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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT NIXON
TO RAFAEL CALDERA:

2. QUOTE:

DEAR DR. CALDERA:

HAVING JUST EXPERIENCED THE TENSION AND EXCITEMENT OF A HARD-
FOUGHT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN, I TAKE SPECIAL PLEASURE IN SENDING
YOU MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT-
ELECT AND MY OWN BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH YOU AND I WILL HAVE TO
WORK TOGETHER FOR THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF OUR PEOPLES AND
THE STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND IDEALS
IN THIS HEMISPHERE.

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* RICHARD M. NIXON UNQUOTE

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LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO: Mr. Bergsten
FROM: Robert Houdek

SUBJECT: Former Pres. Johnson's reply to Pres.
Raul Leon Otero of Venezuela re:
Oil Import Allocations

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1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
NIXON TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CALDERA ON HIS BIRTHDAY, JANUARY
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QUOTE:

2. DEAR DR. ^{XX}CALDERA; *Rafael*

I KNOW THAT YOUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MUST HAVE A SPECIAL
SIGNIFICANCE THIS YEAR AS YOU PREPARE TO ASSUME YOUR HIGH
RESPONSIBILITIES AS PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA. MAY I ADD MY
WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE OF YOUR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD M. NIXON UNQUOTE

3. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT, BUT WOULD
NOT OBJECT TO THE RECIPIENT'S WISHES TO DO SO.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1969

Gabe
Dear Dr. Hauge:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter concerning President-elect Caldera of Venezuela. The memorandum which you enclosed provides some very useful information.

I am sure you can appreciate the many demands on the President's time, particularly in the early months of his Administration. He is considering possible Presidential visits, but is not prepared to make decisions at this time. In the meanwhile, the President has sent two personal messages to President-elect Caldera and Secretary Rogers will probably meet with personal representatives of Dr. Caldera shortly.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to the President's attention.

With warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

X
Dr. Gabriel Hauge
350 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022

Hope to see you soon.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1969

NOTE TO DICK MOOSE

Thelma
Detype

Dick -

You may want to check with Dr. Kissinger on whether or not he wants to address Hauge by his first name, since the letter he is replying to was addressed to the President.

Arnie

Arnie Nachmanoff

January 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR PETE VAKY

Would you please prepare a letter to Mr. Gabriel Hauge for Dr. Kissinger's signature acknowledging Mr. Hauge's letter and thanking him in a very nice way for bringing this matter to the President's attention. You might mention in replying to Mr. Hauge that the President has sent two messages to President-Elect Caldera.

Richard M. Moose

Attachments

~~Bob Goldmann~~

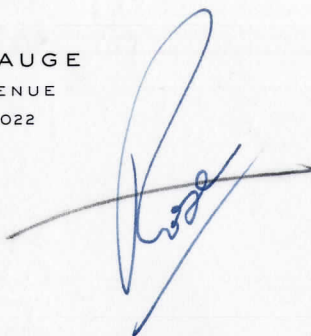
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To:
~~Rogers~~
Kissinger

RN sent a letter
of congrats to
Caldera.

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GABRIEL HAUGE
350 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022



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January 9, 1969
APPOINTMENT OFFICE

Dear Mr. President-Elect,

There is attached a memorandum which I am forwarding for your and Bill Rogers' consideration because I greatly respect President-Elect Caldera of Venezuela as well as Mr. Lecuna, whose visit led to this communication.

Needless to say, I cannot appraise this proposal in terms of all of the factors that must be brought to bear but I think it is worthy of consideration.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,



President-Elect Richard M. Nixon
The Pierre
New York, N. Y.

Enclosure

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Memorandum for the President-Elect

Today Mr. Vicente Lecuna, Director of Banco de Venezuela, the largest commercial bank in Venezuela, and a distinguished member of the Venezuelan financial community, paid a call to suggest that it would be useful if President Nixon (or, alternatively, the Secretary of State) could invite President-Elect Rafael Caldera of Venezuela for an official visit to Washington during the latter part of February, prior to his inauguration in March.

The case he presented can be summarized as follows:

1. The Venezuelan nation (and these opinions have been frequently voiced in their press) is convinced that President Nixon will not have forgotten the violent personal attack on his entourage in Venezuela on May 19, 1958 and will, in his Latin American policy, attempt to punish Venezuela for the hostility expressed in that incident. At times, the argument is not set forth quite so crudely, but the basic rationale of this widely held opinion remains the same.
2. Venezuela, because of its geographic location and its petroleum resources, is of critical importance to the United States and to our Latin American posture. This importance was recognized by the Communists in the Western Hemisphere in that Venezuela was the prime target

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for Castro-leaning guerrilla forces during the years 1965 to 1968. Bombings of United States companies and of oil pipe lines received frequent attention in United States' press during these years.

3. Rafael Caldera, who is the leader of the Christian Democratic Party (COPEI) in Venezuela, is a representative of the moderate, democratic left in Latin America (other examples being President Frei of Chile and President Lleras of Colombia) which seems to provide the most hopeful political solution to the basic social conflicts of the area. Considerable effort is apparently being exerted at the present time to link Venezuela, through the Christian Democratic Party, more closely with the Christian Democratic parties of Western Europe. The present moment offers a unique opportunity to those political groups in Venezuela attempting to reduce United States' influence and increase importance of Western Europe in terms of financial assistance, political alliances, and economic ties.
4. Rafael Caldera won the election in Venezuela held in early December, 1968 by only 31,000 votes over the representative of the incumbent political party, Accion Democratica. The fact that public opinion forced prompt recognition by the electoral authorities of Caldera's electoral victory is generally taken as an encouraging

sign, both of increasing political maturity in the Venezuelan electorate and as recognition of Caldera's moral stature.

