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26 February 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Howard L. Burris,
Air Force Aid to the Vice President

FROM : Deputy Chief, Western Division,
Office of Current Intelligence,
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Basic Data on Latin America

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2. Also enclosed are the National Intelligence Estimates that have been produced during the past 18 months on Latin America.

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March 28

Mr. Jenkins:

Herewith telegrams from Port-au-Prince, Guatemala City, Managua, and Panama City. San Jose has not replied to query on "second class citizen" treatment. However, since timing of visit coincides with inauguration of new Administration there, we are confident Ambassador Telles will want the visit as now proposed. We anticipate that questions raised in Panama's telegram will be answered by next week. A proposed visit for Chiari is under consideration by the White House.

K. Bracken

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FROM: San Jose

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 514, March 22, 5 p.m.

By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

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Department Circular telegram 1596

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Proposed San Jose dates eminently satisfactory. Outgoing administration planning reception accredited missions May 7. Incoming administration reception May 8.

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Because delay in accreditation US Mission to 1958 inauguration, US occupied 13th place list of precedence accredited special missions, Embassy suggests we be authorized advise GOCR of Vice President's participation soonest in order secure earliest possible accreditation mission and thus ensure US appropriate position of seniority among accredited missions to inauguration.

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FROM: Port Au Prince

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 274, March 26, 2 p.m.

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Department Circular telegram 1614.

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Embassy telegram 252 of Limit Distribution outlined Ambassador's views political considerations visit to Port Au Prince by Vice President. I consider it most unlikely GOH would feel it receiving "second class citizen" treatment; rather Duvalier may be expected attempt parlay Vice President's visit into public manifestation USG support.

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DEPCIRTEL 1614

Embassy's view "second class citizenship" impression set out third paragraph EMBTEL 390. Can only emphasize Guatemala generally sensitive about Mexico and particularly so following Punta del Este. However, as Ydigoras scheduled lunch with President Kennedy April 30, this problem with respect Guatemala greatly attenuated.

Embassy feels Guatemala must be included if Vice President visits other Central American countries and would urge concurrent visit to Venezuela, Colombia or Peru to remove "banana republic" stigma. While earlier objections timing now met, security and timing questions still remain on account unforeseeable future following recent serious disturbances and GOG crisis.

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FROM: Managua

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 241, March 26, 5 p.m.

By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 241, INFORMATION PANAMA CITY 16

1. Reference: Circular telegram 1614, Nicaraguans will continue hope President may some time visit this country. Meanwhile they will cordially welcome Vice President if he comes. Possibility some comment regarding conjunction May visit Vice President Central America and July visit President Mexico. But we expect reaction on whole to be mild.

2. Reference: Circular telegram 1596, May 13-14 satisfactory but urge consideration slight change in order country visits for following reason: American Society Nicaragua is holding charity dance evening May 12, funds to be devoted benefit Crippled Children General Hospital and primary school in first self-help housing colony Managua constructed US AID. Purpose is to provide example generally uncharitable Nicaraguans what can be done by community effort. Society is taking advantage visit by US Air Force Band from Panama. In light worthiness effort local American community, dance to be held grounds Embassy residence. Highest officials GON and leaders other parties as well as most important businessmen, property owners, industrialists expected to attend. It would be great encouragement hard-working American Society of Vice President's schedule could be adjusted permit his presence dance. For example, could he spend May 11-12 here and May 13-14 Panama, or make other adjustment permit him include presence charity dance in Managua schedule?

3. Although we have of course said nothing local officials, we gather from recent inquiry that President Somoza at least knows visit being considered.

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FROM: Panama City

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 794, March 27, 4 p.m.

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FOR AMBASSADOR FARLAND.

EMBTel 793.

1. Whether Panama would consider visit by VP as "second class citizen" treatment (Department circular telegram 1614) will depend greatly, we think, on how current treaty problem with Panama handled. Velarde, Presidential press secretary, has informed us that during his recent visit to Washington he urged in talks with various officials USG either that President Chiari be invited Washington in connection Canal problem or that President Kennedy visit Panama for same purpose. Velarde gained impression, whether factually based or not, that his suggestions were sympathetically received. Velarde also announced to local press on March 22 possibility existed either that President Chiari would travel to US or that President Kennedy would visit Panama in connection with negotiations (Embassy despatch 344).

2. If either these courses action adopted by USG, and included in President Kennedy follow-up letter to President Chiari, delivery of which expected in April, we believe Panamanian sensitivities will be accommodated paving the way to cordial welcome for VP Johnson. If neither proposed in President Kennedy letter, we think GOP may interpret VP visit as substitute for President to President meeting and down-grading of Canal problem, to which GOP will probably react adversely to detriment acceptability VP visit to Panama.

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FROM: San Salvador

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TO: Secretary of State

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By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

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Reference: Department circular 1516.

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Vice President Johnson will be enthusiastically welcomed in El Salvador. Dates excellent. (Present indication are that Presidential elections of April 29 will be without opposition parties therefore without political significance for visit).

We are confident ceremonies for US sponsored development project such as school, health or civic action community center can be arranged. Construction of health centers will be started before time of visit. Could expedite still more significant school construction program if permitted discuss definite dates with government. Could also schedule inaugural ceremonies for opening offices of Civic Association for Alliance for Progress (believed to be first in hemisphere) which may be occasion for major speech.

Project in rural area might be ground breaking for George Washington School at Divisadero and health center Jocoro, both in badly depressed mining area northwest of San Miguel.

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FROM: Managua

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TO: Secretary of State Authority STATE 2-5-76

NO: 230, March 7, 6 p.m.

