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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

5/15/87

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: FRANK CARLUCCI  
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *XJ*  
SUBJECT: APPROVFD PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: The Visit of President Paz of Bolivia, previously scheduled for July 14, 1987, is canceled for that date.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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March 13, 1987

## MEMORANDUM FOR FRED RYAN

FROM: GRANT S. GREEN, 

SUBJECT: State Visit of President Paz of Bolivia

With our April and May visits on the schedule, we would like to move ahead and find dates for outstanding June and July visits. In particular, the July State Visit of President Paz needs to be addressed, particularly in light of the potential Andean Drug Summit. Our ability to send a formal invitation to President Paz would help us immensely in the region. Please set a date and inform us as soon as possible

Thank you.

*July 1st*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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Thank you.

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REPUBLICA DE BOLIVIA

Enero 29, 1987 BE

Excelentísimo señor  
Don Ronald Reagan  
Presidente de los Estados  
Unidos de América  
Washington, D.C.

Señor Presidente y amigo:

Como es de su ilustrado conocimiento, el Gobierno de Bolivia ha realizado, a partir del mes de agosto de 1985, una labor intensiva para resolver los grandes problemas económicos, políticos y sociales que aquejaban a nuestra nación. La primera gran tarea fue el saneamiento de nuestra economía gravemente amenazada por la hiperinflación más aguda que se conoce en la historia de América Latina.

Esta tarea estuvo dirigida a adecuar toda la economía del país, en el marco de libertad que limite progresivamente el exceso de intervención estatal, a resolver el déficit fiscal y crear las condiciones para desarrollar una economía libre alentada para la iniciativa de la Empresa Privada y la Inversión Extranjera. Esas medidas fueron ejecutadas por mi Gobierno pese al enorme costo social y político que ello conlleva.

La ejecución misma de la nueva política económica se vio fuertemente lesionada por el colapso del precio de los minerales en el mercado internacional, particularmente del estaño que, como usted muy bien sabe, señor Presidente, constituye el rubro más importante de las exportaciones de mi país. Similar impacto provocó la caída de

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los hidrocarburos, en cuanto a la exportación del gas natural, que es la segunda fuente de Bolivia para obtener divisas extranjeras. Estas medidas fueron adoptadas por mi Gobierno sin contar con ninguna colaboración externa, las mismas que recién se presentaron cuando la comunidad mundial conoció el resultado positivo de la lucha anti-hiperinflacionaria.

A continuación, el Gobierno de Bolivia comenzó a encarar el problema de la deuda externa en forma sistemática. Los acuerdos con el Fondo Monetario Internacional, el Club de Paris y las negociaciones avanzadas con la Banca Privada, muestran el progreso obtenido hasta este momento.

Finalmente, el Gobierno de Bolivia decidió resolver definitivamente el problema más serio que afecta nuestras sociedades; el narcotráfico.

Conjuntamente con su distinguido Gobierno, decidimos compartir responsabilidades en el operativo inicial "Blast Furnace" para destruir las fábricas de cocaína e interrumpir la producción y el flujo de la droga en Bolivia y causar la depresión del precio de la hoja de coca. Esta decisión fue tomada a pesar de los problemas políticos internos y externos que implicaba, con el pleno convencimiento que era la única forma de iniciar un ataque significativo a esta plaga.

La operación fue un éxito y condujo a que nuestros gobiernos decidan elaborar un plan permanente, global y eficaz para la lucha contra el narcotráfico.

Mi Gobierno expuso, en septiembre de 1986, el llamado "Plan Trienal de Lucha Contra el Narcotráfico" cuyos planteamientos fueron aceptados por los funcionarios responsables Norteamericanos. La

expresión concreta de este apoyo surgió de un trabajo bilateral de nuestros gobiernos, en el cual se discutieron todos los aspectos inherentes al caso y particularmente se definió el financiamiento conjunto de esta ineludible acción, cuyos contenidos morales y económicos son de trascendencia que va más alla de cualquier consideración subalterna.