5. No petroleum concessions have been granted by the Venezuelan Government for ten years, and it is generally assumed that the whole problem of concessions must be reopened during Mr. Caldera's term as President. The opinion has been expressed that this gesture of arranging for a high level invitation to Washington to be extended at this time to Mr. Caldera might well have some critical importance in President-Elect Caldera's petroleum policy vis-a-vis United States' oil companies.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
 THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from the
 President-elect of Venezuela
 dated January 28, 1969

In response to Mr. Moose's request of February 10, 1969, enclosed is a translation of a letter from the President-elect of Venezuela, Dr. Rafael Caldera. The letter is in reply to President Nixon's letter of January 13, 1969.

The Department recommends that no reply be made.

John P. Walsh
 John P. Walsh

Acting Executive Secretary

ack: 2/14/69
to concur
in State's
recommendation
all
Called R. Walsh
2/19/69 5:30 p.m.
J. Seibert

Enclosures:

1. Letter from
 Dr. Caldera, *Rafael*
2. Translation.

Nothing else sent to
 Central Files as of *3/13/69*
W.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1969

TO: Ben Read, S/S

FROM: Dick Moose *Rmm*

The attached is forwarded for
translation and recommendation.

Attachment

Hold for Larry Eagleburger:

-- Mr. Moose said he wasn't sure whether
Larry wanted this to go to State.

*To State
for translation
and recommendation.
Moose*

*Moose - send to
State*

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Spanish

Caracas, January 28, 1969

Mr. Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I was particularly happy to receive your letter dated the 13th of this month, the contents of which I greatly appreciated. In fact, I had the pleasure of talking at some length with Mr. Shakespeare, your assistant, who made an excellent impression on me, and I informed him of my views concerning the extensive cooperation that the United States could give to Venezuela and Latin America in general at the present time. That would constitute one of the more important and far-reaching contributions your Administration could make.

I had the opportunity to call Mr. Shakespeare's attention to our meeting in Caracas in 1958 and the conversation that we had several weeks later in Washington. I was very happy that you have such a pleasant recollection of it, as shown by your letter. I hope that all this will enable our countries to find it possible in the years to come, under your leadership

and mine, to combine their efforts to develop our countries and to achieve a fruitful peace based on enduring harmony in this Hemisphere.

I share the desire expressed by you, Mr. President, that we meet at an early date in Washington. I deeply regret that circumstances have made it necessary for me to decide not to go abroad during the present transition period. After the new period has begun, I shall be faced with special responsibilities that will require my full attention for some time, but I shall keep the desire expressed by you well in mind and consider it as soon as circumstances permit.

I also thank you for your valued telegram of congratulations on the occasion of my birthday.

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My wife joins me in wishing you very great success and in reaffirming to you and Mrs. Nixon our high consideration and friendship.

Cordially yours,

[Signed] R. Caldera

RC/jp.

Caracas, 28 de enero de 1969

Señor
Richard M. Nixon
Presidente de los Estados Unidos
Washington D.C.

Estimado señor Presidente:

Con especial agrado he recibido su atenta carta de fecha 13 del mes en curso, cuyo contenido he apreciado altamente. Realmente, tuve el agrado de conversar largamente con su colaborador el señor Shakespeare, quien me causó una excelente impresión, y le expresé mis puntos de vista acerca de la amplia colaboración que los Estados Unidos pueden dar en el momento actual a Venezuela y a la América Latina en general, lo que constituiría uno de los aspectos más importantes y de mayores proyecciones de su administración.

Con el señor Shakespeare tuve oportunidad de recordar nuestro encuentro en Caracas en 1958 y la conversación que varias semanas después tuvimos en Washington. Me satisface mucho que Ud. lo recuerde en términos tan amables como lo hace en su carta. Espero que todo ello contribuirá a que nuestros pueblos puedan encontrar en los años que tenemos por delante, bajo la administración de usted y la mía, una fecunda posibilidad de sumar esfuerzos que a la vez contribuyan al desarrollo de nuestros países y a una fecunda paz impulsada por sólida armonía en este hemisferio.

Mucho estimo el deseo que Ud., señor Presidente, se sirva expresarme de que nos encontremos en fecha próxima en esa ciudad. Lamento mucho que las circunstancias me hayan hecho decidir no salir al exterior durante la actual etapa de transición. Después de la inauguración del nuevo período deberé afrontar especiales responsabilidades, que exigirán una total dedicación durante cierto tiempo, pero tendré muy presente el atento deseo de usted tan pronto como las circunstancias lo hagan realizable.

Rafael Caldera

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Doy también las gracias a Ud. por su amable telegrama de felicitación con motivo de mi cumpleaños.

Mi esposa se me une para desearle el mayor éxito y para renovarle a Ud. y a la señora Nixon nuestro testimonio de elevada consideración y amistad,

Cordialmente,

*R Caldera*_____

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Richard M. Nixon

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450 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022
(212) 661-6400

January 13, 1969

Dear Mr. President-Elect:

I want to tell you how much I appreciated the very friendly message which you sent to me through our mutual friend, Frank Shakespeare. I remember our first meeting when I was in Venezuela in 1958 as well as the very helpful and constructive counsel you gave to me when you called on me in Washington later in that year.