By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 230, GUATEMALA CITY, SAN SALVADOR, TEGUCIGALPA,
SAN JOSE, PANAMA CITY UNNUMBERED

Embassy's A-59 March 6

Awaiting pouch ninth; unfortunately first opportunity we have had comment on San Jose's proposal for Presidential visit CA countries. Substance our view is that heated character Nicaraguan presidential campaign is not favorable atmosphere for Presidential visit. Issue of foreign intervention in electoral process significant feature and will doubtless continue so until election held February 1963. Matter US intervention particularly sensitive point view local interpretations historical record, notwithstanding fact GON and opposition both sparing no effort involve or make it appear that US involved on their respective side.

Embassy feels obligated report exactly same circumstances would be applicable visit by Vice President Johnson (Circular 1516). In addition we would call attention following factors some of which deal with Vice President's tentative schedule:

1. Beginning April 15 Holy Week traditionally observed in Nicaragua for mass religious exercises with clergy exhorting faithful to set aside material activity and restore spiritual assets. Visits by foreign dignitaries during this period would be deeply resented in many quarters especially if they should detract from popular observance of religious customs.

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-2- 230, March 7, 6 p.m. from Managua

2. GON recognizes influence of Catholic tradition by granting vacations all public offices during Holy Week and ensuing week. Similar closure many business establishments for part of period results in substantial exit Managua residents to beaches and other resorts. In consequence Managua streets normally deserted Holy Week. On Good Friday in recent past even operation of vehicles frowned upon as evidence disrespect. Matter of Presidential reception for Vice President on Holy Saturday or even Easter Sunday would raise issues of attendance and propriety.

3. Vice Presidential visit this juncture election year would elicit expectation Embassy make arrangements for representatives opposition meet with him. Deep offense would result if such privilege not granted with strong possibility that in frustration they would feel pushed farther into limbo from which violence only exit. To preserve some semblance decent relationship with GON President Somoza should be informed in advance and perhaps consulted on desirability Vice President meeting with oppositonists. Bearing in mind invective characteristic this political campaign, believe Somoza would be hurt by such suggestion unless he thought or would be persuaded that conditions of the moment, now unpredictable, would permit GON or Liberal Party derive some advantage. Right now he appears particularly sensitive about attitude USG toward him and his regime.

4. Summing up, Embassy believes election year not auspicious time for visit top official our government to Nicaragua. In addition coincidence Holy Week, April visit would be unfavorable because controversial Liberal Party nominating convention will be held next few weeks. Moreover, future course of domestic conflict will likely then be determined on basis nature electoral reform legislation to be approved prior April 15, which would make ensuing period extremely sensitive for presence high USG official. Embassy also emphasizes point that omission Nicaragua

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-3- 230, March 7, 6 p.m. from Managua

from visits CA countries would provide no solution inasmuch as omission itself would be interpreted as indication USG purpose influence election favor opposition and as proof of US ungratefulness for GON support given in common with other CA governments.

Despite these unfavorable circumstances which we believe in conscience should be recorded, Embassy will of course put all its effort into making Vice President's visit successful if final decision is to hold to present plans.

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Reference: Circular 1516

When President mentioned to me possibility Vice Presidential journey in this area during my call at White House last month, I took somewhat reserved position about such visit to Haiti. My general concern was over use Duvalier might make of it to identify us with his indefinite maintenance in power; but I thought we might have particular problem if he tried parlay the Vice President's visit into an official visit to Washington for himself.

I have since come to conclusion that his fear of what might happen here politically were he to leave Haiti even briefly eliminates this latter danger. Furthermore omission Port au Prince from Vice President proposed schedule, especially with continued inclusion Santo Domingo, would be such pointed political blow at Duvalier's government that it would jeopardize certain short-term constructive efforts we are making to improve somewhat present US-COH relationship. I have in mind particularly our current talks on jet airport and southern road projects, establishment 1962 hard core AID program, emergency repairs on wharf and related activities of various international agencies here (e.g. Rey Alvarez "Alliance for Progress" commission). Since in fact despite his repressive methods rule Duvalier may be said to be legitimate President this Republic until expiry of his regularly elected first term (May 1963), such studied slight as omission Port au Prince by Vice President would be premature. Thus on balance I would welcome

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-2- 252, March 10, 1 PM From: Port au Prince

visit by Vice President Johnson at time stated and am submitting suggestions re his Port au Prince schedule and certain logistic matters in separate message.

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TO: Secretary of State

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 SAN SALVADOR 21, GUATEMALA CITY 22

Reference: Circular 1516

Proposed schedule for visit of VP to San Jose over Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be altogether unacceptable in this Catholic country since on these particular days every activity stops and automobiles even banned from streets for any but emergency use. Any VIP visit these dates would seriously offend local sensitivities. I also doubt Vice Presidential visit per se as tentatively scheduled would accomplish objectives our A132 and might be seriously misinterpreted locally if President Kennedy goes to Mexico. There are also lesser complications which would be involved in scheduling an important visit to Costa Rica in late April such as lame duck status GOCR, current financial crisis, and effects of political command change-over on security force.

However, I believe visit VP would be tremendously valuable and appreciated if it could be postponed to coincide with local presidential inauguration ceremonies May 7-8 or 8-9 (Embassy will advise). Visit at that time would be regarded as outstanding evidence US interest Costa Rica and Central America and would compensate full for red carpet treatment being extended Orlich in UK, France, and Israel. Further both incoming outgoing Presidents would be flattered, little additional burden on overstrained budget since ceremonies already being scheduled

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-2-496, March 10, 11 AM, from San Jose

at which VP would be most honored guest, and security arrangements would be relatively easy. VP's visit to other CA countries could be tied in and would thus avoid otherwise possible accusation second class treatment-particularly if VP could commit the President to CA tour at later date along lines suggested A132.

