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Name of Correspondent:

Douglas Applegate

☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject:

Writer feels the programs for the Caribbean Basin are ideally suited for the 18th Congressional District of Ohio and beneficial for the economy of the entire Ohio Valley. Requests that the President join him in proposing a Companion "Ohio Valley Basin Initiative"

ROUTE TO:

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 n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

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 T - Telegram
 V - Telephone
 X - Miscellaneous
 Y - Study

September 17, 1982

Dear Doug:

This is in further response to your August 11 letter to the President expressing your views on Federal support for domestic economic development programs and the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

Consistent with the President's Economic Recovery Plan to stimulate economic growth through the business sector, this Administration is continuing its efforts to propose the phase-out of the Economic Development Administration.

The proposal clearly recognizes the following significant factors: the real source of job creation exists through the business sector and not through an expanded and duplicative Federal bureaucracy. The Federal budget for fiscal year 1983 proposes funds for economic development activities through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant and Urban Development Action Grant Programs' and loan assistance through the Farmers Home Administration and the Small Business Administration.

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An additional potential benefit to the U.S. private sector is that the guaranteed duty-free access to the U.S. markets, the investment tax incentive, and other trade and investment measures in the CBI will make U.S. direct investment in the Basin countries more profitable.

The President's Economic Program is neither a quick fix nor an economic altruism, but provides a sound foundation for economic recovery in the Ohio Valley as well as all areas of the country suffering from an inherited economic deterioration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Douglas Applegate
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Congressional
and Intergovernmental Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20230

(202) 377-3663

September 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

THROUGH:

Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
Presidential Correspondence

FROM:

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Paul A. Vander Myde
Assistant Secretary for Congressional
and Intergovernmental Affairs

Attached please find a draft response to Congressman Douglas Applegate, control number 093798.

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Mr. Applegate

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Duberstein
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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AUGUST 19, 1982

DEPT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY
ADJUTANT SECRETARIAT

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ATTN: P. VANDER MYDE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 11, 1982

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS APPLEGATE
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON DC 20515

SUBJECT: ASKS AS TO HOW YOUR ADMINISTRATION CAN OPPOSE
FEDERALLY FUNDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HERE IN
THE U.S. WHILE SPONSORING THE CARIBBEAN BASIN
INITIATIVE. REQUESTS THAT YOU ASSIST THE
UNEMPLOYED WORKERS OF THE OHIO VALLEY "BY
GRANTING THEM EQUAL STATUS WITH THE ISLAND
PEOPLE OF THE CARIBBEAN," AND THAT YOU JOIN
HIM IN PROPOSING A COMPANION "OHIO VALLEY
BASIN INITIATIVE"

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

August 13, 1982

Dear Doug:

On behalf of the President, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your August 11 letter expressing your views on Federal support for domestic economic development programs and the Caribbean Basin Initiative. Your letter urges the President to join with you in proposing an "Ohio Valley Basin Initiative."

We very much appreciate the serious concerns you have underscored regarding the difficulties facing your district and the Ohio Valley in general. Please be assured that the points raised in your letter are receiving every attention and consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Douglas Applegate
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Office of Congressional Affairs, Dept. of Commerce,
WASHDC 20230 -- for DRAFT response

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Latta says balanced budget idea needs public push

Sunday, Aug. 8, 1982/ The Columbus Dispatch /F5

An outpouring of public support is needed if the House is going to pass a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, says the dean of the Ohio congressional delegation, Delbert L. Latta, R-Bowling Green.

"If the American people let their congressmen know how they feel," Latta predicted, then the House "can't thwart the will of the people."

He accused House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, D-Mass., of stacking the powerful House Rules Committee with liberals, making it more difficult for the House to vote on the bill.

The House Rules Committee has assigned the legislation to the Judiciary Committee, where it lacks a majority of votes needed for approval and therefore is stalled.

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Rep. Douglas Applegate, D-Steubenville, put a top Reagan administration official on the spot recently with this question: Why support economic development in the Caribbean Basin and not in the Ohio River Valley?

Applegate put the question to Carlos Campbell, assistant secretary of commerce for economic development. Campbell had been justifying administration cuts in the Economic Development Administration budget on the basis that tax cuts should give incentive for private development.

Campbell argued that private development is better than government economic projects. But he also justified President Reagan's new Caribbean Basin initiative on grounds it would help halt the spread of communism.

"The current administration is saying one of two things," Applegate said. "Either the people living in this area of the Caribbean Basin are better equipped than the Americans to utilize and administer local economic development resources or Congress will be wasting precious government resources in a futile attempt to combat communism using inefficient economic development tools."