I hope sometime either before your inauguration or shortly thereafter that I may have the opportunity of seeing you again in Washington.

Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending our very best wishes to you for great success in your new administration. Because of our personal friendship, I am sure that our two countries will have the closest of relations in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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x
Dr. Rafael Caldera
Avenida Kachimbo
Q.T.A. Tinajero
Los Chorros
Edo. Miranda
Venezuela

bcc: ✓ Dr. Kissinger
The Hon. William Rogers
Mr. Frank Shakespeare



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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO
PRESIDENT LEONI: BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE ON
MY INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THE YEARS
AHEAD WILL BE CHALLENGING ONES FOR ALL OF US. OUR FOREMOST
TASK WILL BE TO BUILD A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND.
MY ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE A SOLEMN COMMITMENT TO PURSUE THIS
TASK WITH ALL ITS ENERGY AND STRENGTH. I HOPE AND TRUST THAT
OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATION WILL REMAIN OPEN AS WE SEEK A WORLD
IN WHICH NO PEOPLE WILL LIVE IN ANGRY OR UNWANTED ISOLATION.

SINCERELY YOURS,

RICHARD M. NIXON END QUOTE

2. FYI FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT LEONI'S MESSAGE:
BEGIN QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT

TODAY, ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR OATH AS PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO EXTEND TO
YOU MY MOST CORDIAL CONGRATULATIONS AND MY MOST SINCERE WISHES
THAT YOUR ADMINISTRATION WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING
PEACE AND STRENGTHENING AMERICAN SOLIDARITY AS WELL AS THE DEEP

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HISTORICAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP EXISTING BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES
AND GOVERNMENTS. I RENEW TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES
OF MY CORDIAL CONSIDERATION.

YOUR FRIEND,

RAUL LEONI
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA.
END QUOTE

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RELEASED.

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VENEZUELA:

His Excellency

Dr. Rafael Caldera

President-elect of the Republic of
Venezuela.

Dear Dr. Caldera:



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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT CALDERA:

2. QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

AS YOU TAKE UP THE HIGH OFFICE WHICH YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA, I EXTEND THE WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I AM CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, VENEZUELA WILL CONTINUE ITS IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS THROUGH DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO CORDIAL RELATIONS AND CLOSE COOPERATION WITH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ALL MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO THE HEMISPHERE.

SINCERELY

RICHARD NIXON UNQUOTE

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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT CALDERA:
MR. PRESIDENT:

WE SHARE YOUR SENSE OF GRIEF AT THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT OF THE VENE-
ZUELAN AIRLINER WHICH COST THE LIVES OF SO MANY OF YOUR COUNTRY-
MEN AND OURS. PLEASE CONVEY TO ALL WHO HAVE SUFFERED LOSS
ON THIS SORROWFUL OCCASION MY OWN DEEP SYMPATHY AS WELL AS THAT
OF MY FELLOW AMERICANS. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON

WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE THIS MESSAGE BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRES CALDERA IF HE SO DESIRES.
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VENEZUELA

His Excellency ~~RAFAEL~~

Dr. ~~Rafael~~ Caldera

President of the Republic of Venezuela,
Caracas.

Dear Mr. President:

VENEZUELA

His Excellency

Dr. Aristides Calvin,

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela,
Caracas.

Dear Mr. Minister:



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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM

1. THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR DEFENSE OF VENEZUELAN OIL
CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 30
ASKING THAT THE CABLE QUOTED BELOW BE TRANSMITTED TO
PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON. AFTERWARDS THE AMBASSADOR,
TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL FRONT, MET WITH
THE PRESS WAITING OUTSIDE.

2. QUOTE:

HIS EXCELLENCY
RICHARD M. NIXON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MR. PRESIDENT:

WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE DESIGNATED AN OIL REVIEW
COMMITTEE TO DO AN OVERALL STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES OIL
IMPORT PROGRAM. IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT ANY REDUCTION OF
VENEZUELAN EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE
NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON OUR ECONOMY BY LIMITING OUR
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND RESTRICTING THE POSSIBILITY
OF SATISFYING VITAL VENEZUELAN NEEDS. THIS COULD CAUSE
UNEMPLOYMENT AND GIVE RISE TO OTHER SOCIAL CONFLICTS
WHICH COULD AFFECT THE STABILITY OF VENEZUELAN DEMO-

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1. DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
CALDERA: QTE DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I WERE FURTHER SADDENED, IN THIS TIME
OF OUR OWN NATIONAL MOURNING, TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF DON
ROMULO GALLEGOS. AS A WRITER, HIS NOVELS ENRICHED THE WORLD'S
LITERATURE. AS A STATESMAN, HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED AS
VENEZUELA'S FIRST PRESIDENT TO BE CHOSEN BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.
I OFFER TO YOU AND THE VENEZUELAN PEOPLE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY.
SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON UNQTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION
IF GOV WISHES TO DO SO.

3. REPORT PLANS FOR FOREIGN REPRESENTATION, IF ANY, AT FUNERAL.
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April 7, 1969

Dear Dr. Leoni:

I want to express my thanks for the handsome commemorative medal of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the historic Congress of Angostura.

