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C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 5542

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SUBJ: VISIT OF MS. FALCO AND DR. BOURNE

REF: STATE 107303

1. AS REPORTED IN BOGOTA 5430, MRS, CARTER
TWICE EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ HER HOPE THAT HE WOULD RE-
CEIVE MS FALCO AND DR. BOURNE DURING THEIR PLANNED VISIT
TO BOGOTA. IN BOTH INSTANCES, LOPEZ MADE NO RESPONSE.

2. SHORTLY AFTER MRS. CARTER'S DEPARTURE, WE FOLLOWED UP AND
CONTACTED THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SEE WHETHER AND
WHEN AN APPOINTMENT COULD BE SET. WE WERE INFORMED THAT PRESI-
DENT LOPEZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO HAD DECIDED THAT THE
LATTER SHOULD MEET WITH FALCO AND BOURNE. LIEVANO HOWEVER HAS
SINCE DEPARTED FOR THE OAS MEETING IN GRENADA AND WILL GO FROM
THERE TO THE LOS MEETING IN NEW YORK. HE IS EXPECTED BACK IN
TWO WEEKS ON JUNE 30. WE CONTACTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (BORDA), WHO IS
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER DURING LIEVANO'S ABSENCE, BUT HE
TOLD US THAT LIEVANO HAD NOT LEFT ANY INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIM
ON THIS SUBJECT. WE WERE INFORMED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT
LIEVANO DID SPEAK TO THE MINISTRY'S CHIEF LEGAL ADVISER
(RUIZ) ABOUT THE MATTER, POSSIBLY INDICATING A DATE WHEN HE COULD
SEE FALCO AND BOURNE. RUIZ WAS OUT OF HIS OFFICE YESTERDAY AND WE
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ARE STILL TRYING TO CONTACT HIM.

3. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE CAN CONTINUE TRYING TO PRESS THE
GOC FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT BUT WE FRANKLY THINK IT
UNLIKELY THAT THE EMBASSY WILL HAVE MORE SUCCESS THAN MRS.
CARTER DID ON THIS POINT. WE WOULD RECOMMEND GOING AHEAD WITH
A MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, SCHEDULING IT FOR AS

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SOON AFTER LIEVANO'S RETURN AS POSSIBLE. LIEVANO IS CLOSE TO
THE PRESIDENT, AND IS WELL INFORMED ABOUT THE NARCOTICS
CONTROL SITUATION. HE IS THE SECOND-RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE
GOC AND REPLACES THE PRESIDENT WHEN THE LATTER IS ABSENT
FROM THE COUNTRY OR INCAPACITATED. INDEED, BECAUSE OF HIS
IMPORTANCE, WE THINK THAT EVEN IF LOPEZ DID FINALLY AGREE TO
RECEIVE FALCO AND BOURNE, HE WOULD WANT TO WAIT UNTIL LIEVANO
RETURNED SO THAT HE COULD ALSO PARTICIPATE. WE, TOO, FEEL
THAT LIEVANO'S PARTICIPATION IS MOST IMPORTANT.
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