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Sen. William Armstrong, R-Colo., put an amendment on the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution requiring a balanced budget that is more popular with some senators than the main amendment.

Accepted by the Senate before it sent the constitutional amendment to the House was

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Armstrong's change requiring a three-fifths vote each time Congress lifts the ceiling on the national debt limit.

Armstrong said that put "shark's teeth" into the main amendment. Other Republican senators including Gordon J. Humphrey of

New Hampshire claim that because the Armstrong amendment is so specific and probably would have to be voted every year, it would do more to hold down deficit spending than the main amendment.

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The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee should complete revisions to the Clean Air Act this week.

But in the House, parallel legislation faces an uncertain future.

Environmentalists in opposition to Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the committee's chairman, have warned that they will amend to death in committee any legislation which is not to their liking. If they carry out this threat, final action on the Clean Air Act will not come until after election year.



Latta

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DOUGLAS APPLEGATE

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

093798

August 11, 1982

President Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

It has been a year now since Congress passed your Economic Reform Package. While I did not vote in favor of it, I was, nonetheless, hopeful that it would prove beneficial to my congressional district as well as the nation. However, as anyone could see, the situation has only deteriorated further. Unemployment in my district is officially at sixteen percent with a more realistic figure of nineteen or twenty percent if everyone out of work were being counted. Like every congressman I, too, have my share of business that has failed. The sad part about this situation is that as bad as things are now, there is nothing on the horizon that indicates that the situation will improve; as a matter of fact, I would expect matters to worsen before they get better.

Not wanting to be critical without offering a solution at the same time, I believe we must renew our efforts in offering a solution to our economic problems here at home. To this end, I am reminded of a discussion I had with Mr. Carlos Campbell, your Assistant Secretary for Economic Development. Mr. Campbell was explaining the reasons for your opposition to continued federal support for domestic economic development programs and asserted that economic development programs were proven failures, and that your Administration preferred a supply-side approach to promote local economic development. I then asked Campbell to justify his opposition to federally funded economic development here in the United States, in light of your sponsorship of the proposed Caribbean Basin Initiative. Mr. Campbell's response to me was that I was comparing apples and oranges, as the purpose behind the Caribbean Basin Initiative was to promote economic revitalization in order to thwart Communism in that region.

BUY AMERICAN! SAVE AMERICAN JOBS!

President Reagan
August 11, 1982

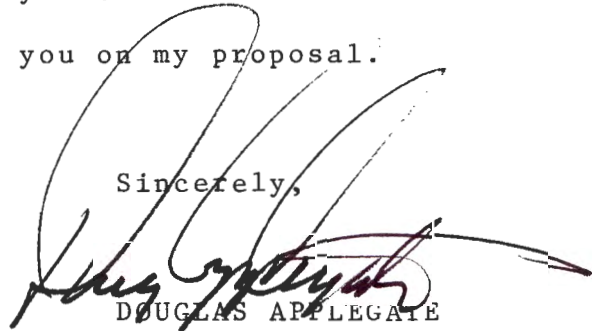
Based on Campbell's response this Administration is saying one of two things. Either the people living in this area of the Caribbean Basin are better equipped than the Americans to utilize and administer local economic development programs; or Congress will be wasting precious government resources in a futile attempt to combat Communism using inefficient economic development tools.

In trying my best to have the utmost faith in you I feel that the very programs you deem appropriate for the Caribbean Basin are ideally suited for the 18th Congressional District of Ohio, and very beneficial for the beleaguered economy of the entire Ohio Valley. Therefore, rather than berating the Administration's economic scorecard; I request that you truly assist the steelworkers, coal miners and other unemployed workers of the Ohio Valley by granting them equal status with the island people of the Caribbean, and join me in proposing a companion "Ohio Valley Basin Initiative."

I look forward to hearing from you on my proposal.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely,



DOUGLAS APPELEGATE
U.S. CONGRESSMAN

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Name of Correspondent: Jesus Luis☒ MI Mail Report

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Subject: Requests a meeting with the President during the week of Jan. 23 to 25, 1983, to discuss a proposal regarding the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

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January 25, 1983

Dear Congressman deLugo:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge the letter which you and Governor Luis addressed to him on January 20 asking if you could have the opportunity to meet with him during the week of January 23 to January 28 so that you can discuss a proposal regarding the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

Although he appreciates the interest and thoughtfulness of both you and the Governor and would like to be able to meet with you, the President's very heavy schedule commitments at the present time preclude the addition of this appointment to his calendar.