On behalf of the Government and people of the United States, I am pleased to accept this significant symbol of the friendship that exists between our countries. Your thoughtfulness in presenting it is greatly appreciated.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Nixon

His Excellency
Dr. Raul Leoni
Caracas, Venezuela

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT CALDERA: QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF GENERAL EISENHOWER. ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COUNTRYMEN, I EXTEND THANKS AND GRATITUDE TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA FOR YOUR COMFORTING WORDS. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON END QTE.

2. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF MARCH 29: QTE DEEPLY MOVED BY THE SAD NEWS OF THE PASSING OF FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ILLUSTRIOUS LEADER OF THAT NATION AND OF THE STRUGGLE OF MEN FOR FREEDOM. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA AND ON MY OWN ACCEPT MY SINCERE EXPRESSION OF SORROW FOR THE PASSING OF THAT GREAT CITIZEN OF THE FREE WORLD. RAFAEL CALDERA, PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA. END QTE.

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MOUVEMENT DEMOCRATIQUE DE LIBERATION DE HAITI

(Affilié à la Coalition Haitienne)

BOITE POSTALE N° 3047 - CARACAS, VENEZUELA

May 8th, 1969.

Mr. Robert J. Brown
High Point, North Carolina.

S i r:

I beg you to excuse me for reaching you this way, because it is impossible to obtain your address here.

I am a haitian exile and have been suffering for ten years -the same as my people- the regime and dictatorship of Francois Duvalier.

Due to the lack of moral support and to the lack of financial assistance we have failed in our attempt. Personally and with the aid of other compatriots we have done sabotage and guerrilla warfare. As a result we have been jailed, tortured and now suffer exile.

We have work in the democratic indoctrination of 300,000 haitians that live in the Dominican Republic and we are now ready to wage our campaign against Duvalier, but trying to avoid a mistake that will make our effort futile and waste useful lives, we want to secure help from responsible people and organizations.

In Venezuela with other haitians we have founded a branch of the Haitian Coalition, our central Organization located in New York. We have in various cities of U. S. and in Latin America the active branches which form the Democratic Liberation Movement. All the delegates came to this city for a meeting in which a few issues were settle and one of the most important was to write you.

We would like to have the backing of the black americans that you guide in order to liberate Haiti, the only black republic in America. The origins of the american negroes in the continental sense of the word are the same since we have african ancestors. Like your people we have suffered during centuries the white domination but now thanks to the work of John F. Kennedy, Rev. Martin Luther King plus other leaders you have the opportunity to achieve the goal of racial equality.

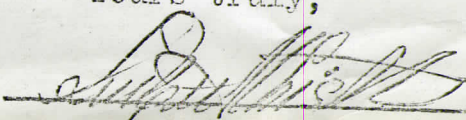
We are sure that if we can secure help from a portion of the black population of the United States we would win our battle and the black americans would be satiesfied to have helped their haitian brothers.

We are convinced that you will do everything that is within your possibilities to help our cause. We can send you all the information you request about our Organization and even send you a delegate to talk with you if necessary.

Once again we pray to God to help and guide us in this struggle.

Thanking you very much, I remain,

Yours truly,


Louis Eugene Athis.
COORDINATOR.


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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1969

TO: Dr. Henry Kissinger
FROM: *Bob* Robert J. Brown

The attached for your information.

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TO: DWIGHT CHAPIN
FROM: SHELLEY SCARNEY S.S.

The attached letter was sent to Helen Smith from one of her friends, and Helen requested that we bring it to your attention in case the President would be interested in greeting the group of Venezuelan Public Opinion Leaders.

Our office has scheduled a special tour of the White House for them at 8:00 A. M. on Wednesday, May 28th.

Let us know if the President would want to greet the group.

Thanks.

Gov. Warren P. Knowles

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The President concurs with your opinion and has requested that you inform the Government of Venezuela that the appointment of Dr. Julio SOSA Rodriguez as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Government of Venezuela would be agreeable to the Government of the United States.

Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Protocol
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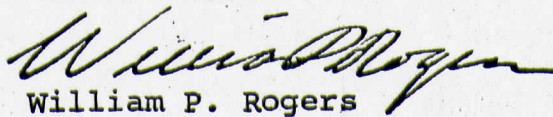
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Dear Mr. President:

The Department has received a communication from the Embassy of Venezuela inquiring whether this Government agrees to the appointment of Dr. Julio SOSA Rodriguez as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Venezuela to the United States. A biographic sketch of Dr. SOSA is enclosed.

I believe that the appointment of Dr. SOSA at Washington would be satisfactory. If you concur, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of Venezuela of your approval.

Respectfully yours,


William P. Rogers

Enclosure:

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The President,

The White House.

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LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO: Sec. of State
FROM: Henry A. Kissinger
SUBJECT: Sr. Julio Sosa Rodríguez

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May 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Letter to the President from
President Caldera of Venezuela

There are enclosed a letter to the President from President Caldera, dated April 24, and a Department of State translation of the letter. The letter, which informs the President of President Caldera's assumption of office on March 11, was received in the Department under cover of a note from the Venezuelan Embassy dated May 14, which we shall acknowledge.

The President sent a congratulatory message to President Caldera upon the latter's assumption of office.

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We recommend there be no reply to President Caldera's April 24 letter.

John P. Walsh
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

As stated

*Called Ron Walsh
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s/s
RHS*

Rafael Caldera
Constitutional President of the Republic of Venezuela,
To His Excellency
Richard M. Nixon,
President of the United States of America.