Es de importancia el puntualizar que el Plan Trienal contiene el mecanismo necesario para la erradicación total de los cultivos no tradicionales de coca, a pesar de que esta decisión conlleva el riesgo político y social más grave que enfrentará mi Gobierno. Esta decisión fue tomada en base a la responsabilidad conjunta que asumimos con su Gobierno y que garantizaría el éxito del programa, y por ser este un imperativo moral para nuestros pueblos y Gobiernos.

Al respecto, señor Presidente, con preocupación, he tomado conocimiento de una decisión de su Administración, la cual es diferente y contraria a lo que inicialmente habían convenido nuestros funcionarios responsables.

La parte delicada de este asunto radica en que el compromiso económico de su ilustrado Gobierno, no es adecuado para ejecutar cualquier trabajo responsable y sostenido, particularmente en lo que se refiere a las modalidades operativas de la erradicación de la coca y rehabilitación familiar delineadas en el "Plan Trienal".

Las compensaciones en especie y mercancía no son atractivos suficientes para los campesinos afectados por el programa de erradicación planteadas en el Plan Trienal y presentan un sinnúmero de problemas administrativos. No es lógico emprender una tarea de tanta

importancia y dificultad, con tantos riesgos latentes, sin maximizar las probabilidades de éxito para nuestra justa causa.

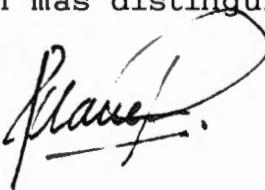
Estas consideraciones de fondo me obligan, señor Presidente, a solicitar de su ilustrado Gobierno una reconsideración de la decisión a la que me he referido, debiendo reorientarla al espíritu de lo que se acordó bilateralmente en La Paz.

Señor Presidente, como describimos anteriormente, una y otra vez nuestro Gobierno ha demostrado seriedad y certeza en sus métodos para resolver los monumentales problemas de nuestra nación. Ahora, le pido que confie en nuestra percepción respecto a la solución del problema del narcotráfico.

Para terminar, quiero reiterarle que los Bolivianos estamos convencidos de la necesidad de extirpar totalmente de nuestro país esta actividad criminal para salvaguardar nuestra democracia, nuestras tradiciones, nuestras familias y el futuro de nuestra patria: nuestra niñez. Pero también tenemos la certidumbre de que no podremos lograr el éxito que demanda esta trascendental empresa sin la fundamental y significativa participación de su ilustrado Gobierno, por el poderío económico del narcotráfico.

De su decisión depende el futuro de millones de seres humanos y la salud y bienestar de nuestras presentes y venideras juventudes.

Quedo a la espera de sus importantes noticias sobre este asunto tan delicado y renuevo a Ud., excelentísimo señor Presidente, las seguridades de mi consideración más distinguida.



P/ Victor Paz Estenssoro  
Presidente Constitucional de  
la República de Bolivia



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 4, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Grant S. Green  
National Security Council

SUBJECT:

Alerting NSC on Presidential  
Correspondence

Enclosed is the original of a letter to President Reagan from President Victor Paz Estenssoro of Bolivia which is transmitted for your information.

This correspondence was received in the Information Management Section of the Executive Secretariat on 02/04/87.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W".

Director, S/S-I  
Information Management Section  
Executive Secretariat  
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TO PRESIDENT FROM PAZ, VICTOR E DOCDATE 29 JAN 87  
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KEYWORDS: BOLIVIA HS

SUBJECT: PRES PAZ 29 JAN LTR TO PRES RE ECONOMICS

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1988

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to congratulate you on your government's continued commitment to economic reform. My government was pleased to have assisted your ministers during their very productive negotiations in Washington. The International Monetary Fund, by granting Bolivia the first ever expanded structural adjustment program, has demonstrated the faith the world community has in you and your government. I am also gratified that your government has reached an effective settlement with both Occidental Petroleum and Tesoro. In response to your government's request, we are reviewing the possibility of transporting and refining gold bars held in the Central Bank.

Attorney General Meese and his party recognized that your government is making commendable progress in the long struggle to control narcotics. During the past 12 months, Bolivia has eradicated more coca cultivation than any other country, and its program of interdiction has contributed to the decline in the price of coca leaf and paste. Moreover, we are very much encouraged by your decision to create a new ministry exclusively dedicated to narcotics control.