With our best wishes,

Sincerely,

WILLIAM K. SADLEIR
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

The Honorable Ron deLugo
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

WKS:MHR:jfc--

January 25, 1983

Dear Congressman Delgado:

On behalf of the President, I wish to acknowledge the letter which you and Governor Luis addressed to him on January 20 asking if you could have the opportunity to meet with him during the week of January 23 to January 28 so that you can discuss a proposal regarding the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

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Sincerely,

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Appointments and Scheduling

The Honorable Ron Delgado
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS 00801

January 20, 1983

WHITE HOUSE
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Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Date

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Dear Mr. President:

We urgently request that we be given the opportunity to meet with you during the week of January 23 to 28 so that we can discuss with you a proposal regarding the Caribbean Basin Initiative. As elected leaders of the United States Virgin Islands, we have consistently supported the objectives of the Administration's Caribbean Basin Initiative. Virgin Islanders recognize the importance of economic development and political stability throughout the Caribbean region. Your Administration in particular is to be commended for focusing its attention on this important but long-neglected area.

We have also welcomed your sensitivity to the unique position of the Virgin Islands in developing the six principles on which the Caribbean Basin Initiative is based. In particular the principle adopted by you that the CBI should not harm, but should in fact enhance the position of the U.S. territories in the Caribbean recognizes the important role played by our off-shore areas in the region. Indeed, we wish to state emphatically our strong belief that no Caribbean Basin Initiative can ultimately be successful which does not incorporate or reflect this principle.

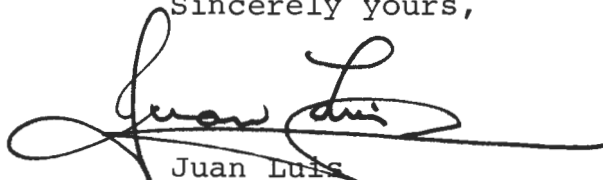
During last year's consideration by the Congress of the trade provisions of the CBI, a great variety of views were expressed concerning the appropriate tariff treatment for rum produced in potential beneficiary countries. However, because of the historic relationship of the rum industry to the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico and because of the long standing policy that the excise taxes collected on rum produced in the possessions be rebated back to the treasuries of these respective jurisdictions, it is essential that any CBI proposal not result in dislocation of this basic industry

or impair the revenues it generates. Indeed, with respect to the Virgin Islands, the rum industry generates approximately 20 percent of all government revenues.

Since the adjournment of the 97th Congress, we have both devoted a great deal of time to thinking about how to resolve the differences expressed so vigorously last year on the rum issue. We believe we have identified certain areas of common ground that will result in a solution acceptable to the Administration, to the beneficiary countries, and to Members of Congress who have expressed their concern, one way or another, in this matter. Indeed, we believe the rum proposal that we are developing may provide even greater benefit to the people of the Caribbean region than the original proposal put forth by the Administration, while at the same time providing essential protection to that part of our rum industry that is most price sensitive and vulnerable to unrestricted duty-free imports.

We plan to consult widely with persons interested on all sides of this issue prior to presenting it to you formally for your consideration. It is our sincerest hope that as a result of this consultation a consensus on the rum issue may be achieved and that all parties will be able to endorse the proposal. As we both plan to be in Washington during the week of January 23 to January 28, this would be an excellent opportunity to discuss this matter with you.

Sincerely yours,

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Juan Luis
Governor of the Virgin Islands
of the United States

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben deLugo", with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Ben deLugo, M.
Virgin Islands Delegate to Congress

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 24, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *CT*

FROM: ROGER W. FONTAINE *RF*

SUBJECT: Talking Points for the President for His Meeting with the Foreign Ministers from the Central American Democratic Community (El Salvador, Costa Rica and Honduras)

Attached (Tab A) are the President's talking points for the March 25 meeting with the three Central America foreign ministers.

Summary has been put on a 3x5 card.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the talking points to the President.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I Clark Memo to President

Tab A President's Talking Points

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Talking Points for Your Meeting and
Photo Session with Foreign Ministers
of El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Honduras
- Thursday, March 25, 11:50 a.m.

You will be meeting on Thursday, March 25, at 11:50 a.m. for a brief photo opportunity with the Foreign Ministers of El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Honduras, who are in Washington for a meeting of the "Central American Democratic Community" (CADC) to discuss an arms limitation declaration for the region.

Following are the names of the Foreign Ministers, who will be accompanied by their Ambassadors:

Foreign Minister Fidel Chavez Mena of El Salvador
Foreign Minister Bernd Niehaus Quesda of Costa Rica
Foreign Minister Edgardo Paz Barnica of Honduras

Secretary Haig and Assistant Secretary Tom Enders will also be in attendance.

Attached at Tab A are talking points.