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that, on March 11, 1969,
I assumed the Presidency of the Republic of Venezuela by virtue of my
election in the public elections on December 1, 1968.

In communicating this to Your Excellency, I take pleasure in
expressing to you my sincere desire to do my utmost to ensure that the
relations so happily existing between our two countries may become
stronger and more cordial, and, in that endeavor, I am very pleased to
know that I can count on Your Excellency's valued support.

I extend sincere wishes for the continued prosperity of your nation
and Your Excellency's happiness.

[Signed] R. Caldera

Countersigned: Aristides Caldani
Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Countersigned: Aristides Caldani
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Miraflores Palace
Caracas, April 24, 1969

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May 27, 1969

Dear Mr. Paetz:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of the booklet containing President Caldera's inaugural speech which you sent to Dr. Kissinger. Your thoughtfulness in sending it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Vivian P. Vaky

Gabriel Jose Paetz
Consul General of Venezuela
Consulate of Venezuela in
Baltimore, Maryland

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cc - WH Files

The original of the memo from State was probably sent to Central Files; however, here is the original of another document attached to the file. A copy of the State Memo is also attached.

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Miraflores Palace
Caracas, April 24, 1969

Rafael Caldera

Presidente Constitucional de la República de Venezuela,

Al Excelentísimo Señor

Richard M. Nixon,

Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América.

Tengo a honra participar a Vuestra Excelencia que el día 11 de Marzo de 1969 he tomado posesión de la Presidencia de la República de Venezuela, en virtud de la elección recaída en mí en los comicios populares del 1º de Diciembre de 1968.

Al hacer esta participación a Vuestra Excelencia pláceme expresar el ferviente deseo que me anima de procurar que sean cada vez más estrechas y cordiales las relaciones que felizmente existen entre nuestros dos países, para cuyo designio me es muy grato contar de antemano con el valioso apoyo de Vuestra Excelencia.

Hago votos por la prosperidad de esa Nación y por la ventura personal de Vuestra Excelencia.

Caldera

Refrendada.

El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores,

Atty. Dato

Palacio de Miraflores, en Caracas, a los
veinticuatro días del mes de abril de 1969

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1969

Dear Mr. President:

It is my privilege and my great pleasure to introduce my good friend Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller who, as my personal representative, is visiting all of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean except Cuba. The purpose of his mission is to listen to and consult with national leaders concerning the development of common goals and joint programs of action, looking toward the strengthening of Hemisphere unity and the acceleration of the pace of economic and social progress. Governor Rockefeller brings to his important task long years of substantive experience and deep personal interest in Latin America and high stature in government, politics and business in his own country.

It was because of my deep belief in the importance of the special relationship that exists between the United States and the other American countries that I invited Governor Rockefeller to undertake this mission. I consider the problems of the Hemisphere to be of the highest priority and I am desirous of increasing the effectiveness of our cooperation with our sister nations in the Western Hemisphere and of our support for common objectives. It is in this spirit that Governor Rockefeller has generously acceded to my request that he consult with you and your fellow chiefs of state on problems and matters of mutual concern.

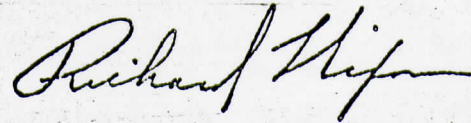
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I am confident, Your Excellency, that as a result of Governor Rockefeller's consultations with you there will flow even greater understanding between our two countries. I also expect that this understanding will serve as the basis for the formulation of mutually beneficial policies looking toward the strengthening of our traditional ties of friendship and of our cooperation in the development of a better life for all of the people of the Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Nixon", written in a cursive style.

His Excellency
Dr. Rafael Caldera
President of the Republic of Venezuela
Caracas

ET
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

The Rockefeller visit to Caracas has been postponed at the request of the Venezuelan government because of the threat to his security.

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Governor Rockefeller, will return Monday instead of Tuesday.
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RAFAEL CALDERA PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE VENEZUELA

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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS *VENEZUELA*

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CALDERA. QKOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ESPECIALLY ASTRONAUTS JRMSTRONG, ALDRIN AND COLLINS, I THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR KIND THOUGHTS ON THE MANNED LUNAR LANDING. THIS FLIGHT HAS ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO HUMAN EXPERIENCE. LET US HOPE IT WILL ALSO USHER IN AN ERA OF INCREASINGLY FRUITFUL INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. SINCERELY RICHARD NIXON END QKOTE.

2. FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT CALDERA'S MESSAGE: QKOTE I EXPERIENCE GREAT EMOTION ON TRANSMITTING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA, THE MOST SINCERE EXPRESSION OF RECOGNITION AND ADMIRATION OF THE MEN WHO, WITH THEIR EFFORT AND DETERMINATION, HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR MANKIND TO CROSS OVER THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA. VENEZUELA SHARES WITH ALL OF MANKIND THE JOY AND PRIDE IN THE SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY YOUR COUNTRY. WITH THE FIRM HOPE THAT THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT MEANS THE OPENING OF NEW PATHS IN THE SEARCH FOR GOALS FOR THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF HUMANITY, WE RAISE TO THE ALL-POWERFUL OUR PRAYER FOR A BETTER WORLD.