Although we understand that you and your government remain committed to the passage of legislation that outlaws non-traditional coca cultivation, we are deeply concerned that political opportunists might succeed in destroying all that you have accomplished.

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BY LDS, NARA, DATE 10/19/00

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The passage of a weak law would substantially prejudice the impressive progress we have made in our joint endeavor to reduce the devastation of illicit drugs on our countries. If the amendments proposed by the Tripartite Commission are accepted by the Chamber of Deputies, coca cultivation throughout Bolivia would continue to be legal. In consequence, Bolivia's image as a champion of drug control would be shattered in the United States and Europe, possibly resulting in the reduction of assistance so badly needed for the continuation of your impressive development efforts.

We are all aware of the grave threat the narco-traffickers present to democratic institutions and societies. Faced with that threat ourselves, the United States is also committed to the fight. Because of the courage you have shown in fighting the drug scourge, I know you will again lead the battle against those who would, for personal gain, surrender to the enemy in Bolivia's war on drugs.

Please accept my personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Reagan".

His Excellency  
X Victor Paz Estenssoro  
President of the Republic of Bolivia  
La Paz

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: COLIN L. POWELL *CL*

SUBJECT: Letter to Bolivian President

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Issue

To sign your letter to Bolivian President Paz.

Fact

Bolivia just completed negotiations with the International Monetary Fund which resulted in the first loan for expanded economic structural adjustment ever granted, an acknowledgment of Bolivia's commitment to macro economic changes. For the past 12 months, Bolivia has also eradicated more coca cultivation than any other country and continues to engage in interdiction. However, there are indications that Bolivia's Congress may pass a very weak narcotics law that could interrupt this progress. The Department of State has recommended that you correspond with President Paz about these issues.

Discussion

In your letter to President Paz, you congratulate him for his economic program and progress on narcotics issues, and you encourage him to exercise strong leadership with the Bolivian Congress to ensure passage of a strong narcotics law.

Recommendation

OK      NO      That you sign your letter to President Paz.

*RR*

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Attachments

Tab A      Letter to President Paz

cc Vice President  
Chief of Staff (2)

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

May 20, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: JOSE S. SORZANO *JSS/BP*  
SUBJECT: Letter to Bolivian President

State sent over a crosshatch for NSC clearance on a draft letter from President Reagan to Bolivian President Paz. Ambassador Negroponte requested that the letter be put on the President's official stationery.

The letter congratulates President Paz for successfully negotiating an innovative structural adjustment loan with the IMF and acknowledges Bolivia's progress in coca eradication. However, Bolivia's Congress is considering narcotics legislation and there are multiple indications that the legislation may be very weak and ineffective and that the narcs are planning to expose direct military involvement in drug trafficking to ensure an outcome favorable to them. In his letter, President Reagan encourages President Paz to exercise strong leadership regarding this issue.

Please Note: This letter will be OBE if not processed quickly and sent to State.

*XRP* *Via phone*  
Kelly, Danzansky concur.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward your memorandum to the President.

Approve *✓*

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

## Attachments

Tab I Powell Memorandum to the President

Tab A Letter to Bolivian President

Tab II Crosshatch from State Department

Prepared by:  
Jacqueline Tillman *JT/BP*

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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997  
By JAS NADA Date 12/13/99

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President Reagan

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SOURCE: PRESIDENT

DATE: 25 MAY 88

SUBJ: PRES LTR TO PRES PAZ RE CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATING  
AN INNOVATIVE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT LOAN W/ IMF & COCA ERADICATION

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FOR George Van Eron

DIRECTOR NSC SECRETARIAT

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FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan

From: President Victor Paz of Bolivia

Date: June 21, 1988

Subject: Bolivian economic crisis; drug eradication effort;  
promises to pass narcotics law

WH Referral Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

REMARKS: Letter is in answer to President Reagan's letter.  
No further response is necessary.