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By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

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Re Circular 1516 Embassy welcomes proposed visit by Vice President at time stated. We wish remind those in charge travel arrangements Port au Prince airport cannot accommodate jet aircraft.

Assumption Vice President and party would arrive here from Santo Domingo morning April 16 and depart for Panama following morning Embassy suggests following tentative schedule: April 16, 9:30 AM arrival.

9:45-10:00 visit to Embassy and brief talk to Embassy and other US Government employees.

10 AM call on Foreign Minister.

1030 AM call on President.

11 AM-3 PM visit to Point Four Projects and to Albert Schweitzer Hospital in Assibonite Valley, including buffet lunch arranged by AID personnel (travel by helicopter).

3-7 PM rest, shopping, sightseeing.

7-9 PM cocktail-buffet reception at residence in honor Vice President.

I would of course be delighted have Vice President and Mrs. Johnson stay overnight at residence.

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FROM: Guatemala City

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TO: Secretary of State

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Department Circular telegram 1516

Fully appreciate prior successes Vice President in generating goodwill for US in his travels abroad and his flair for establishing sympathetic relations with masses, and that he has been used by President as emissary to such vital areas as Southwest Asia and Berlin. These facts temper but do not alter Embassy view that visit at time and with itinerary as proposed would not produce sufficient returns to offset considerations set forth below.

Guatemalans have previously invited President to visit here on way to or from South American. Pursuant Department instructions Circular 1046 advised GOG not possible then but that President would later visit other parts Latin America, thus implying visit to Guatemala a possibility.

Vice President's visit would not (repeat not) be effective substitute for Presidential visit. Fact that President has visited Colombia and Venezuela and especially his plans to visit Mexico and fact of Johnson's proposed trip being confined Central American area would be almost surely interpreted as confirming Central American view that US relegates them to secondary position in terms importance and prestige.

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-2- 390, March 7, 5 p.m. from Guatemala City

(Sensitivity of Central America is fact.) Visit this country would entail necessity complex, difficult, and time-consuming security measures. Timing of visit seems singularly ill-chosen in view fact Holy Week in Catholic area is time when everything stops and interruption this siesta season not likely win friends; further, have standard fear of local government seeking disadvantage Vice President by putting forth exaggerated claims US support in economic and political matters which difficult provide adequate advance briefing. In such circumstances, not uncommon for locals believe or pretend to believe commitments made which have not in fact been attained.

Nevertheless, if visit is to be made other Central American states to eliminate Guatemala would be most inadvisable. If Vice President is to come, obviously we will do utmost reap such dividends as are possible.

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FROM: Panama City

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 752, March 12, Midnight

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Authority STATE 2-5-76By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

DEPCIRTEL 1516.

1. Unless complicated by treaty problem developments (see paragraph 2), visit of Vice President Johnson will, we believe, be very well received indeed in Panama. In past Embassy has urged such a visit and we so recommend again. Will be recalled Panama (EMBTTEL 231) expressed unhappiness Ambassador Stevenson did not visit Panama last year (EMBTTEL 742 June 23, 1961).

2. We note timing of visit may coincide with letter from President Kennedy to President Chiari on future of Panama Canal, contents of which and local reaction thereto will of course set tone for political climate Panama. Accordingly Vice President should be thoroughly and carefully briefed on Canal and treaty problem to handle questions which assuredly will be asked.

3. Comments on itinerary to follow.

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Department Circular telegram 1516 , Embassy telegram 752.

Re suggested program for Vice President Johnson, should he make CA and Panama visit, it should be kept in mind that during Holy Week many prominent Panamanians difficult to reach and/or preparing to leave the capital for the three day Easter weekend. President Chiari would most probably be in the country over weekend. During this week little government activity Panama.

Proposed schedule for April 17 would include call on the President (through advance arrangements Embassy would endeavor ensure that he would be in capital), travel around Panama City to include self-help housing area San Miguelito.

For April 18 would suggest visit to Penonome (AID public health center), then Feeder Road and community-built school construction at Toabre. Trip would be by air to Rio Hato, then by car. Latter approximately one hour and half each way by car, partly over rural roads.

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Circular 1046, San José's A-132, February 15 repeated CA posts.

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April 14 Leave Washington for Santo Domingo

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April 16 In Haiti

April 17 - 18 In Panama

April 19 - 20 In San José

April 21 - 22 In Managua

April 23 - 24 In Tegucigalpa

April 25 - 26 In San Salvador

April 27 - 28 In Guatemala

April 29 Depart Guatemala for U.S.

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By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

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MEMORANDUM

For info to VP

DATE: March 15, 1962
TO: The Vice President
FROM: Colonel Burris
RE: Latin American Visit

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Authority NSC 2-23-76
By LW, NARS, Date 3-17-76

The subject of your visit to Latin America during the period April 14-29 was presented to eight Embassies in the following context:

"Although President sincerely desires to visit as many Latin American countries as possible, heavy schedule of State visits here and other demands on his time preclude visit to your area at this time. However VP Johnson is tentatively considering trip to area. We envisage program which would give VP day in capital and one in rural area, visiting or participating in some U.S. -sponsored development project, if possible. Without consulting local officials forward soonest Embassy comments."

