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PALACIO SAN MARTÍN

*Potter Travel  
to South America  
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PHOTOCOPY  
PRESERVATION

Pre-Advance travel to Chile, Argentina, Venezuela  
Sept/Oct 1997

9/27 → Mark pre-advance trip meeting

Brazil - comprehensive launch  
electronic commerce

- drop early harvest? Clarify interest  
interim agreements  
Communique status

( contact NR  
before meet w/  
Cardoso

we need agreed points, signed off on by  
both, which President will draw from

no misunderstandings on trade needs  
to be packaged

|| We need clarity before Tuesday on interim  
agreements. Critically important to  
the trip. Demonstrates vitality of  
the PANA

Global Climate Change Karl → narrow point  
Countdown - looking for endorsement of regional  
approach in Santiago  
Venezuela - BIT  
Chile - security matters. No Colombia

- ~~hard news points~~
- ~~Brenton & man GP~~
- ~~insistence, pressure & leaning firm~~
- ~~calmed members into book~~
- ~~the press.~~

Climate Change Rio 1992  
 developed countries lead  
 developing countries follow

~~aim~~ aim (non-binding) to get  
 emissions to 1990 levels by 2000!

US no chance of meeting goal, only UK +  
 Germany, by accident

what do we do beyond 2000?

1995 meeting in Berlin. full world  
 must be included. no support.

Speke to advance implementation of  
 existing commitments. negotiations  
 on Kyoto the end game.

US  
positions

what kind  
will be

- ① binder commitments, US no position
- ② flexibility in meeting the targets  
joint implementation  
ideological problems among developing
- ③ participation of all countries  
get domestic ~~commitments~~ consensus, plus  
it's the only way to do it.

long  
short

Argentina - we want something on climate &  
I get agreement on j.i. for credit  
- accept binding <sup>commitments</sup> concept, not specific  
- join the first world club, show leadership

Brazil

- leader of G-77. Developing world must lead  
intransigent. developed countries are fined  
by miss targets, pay into fund for  
developing countries. We want to discuss  
Compelled joint implementation

October 6 meeting @ WH. Raise profile  
talks to American people. 1000s. 200 leaders  
business, NGOs, panelists, scientists

efficiency - short term  
renewables - long term

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October 15, 1997

Thomas F. McLarty  
Counselor to the President and Special Envoy for the Americas  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mack:

Although the President's trip through the Americas is still in progress as I write this, I just read a report of the President's remarks in Sao Paulo and this morning's other trip headlines and I felt compelled to write you this very brief note. The core message: congratulations, well done.

Today's headline in the FT and the theme in several other articles I read was about how meaningful it was for the President to embrace Mercosur and to talk to the Brazilians about the nature of the partnership we must evolve. The Sao Paulo speech is being reported as hitting several key points: globalization is irreversible; still, we know there is opposition; some of this opposition is linked questions about the benefits it is offering the masses; income disparities are a particular problem in this regard; as we go forward we must address such questions of social equity (to coin a phrase) such as education; etc. As you know, I think these are exactly the right points at the right time and several phone conversations I have had today with government and business friends in the region suggest they are being very well received.

It is good to know that you are at the President's side whispering some of these things into his ear and also that he believes them too. It also makes me feel like I have considerably more input into the process than I did when I was in the government. I only add this last point as a tribute to your skills as a diplomat--because it is you have somehow given me this impression (and I am also confident that you would never dispel it regardless of the truth.)

Congratulations and I hope to see/talk to you again soon.

Best,  



p.s. Tomorrow, I speak at the Americas Society and plan to do some public cheerleading. I trust you saw the similar bit of sincere support offered in the glowing piece on you in *Latin Finance*.

Mack  
I conveyed  
your appreciation,  
and tasked David  
with some themes  
for your World Affairs  
Council speech. He'll  
get them to us Monday. *DR*

October 21, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR MACK MCLARTY

cc: Nelson Cunningham  
Eric Farnsworth

From: Dan Lesmez 

Subject: Status of Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act

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The Senate:

- ▶ On October 1st, the Senate Finance Committee reported out of committee by voice vote a Caribbean Basin trade enhancement bill. It is a three-year bill and is narrower than the Administration's bill on textiles and apparel, only qualifying for preferential tariff and quota treatment material that is shipped from the Caribbean Basin that is made with U.S. content. The additional tariff preferences are paid for by increasing the customs user fee on travelers departing and returning to the U.S. from Mexico, Canada and the Caribbean Basin region. The criteria includes requirements that exist in other U.S. trade programs with the region, as well as most of the other criteria contained in the Administration's bill.

The House:

- ▶ The House Ways and Means Committee reported out a Caribbean trade bill on a voice vote on October 9th. The bill is similar to the one put forward by Chairman Archer last summer, which provides funding for a one year trade enhancement program. The textile and apparel provision is broader than the Senate bill and more generous than the Administration's bill in the treatment of regional fabric and fabric from "third" countries. The reduced tariffs are paid for by changing how companies treat their tax withholding for employee vacations. Due to the short duration of this provision, the criteria is narrower than that included in the Senate or Administration bill. However, the House has indicated a willingness to expand the criteria to include more of the criteria contained in the Administration's bill, as was agreed to during the negotiations with the Senate and USTR in "conference" last summer.

Outlook:

- ▶ There is no indication in the House or the Senate as to when a floor vote would be scheduled -- a vote that is not supposed to take place until after the vote on Fast Track is cast. It is assumed that Fast Track will be voted on this fall; otherwise, the CBTEA would likely be voted on before Fast Track is taken up. It is evident that CBTEA enjoys greater support in the House and Senate than does Fast Track.

