes Bolivia some \$270,000,000 million dollars and that during the inaugural ceremonies of the weekend, Tim McNamar, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, et al, including European personages who were present in Buenos Aires for the inaugural, discussed ways of assisting Bolivia by financial assistance to Argentina for the specific purpose of paying this debt to Bolivia.

Ambassador Orfila asked that I bring this matter immediately to your attention and said that he would be available to talk with you or the official you designate concerning this matter.

I would appreciate an indication from your office as to what word I should pass back to Ambassador Orfila.

Very best wishes,

Sincerely,



John W. Ford  
Advisor to the Secretary General

The Honorable  
Amb. Robert McFarlane  
Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

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SUBJECT: WHO WILL PAY TO SUSTAIN DEMOCRACY IN BOLIVIA?  
REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 8793; B) LA PAZ 7945; C) LA PAZ  
- 7500; D) LA PAZ 6559; E) LA PAZ 5090

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. I SAID IN REF D THAT ANY HELP FROM THE USG ENABLING ARGENTINA TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS TO BOLIVIA COULD BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN SHORING UP THE DEMOCRATIC AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT HERE. EMBASSY LA PAZ READ WITH GREAT INTEREST REF A AND FEELS STRONGLY THAT IF WE CAN HELP THE ARGENTINES HELP THE BOLIVIANS, WE WOULD BE PROMOTING OUR OWN INTERESTS, NOT ONLY IN THIS COUNTRY, BUT ALSO IN THE CONTINENT AS A WHOLE. REF B PROVIDES A CURRENT REPORT ON POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN XOLIVIA.

3. TREASURY DEPUTY SECRETARY MCNAMAR NOTED THAT U. S. BRIDGE LOANS ARE NORMALLY MADE ONLY WHEN THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE IS CLEARLY VISIBLE. I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE USG AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIAN DEMOCRACY VIA HELP TO ARGENTINA, AND THAT THE ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA BE CONDITIONED ON THE GOB TAKING ECONOMIC MEASURES WHICH WOULD ALLOW AN IMF MISSION TO MAKE A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION ON REACHING AN EFF AGREEMENT. BRIDGING FUNDS COULD BE DISBURSED UPON ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEASURES ACCEPTABLE TO THE IMF, PROVIDING GOB ITS LONG SOUGHT "CUSHION" AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF THE MEASURES.

4. DATA FROM BOLIVIAN CENTRAL BANK INDICATES THAT ARGENTINA OWES BOLIVIA US\$257 MILLION FOR GAS EXPORTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

5. COMMENT: REF B PAINTED EMBASSY'S BLEAK ANALYSIS OF CURRENT POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SITUATION IN BOLIVIA. WE BELIEVE TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON SILES GOVERNMENT AND THAT IF IT DOES NOT BEGIN TO GOVERN, ESPECIALLY BY DEALING EFFECTIVELY WITH THE ECONOMIC CRISIS, THAT

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DEMOCRATIC, CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM. THE ARGENTINE  
PROPOSALS, IF CONDITIONED, MIGHT FORCE THE GOB TO DO  
WHAT IT MUST DO. WE ALSO FEAR THAT NEGATIVE ACTION BY  
U. S. ON ARGENTINE REQUEST COULD CAUSE US TO BE BLAMED  
FOR EVENTUAL DOWNFALL OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN  
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Tony Motley,

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August 20, 1984

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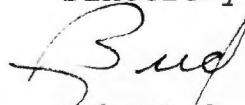
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Sincerely,



Robert C. McFarlane

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## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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August 14, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: CONSTANTINE C. MENGES *cmf*  
JACQUELINE TILLMAN *jt*

SUBJECT: Bolivia Reply to the Letter from President  
Gerald R. Ford

**SIGNED**

You received a letter about Bolivia from former President Ford along with an attached paper on the communist presence in Bolivia (Tab II). You sent this to Secretary Shultz, Ambassador Kirkpatrick, and Director Casey requesting comments.

The Department of State sent back a commentary which we believe is too optimistic about the communist presence on a number of points. However, rather than disputing State on issues which are a matter of judgment and on which the data is uncertain, we suggest that in the attached letter to President Ford (Tab I), you send him the State Department comments while noting that your staff is more concerned than State.

Your letter thanks President Ford for his interest and information, expresses your shared concerns about trends in Bolivia and informs him that an interagency consensus now exists to strengthen the pro-democratic institutions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you send your letter to President Ford with State comments (Tab I).

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments:

Tab I Your letter to President Ford w/attachment  
Tab II President Ford's letter to you dated July 10, 1984  
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Tab III Incoming from State

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GERALD R. FORD

July 10, 1984

Dear Bud:

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Let me know your reaction.

Warmest, best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerald R. Ford", written over the typed name.