Replies have been received from following countries:

Haiti	Nicaragua
Costa Rica	El Salvador
Guatemala	Panama

Reactions to the proposed visit vary as follows:

- (1) El Salvador is enthusiastic about the visit and considers dates excellent. Haiti is less enthusiastic (for reasons of local politics) but dates satisfactory.
- (2) Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama suggest visit quite inappropriate during Holy Week.
- (3) Nicaragua believes visit before 1963 inappropriate because of local political situation.
- (4) Guatemala and Costa Rica feel VP visit should not be substituted for Presidential visit.

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March 15, 1962

Mr. Vice President:

A careful check with sources knowledgeable in Latin American affairs leads to the following conclusions concerning the proposed visit of the Vice President to eight Central American countries:

(1) The President announced yesterday that within the next three months he plans to visit Mexico. Should the Vice President's trip be sufficiently close in time to the President's trip to Mexico, the eight Central American nations visited by the Vice President would almost certainly feel that they were being placed in a "second class" category in United States thinking.

(2) The American Embassies in the eight nations have been checked and six have responded. Only one of the six gives an unqualified endorsement to the visit. The other five expressed doubts ranging all the way from questioning as to the appropriateness of the timing to outright opposition.

(3) Under the circumstances it would appear well to postpone the visit at this time. Perhaps it should be reconsidered at a later date when Latin Americans will not react to it as something in juxtaposition to the President's visit to Mexico. At any rate, because of the Vice President's personal connections with President Lopez Mateos any visit he makes to Latin America might cause some difficulties if it were not tied into Mexico in some manner.

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Bonnelly, Imbert, Amiama, Reid, and Pichardo, as well as Bonilla, agree visit Vice President mid-April good idea and safe. Fernandez agrees good idea but reserves opinion safety question for two or three weeks. Perez Sanchez not consulted. Amiama and Imbert request importation of "about 15 security specialists" (presumably Secret Service) well in advance visit. I presently favor visit if police can clearly demonstrate within next two weeks ability maintain order. Ship visit March 24-25 will provide good test.

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Vice President's proposed trip now rescheduled to commence

May 4 Santo Domingo and proceed as follows:

May 6 Port-au-Prince

May 7-8 San Jose

May 9-10 Caracas

May 11-12 Panama

May 13-14 Managua

May 15-16 Tegucigalpa

May 16-17 San Salvador

May 18-19 Guatemala

May 20 to U.S.

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By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

Without consulting local officials forward soonest Embassy comments on timing.

FOR CARACAS: Circular 1516 being repeated to you. Your comments requested on advisability inclusion Caracas in itinerary. Propose add Caracas in order include a larger country which fortunately President has already visited.

SEND TO: CARACAS
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LATIN AMERICA, POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE LW, NARS, Date 3-24-76

Recent events have called attention to Argentina and Guatemala, but the potential for strife and Communist gains pervades other Latin American countries.

Although serious disorders in connection with the 18 March Colombian congressional elections have not been reported, the danger persists that leftist or losing elements will attempt to foment disturbances after the elections. Early and unofficial returns indicate that the moderate Liberal and Conservative elements, who form the present governing coalition, are winning majorities in their respective parties, thus suggesting that election of their presidential candidate in May should be assured.

Many Brazilian military and political leaders are concerned by the threat implied by the return of former President Quadros. He has made it clear that he has not changed his sympathetic attitude toward Castro and that he intends to re-enter politics. Should he obtain a significant following in the October congressional and state elections, he would again become a force in Brazilian politics.

At long last, the President of Chile has apparently become aware of the threat of increased Communist activity in his country. Some cabinet changes may be announced soon, partly to meet this threat more effectively.

Violence on 14 March between Peruvian Communists and leftist, but anti-Communist, Apristas (supporters of APRA, the Popular American Revolutionary Alliance) may be repeated frequently before the presidential elections scheduled for 10 June. Communists and their sympathisers probably will do all they can to prevent an Aprista victory while instigating as much trouble as possible. Recently, they have been attempting to generate anti-US demonstrations in connection with the problem of Indian squatters, some of whom are on land owned by US interests.

Paraguay's Communist-dominated exile organization is said to be about to attempt an invasion. This move reportedly has greater resources than previous attempts, but the military and government are alerted and should be able to thwart any such move.

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Venezuelan Communists and their leftist allies, who succeeded in wresting control of the lower house of Congress from government parties, continue a variety of opposition activities, including some small-scale guerrilla operations. The government, alert to these operations, has formed a joint police and armed forces headquarters and has succeeded in locating some guerrilla training camps. The Venezuelan Army does not have proof that Cuba is involved in these activities, though convinced that extremists are receiving support from Castro. If the leftists in Congress can hold their supporters together, which is uncertain, they may be able to prevent enactment of President Betancourt's social and economic reform program and thus eventually threaten his tenure of office.

Government control is precarious in Bolivia and Ecuador, but no imminent antigovernment action is expected.

Anti-Duvalier activity is apparently increasing in Haiti and among Haitian exiles. Some of the latter are reportedly receiving aid from Dominican groups, others from Castro. Because of alleged Dominican support for anti-Duvalier activities, Haitian-Dominican relations have become strained. Despite rumors of underground activity, there is no indication of any organized opposition within Haiti.

There appears to be no immediate threat to the Dominican Republic's Council of State, although opposition elements continue their agitation. President Bonnelly is seriously concerned over the activities of Castro's paid underground agents as well as the lack of training of his own police force. The 14 June Party continues bitter anti-US and anti-Council propaganda and may be receiving Cuban aid. The leftist Dominican Popular Movement (MPD) is also increasing its activities.