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# Inter-American Dialogue

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October 20, 1997

To: Mr. Thomas "Mack" McLarty  
Via Fax: 456-2215  
From: Mr. Peter Hakim  
Pages (including this): 3

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Dear Mack:

I thought you would be interested in the attached article I prepared for the *Christian Science Monitor*. I would very much welcome your reactions.

Sincerely,

Peter Hakim

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1997

The Honorable Erwin Arrieta  
Minister of Energy  
The Republic of Venezuela  
Caracas

Dear Mr. Minister: *my dear friend Erwin*

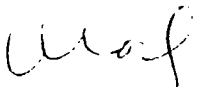
Thank you, as always, for the graciousness and hospitality which you extended to me during this period of intense activity culminating with the historic visit of our President to Venezuela October 12-13.

In particular, I wanted to thank you for the manner in which you received me when I was in Caracas in advance of the President's visit. Our discussion were fruitful and productive, and I believe they contributed to the overall success of President Clinton's travel to your wonderful country.

The warmth you showed me personally was meaningful, both before and during our President's trip. It is a reflection of your character, and I am indebted to you for your courtesies. I was particularly pleased with your presence at the breakfast in m honor hosted by PDVSA, as well as with your remarks during the energy breakfast at the Hilton Hotel October 13.

Mr. Minister, we count you and the people of Venezuela as good friends, and we hope to pursue ever closer and more productive bilateral relations. I look forward to keeping in contact in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,



Mack McLarty

U.S. - ARGENTINA JOINT CONSULTATIVE MEETING  
TALKING POINTS

• Compliment di Tella for personal and moving remarks at the signing ceremony and warm reception. Best example of deepening relationship I have seen in six trips to B.A. Thanks you for warmth and generosity of welcome.

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

- The Summit next April in Santiago will be the culmination of an intensive "year of the Americas" for our President, represented by a historically-unequaled three trips to the hemisphere in a 12 month period. More broadly, it will continue the path we began together as a hemisphere in Miami in 1994. President Clinton is committed to the hemisphere, and to the Summit process he began.

Substantive

- Maintaining the momentum of Miami, we want to ensure Santiago is a complete success. To be so, the Summit will require ~~high-impact~~ initiatives which improve people's lives. It will also require we fully implement our Miami commitments.

- Last May in Lima, you recall, we agreed as a hemisphere that education, strengthening democracy and human rights, enhancing economic integration and trade liberalization, and alleviating poverty will be the primary Summit initiatives.

- The United States welcomes the opportunity to work with the hemisphere's other 33 democracies in developing concrete achievable action items for these four initiatives, as I have personally discussed with Chile's Frei, Insulza, Arriagada, and Martabit. Argentina has been supportive of the Summit process (FTAA, money laundering, anti-terrorism, White Helmets), and we are truly grateful.

- The meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group at the beginning of this month in Washington was our first attempt to negotiate a hemispheric action plan for Santiago. Since education and the launch of comprehensive FTAA negotiations will likely be the two most prominent items of the Summit, we need to agree on a thoughtful, creative approach to each which will significantly advance our efforts in each area.

TRADE ISSUES

- Mr. Minister, we discussed hemispheric trade issues when I was here two weeks ago, so I won't go too deeply into the matter except to update you on a few key points.

- We are committed to a hemispheric free trade area, consisting of all the democracies of the Americas, as the best way to advance the economic aspirations of all our citizens in the coming global century. As we agreed in Belo Horizonte, we need a comprehensive launch of negotiations in Santiago, concrete progress by 2000, and final agreement by 2005. Democracy must deliver if it is to be sustainable.
- We believe sub-regional groupings in the hemisphere, such as MERCOSUR, can be helpful to this process, [so long as they create rather than divert trade, do not unfairly discriminate against non-members,] and serve to build momentum to a hemispheric, and ultimately global, trading arrangement.
- I have stated this in recent speeches in Sao Paulo and Santiago, and the President reiterated this approach during his remarks yesterday in Sao Paulo and during his press conference with Cardoso Tuesday.
- Argentina can be a positive force in ensuring MERCOSUR develops in a manner consistent with this hemispheric, and ultimately global, approach. And we want to work closely together, bilaterally and regionally, on trade and cross-cutting issues such as climate change, to ensure consistency of views.
- Finally, in the near term we are committed to obtaining fast track trade negotiation authority for the President. We're making progress--just last week the bill was voted out of committee in the second of our two Houses of Congress. We expect a tough fight to final passage in the coming weeks, but, with the President fully and publicly engaged, we are confident of ultimate success.

#### EDUCATION INITIATIVE

- We also believe, however, as the President discussed in Brasilia with Cardoso and spoke about publicly yesterday in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, that open trade must be accompanied by universal access to quality education. The First Lady also addressed this topic earlier today in her remarks to the Argentine people.
- To take advantage of the new world being created by open markets and increasing trade, all our people must have the skills to compete in a new global economy.

- Santiago must therefore address the hemisphere's pressing needs with a few positive, high-impact action items that are truly presidential in stature and scope. Standards, teacher preparation, school to work programs, civic education, exchanges, and distance learning and technology all have a role in improving education. We need to find a way to integrate these into a comprehensive, long-term approach.
- Your government has already taken concrete steps with generous contributions to the Fulbright educational exchange program for Argentines studying in the United States. Now we need to find ways to expand such exchange programs and to encourage increasing private sector participation, perhaps through tax incentives and reform.
- A bold, lasting education initiative can be a crowning achievement for the Americas. As we are beginning to do in other areas such as anti-corruption, with sustained effort we can set an example for the world. Our President has made education a priority domestically. Let's work together and with the other nations of the Americas to find creative educational approaches to develop fully the potential of all our citizens.