Attachment
Tab A - Talking Points

TALKING POINTS FOR PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH
CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY FOREIGN MINISTERS

- I want to welcome each of you to Washington.
- I am personally delighted that you are here and I strongly support what you are doing and what you represent.
- Your countries practice and support democracy in Central America, and this country strongly supports your efforts.
- Your countries want peace, and so do we.
- Let's hope by common effort your countries will help rebuild the Central American community -- politically and economically. We will do all we can to see that happen.

TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH FOREIGN
MINISTERS FROM CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC
COMMUNITY (EL SALVADOR, COSTA RICA AND
HONDURAS)

- WELCOME TO WASHINGTON
- PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THE CENTRAL AMERICAN
DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY
- SUPPORT IN PARTICULAR FOR THEIR
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS
- SUPPORT FOR THEIR SEARCH FOR PEACE
- HOPE TO REBUILD THE CENTRAL AMERICAN
COMMUNITY



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 24, 1982

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOMMEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Meeting with Central American Democratic
Community Foreign Ministers

As requested by a member of your staff, attached are talking points for the President's use with Central American Democratic Community Foreign Ministers during the photo opportunity session at 11:50 a.m., March 25.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Talking Points

TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH THE
CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY FOREIGN MINISTERS

-- I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE UNITED STATES AND EXPRESS MY PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN ORGANIZING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY.

-- WE JOIN YOU IN YOUR EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY IN CENTRAL AMERICA. MODERATE GOVERNMENTS, THOSE YOU REPRESENT, RATHER THAN REPRESSIVE REGIMES WHICH KEEP POWER THROUGH VIOLENCE AND ABUSE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULACE, ARE THE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

-- WE ARE CONCERNED, AS YOU ARE, BY CUBAN AND NICARAGUAN MILITARIZATION AND EXTERNAL SUPPORT FOR GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS. WE WILL HELP YOU MEET THIS CHALLENGE.

-- I RECOGNIZE THERE REMAIN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES THAT NEED TO BE OVERCOME IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THE CARRIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE IS AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS.

-- DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN COSTA RICA AND HONDURAS HAVE SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REGION AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS IN EL SALVADOR WILL LEAD TO THE RESTITUTION OF DEMOCRACY IN THAT TROUBLED NATION.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 24, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSEWHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOMSubject: Central American Foreign Ministers' Call
on the President

The Foreign Ministers of three members of the Central American Democratic Community (CADC) -- Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras -- are currently in Washington to discuss an arms limitation declaration for the region.

They have an appointment to call on the President tomorrow, March 25, at 11:50 a.m. for a brief photo opportunity. They do not expect to have a substantive discussion. However, we will be sending contingency talking points for the President's use.

Those calling on the President will include:

Costa Rica:Foreign Minister Bernd Niehaus Quesada
Ambassador Jose Rafael EcheverriaEl Salvador:Foreign Minister Fidel Chavez Mena
Ambassador Ernesto Rivas-GallontHonduras:Foreign Minister Edgardo Paz Barnica
Ambassador Federico A. PoujolUnited States:The Secretary of State
Assistant Secretary Tom Enders
Mr. Tony Hervas (interpreter)
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

National Security Council The White House

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Name of Correspondent: *David E. Bonior*

☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: *Express support for the Mexican - Venezuelan initiative to explore ways of halting the dangerous escalation of conflict in Central America, especially along the Honduran - Nicaraguan border: "We urge you to respond positively to this initiative and to encourage all parties in the region to end the military confrontation and begin the process of political dialogue"*

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

NOVEMBER 18 1982

Dear Mr. Bonior:

Thank you for your letter of October 6 cosigned by 103 of your colleagues to President Reagan, dealing with the Mexican-Venezuelan initiative on Central America.

President Reagan has responded to the Mexican and Venezuelan Presidents by welcoming their proposal as "constructive" and by applauding their effort and pledging our full support to our shared objectives of bringing peace to Central America.

The President noted that any meaningful attempt to address the problems of Central America must be within a regional context that achieves:

- A. Democratic pluralism within each nation, including free and fair elections, in which all those who wish to do so may participate freely;
- B. An end to support for terrorist and insurgent groups in other countries of the region;
- C. A fully verifiable regional agreement banning the importation of heavy weapons;
- D. A fully verifiable regional agreement limiting foreign security and military advisors.

