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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

→ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~stars~~

Frías las Casas

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Pres. Perez

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((Acknowledgements))

Em. ✓  
In the last week, I have looked out my window on Air Force One and seen the jungles of Brazil, the snowy peaks of the Andes, the tropical beauty of the Orinoco River Basin.

✓ Bill Millan  
Schedule  
But I have to say, among the great sights of the Americas is your lovely city. As you know, my son Jeb worked here as a banker, and was a member of this distinguished Chamber of Commerce. So it is a delight to return to this great capital, so well known to the Bush family. \\\

Arlene  
This marks my last stop on the South American continent after visiting Brasilia, Montevideo, Buenos Aires and Santiago. And so I thought it only appropriate to speak today not just of the relations of our two countries, but of our shared concern for the future of our hemisphere.

Em.  
After all, Venezuela has always been a South American leader; and so has your president -- that farmer's son who inspired a great nation to put its shoulders to the wheel.

President Carlos Andres Perez is justly proud of his past successes, but boldly sets sail through uncharted waters. He makes the tough calls, but he does so because he has faith in the goodwill and common sense of the people who elected him.

But ~~C.A.P.~~ wants to do more than strengthen the democratic traditions of one country. He is a tireless promoter of universal liberty. And that is why he is respected and admired throughout the world. \\\

((I know I always want to hear his views. In fact, this is our 7th meeting. No less important, C.A.P. knows that if we need to work something out, I'm just a phone call away. And believe me, when it comes to advancing the concerns of Venezuela, C.A.P. is anything but shy. \\\ ))

Our working relationship as heads of state has been made possible by the technologies of commerce and trade. But something even more profound is at work here. The United States and Latin America are developing a new way of dealing with each other -- without the baggage of old anxieties and stereotypes. We are, at long last, working together in a spirit of mutual respect, for the greater good of the Americas.

This is only natural. Like your country, the United States won its liberty from European princes and powers. From the courageous friar las Casas to Thomas Jefferson, from the vision of Bolivar to that of Washington, our nations were born for freedom's sake.

So as we near the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' monumental discovery, we are making a discovery of our own -- a new relationship between North and South.

From now on, we will speak -- not of a First World or a Third World -- but of our New World. \\\

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Bill  
Millan



From now on, we will drop the rhetoric of fear, the misguided theories of dependency and protectionism, and speak the language of mutual respect and opportunity.

And most of all, we are working together as many nations united by the common principle of democracy. **We are working together as Americans. \\**

Our nations are limited by boundaries, but the imagination and potential of our peoples are limitless. **The sun is not setting in the West. It is a rising sun, a new dawn in the New World. \\**

On this new day, the compass of freedom will span the Americas, from the Bering Sea to the Straits of Magellan. And when that day comes, the world will know that no nation has been a stronger advocate of freedom than Venezuela.

Em

It was, after all, here in Caracas that many of today's democratic leaders from across the continent found safe harbor. **When Caracas looks south, you behold a continent in which all leaders have, for the first time, been chosen by their people. \\**

Em

Of course, our work is not yet done. Cuba remains a lonely island of totalitarianism. And even in those countries where democracy is established, we are challenged to provide a better life -- or risk all we have achieved.

Don Johnson  
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When John F. Kennedy made the first visit of a U.S. president to Venezuela, President Betancourt told him: "The mere exercise of the vote and the possibility of seeing civil and political rights guaranteed are not enough to satisfy the longing

FRANK RAY

Frank Ray

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Betancourt  
(Em)

for culture, for land, for housing, for a better life."

I agree. We have learned that a better life begins when we grant economic rights, as well as political rights. A better life begins when we respect property rights, as well as civil rights; when we empower people, not the bureaucracies of the state or the privileges of a wealthy few. If we have learned anything, it is this: Economic and political liberty go hand in hand. \\

This is a lesson we have been taught anew, by the people of Prague, Budapest and Leipzig. \\ But it is first and foremost a lesson we must put to the test each day in our own hemisphere. So I am here today to demonstrate that as the Cold War ends, the Americas are free as never before to focus on a new and lasting partnership.

9615 -> nearly 10,000 miles.

I have ~~just~~ traveled ~~more than 10,000 miles~~ in the last week to forge such a partnership between North and South America.

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((Report on meetings with Collor, Menem and Alywin.)) I have seen stadiums, once the sites of atrocity, return to the peaceful play of athletic competition. I have seen constitutions restored, and dictators replaced by men of the people. In short, I have seen whole nations peacefully transformed.

Schedule (Carolyn)

And I have seen that when nations are free, they need not fear political cooperation, or deep economic ties. So it is only appropriate that I end my journey here, in Caracas, birthplace of the Liberator, to support the Bolivarian ideal of liberty and economic integration -- a partnership of the Americas.

