

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1977

Zbigniew Brzezinski
Bob Pastor

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Rick Hutcheson

Re: Letters to Foreign Leaders
to confirm points re
Rosalynn's discussions.

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cc Bob Pastor

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Zbig & Bob Pastor

When Rosalynn came
back I asked for a
letter to each foreign
leader to confirm points
made in her discussion.

Where are they?

J. C.

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Mr. President:

Brzezinski recommends that you only discuss one of Peter's talking points in such a brief meeting -- that you are happy with the clear commitment President Lopez made to us to work jointly on the problem of drug trafficking.

Rick (wds)

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM Peter Bourne **P.B.**

SUBJECT: Meeting with President Lopez-Michelsen.

Thanks to the ground work which Rosalynn accomplished the meeting with President Lopez-Michelsen was extremely successful and lasted more than an hour. He immediately read your letter, responded very favorable to it, and asked me to express his appreciation to you. I then made the following points:

- Drug trafficking between U.S. and Colombia is a joint problem. That this issue was of great concern to you, not merely because of the effects on Americans, but also because of the economic damage to Colombian Society. It makes no sense for one country to be blaming the other. What was needed was joint cooperation at the highest level. He agreed to the joint commission headed by their Foreign Minister, who is currently in New York and whom he will have contact Secretary Vance this week. He recommended a follow up meeting between Vance, Foreign Minister Lievano, Ambassador Barco, Ms. Falco and myself, with Ambassador Barco to take the lead at future working level meetings with our officials. Most importantly he suggested that he would assign a narcotic liaison officer to their embassy here in Washington to work exclusively on the drug issue. I accepted the idea enthusiastically.
- I expressed your concern over corruption, and said that you were aware of information on many people in high positions in Colombia benefitting from the drug traffic. I conveyed your offer to provide him a confidential briefing, and he immediately accepted. I am arranging for this to take place during the next two weeks, with Hank Knocke taking the lead accompanied by Peter Bensinger.
- President Lopez also suggested that we seek jointly ways in which major American traffickers in Colombia might be more effectively prosecuted and returned to the United States. While this poses some legal problems I told him we would be delighted to pursue this.
- He made no move to demand large amounts of money, as we thought he might.
- Finally I told him that if in three months or six months he was not happy with the way things were going on this issue, or if he felt we had failed to fulfill the commitments I was making to him at this time, I knew that you would want him to let you know immediately.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Peter Bourne

SUBJECT: Meeting with President Lopez-Michelsen.

Later we met with the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General in a very friendly atmosphere and discussed some of the details of future cooperation. Before I left this morning I met with Antonio Ordoniez Plaja, a personal acquaintance of mine who is this year's President of UNICEF and very pro-American. He is to have lunch with President Lopez-Michelsen today and agreed to reiterate with him the points made in our earlier meeting.

Overall the trip could hardly have been more successful.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you tell Ambassador Barco when he presents his Credentials, how happy you are with the clear commitment President Lopez made to us to work jointly on this problem. Also that you will make the helicopters available immediately.
2. That we proceed with the Commission as quickly as possible. I will follow up.
3. That Hank Knocke and Peter Bensinger brief Lopez-Michelsen on corruption providing him specific names.
4. That we continue to quietly bring pressure to bear on Colombia in the international community. During a meeting last week in London with Sir Michael Polliser the number two man in the British Foreign Office I asked that his government convey their concern to the Colombians over the drug issue. We should get other European countries affected by Colombian drugs and the United Nations fund for Drug Abuse Control to do the same.
5. The choice of our new ambassador for Colombia remains crucial. We need someone who is acceptable to the Colombians, capable and has some understanding of the drug issue. Ambassador David Osborne currently in Burma, an outstanding person is one possibility. I will work with State on this.

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c.c. Mrs. Rosalynn Carter
Zbigniew Brzezinski

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