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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL PARTICIPATION IN JAMAICAN INDEPENDENCE AUGUST 4-7

Sunday, 5 August			
3:30 PM	Depart Andrews AFB via Air Force C-137		
7:30 PM	Arrive Kingston Airport. Make arrival statement		
11:00 PM	Attend parade, flag-raising ceremony and fire- works at National Stadium		
Monday, 6 August			
9:30 AM	Attend swearing-in of Governor-General at King's House		
10:15	Presentation of gift to Bustamente		
12:00 Noon	H.R.H. reception at King's House		
1:00 PM	Luncheon at residence. Minister Seaga, top Jamaican Government leaders		
3:00 PM	Depart residence for West Kingston slum area, where U.S. funds are being used for slum clearance and model housing. Operation Friendship. Make brief talk.		
6:00 PM	Attend Prime Minister's reception at Vale Royal		
10:00 PM	State Ball at Sheraton Hotel		
Tuesday, 7 August			
9:30 AM	Attend opening of Parliament		
10:30 AM	Depart via Air Force Convair to Montego Bay. Take Navy helicopter from there to Chestervale Peace Corps Camp.		
12:00 Noon	Luncheon with Peace Corps workers, Minister Sangster, sugar cane union leaders, bauxite union leaders, prominent local Jamaicans and members of American colony. Vice President speaks.		
1:30 PM	Depart luncheon for observation of bauxite works and sugar estates which emphasize crop diversification and cattle raising.		

Tuesday, 7 August (cont.)

3:20 PM

4:00 PM Return to Kingston 5:30 PM Reception by American Community. Vice President speaks. 8:00 PM Attend State Banquet at Sheraton Hotel Wednesday, 8 August 9:00 AM Depart residence for Kingston Airport Depart Kingston via Air Force Convair 9:30 AM .10:00 AM Arrive Montego Bay for informal visit Depart Montego Bay for jet airport 3:00 PM

Depart Jamaica via Air Force C-137

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. VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S VISIT TO JAMAICA FOR INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

During Independence ceremonies at Jamaica, Vice President Johnson will have an occasion for substantive conversations with Premier Bustamente, thus providing an opportunity to make the following basic points:

- 1. Acknowledge Sir Alexander Bustamente's publicly stated desire to establish close and friendly ties with the United States and express our sincere gratitude for these overtures.
- 2. Encourage Sir Alexander to continue his resolute anti-communist position, and his intent to align Jamaica on the side of the Free World.
- 3. Imply to Sir Alexander our hope that an independent Jamaica by the maturity of its leaders will provide an example of responsible government in the area, thus adding an element of stability to the Caribbean.
- 4. Encourage Jamaica to continue to participate in Caribbean inter-area arrangements. The proposed West Indies Federation, though now dead, included various co-operative enterprises of a non-governmental sort (University of the West Indies) which should be continued.

Detailed position and background papers are in preparation which will cover all matters that the Department of State anticipates will be raised. Such papers will deal with the Organization of American States, Defense Treaty with the United States, Aid levels, Sugar, Bauxite and Immigration.

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CONTINGENCY PAPER FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

A visit by the Vice President to the Dominican Republic following Jamaican Independence would enhance United States objectives in the present situation if we find a way of meeting our commitment to provide \$20 million in grant assistance and an additional \$22 million obligation which the Dominicans expect from our government. This is over and above the sugar quota which has just been authorized and the result will not be known until the end of this week.

There is fluid and fast moving situation existing in the Dominican Republic and any program the Department of State proposes will necessarily be adjusted up to the last moment.

In private conversations with members of the Council of State, the Vice President should mention the following points depending on political circumstances at the time:

- The United States would find it extremely difficult to recognize and to provide assistance to any government installed as a result of a coup against the Council of State. This position was made clear during the January 1962 coup in the Dominican Republic and more recently by the events in Peru.
- The December elections are of the utmost importance to the future of democracy in the Dominican Republic. Dominican Government and the political parties should move ahead rapidly in making preparations for these elections.
- It is important that the Dominican people realize the benefits made available to them through basic reform laws, self-help, and the Alliance for Progress. Reform laws, such as the one creating the agrarian reform institute, should be implemented rapidly and effectively. Although the United States can help with financial and technical assistance, the basic responsibility is with the Dominican Government.

In a major speech, as well as in any informal remarks he may be called upon to make, the Vice President should include the following points:

The Alliance for Progress is designed to help those who make a serious and determined effort to bring about needed economic and social reforms.

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- 2. The Dominican people have a great opportunity to construct a free and viable society on the ruins of a personal dictatorship.
- 3. The United States has viewed with great sympathy the efforts of the Dominican people to free themselves from an oppressive dictatorship.
- 4. There is no easy way to develop and maintain democracy, social justice, and economic well-being. Every free society must be on the alert constantly to protect hardwon rights and to create and maintain an atmosphere in which social justice and economic progress can prosper.
- 5. The price of democracy is responsibility of the people.

PROPOSED OUTLINE OF EVENTS FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO SANTO DOMINGO

August 8	
4:30 PM	Arrive Santo Domingo
6:00 PM	Briefing by the Ambassador and appropriate members of his staff.
8:30 PM	Official dinner hosted by the seven-member Council of State. The Vice President should be prepared to make appropriate remarks at this dinner.
August 9	
9:30 AM	Visit to the Altar de la Patria, monument in down- town Santo Domingo where the three heroes of the Dominican Independence are enshrined. Appropriate ceremony (probably laying of floral wreath).
10:00 to 11:00 AM	If the timing can be arranged, it would be both appropriate and useful for the Vice President to attend the inauguration of some Peace Corps or Alliance for Progress project in the environs of Santo Domingo, or
	a short visit to the Binational Center. It may be possible for the Vice President to do both. Short, informal statements for either or both events will be prepared.
11:00 to 12:00 noon	Sightseeing in Santo Domingo. The Dominicans would be pleased if he would visit their cathedral, which is the oldest in the Americas and which allegedly contains the remains of Columbus. The Dominicans are also proud of the reconstructed home of Diego Columbus. Both of these are in downtown Santo Domingo and could be visited leisurely in an hour.

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August 9 (cont.)

1:00 PM Luncheon hosted by Ambassador Martin. Invitees should include the seven members of the Council of State, Cabinet ministers, and selected Dominican and American businessmen and professionals. The Vice President should at this time give a major and meaningful address.

4:30 PM Depart for Washington.