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June 27, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO SECRETARY CYRUS VANCE

FROM: Peter Bourne P.B.

SUBJECT: Meeting with President Lopez-Michelsen.

The President asked that I brief you on the meeting with President Lopez-Michelsen.

I am attaching a copy of the memo I sent to him on my return, and his comments on the cable we sent from Bogota immediately after the meeting.

I will be back in Washington tomorrow morning and will be happy to brief you in detail, at your convenience.

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Attachments

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
June 24, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM Peter Bourne P.B.

SUBJECT: Meeting with President Lopez-Michelsen.

Thanks to the ground work which Rosalynn accomplished the meeting with President Lopez-Michelsen was extremely successful and lasted more than an hour. He immediately read your letter, responded very favorable to it, and asked me to express his appreciation to you. I then made the following points:

-Drug trafficking between U.S. and Colombia is a joint problem. That this issue was of great concern to you, not merely because of the effects on Americans, but also because of the economic damage to Colombian Society. It makes no sense for one country to be blaming the other What was needed was joint cooperation at the highest level. He agreed to the joint commission headed by their Foreign Minister, who is currently in New York and whom he will have contact Secretary Vance this week. He recommended a follow up meeting between Vance, Foreign Minister Lievano, Ambassador Barco, Ms. Falco and myself, with Ambassador Barco to take the lead at future working level meetings with our officials. Most importantly he suggested that he would assign a narcotic liaison officer to their embassy here in Washington to work exclusively on the drug issue. I accepted the idea enthusiastically.

-I expressed your concern over corruption, and said that you were aware of information on many people in high positions in Colombia benefitting from the drug traffic. I conveyed your offer to provide him a confidential briefing, and he immediately accepted. I am arranging for this to take place during the next two weeks, with Hank Knocke taking the lead accompanied by Peter Bensinger.

-President Lopez also suggested that we seek jointly ways in which major American traffickers in Colombia might be more effectively prosecuted and returned to the United States. While this poses some legal problems I told him we would be delighted to pursue this.

-He made no move to demand large amounts of money, as we thought he might.

-Finally I told him that if in three months or six months he was not happy with the way things were going on this issue, or if he felt we had failed to fulfill the commitments I was making to him at this time, I knew that you would want him to let you know immediately.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT
FROM: Peter Bourne
SUBJECT: Meeting with President Lopez-Michelsen.

Later we met with the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General in a very friendly atmosphere and discussed some of the details of future cooperation. Before I left this morning I met with Antonio Ordoniez Plaja, a personal acquaintance of mine who is this year's President of UNICEF and very pro-American. He is to have lunch with President Lopez-Michelsen today and agreed to reiterate with him the points made in our earlier meeting.
Overall the trip could hardly have been more successful.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you tell Ambassador Barco when he presents his Credentials, how happy you are with the clear commitment President Lopez made to us to work jointly on this problem. Also that you will make the helicopters available immediately.

2. That we proceed with the Commission as quickly as possible. I will follow up.

3. That Hank Knocke and Peter Bensinger brief Lopez-Michelsen on corruption providing him specific names.

4. That we continue to quietly bring pressure to bear on Colombia in the international community. During a meeting last week in London with Sir Michael Polliser the number two man in the British Foreign Office I asked that his government convey their concern to the Colombians over the drug issue. We should get other Europeans countries affected by Colombian drugs and the United Nations fund for Drug Abuse Control to do the same.

5. The choice of our new ambassador for Colombia remains crucial. We need someone who is acceptable to the Colombians, capable and has some understanding of the drug issue. Ambassador David Osborne currently in Burma, an outstanding person is one possibility. I will work with State on this.

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c.c. Mrs. Rosalynn Carter
Zbigniew Brzezinski

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

CONFIDENTIAL June 24, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: PETER BOURNE

FROM: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI ZB.

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with President Lopez

Attached is a copy of the cable from Bogota of your meeting with President Lopez. I forwarded this to the President for his information. Please note his comments.

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R SECRETARY OF STATE FROM FALCO AND BOURNE
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BJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ

MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT LOPEZ, DR. BOURNE, AND MS. FALCO
S CORDIAL AND BROUGHT ASSURANCES ON BOTH SIDES OF INCREASED
OPERATION IN JOINT NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS. PRESIDENT
PEZ RESPONDED VERY POSITIVELY TO THE OVERALL SUGGESTION OF
HANCED COOPERATION AT A HIGHER AND SUSTAINED LEVEL ON THE
RCOTICS ISSUE.