WITH MY BEST WISHES AND THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH ESTEEM, I AM,

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VERY SINCERELY YOURS, RUFAEL CULDERA, PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA.
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Telegrams on Apollo 11 to the
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The enclosed telegrams to the President from
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express congratulations on the success of Apollo 11.

The Department recommends that the Assistant
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for Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
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August 25, 1969

TO: JOHN BROWN

FROM: EDWARD L. MORGAN

SUBJECT: CAB DECISION: Transportes Aeros de Carga, S.A.
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Recommend the President's approval.

(Jerry Warren said he did not need to see anything on this one (8/30/69 4PM -T.M.))

CAB decision signed & dated: 8/29/69
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CAB decision to Chairman, CAB: 9/2/69

1 copy to Walter Ruckelshaus, Dir. of the Budget, EOB-473: 9/2/69

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MEMORANDUM TO: Henry Kissinger

The Department has acquiesced your reluctance to appoint Rockwell to Venezuela. They have no particularly strong career candidate and have asked us to suggest a non-career candidate. If you have any thoughts, may I please have them?

Peter M. Flanigan

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TO : White House, Mr. Noble Melencamp
FROM : NC - Peter ^{P.S.} Sarros (Telephone 632-2747)
SUBJECT: Program for Mr. Eduardo ^X Fernandez,
Deputy Secretary General of the Presidency,
Republic of Venezuela

I am very grateful and pleased that you have agreed to meet with Mr. Fernandez. You will recall from our recent telephone conversation that Mr. Fernandez is primarily interested in the mechanics and processes for staffing high-level decision-makers.

Monday October 6

10:00 a.m. ARA: Mr. Edward S. Little,
Director of North Coast Affairs
11:30 a.m. ARA: Mr. John Yoile and
Mr. Henry Applebaum,
Special Assistants to
Assistant Secretary Meyer
2:30 p.m. NSC: Mr. William Watts,
Staff Secretary
4:00 p.m. NSC: Mr. Arnie Nachmanoff,
Deputy Latin American Adviser

Tuesday October 7

9:30 a.m. White House
Mr. Noble Melencamp,
Staff Assistant to the President
3:00 p.m. S/S-O: Mr. John Brogan,
Acting Director,
Operations Center
7:30 p.m. Dinner with Mr. Allen Woods,
Assistant Press Secretary.

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By GPB NARA, Date 5/8/96

Wednesday October 8

at USIA

9:00 a.m. Mr. William E. Straussberg,
Assistant Director

10:00 a.m. Mr. William Wethersby,
Deputy Director

Miss Barbara White,
Associate Director

11:00 a.m. Mr. Frank Shakespeare, Director

11:30 a.m. Mr. Lyle Copmann,
Deputy Assistant Director,
Latin America

12:00 noon Lunch at USIA

Thursday October 9

11:00 a.m. DOS: Mr. Dirk Gleysteen,
Director,
Executive Secretariat

Attachment:

Biographic Data.

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MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FOR THE FILE

DATE

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LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO:

White House, Mr. Noble Melencamp

FROM:

NC - Peter Sarras
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SUBJECT:

Mr. Eduardo Hernandez
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DATE 10-2-69

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LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO:

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Presentation of Diplomatic Credentials

Mr. Mario ^xRead Vittani - Dominican Republic
John Joseph ^xAkar - Sierra Leone
Dr. Julio ^xSosa Rodriguez - Venezuela
Fidèle ^xNkundabagenzi - Rwanda
Jean ^xWagner - Luxembourg

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EVENT SEQUENCE SUMMARY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
PRESENTATION OF
DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS

The Residence

11:00 A.M.

Thursday, October 2, 1969

The following Ambassadors will arrive at the Diplomatic Entrance every 10 minutes starting at 11:00 a.m. for presentation of credentials:

Dr. Mario READ Vittani
John Joseph Akar
Dr. Julio SOSA Rodriguez
Fidele Nkundabagenzi
Jean Wagner

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
SIERRA LEONE
VENEZUELA
RWANDA
LUXEMBOURG

The President and the Ambassador meet in the center of the Blue Room for the presentation of credentials, the Ambassador entering from the Green Room and the President from the Red Room. There will be a press photo opportunity of the credentials presentation.

Following the presentation of credentials the President and the Ambassador will engage in a brief private discussion in the Red Room.

Ambassador departs through door to Grand Hall and North Portico entrance.

The cycle begins again with the presentation by the next Ambassador in the Blue Room.

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October 6, 1969

FOR: Henry Kissinger
FROM: Peter M. Flanigan

Many thanks for yours of the 2nd regarding Vaky's suggested list of potential candidates for Venezuela. Among the non-career he includes Bill Gaud who is obviously a Democratic appointee. The same can be said of Anthony Solomon who was a former Assistant Secretary of State. While George Woods might have been a Republican, he certainly was a Kennedy-Johnson appointee.

It occurs to me that you might want to talk to Vaky with regard to how he makes suggestions for appointed positions, particularly when we are picking non-career individuals to represent the President abroad. He should have political affiliations high on his list of considerations. In addition, you might ask for the list to look over the career people he suggested to see if you would agree with his choices.

October 24, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

Colonel Alexander M. Haig

I would appreciate your review and comments on the attached memorandum from Dr. Seaborg's assistant.