We believe an important step was taken in this direction at the recent meeting of nine countries in San Jose, Costa Rica. The final communique of that meeting placed particular emphasis on the creation of democratic

The Honorable
David E. Bonior,
House of Representatives.

institutions in each country and called for the nations of the region to implement many of the steps outlined above. The Foreign Minister of Costa Rica was given the mandate to inform the other countries of the region, including Mexico and Venezuela of the results of the meeting. After the current round of consultations the Forum for Peace and Democracy, established by the San Jose meeting, will meet to determine what further steps can be taken to advance the cause of peace in Central America. The Mexican-Venezuelan proposal will be among those steps considered by this group.

Sincerely,


Alvin Paul Drischler
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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Date November 18, 1982

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: Mr. D.E. Bonior

DATE: 10/6/82 SUBJECT: Mexican/Venezuelan

Initiative

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of State.

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- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
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- The Department of State has no objection to the
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L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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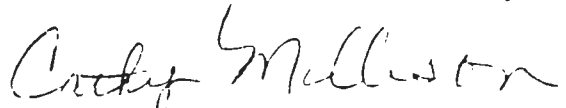
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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY

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October 13, 1982

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter, cosigned by 106 of your colleagues, urging the President's support for the Mexican-Venezuelan initiative for addressing the current situation in Central America.

Please know that the points raised in your letter are receiving close attention and consideration; and we are expediting a further response in coordination with the appropriate advisers. Your comments on this important subject are most appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Michael D. Barnes
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 6, 1982

Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

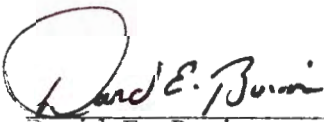
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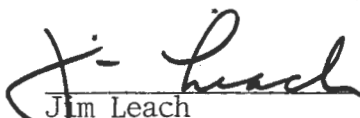
Recently the Presidents of Mexico and Venezuela sent an appeal to the Heads of State of Honduras, Nicaragua, and the United States, concerning the deteriorating situation in Central America. The Mexican and Venezuelan leaders offered their good offices to explore ways of halting the dangerous escalation of conflict in the region, especially along the Honduran-Nicaraguan border.

The Mexican-Venezuelan peace initiative comes at a critical moment. The increasing tensions and clashes along the Honduran borders indicate that Central America is perilously close to a region-wide conflagration. Nonetheless, avenues for political dialogue remain open. Earlier this year, the efforts of Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo heightened interest in a peace process on the part of the region's principal actors. Recent reports of possible talks between the belligerents in El Salvador bring new hope for a peaceful resolution to that conflict. Now, the offer by the Mexican and Venezuelan Presidents renews the promise of earlier initiatives and broadens the channels for international cooperation.

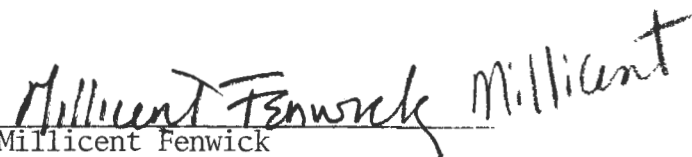
A month ago, Assistant Secretary of State Thomas Enders issued a call for reconciliation and demilitarization in Central America. We hope the United States will take this opportunity to make these policy goals a reality. We urge you to respond positively to the Mexican-Venezuelan initiative and to encourage all parties in the region to end the military confrontation and begin the process of political dialogue.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. 
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MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES BAKER
WILLIAM CLARK
KENNETH DUBERSTEIN

FROM : R. T. McNamar *R. T. M.*

SUBJECT : CBI Free Trade Provisions

As a follow-up to Bill Brock's September 2 memo to Bill Clark on the CBI, and my telephone conversation with him, Bill suggested I make certain that the legislative strategy group and NSC are informed of two conversations I had in Toronto.

I had the opportunity to sit between Prime Minister Seaga of Jamaica and Prime Minister Charles of Dominica. Naturally, the subject of the CBI legislative progress came up. Both had seen the Journal of Commerce leak indicating that the U.S. was considering weakening the trade provisions of the CBI. Both strongly iterated and reiterated their interest in seeing a clean trade package on the CBI. Neither felt the aid provisions were terribly significant, but both felt the trade and tax provisions were extremely important.

Both specifically indicated that they felt the Caribbean countries knew the President was committed to the CBI, and that the political leaders in the Caribbean understood the vagaries of the U.S. Congress, particularly during an election year. Accordingly, they indicated that they were more interested in a good free trade bill next year than an ineffective and useless bill passed this fall.

With that input, I would reiterate Treasury's strong opposition to any dilution of the bill in order to pass it this year. Before any free trade compromises limiting Presidential flexibility are made, the Secretary and I feel that a Cabinet Council-level meeting would be required.

cc: Secretary Regan
Ambassador Brock
Assistant Secretary Leland

National Security Council The White House

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