The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane  
~~Deputy~~ Assistant to the President  
For National Security Affairs  
National Security Council  
Old Executive Building  
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COMMUNIST PRESENCE IN BOLIVIA

1. Pro-Soviet diplomats, advisors and technicians outnumber U. S. counterparts two to one. Ministry of Foreign Affairs fails to register all of them due to special "arrangements". They are placed in Ministry of Mining, Ministry of Labor, major mineral agencies and tin refineries. YPFB (State-owned oil company of Bolivia) and Ministry of Energy are infiltrated and influenced by Communists.
2. Soviet activities are based in low profile diplomatic posts and in Soviet military advisors and technicians.
3. Aggressive covert operations are well financed, and personnel is obedient to Soviet Embassy instructions. A number of Bolivian senators and congressmen and several government officials are Communists.
4. Some Communists in government and industry report to powers other than the Soviet Union. The Minister of Information and the Minister of Public Health report to the East German Communist Party. The Vice Minister of Interior reports to Cuba.
5. The priorities set by the Soviets include the area of Bolivian mining, where Soviet authority is obvious and almost official. Other priorities are in the mining bank, the state-owned smelting plant worker's cooperative and the production of gold, control of which has practically been attained.
6. A special Soviet project is the establishment of a tin cartel comprising the Soviet Union, Bolivia, the People's Republic of China and Nigeria.
7. A continuous flow of North Korean diplomats diligently work to establish a beachhead in Bolivia. They are investing in the cocaine traffic and in giving help to the Shining Path (political party).
8. The Cubans have a growing influence in Bolivia. They have officially invited to Havana most of the legislators, businessmen and civic leaders. They have an excellent relationship with the armed forces and with government officials. Cuba has trained guerilla leaders from Bolivia for about one year. A guerilla organization has been established and named Workers/Peasants Revolutionary Group (GROC). Arms and supplies are being shipped to hidden GROC air strips in the jungle. The Bolivian Vice Minister of Interior coordinates this operation.
9. Pro-Soviet interests, in some cases through intermediaries, control the Bolivian television media.
10. Pro-Soviet influences are also being felt in the educational system, primarily through the revision and reprinting of textbooks for the lower grades in Bolivian schools.

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

~~SECRET/SENSITIVE~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter From Former President Ford

Attached is a point-by-point commentary on communist presence in Bolivia as requested in your memorandum of July 17.

As our comments indicate, the Soviets, the Cubans and their Bolivian counterparts are indeed active in many sectors of Bolivian society. While Soviet/Cuban activity in Bolivia is disturbing, it is important to recognize that the communists, as any other political group, are operating in an environment which is not conducive to consolidated action. Their current activity and future prospects must be analyzed in the broader context of Bolivian political dynamics. Pervasive political fragmentation and turbulence have traditionally acted as effective constraints on efforts by any one group to gain control. Various radical leftist groups work at cross purposes weakening each others' political base. Moreover, the Bolivian military has acted in the past and, we believe, remains prepared and capable to prevent a takeover of the government by the radical left.

The Department recognizes there are ample grounds for concern about the political situation in Bolivia. This has led us to step up the pressure on the Siles government to reduce the communist/radical presence within that government. Recent intelligence confirms that President Siles knows exactly what the undiminished presence of such leftists portends for critical United States political and economic support. Our Embassy in La Paz is monitoring developments continuously and warily. We do not think, however, that Bolivia is about to collapse into the hands of communism.

Charles Hill  
Executive SecretaryAttachments:  
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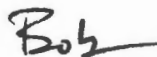
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SUBJECT: Letter from Former President Ford

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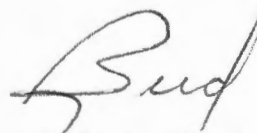
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THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY  
The Director of Central Intelligence

THE HONORABLE JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK  
United States Representative to the United Nations

SUBJECT: Letter from Former President Ford

Attached is a recent letter from former President Ford, which forwards a memorandum on Bolivia. I would appreciate receiving your views on the points raised in these documents. Thank you.



Robert C. McFarlane

Attachment

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

*President*Dear ~~Mr.~~ <sup>^</sup> Ford:

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With warmest personal <sup>regard,</sup> ~~good wishes,~~

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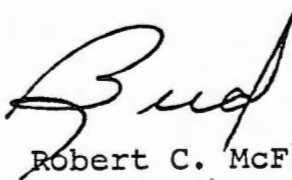
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ  
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: FY-85 ESF for the Andean Countries (U)

The Andean countries, Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador, appear to be increasingly threatened by economic problems and security difficulties. When we prepared the FY-85 Presidential Budget, we did not include a request for ESF for these countries. Given their diminished ability to meet IMF criteria, our best means of improving prospects for economic and political stability in these countries may be through the use of ESF grant assistance. (C)

There is apparently growing sentiment in the Congress for providing such ESF assistance to Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador. While this may result in an increased ceiling for our FY-85 budget, it would appear that the situation warrants the additional allocation. Your thoughts on this matter would be appreciated as we consult with the Congress on the Continuing Resolution. Of course, if you wish to proceed, we will have to work with OMB to accomplish this end. (C)

  
Robert C. McFarlane

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November 29, 1984

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FROM:

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RECOMMENDATION:

That you agree to meet with these individuals on December 6 or 7.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

*No meeting by any official from USG. I am informed of their relationship with Siles and their agenda plus Corri's views.*

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