*[Signature]*  
Director  
Secretariat Staff

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DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

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Embassy of Bolivia  
Washington, D.C. 20008

June 21, 1988

No. EMBO 300-88

Excellency:

I have the pleasure to enclose a note dated June 20, 1988, to His Excellency Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, from His Excellency Victor Paz Estenssoro, President of Bolivia, in response to the note that President Reagan sent to President Paz Estenssoro several days ago. I should be very grateful if you would deliver this note to President Reagan through the appropriate channels.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]

Carlos E. Delius  
Ambassador

His Excellency  
George Shultz,  
Secretary of State  
of the United States of America,  
Washington, D.C.

The Office of the President of Bolivia  
Bolivia

La Paz, June 20, 1988

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in response to your letter approving the economic reform that my government is carrying out in order to overcome the worst crisis that Bolivia has known in this century.

Recent negotiations with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, as well as the bilateral programs between Bolivia and the United States of America, are important elements that will make it possible for our program to move toward economic development and generate solutions to difficult social situations. You are aware, Mr. President, that the Bolivian crisis has worsened, owing, in particular, to the enormous drop in prices of our raw materials for export, especially tin. This has resulted in the closing of large mining operations and subsequent massive layoffs of skilled labor.

His Excellency  
Ronald Reagan,  
President of the United States of America,  
Washington, D.C.

Together with the effort to face the most severe of our economic and social problems, whose persistance may threaten the stability of our democracy, the fight against drug trafficking, a problem that has become very difficult, should also be emphasized, particularly because of the weakness of our economic resources and the slowness in execution of several agreements signed between our governments.

In this regard, we are committed to providing Bolivia with viable laws against drug trafficking and, to this end, I have convened special meetings of the National Congress. We are going to pass a law that will allow Bolivia to eradicate excess coca plantations and replace them with new crops. This law will also help lower crime by establishing a special court for more speedy and severe punishment of offenders.

There will be certain difficulties in obtaining approval for this law, owing to the diversity of parties represented in Parliament and to the traditional habit that the indigenous population has of chewing this leaf. Nevertheless, I am confident that the law will be passed.

In addition, the Executive Branch intends to create a Ministry that will centralize all divisions that have duties related to this problem, from programs for the elimination and substitution of crops and drug interdiction to drug prevention and rehabilitation of those addicted to this habit.

In regard to the bilateral programs existing between our governments, it is essential they constitute a highly efficient support mechanism and be able to produce demonstrative effects on the rural community involved in coca production. In this way, we will be able to peacefully carry out the task of eradicating coca crops and planting commercial ones which, together, will give rise to the social amelioration of these people.

We are also of the opinion that, as stated by our delegates at the recent conferences held in Vienna, the drug situation demands coercive action and pursuit of the crime in areas where narcotics consumption has taken on considerable proportions.

In short, you may rest assured, Mr. President, that my government, despite the economic limitations resulting from the crisis, will continue its steady efforts to radically combat this scourge against humanity.

Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my personal friendship.

[Signature]



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 27, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens  
National Security Council Staff

SUBJECT: Alerting NSCS on Presidential  
Correspondence

Enclosed is the original of a letter to President Reagan from Prime Minister Michel Rocard of France which is transmitted for your information.

This correspondence was received in the Information Management Section of the Executive Secretariat on June 27, 1988. A copy has been assigned to the appropriate bureau for action.

*Charles G. Jackson, Jr., Jr.*  
Director, S/S-I  
Information Management Section  
Executive Secretariat  
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Junio 21, 1988

Excelencia:

Tengo el agrado de enviar adjunto a la presente, una nota fechada el 20 de junio pasado, dirigida a Su Excelencia, el Señor Presidente de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica, Don Ronald Reagan, por su Excelencia el Señor Presidente de Bolivia, Don Victor Paz Estenssoro, en respuesta a la nota que el Presidente Reagan envió al Presidente Paz Estenssoro hace algunos días, la misma que agradeceré a usted entregar al Presidente Reagan por los canales que correspondan.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para renovar a Su Excelencia las

seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

*Buen Pzr. Estenssoro writes*

- in response to Pres. Reagans letter:
- refers to IMF negotiations ongoing in Bolivia,  
drug eradication efforts, and  
how despite of the weak *peón*?  
economy the govt will  
continue its anti-drug  
fight.