PRESIDENT LOPEZ EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR PERSONAL LETTER
OM PRESIDENT CARTER, WHICH HE READ IMMEDIATELY. HE THEN
ISED PROBLEM OF DELAYS IN IMPLEMENTING EARLIER PHASES OF
RCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, SPECIFICALLY CITING FAILURE TO
NCLUDE HELICOPTER CONTRACT, BUT RECOGNIZING THAT BOTH
DES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR RAISING OBSTACLES. HE ALSO NOTED
AT COLOMBIAN BECAUSE OF ITS RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CANNOT
VE AS EASILY AS MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS AGAINST NARCOTICS
OBLEMS.

DR. BOURNE STRESSED THE INTERDEPENDENT NATURE OF THE
UG PROBLEM. HE AND MS. FALCO PROPOSED CREATION OF HIGH-
VEL JOINT COMMISSION TO COORDINATE DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS
D TO EXCHANGE INTELLIGENCE. PRESIDENT LOPEZ SAID HE WOULD
STRUCT FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO WHO WILL BE IN NEW YORK AT
N OF SEAS CONFERENCE MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN WASHINGTON
DISCUSS COMPOSITION OF SUCH A COMMISSION. LOPEZ SUB-
QUENTLY SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THE LEAD AT THE WORKING LEVEL
ULD BE TAKEN BY AMBASSADOR BARCO WHO WOULD WORK WITH
FICIALS IN WASHINGTON IN ESTABLISHING THE OVERALL COMPOSITION
THE COMMISSION. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER
POINTING A LEGAL ATTACHE SPECIFICALLY FOR LIAISON IN

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ARCOTICS. PERHAPS MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO, ANDE, BARCO, BOURNE AND FALCO COULD BE ARRANGED SECOND WEEK F JULY.

. DR. BOURNE THE RAISED CORRUPTION ISSUE, EXPLAINING RESIDENT CARTER HAS LIST OF COLOMBIAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED, AND HAT HE WOULD PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR LOPEZ IF LATTER DESIRED. OPEZ INTERRUPTED WITH STRONG EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN EING INFORMED. BOURNE CONTINUED THAT INFORMATION WAS HIGHLY ENSITIVE AND VARIED IN QUALITY BUT THAT A PRIVATE BRIEFING OR LOPEZ COULD BE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INTELLIGENCE OMMUNITY SO THAT LOPEZ COULD PERSONALLY EVALUATE THE NFORMATION. LOPEZ RESPONDED THAT COLOMBIAN INTELLIGENCE NDICATED ONLY LOW LEVEL OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT, AND THAT HEIR OWN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING CAPABILITY WAS WEAK BUT HAT IN SOME COMMUNITIES, SUCH AS SANTA MARTA, THE WHOLE OMMUNITY WAS INVOLVED. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING LOPEZ SKED SPECIFICALLY HOW INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING WOULD BE RRANGED. IT WAS AGREED THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE HROUGH WASHINGTON AND THE APPOINTMENT WITH LOPEZ WOULD HEN BE COORDINATED THROUGH CHARGE HERE.

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. LOPEZ RAISED PROBLEM OF PROSECUTING TRAFFICKERS WHO RE CITIZENS OF THE OTHER COUNTRY INVOLVED, SAYING THAT XPULSION FROM COUNTRY WITHOUT PROSECUTION WAS NO SOLUTION, ND ASKED IF THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF PROSECUTION IN HOME OUNTRY WHERE ACTUAL OFFENSE HAD NOT BEEN COMMITTED. BOURNE ND FACO CITED POSSIBILITY OF INDICTMENTS UNDER U.S. ONSPIRACY LAWS AND AGREED TO EXPLORE LEGAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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June 25, 1977

TO: Peter Bensinger

FROM: Peter Bourne

SUBJECT: Meeting with the Colombia President.

The comments on the attached cable are from President Carter. Those on the second page I thought would be of special interest to you.

PGB:ss

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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June 25, 1977

TO: Hank Knocke

FROM: Peter Bourne

SUBJECT: Briefing of President Lopez-Michelsen.

I thought the comments on the attached cable from President Carter relevant to the briefing of President Lopez-Michelsen would be of help to you.

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