Throughout Latin America, local Communist parties are alert to any development which can be exploited. Cuban and Bloc Communists -- individuals and groups -- travel through the area lending prestige to local Communists, encouraging closer political, cultural and economic ties, and probably encouraging, and even directing, subversive activities.
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TO: Secretary of State

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Reference: CIRCULAR 1596.

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Fact May 6 is a Sunday will not I believe fundamentally affect suitability that date for VP visit or tentative schedule outlined EMBTEL 251. Would suggest that particularly since May 8 is former President Truman's 78th birthday it may be appropriate for VP to stop briefly for photographs and short remarks at Truman statue (bust) located near Embassy on important boulevard named after him.

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FROM: San Jose

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TO: Secretary of State

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Department Circular telegram 1596

Proposed San Jose dates eminently satisfactory. Outgoing administration planning reception accredited missions May 7. Incoming administration reception May 8.

Because delay in accreditation US Mission to 1958 inauguration, US occupied 13th place list of precedence accredited special missions, Embassy suggests we be authorized advise GOCR of Vice President's participation soonest in order secure earliest possible accreditation mission and thus ensure US appropriate position of seniority among accredited missions to inauguration.

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FROM: San Salvador

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TO: Secretary of State

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 431, INFORMATION GUATEMALA CITY 63,
TEGUCIGALPA 30, MANAGUA 28, SAN JOSE 34, PANAMA CITY 22

Department Circular telegram 1596

Embassy delighted Vice President has scheduled visit San Salvador May 16 and 17. His presence will give important boost to alliance during period of critical developments.

Confident ceremonies proposed in Embassy telegram 405 can be arranged, but request we be permitted as soon as possible to discuss dates with government in order to expedite school construction program which will be one of most significant in this republic.

For visits to outlying rural areas suggest helicopters be provided to save fatigue of long automobile drive and to contribute to publicity impact. Presumably same helicopters will be useful in other countries.

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Department Circular telegram 1614.

Would expect no important adverse reaction to juxtaposition
Vice President's trip here and President's trip Mexico.

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NO: 437, March 24, 1 p.m.

Authority State 2-5-76
By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

Re DEPCIRTEL 1614.

Embassy confident Vice President will be enthusiastically welcomed here by Government and vast majority citizens as distinguished personage and that visit will have great impact as gesture of US friendship and respect for El Salvador. Naturally some agitators opposed to Alianza and Commies may exploit "second class citizen" theme but advance publicity and handling of visit could minimize this.

In any event, if CA tour does not materialize in May we hope Vice President will come here for opening of US Trade Fair on June 7.

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FROM: Tegucigalpa

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 472, March 26, 11 a.m.

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Honduras has shown so realistic attitude similar occasions in past that I believe Vice President's projected visit would not arouse resentment here as long as other CA countries received same treatment, and provided hope of eventual visit by President Kennedy is not killed.

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NO: 466, MARCH 23, 10 AM

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 466, MANAGUA, SAN SALVADOR UNNUMBERED

REFERENCE: CIRTEL 1596

SCHEDULE OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED TRIP SATISFACTORY
FOR HONDURAS, INSOFAR AS EMBASSY ABLE TO DETERMINE
WITHOUT CONSULTATION GOH OFFICIALS.

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By

TW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

FROM : AmEmbassy, SANTO DOMINGO

DATE: March 25, 1962

SUBJECT : Visit of Vice President Johnson

REF : DepCirTel 1596; EmbTel 1974.

Delay of Vice President Johnson's visit to May 4 will give us more time to assess the situation and prepare the ground here. I hope that by that time we and/or the GODR can have several things accomplished - the project to help strengthen the GODR security and intelligence and police forces; the arrest of Lopez Molina and his associates; the gift of uniforms and particularly shoes to the Dom Armed Forces, which is constantly pressed on me by Imbert as a morale builder; several more AID projects. If in addition we could by then have an announcement of US intentions on the \$22 million sugar money, it would be extremely helpful.

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FROM: Port Au Prince

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 274, March 26, 2 p.m.

Department Circular telegram 1614.

Embassy telegram 252 of Limit Distribution outlined Ambassador's views political considerations visit to Port Au Prince by Vice President. I consider it most unlikely GOH would feel it receiving "second class citizen" treatment; rather Duvalier may be expected attempt parlay Vice President's visit into public manifestation USG support.

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TO: Secretary of State

NO: 443, March 26, 3 p.m.

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Embassy's view "second class citizenship" impression set out third paragraph EMBTEL 390. Can only emphasize Guatemala generally sensitive about Mexico and particularly so following Punta del Este. However, as Ydigoras scheduled lunch with President Kennedy April 30, this problem with respect Guatemala greatly attenuated.

Embassy feels Guatemala must be included if Vice President visits other Central American countries and would urge concurrent visit to Venezuela, Colombia or Peru to remove "banana republic" stigma. While earlier objections timing now met, security and timing questions still remain on account unforeseeable future following recent serious disturbances and GOG crisis.

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1. Reference: Circular telegram 1614, Nicaraguans will continue hope President may some time visit this country. Meanwhile they will cordially welcome Vice President if he comes. Possibility some comment regarding conjunction May visit Vice President Central America and July visit President Mexico. But we expect reaction on whole to be mild.

