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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1997

As promised.

Call Ray

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FIRST LADY

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER
MACK McLARTY

SUBJECT:

Your Travel to the Caribbean

A three day trip to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica in the fall of 1997 would build on your previous travel to Latin America and would complement the message of hemispheric engagement that you and the President will convey with your proposed visit to Latin America and the Caribbean this spring. As you have done on previous trips to Latin America, you might invite Donna McLarty to join you on this trip.

Background

To a degree that many Americans do not recognize, the Caribbean islands are increasingly integrated with the United States by migration, two-way travel, remittances, trade and investment. Nowhere is this connection more clearly demonstrated than in the three large countries of the northern Caribbean -- Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica. In addition to highlighting U.S. stakes in the region, your visit to the Caribbean would revive the themes of education, maternal and children's health and grass-roots development that you emphasized in your two previous trips to Latin America. It would also demonstrate continuing U.S. support for these countries as they manage the transition to a more competitive, global economy.

Haiti: A one-day stop in Haiti would highlight U.S. involvement in Haiti's struggle to rebuild its democratic institutions and overcome the destructive effects of a three-year dictatorship and related economic sanctions. By signaling continued U.S. interest in Haiti's economic recovery, you would help lay to rest the concerns of some Haitians that U.S. attention will turn elsewhere in the second term. Here in the United States, your travel to Port-au-Prince would underline the continued success of the President's policy in building security, fostering respect for human rights, and ending the outflow of refugees.

Your schedule should include a meeting with President Treval at the National Palace, a visit to a U.S.-supported development site

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(such as an AID-funded feeding program), a meeting with the American Embassy and military communities and a representational event hosted by the Ambassador with prominent Haitian women in government, law, medicine, business, children's advocacy and the arts. All these events would occur in or just outside Port-au-Prince, allowing for a one-day trip in and out.

Dominican Republic (DR): By going from Haiti to the Dominican Republic, you could underline U.S. hopes for a more cooperative and supportive relationship across the island of Hispaniola. During his first months in office, President Fernandez has moved aggressively against vested interests in the military and economic elite. Your visit to Santo Domingo would signal U.S. backing for this historic break with the DR's tradition of personalistic rule.

In addition to meetings with President Fernandez and his cabinet, we would recommend a public event that highlights our hemispheric education agenda. One option would be a visit to the Yaque School, a not-for-profit women's school that teaches vocational skills to at-risk teenagers. This school is a past recipient of USAID funding. We could also design an event that highlights the strong and vital connection between the Dominican Republic and the Dominican communities in the United States.

Jamaica: A stop in Jamaica would contribute to our efforts to sustain engagement with the English-speaking Caribbean even as we back away from the traditional assistance-focused relationship. Jamaica was a strong supporter of the President's Haiti policy, but our relations have been strained in recent months by differences over counter-drug policy. Your visit to Kingston could help put our relationship on a more positive track by reminding Jamaicans that there are other important issues on our bilateral agenda, such as development and education.

In addition to a meeting with Prime Minister Patterson (who visited the White House in September 1995) and members of his cabinet, we would recommend several events highlighting our still active USAID program. One possibility is a visit to Inner Kingston, where the Gold Street community policing program is providing the model outreach you heard about in AID's Lessons Without Borders film. This would also be helpful insofar as it would highlight the shared threat our societies face from drugs and criminality. Another possibility might be a visit to a USAID-supported Women's Center which has achieved an outstanding record of preventing second pregnancies among teenagers through education.

RECOMMENDATION

That you agree to a three-day trip to Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica in the fall of 1997.

Approve ✓ Disapprove

But, I'd be willing to go earlier
if necessary.