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WASHINGTON

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Chriss/Beth --

About all I know about Colombian history is that there was a very long and bloody civil war between the two political parties, the Liberals and the Conservatives. If Gaviria is not in the same party as Santander, the comment that he is a "political descendant" could be embarrassing. Perhaps calling him the political "heir" would be better in any event.

Thanks!



John S. Gardner

(Hinchliffe/Dooley)
February 15, 1991 1 p.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE OF COLOMBIA PRESIDENT GAVIRIA
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DEPARTURE OF COLOMBIA PRESIDENT GAVIRIA \ SOUTH PORTICO
FEBRUARY 26, 1991 \ 1:30 P.M.

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TODAY, WE HELD A THOROUGH AND FRANK DISCUSSION ON A RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN -- PARTICULARLY THE DRUG WAR AND JOINT ECONOMIC MATTERS. THIS WAS A VITAL MEETING. FOR ALTHOUGH THERE IS A CRISIS DEMANDING OUR ATTENTION HALF A WORLD AWAY, WE WILL NOT NEGLECT THE VERY PRESSING NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR OWN HEMISPHERE.

ONE OF THE MOST URGENT OF THESE IS THE FIERCE BATTLE WE ARE WAGING AGAINST THE SCOURGE OF DRUGS.

PRESIDENT GAVIRIA TALKED TO ME IN GREAT DETAIL OF THE HEROIC EFFORTS COLOMBIA IS MAKING IN THIS FIGHT. WE HONOR HIM AND HIS COUNTRYMEN -- KNOWING THEY HAVE BORNE A VERY DIFFICULT BURDEN IN THIS WAR -- KNOWING IT IS THEIR SURVIVAL THAT'S AT STAKE EVERY DAY. OUR HEARTS ARE WITH THE COLOMBIAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH FROM DRUG-RELATED OUTLAW VIOLENCE. THIS HAS INCLUDED THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT GAVIRIA'S OWN COUSIN ONLY DAYS AGO BY NARCOTERRORISTS.

WE WANT TO TELL COLOMBIANS THAT THEY INSPIRE US BY STANDING UP -- DESPITE INTIMIDATION, DESPITE THE COSTS -- FOR JUSTICE AND FOR THE LAW.

AS WE SPOKE TODAY, I MADE IT CLEAR COLOMBIA IS NOT ALONE IN THIS FIGHT. BOTH OUR COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE THAT DRUG PRODUCTION -- AND DRUG USE -- THREATEN OUR FUTURES AND OUR VERY LIVES. WE ARE DETERMINED TO DEFEAT THIS ENEMY. TOGETHER, WE WILL WIN THIS WAR.

AT THE CARTAGENA SUMMIT, WE SAID WE ACCEPTED OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CUT DRUG DEMAND IN THE U.S. I TOLD PRESIDENT GAVIRIA TODAY THAT OUR WORK IS SUCCEEDING -- DRUG USE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES IS ON THE DECLINE.

ALSO AT THAT SUMMIT, WE PLEDGED TO HELP COLOMBIA AND HER NEIGHBORS IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO REDUCE PRODUCTION AND INTERRUPT THE TRANSPORTATION OF DRUGS. WE KNOW THAT BATTLING THE DRUG WAR HAS MEANT HIGH COSTS FOR COLOMBIA.

[[SO I'M GLAD TO REPORT THAT ON FEBRUARY 25, OUR COUNTRIES SIGNED AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING \$41 MILLION TO HELP EASE THE FINANCIAL DAMAGE THE DRUG WAR HAS MEANT TO HIS GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS.]] \ \

SECOND, WE'VE SIGNED AN INNOVATIVE AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL JUDICIAL COOPERATION -- TO MORE EFFECTIVELY PROSECUTE DRUG TRAFFICKERS. AND I TOLD HIM THAT WE WILL SIGN A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR, LONG-TERM AGREEMENT EXPANDING OUR SUPPORT FOR HIS BOLD INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN THE COLOMBIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

IN ADDITION, WE KNOW WE NEED TO OFFER THE PEOPLE OF THE ANDES VIABLE ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO COCA PRODUCTION. - A TEAM LED BY AMBASSADOR ED CORR HAS JUST COMPLETED A REPORT ON HOW WE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURAL ISSUES, AND MAKE OUR MARKET MORE ACCESSIBLE TO LEGAL EXPORTS.


MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE HAVE PROPOSED THE ANDEAN TRADE INITIATIVE, PROVIDING SPECIAL -- AND VITALLY IMPORTANT -- BENEFITS FOR COLOMBIAN PRODUCERS. I HOPE CONGRESS WILL PASS THIS LEGISLATION SPEEDILY.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE COMING CENTURY, PRESIDENT GAVIRIA AND I AGREE THAT WE MUST ALSO MAKE TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ESSENTIAL PRIORITIES.

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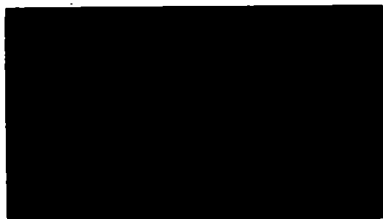
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FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*
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DATE: 2/19/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2/20/91 4:00 p.m.

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RESPONSE:

February 20, 1991

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff concurs with changes annotated in text.

Brent Scowcroft
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*See comments. Thanks.
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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Departure of Colombia
President Gaviria

Pursuant to Phillip Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection, subject to substitution of the word "forge" for the word "forget" on page 2, final paragraph, fifth line.

cc: Phillip Brady

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If you have any questions or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 20, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

(Hinchliffe/Dooley)
February 15, 1991 1 p.m.
COLOMBIA.ST

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE OF COLOMBIA PRESIDENT GAVIRIA
February 26, 1991**

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Mr. President, you are a man devoted to law and to liberty, and for that the people of the United States admire you tremendously.

Today, we held a thorough and frank discussion on a range of issues of mutual concern -- particularly the drug war and joint economic matters. This was a vital meeting. For although there is a crisis demanding our attention half a world away, we cannot forget the crises demanding our attention in our own hemisphere.

One of the most urgent of these is the fierce battle we are waging against the scourge of drugs. President Gaviria talked to me in great detail of the heroic efforts Colombia is making in this fight. We honor him and his countrymen -- knowing they are the ones on the front line of this war -- knowing it is their survival that's at stake every day. Our hearts are with the Colombian people who have suffered so much from drug-related outlaw violence. We want to tell them that they inspire us by standing up -- despite intimidation, despite the costs -- for the principles of justice and for Santander's reverence for the law.

As we spoke today, I made it clear Colombia is not alone in this fight. Both our countries recognize that drug production --

and drug use -- threaten our futures and our very lives. We are determined to defeat this enemy. Together, we will win this war.

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In addition, we know we need to offer the people of the Andes viable economic alternatives to coca production. So we've created the Andean Trade Initiative, providing special -- and vitally important -- benefits for Colombian producers.

As we look ahead to the coming century, President Gaviria and I agree that we must also make trade and economic development essential priorities. Our hemisphere must see that its future lies with free markets as well as free governments. That's why we must forget a genuine economic partnership for the future. \\ Last year, we proposed the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, offering the hope of greater prosperity for all the Americas through greater international investment; freer trade; and

reduced debt burdens. Colombia was the first nation to take up our offer to negotiate bilateral trade and investment framework agreements. Well, I told President Gaviria that this week we'll present to Congress the second part of this legislation -- and I assured him I am absolutely committed to securing its passage. \\

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We are battling powerful enemies in our shared wars against drugs; poverty; and forces opposed to democracy. But we have even more powerful resources. As Simon Bolivar wrote in exile: "The veil has been torn asunder. We have already seen the light and it is not our desire to be thrust back into the darkness."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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February 21, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

CHRISS WINSTON *mp for CW*

FROM:

BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*

SUBJECT:

DEPARTURE OF COLOMBIA PRESIDENT GAVIRIA

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 02/22/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE OF COLOMBIA PRESIDENT GAVIRIA
(02/21 1:00 p.m. draft)

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