2. Reference: Circular telegram 1596, May 13-14 satisfactory but urge consideration slight change in order country visits for following reason: American Society Nicaragua is holding charity dance evening May 12, funds to be devoted benefit Crippled Children General Hospital and primary school in first self-help housing colony Managua constructed US AID. Purpose is to provide example generally uncharitable Nicaraguans what can be done by community effort. Society is taking advantage visit by US Air Force Band from Panama. In light worthiness effort local American community, dance to be held grounds Embassy residence. Highest officials GON and leaders other parties as well as most important businessmen, property owners, industrialists expected to attend. It would be great encouragement hard-working American Society of Vice President's schedule could be adjusted permit his presence dance. For example, could he spend May 11-12 here and May 13-14 Panama, or make other adjustment permit him include presence charity dance in Managua schedule?

3. Although we have of course said nothing local officials, we gather from recent inquiry that President Somoza at least knows visit being considered.

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Re Department Circular telegram 1596 (received March 25)

1. Subject views Ambassador Farland, Embassy foresees no problem re timing visit Vice President to Panama May 11-12. In our opinion these dates better than during Holy Week. (Department Circular telegram 1516).

2. Believe Vice President visit here would be very well received indeed and suggest approximately same program per Embassy telegram 771. Embassy stresses implications re matters discussed Embassy dispatches 330, 335, 344.

3. (See separate message our comments Department Circular telegram 1614).

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TO: Secretary of State

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By JW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

FOR AMBASSADOR FARLAND,

EMBTel 793.

1. Whether Panama would consider visit by VP as "second class citizen" treatment (Department circular telegram 1614) will depend greatly, we think, on how current treaty problem with Panama handled. Velarde, Presidential press secretary, has informed us that during his recent visit to Washington he urged in talks with various officials USG either that President Chiari be invited Washington in connection Canal problem or that President Kennedy visit Panama for same purpose. Velarde gained impression, whether factually based or not, that his suggestions were sympathetically received. Velarde also announced to local press on March 22 possibility existed either that President Chiari would travel to US or that President Kennedy would visit Panama in connection with negotiations (Embassy despatch 344).

2. If either these courses action adopted by USG, and included in President Kennedy follow-up letter to President Chiari, delivery of which expected in April, we believe Panamanian sensitivities will be accommodated paving the way to cordial welcome for VP Johnson. If neither proposed in President Kennedy letter, we think GOP may interpret VP visit as substitute for President to President meeting and down-grading of Canal problem, to which GOP will probably react adversely to detriment acceptability VP visit to Panama.

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Consensus here that 10 or 20-minute color documentary of Vice President Johnson's visit would provide post useful human interest material in support our efforts better US-Dominican relations. With exception of one, USIS convinced none of local film producers have know-how to produce documentaries of quality USIA has achieved in similar projects. The one local exception is Maximo Pou, who recently became TV director-producer and NBC-TV stringer. Pou, though unparalleled, is, like the others, essentially news cameraman by experience. He should be hired to work with USIA producer should this project be undertaken. As film labs here do not equal minimum standard US quality, and no mopix color labs exist, all film would have to be processed, edited, scored, narrated, printed, etc., in US.

Post realizes time extremely short and USIA possibly tied up other priority commitments but feels proposal sufficiently important to warrant State/USIA consideration.

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TO: Secretary of State Authority State 2-5-76

By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

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ACTION DEPARTMENT 517, INFORMATION MANAGUA, SAN SALVADOR, TEGUCIGALPA, PANAMA CITY, GUATEMALA CITY, MEXICO CITY UN

REFERENCE: CIRCULAR 1596

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AS INDICATED EMBTEL 496 EMB CONSIDERS VP VISIT AS NOW TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION CR WOULD BE VIEWED ON ITS OWN MERITS HERE AND GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL COSTA RICANS AS MARK OF US REGARD AND RECOGNITION. WE SEE NO LIKELIHOOD THIS VISIT BY VP WOULD BE REGARDED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, BUT BELIEVE FAVORABLE EFFECT VP VISIT WOULD BE FURTHER ENHANCED IF VP COULD COMMIT THE PRESIDENT TO CENTRAL AMERICA TOUR AT LATER DATE AS FURTHER SUGGESTED EMBTEL 496.

HOWEVER, ENTIRELY APART FROM CONSIDERATIONS VP VISIT I DO FEEL THERE WILL BE STRONG LOCAL RESENTMENT OVER SPECIAL KENNEDY VISIT TO MEXICO IN VIEW CONTINUOUS MEXICAN OPPOSITION US AND CENTRAL AMERICAN EFFORTS IN OAS ON CUBA. THIS OPINION BASED ON IMMEDIATE REACTIONS MANY LOCAL CONTACTS AND OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO COSTA RICA AT RECENT NEWS SPECULATION ON KENNEDY VISIT TO MEXICO. I SUGGEST THIS RESENTMENT COULD BE COMPLETELY AVOIDED AT LITTLE COST TO US BY HAVING PRESIDENT PROCEED TO MEXICO VIA WHISTLE STOP TOUR SIX CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS PROPOSED OUR A-132. THUS US COULD DEMONSTRATE APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT OF CENTRAL AMERICAN FRIENDS PRIOR TO UNDERSTANDABLE ATTEMPT EXERCISE NEEDED PERSUASION ON UNCOOPERATIVE GOM. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SIMPLY ADDING TWO DAYS PRESIDENTIAL ITINERARY, AND I STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

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Although President sincerely desires to visit as many Latin American countries as possible, heavy schedule State visits here and other demands on his time preclude visit to your area at this time. However, Vice President Johnson is tentatively considering trip to area along following lines.