**W. E. Kriegsman
Staff Assistant**

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**cc: Mr. Whitehead
Mr. Kriegsman
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 14, 1969

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of October 12. I was gratified by your expression of satisfaction regarding my recent conversation with Ambassador Sosa. It is a pleasure to welcome Ambassador Sosa ^{Julio} ~~Rodriguez~~ to the family of Ambassadors in Washington. *

As you know from my speech before the Inter-American Press Association, I share your judgment of the importance of trade. In that speech, I announced several specific actions my government is prepared to take to help expand trade in the hemisphere.

I endeavored to convey in my letter of October 31, transmitting an advance copy of the speech, my belief that the American nations must jointly develop new policies which will assure an enduring hemispheric partnership. The spirit and content of your letter and my conversation with your Ambassador have reinforced my personal conviction that this is indeed possible.

With specific reference to petroleum, a subject which concerns your Government and mine, I want to assure you that we are mindful of the vital importance petroleum revenues play in the economic and social progress of Venezuela. In recognition of this, I have endorsed the past practice of periodic consultations which you mention in your letter. I am pleased to note that our representatives held a

meeting in Caracas to exchange views relating to our respective petroleum policies. I am confident that their discussions reflect the spirit of cooperation and good will to which we both personally subscribe.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I wish to extend to you my best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Richard Nixon", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

His Excellency
Rafael Caldera
President of the Republic of Venezuela
Caracas

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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To: Mr. Wingate Lloyd

From: Jeanne W. Davis

Attached is revised first page to President's letter to Venezuela President Caldera, as requested.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1969

NOTE FOR RECORDS & FILES

There is attached a rewritten first page of the President's letter to President Caldera of Venezuela. (The original is being held at State for this substitution).

The only changes are:

- (1) 3rd paragraph, 5th line -- hemispheric is now spelled with a small "h" to conform with usage of this word in other parts of letter.
- (2) The last word on the page--"are"--has been changed to "held a" since the meeting is now passed.

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In conclusion, Mr. President, I wish to extend to you my best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

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His Excellency
Rafael Caldera
President of the Republic of Venezuela
Caracas

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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ACTION
November 12, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*

SUBJECT: Letter to the President of the Republic of Venezuela

President Caldera of Venezuela sent you a letter, a translation of which is attached at Tab B. In his letter President Caldera thanks you for the warm welcome extended to Ambassador Sosa on the occasion of his presentation of credentials at the White House. President Caldera also stresses the importance to Venezuela of trade and particularly of the United States oil import policies. Attached at Tab A, for your signature, is a reply to the President.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to President Caldera at Tab A.

Attachments:

Tab A - Letter to President Caldera

Tab B - Translation of the letter from President Caldera

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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November 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM TO DR. KISSINGER

FROM: Viron P. Vaky

SUBJECT: Reply from the President to the President of the
Republic of Venezuela

Attached for your signature at Tab A is a memorandum to the President with a suggested reply to a letter from President Caldera of Venezuela, which thanks the President for the warm welcome extended to his Ambassador.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab A.

Attachment:

Tab A - Memorandum to the President

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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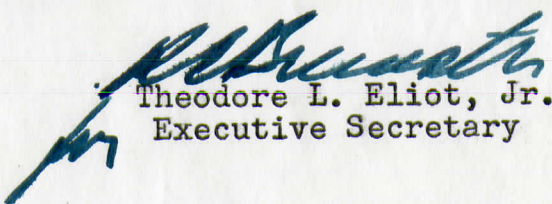
November 3, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from the
President of the Republic of Venezuela

Reference is made to my memorandum of
October 23 enclosing a letter to the President
from the President of the Republic of Venezuela.

Enclosed is the Department's suggested
reply to this letter.


Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Letter from President Caldera
and translation.
3. Memorandum of October 23

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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to thank you for your thoughtful letter of October 12. I was gratified by your expression of satisfaction regarding my recent conversation with Ambassador Sosa. It is a pleasure to welcome Ambassador Sosa to the family of Ambassadors in Washington and I look forward to future exchanges of views with him on subjects of mutual interest in our two countries.]

[I hope that you found my speech before the Inter-American Press Association responsive to some of the most pressing problems facing our countries.] I endeavored to convey in my letter of October 31, transmitting an advance copy of the speech, my belief that the American nations must participate in developing new policies which will assure an enduring Hemispheric partnership. The spirit and content of your letter and my conversation with your Ambassador have reinforced

His Excellency

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President of the Republic of Venezuela,
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In conclusion, Mr. President, I wish to extend to you my best personal wishes and to express my appreciation for the leadership your Government provides in working for economic and social progress within the Hemisphere.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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October 23, 1969

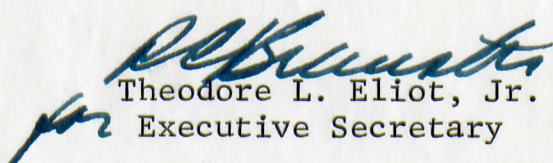
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from the
President of the Republic of Venezuela

The enclosed unsealed letter, together with a translation by the Venezuelan Embassy, to the President from the President of the Republic of Venezuela, Dr. Rafael Caldera, was handed October 21 to Assistant Secretary Meyer by Ambassador Julio Sosa Rodriguez.

In his letter Dr. Caldera expresses his gratitude for the warm welcome the President extended to Ambassador Sosa on the occasion of his presentation of credentials at the White House on October 2. Dr. Caldera also underlines the importance he attaches to the strengthening of Venezuela's oil position in the U.S. market.

The Department's recommendations regarding a reply to this letter will follow.


Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter to the President.



Translation

EMBAJADA DE VENEZUELA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Miraflores
October 12, 1969

His Excellency
Mr. Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States of America
Washington, D. C.

Mister President:

Ambassador Sosa-Rodríguez has informed me of the expressions of friendship and esteem towards me you so kindly stated on the occasion of the presentation of his Letters of Credence.

I wish to express my sincere thanks for your cordial gesture, which I fully appreciate in all its value. I also wish to acknowledge my gratitude for the warm welcome extended to my Ambassador and for the interest in my country as evidenced by your kind remarks, of which I have taken due notice.

Your comments have underlined a fact of exceptional importance for the Hemisphere: the real and specific possibility that my country may experience a decisive advance towards its development, within a framework of political freedom and respect for the law.

Such a development, sought by my people with deep determination, is linked to the just participation of Venezuelan products in the world markets. In this respect, Mr. President, the principle you stated, shortly after the beginning of your term of office, that trade is an instrument for which there is no substitute in the development of a just hemispheric cooperation, offers today more than ever, in the case of our two countries, a practical opportunity of tremendously fruitful consequences.

Specifically, Venezuela has been a reliable source of supply for the United States energy market, and has not neglected once to take adequate measures to adapt its oil products to the requirements of that market.

At this time, Mr. President, your Government is carrying out a careful review of all its energy policies. Under that circumstance, I consider it appropriate to emphasize the political and economic importance that for Venezuela has its reincorporation to those countries whose oil exports have free access to the United States market. This would open the possibility of achieving an acceptable and realistic solution safeguarding the various interests involved.

On the other hand, there exists the fact, not generally known, that the balance of payments between our two countries is not balanced, being unfavorable towards Venezuela. This stresses the importance which the strengthening of Venezuela's oil position in the United States market, would have for the industrial, agricultural and commercial sectors of your country's economy.

It is particularly gratifying to me, Mr. President, to express anew my satisfaction for the disposition shown in your remarks towards the success of those endeavours which require cooperation and reciprocal goodwill for their solution. I am also pleased to restate the permanent desire of the Government of Venezuela to exchange views on this subject, in accordance with the agreement which constitutes the norm between our two countries.

With my very best wishes for the welfare of your country and for your personal happiness, I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you the assurances of my friendship and highest esteem.

Rafael Caldera
President of the Republic



REPUBLICA DE VENEZUELA
DESPACHO DEL PRESIDENTE

Miraflores, 12 de octubre de 1.969

Excelentísimo Señor
Richard M. Nixon
Presidente de los Estados Unidos
de América
Washington D. C.

Señor Presidente:

El Embajador Sosa-Rodríguez me ha informado acerca de las manifestaciones de amistad y aprecio hacia mi persona que usted le expresara, con ocasión del acto de presentación de sus credenciales.

Agradezco a usted su amable gesto, al que sé atribuir su legítimo valor. Quiero, asimismo, testimoniarme mi reconocimiento por la cordial acogida brindada a mi Embajador y el interés por nuestro país, que se evidencia de las observaciones que le entregara y de cuyo contenido me he enterado debidamente.

Sus comentarios han venido a subrayar un hecho de importancia excepcional para el hemisferio: la posibilidad real y concreta de que mi país experimente un avance decisivo hacia su desarrollo, dentro de un régimen enmarcado por la libertad política y el respeto a las leyes.

Ese desarrollo que con tanto empeño busca nuestro pueblo está ligado a la justa participación de los productos venezolanos en los mercados mundiales. Ahora bien, al comenzar su mandato, Señor Presidente, usted expresó que el comercio es instrumento insustituible de una sana cooperación hemisférica. Hoy, más que nunca,



en el caso de nuestros países, encontramos ocasión de aplicar este principio de tan fecundas consecuencias.

De modo especial, Venezuela ha sido fuente segura de suministro al mercado energético de los Estados Unidos y no ha descuidado dar los pasos requeridos para adecuar sus productos a las exigencias de dicho mercado.

En este momento, Señor Presidente, su gobierno efectúa una cuidadosa revisión de toda su política energética. En esta circunstancia considero oportuno destacar la importancia política y económica que tiene para Venezuela su reincorporación a los países cuyo petróleo tiene libre acceso al mercado de los Estados Unidos de América. Con ello se abriría la posibilidad de lograr una solución aceptable y realista para el resguardo de los distintos intereses en juego.

Por otra parte, es un hecho cierto, aunque no suficientemente conocido, que la balanza de pagos entre nuestros dos países no es equilibrada, sino desfavorable a Venezuela, lo cual pone de relieve la importancia que, para los sectores industriales, agrícolas y comerciales de su país, tendría el fortalecimiento de la posición de nuestro petróleo en ese mercado.

Me es especialmente grato reiterarle, Señor Presidente, mi complacencia por la disposición que sus observaciones manifiestan en favor del éxito de aquellos empeños para cuya solución se requiere la colaboración y buena disposición recíproca, así como la permanente voluntad del Gobierno de Venezuela de intercambiar opiniones conforme al acuerdo que ha sido norma entre los dos países en esta materia.



REPUBLICA DE VENEZUELA
DESPACHO DEL PRESIDENTE

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Con mis mejores deseos para el bienestar de
su país y para su ventura personal, reciba usted
la seguridad de mi amistad y aprecio.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "R. Caldera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rafael Caldera
Presidente de la República