*Carlos E. Delius*  
Embajador

Su Excelencia  
George Shultz  
Secretario de Estado  
de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica  
Washington, D.C.

21 JUN 1988



# Presidencia de la República

BOLIVIA

La Paz, junio 20, 1988

Estimado Señor Presidente:

Correspondo a la comunicación por la que me expresa usted su opinión favorable sobre las tareas de reforma económica que está realizando mi gobierno, para superar la peor crisis que este país ha padecido en el presente siglo.

La reciente negociación con el Fondo Monetario Internacional y con el Banco Mundial, así como los programas bilaterales entre Bolivia y los Estados Unidos de América, constituyen factores importantes para que nuestro programa pueda culminar en un arranque hacia el desarrollo económico y en la solución de difíciles situaciones sociales. Usted sabe, Señor Presidente, que la crisis boliviana se agravó de modo singular a causa de la enorme caída de los precios de nuestras materias primas de exportación, especialmente el estaño, lo cual ha provocado la clausura de importantes operaciones mineras, con el consiguiente desempleo masivo de mano de obra especializada.

Paralela al esfuerzo para enfrentar los problemas económicos y sociales más agudos, cuya persistencia puede amenazar la estabilidad de nuestra democracia, se destaca la lucha contra el narcotráfico que adquiere características difíciles, particularmente por la debilidad de los recursos económicos de que disponemos y por la lentitud en la ejecución de algunos acuerdos suscritos entre nuestros gobiernos.

En este contexto, estamos empeñados en dotar a Bolivia de una sólida legislación contra el narcotráfico y para este efecto he convocado a reuniones extraordinarias del Congreso Nacional. Vamos a aprobar una Ley que permita a Bolivia erradicar los excedentes de plantaciones de coca sustituyéndolos con nuevos cultivos; y la represión del crimen con el establecimiento de una jurisdicción especial para el más expedito y severo castigo a los delincuentes.

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A Su Excelencia  
Don Ronald Reagan  
Presidente de los  
Estados Unidos de América  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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# Presidencia de la República

BOLIVIA

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Habrá ciertas dificultades en lograr la sanción de esta ley por la diversidad de representaciones partidarias que se da en el Parlamento y por el tradicional hábito de masticación de esta hoja en la población indígena. No obstante, estoy seguro que la ley será aprobada.

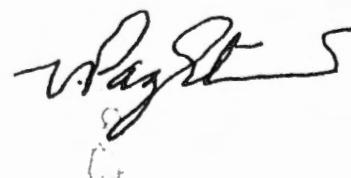
Por otra parte, es propósito del Poder Ejecutivo crear un Ministerio que centralice todas las reparticiones que desempeñan funciones relacionadas con este problema, desde los programas de erradicación y sustitución de cultivos y la interdicción del tráfico, hasta la prevención del hábito y la rehabilitación de las personas adictas al vicio.

En cuanto a los programas bilaterales existentes entre nuestros gobiernos es necesario que constituyan un mecanismo de apoyo de alta eficiencia y que tengan la virtud de dar efectos demostrativos a las comunidades campesinas vinculadas a la producción de coca. De esta manera podremos realizar pacíficamente las tareas de erradicación e implantar cultivos comerciales que, inclusive, den lugar al mejoramiento social de esos conglomerados humanos.

Juzgamos, asimismo, como se ha expresado por nuestros delegados en las recientes Conferencias celebradas en Viena, que la situación de la droga requiere una acción coercitiva y de persecución al delito, en las sociedades donde el consumo de los estupefacientes ha adquirido proporciones considerables.

En resumen, puede estar usted seguro, Señor Presidente, de que mi gobierno, pese a las limitaciones económicas emergentes de la crisis, va a continuar en el esfuerzo sostenido para combatir radicalmente a este flagelo contra la humanidad.

Ruego a usted aceptar las expresiones de mi amistad personal.



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