April 14 Leave Washington for Santo Domingo

April 14 - 15 In Santo Domingo

April 16 In Haiti

April 17 - 18 In Panama

April 19 - 20 In San José

April 21 - 22 In Managua

April 23 - 24 In Tegucigalpa

April 25 - 26 In San Salvador

April 27 - 28 In Guatemala

April 29 Depart Guatemala for U.S.

We envisage program which would give the Vice President day in capital and one in rural area (except Port-au-Prince) visiting or participating in some U.S. sponsored development project, if possible.

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Without consulting local officials forward soonest Embassy comments on proposed trip and itinerary.

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Reference Circular ~~XXXX~~ 1596.

Vice President is concerned lest his visit to your area in May close to President's proposed trip to Mexico in July ~~will~~ arouse resentment as "second class citizen" treatment. Forward soonest estimate reaction your country this point, particularly if Caracas stopover impossible.

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Authority NSC 2-23-76 March 22, 1962
By LW, NARS, Date 3-17-76

Mr. Johnson:

The attached memorandum on Latin America has two messages, depending entirely upon interpretation.

One is that there is generally so much turmoil, insecurity, and even danger that your visit to the area should not even be considered.

The second interpretation is that the general state of affairs which this report reflects is so serious that the United States should address itself more diligently to these problems immediately through high-level personal visits, acceleration of the Alliance for Progress and so forth. Otherwise, the U.S. might find the Cuban situation multiplied many times throughout the area.


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Reference circular 1596.

Proposed plans for visit of Vice President have been indefinitely postponed.

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By LW, NARS, Date 4-7-76

SUBJECT: Brief Thoughts and Comments on Latin America

1. A visit by President Kennedy to the Central American countries and Panama would be most productive and a stimulus to the Alianza para Progreso. Also, the President's visit, on a "whistle stop" basis, would serve as a gesture of U.S. recognition of the unswerving support which these countries have given to U.S. objectives on the international scene and most recently at Punta del Este.

2. A Central American trip by President Kennedy should be undertaken on its own merits and not simply as an appendage to visits to other Latin American countries.

3. A visit by President Kennedy at this time to Mexico or Brazil or any of the countries who opposed U.S. objectives at Punta del Este would be strongly resented by Governments and people of other Latin American countries. Particularly if the President's visit to the opposing countries was scheduled prior to a visit to the countries which have supported the U.S.

4. Visits to Washington and interviews with President Kennedy should be provided to friendly Latin American presidents, both from South and Central America. It appears to people of friendly countries that only those who vehemently oppose U.S. objectives receive invitations and are showered with the most attention.

5. While it may be considered almost an impossible accomplishment, one can visualize the terrific impact of a meeting of all the presidents of the Latin American countries with President Kennedy.

6. In organizing and planning visits of high U.S. dignitaries and officials such as the one made by Ambassador Adlai Stevenson to South America in 1961, the Central American countries should not be neglected or overlooked every time. All of the visits to Latin America by such U.S. representatives during the past ten months have been to South America and none to Central America.

7. Prior to meeting at conferences such as the one at Punta del Este, these countries should be approached individually and presented with our views and objectives. This would give them the opportunity to discuss and present their views and ideas, and ultimately reach a desirable agreement. This must be done without publicity and preferably by U.S. representatives with whom they are acquainted and in whom they have confidence. They should be assured that such meetings and discussions will not be made public and that the information will be used in Washington to arrive at united efforts and objectives.

8. Latin American people are historically proud people and rightfully so; therefore, in our dealings, negotiations and presentation of our objectives to them, we must do it in such a manner that they feel and consider themselves as partners rather than servants or puppets.

9. We must assume a firm position with those countries who are consistently opposing our objectives. Otherwise we lose prestige, respect, confidence and the loyalty of our friends. It is not necessary that our firmness be demonstrated in the form of "newspaper headlines", but there are many ways in which the point could be brought home very effectively.

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10. Prominent publicity used in providing large sums of money or the appearance of pushing U. S. money on to anyone who openly flirts with our enemy, Castro and Company, puts our Government in a very difficult position to explain both to other Latin American countries and to our people back home. The American people wish to help but also expect some friendship or support against our enemies in return.

11. Friendly countries interpret the rebel attitude of opposing countries as chantage or blackmail to obtain action and special treatment from U. S. on loans, etc. Our willingness to immediately respond to such threats is interpreted as a sign of weakness and neglect by our friends. Our friendly countries' natural reaction is that it is obvious that in order to receive proper attention from the U. S. one must oppose it and act quite independently and rebelliously.

12. We must concentrate and speed up appropriate assistance to those countries that have stood by us and supported us in our objectives so that there may be visible preferential treatment and results. This should be accomplished at the expense of less attention to those countries that are either opposing or cold to U. S. policies and objectives.

13. Open and wide publicity should be given to financial, technical and other aids to countries who support U. S. objectives. Assistance should be expedited to friendly presidents and governments to insure their programs will be a success.

14. It is a good policy to make every effort to make friends of our enemies, but not at the expense of our good and reliable friends; otherwise, in the final analysis we will end up without any friends.

15. In providing loan assistance for economic and social development we should avoid the appearance that we are providing the money with one hand and taking it away with the other. One very illustrative instance is the insistence that engineering and construction contracts be awarded to U. S. firms without an opportunity for local qualified firms to bid.

16. There may be a subconscious reluctance to the solution of the Cuban problem on the part of some of the Latin American countries, realizing or believing that once the Castro problem disappears, the U. S. attention to their problems will diminish and also the material benefits now being derived would be cancelled. Some of the Latin American governments will undoubtedly continue to see the Castro issue primarily as a means of gaining leverage with the U. S.