The Columbia History of the World pg. 812

The United States wants to be a good partner. And that is why I have proposed our Enterprise for the Americas Initiative to open doors to the free movement of goods and ideas between our countries. To work for a sound financial footing, to lower debt, and increase investment and opportunity for all Americans.

President Perez is also acting as a good partner, strengthening economic ties by opening the Venezuelan economy to the free market. He is embarking on the difficult path of reform. Your President recognizes these are hard times for all Venezuelans. But President Perez believes that in the long run all Venezuelans will benefit and prosper from reform. Your President will not be deterred or dissuaded from doing what is right. \\\

Already, trade between our countries has boomed. But more, much more, lies ahead. We are negotiating a bilateral trade and investment agreement -- a framework to resolve specific problems and to identify new areas of cooperation. ~~I believe we will one day sign a Free Trade Agreement.~~ \\\

C.A.P. has also made great strides in opening your economy to foreign investment. For example, the OPIC agreement signed last June is already enhancing U.S. investors' confidence in Venezuela. We have seen major joint undertakings, from the manufacture of the MEGAPULSE navigational system, to the provision of a new data processing communications system by AT&T.

But our concerns are broader than the merely bilateral. All nations will be winners if we successfully conclude the Uruguay

It is a 1st step toward freetrade in the Americas.

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Round of GATT -- an agreement my trade minister justly calls the "Constitution of World Trade." Free and fair trade is a boon for all -- new markets for business; increased choices and lowered prices for consumers; higher incomes and more jobs for workers.

But producers, consumers and workers also have a lot to lose from protectionism -- protectionism not just between nations, but between blocs of nations. Today, more than \$1 trillion a year in world trade is not adequately covered by internationally agreed upon rules of fair play. And every player deserves a level playing field -- a fair chance to win. \\\

Certainly, the United States welcomes increased Venezuelan investment in our economy, investments like CITGO -- 10,000 gas stations in my country owned by your national oil company. And in your country, foreign investors are creating greater prospects of selling liquified natural gas to the world. The Cristobal Colon Liquified Natural Gas project now under consideration is one such example of creative thinking from Venezuela.

From the Bolivar Coastal Fields, to the Orinoco Tar Belt, to the natural gas fields in the northeast where Columbus first saw South America, this country is second only to Saudi Arabia in its energy potential. Nature has given you this blessing. But only wise leadership can allow this potential to benefit Venezuela.

If Venezuela can attract new investment from international capital markets to develop your vast, untapped resources; if you can find an economically feasible way to process heavy oil deposits; you will become the greatest source for energy in the

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world. In time, you can guarantee a stable energy supply for the whole hemisphere -- a Western hemisphere self-sufficient in oil. And this will happen because Venezuela has energetic leadership above ground to match the potential energy down below. \\\

Your President and I also stand together at a time when all civilized nations are challenged. The subtle threat of drugs moves across our borders like shadows in the night. My country is the world's largest buyer of cocaine. Your neighbors are the world's largest suppliers. Little surprise, then, that as much as 80 tons of cocaine a year move through Venezuela. But Carlos Andres Perez and I agree: There can be no compromise with this obscene traffic in human addiction and human lives. We are committed to nothing less than victory -- decisive victory over the drug lords. \\\

Just ~~last November~~ <sup>a few weeks ago</sup>, we signed a bilateral money laundering agreement -- to sever the flow of cash from the back streets to the banks. President Perez and I are standing firm. We will win this war on drugs. \\\

Venezuela has already shown magnificent leadership in working with the world community to counter another, more obvious threat -- the aggression of Saddam Hussein. You acted resolutely and responsibly in denouncing Iraq's conquest of Kuwait in the United Nations. And, as a reliable supplier of oil, you have demonstrated leadership at a time when the dictator of Iraq is trying to control the market, and blackmail the world.

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severe criticism  
on things like  
this. ✓*

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~~I applaud President Perez for his decisiveness. He has prevented suffering throughout the world, especially among the poorest of nations. This is nothing less than world statesmanship from Venezuela. \\\~~

*Em.*

I spoke of your great untapped resource below the ground. But another resource is apparent, for all to see. I am speaking of the forests of the Orinoco, the misty mountains of the Guyana Highlands, the timeless majesty of river and jungle. If left unspoiled, these natural vistas will bring millions of visitors and millions of dollars to your country. Though your official debt to my country is low, I stand ready to work with you to explore ways we can reduce your debt and protect the environment.

I have addressed many issues today, but of only one truth: In the Americas, we are many nations with a single destiny. We can make it a destiny of democracy -- a new dawn where ordinary men and women decide who shall govern; a future in which economic competition is viewed not as a threat to privilege, but as the key to prosperity.

A future is dawning where commerce is free throughout the Americas. Where growing opportunity, the benefits of technology and greater affluence are shared by all. It is within our power to make this a hemisphere of democracy -- together, to make this half a world of freedom.

Thank you, and may God bless you all and the friendship between our two peoples. \\\