17. We must continue to concentrate our efforts to help stabilize prices, to encourage production control, diversification of industry and to help find markets for their products at fair prices. This type of assistance would help solve some of the problems and reduce the amount of loans generally required.

18. The Latin American countries' economic health and governmental ability to plan ahead are at the mercy of price fluctuations in world markets over which they have no control. We realize that this is an extremely difficult problem to resolve.

19. It would be a good, sound and productive policy for the industrialist or investor who comes to Latin America to establish a new industry to offer local businessmen the opportunity to invest in their companies or enterprises.

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20. Some of these countries need additional, adequate and immediate social assistance involving health, sanitation and educational programs in the rural and out of the way areas where the Communists find fertile ground and do their best work. The Peace Corps can provide substantial assistance in this connection.

21. Many of these countries need immediate, and in some cases emergency, technical assistance in fiscal matters and problems without waiting for the completion of the Economic Development Plan. They need technical assistance and advice in balancing their budgets and in determining sources of added revenues in order to maintain a stable and secure government.

22. A detailed study of each Latin American country for possible further implementation of the Food for Peace Program may be a productive approach in many ways. There is a general belief that thousands and possibly several million Latin Americans go to bed hungry every night, or at least insufficiently fed.

23. In order to succeed, the Alianza para Progreso needs forceful action and concrete and visible results which we realize are not easy to obtain because of the temperament of these people and their historic attitudes. Promises on the part of some of our Latin American countries come easily, but fulfillment is something else. Therefore, U.S. leadership, guidance, understanding, and tactful push may be the deciding factor in the success of the program.

24. Our representatives and technical men in the field should exercise every precaution in order that the Alianza para Progreso does not become a destructive evil instead of a hope in the eyes of these people. Each individual country's economic and social problems, and particularly its capabilities, must be closely studied so that reforms may be put in at a reasonable and intelligent pace and on the basis of conditions and circumstances of each country. A standard of reforms of a general pattern would be difficult to apply throughout Latin America.

25. Our efforts must be increased to break through quicker to the laboring classes and to reach the necessities of the broad masses, not just in material benefits, but in personal contact to create the American image. This must be accomplished in addition to discharging our duties and obligations to the Governments and upper classes of people. We must keep in mind that while governments in these Latin American countries will change periodically, the people will always be here.

26. U.S. Ambassador should visit, as much as possible, all sections of his country to include the small villages. His visits should not be confined to the Government officials and citizen leaders of the community but must make every effort to mingle and talk to the people on the street.

27. Social representation functions by embassies must be extended to rural areas and include some of the people such as laborers, campesinos and their families instead of repeated receptions in the large cities where the U.S. embassies are located and where possibly the same upper class people are repeatedly entertained. Social

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functions in the small villages or out of the way areas could be of the "American picnic" family type.

28. Consideration should be given by each U.S. Ambassador to initiating and holding periodic open press conferences. While it may be considered as a delicate and dangerous practice, the net results may be worthwhile in having the opportunity to explain and present U.S. policies and position before they are erroneously printed and placed before the eyes of the public. This practice greatly eliminates misunderstanding and the printing of erroneous information which is detrimental to our objectives. In addition, it also creates good public relations with local press and is extremely beneficial in obtaining good cooperation from the press when needed. I initiated and have called periodic open press conferences since I arrived here in May, and in my opinion and in the judgment of my Embassy officers they have produced good results. Encourage an open door policy to newspapermen in order that they may feel free to come in and discuss any question with the Ambassador, or at least get the U.S. Government views prior to printing unchecked information which may be difficult to erase from the mind of the people once it is read.

29. Elimination of Cuba from participation in the OAS will cause the step-up of Castro and Communist propaganda, agitation and underground activities in other Latin American countries. We must be on the alert more than ever to these types of activities and find means and ways to counteract them immediately. The Alianza para Progreso is an effective long-range plan. However, we must beware of present Communist developments and activities.

30. Possibly this is the time for re-examination of our traditional U.S. policy of non-intervention and consideration of some modification and establishment of a more flexible policy as far as U.S. stepping in and helping save democratic governments from internal communist coups; particularly when assistance in this respect is requested by the constitutionally established government. This re-examination may be appropriate and timely in view of the continuous substantial and serious infiltration of Communist-Castro elements in these countries and in their governments. During the past year approximately 120 Costa Rican Communists and fellow-travelers have been given subversive training in Cuba. This has been accomplished by Cuban invitation and expenses paid to small groups. Subversive activities by such persons would be strictly an internal matter according to our present terms, but would be, in reality, an invasion of primary concern to the Inter-American community. Communist aggression in the Western Hemisphere may go further than the landing of Soviet or Cuban troops. Aggression could mean and involve infiltration, subversion, the supply of armaments and other activities used in subversive actions against constitutionally established governments.

31. Qualified desk officers should be carefully selected with experience, maturity, seasoned judgment, prior demonstrated ability and knowledge of the country, since they have a responsible assignment involving the Assistant Secretary and the respective U.S. ambassador. They should also have sufficient rank and be capable of dealing effectively with the ambassadors of the respective foreign countries, so as to take some of the load off the Assistant Secretary.

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22. In selection and assignment of top U.S. personnel to these countries it is essential and extremely important that language skills receive adequate attention. Without the ability to communicate with the people of the country, the effectiveness of our representatives is lost.

23. Consideration should be given to the eventual assignment of full time labor attachés to each one of these countries. The part-time labor reporting officer obviously has but limited time for this increasingly important aspect of our relations with our Latin American neighbors.

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