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Fighting the Drug Wars

DRUG TRAFFICKERS have worked up a major alternative, through the Caribbean, to the routes wending from South America to the United States through Mexico. This development does to these vulnerable islands, including Puerto Rico, what drug policy director Barry McCaffrey said the other day about Mexico: It puts them "under major internal attack, violence and corruption driven by international criminal organizations of a tremendous voracity and cunning." This is the latest sad consequence of the chain of causation starting with the seeming insatiability of American drug demand.

The full range of familiar programs must be intensified in the Caribbean. Plus a new one: bananas. Crop substitution to help South American coca growers is a recognized policy option. Gen. McCaffrey reports that "smart alternative economic policies" in Peru have helped that nation cut cocaine production 40 percent in two years. But in the Caribbean, American policy undercuts the banana alternative. The United States supported a successful South American growers' challenge to an old European tariff preference favoring the Europeans' former Caribbean colonies. The Caribbeans' loss of the preference is to take effect soon. It cries to be reviewed.

This is certification time: American law compels the president to determine annually whether other nations' anti-drug cooperation makes them eligible for American aid. The law is finally ineffective: The United States loses, by antagonizing the target countries, more than it gains from dragooning their cooperation. This time President Clinton should continue to certify Mexico; he should also resume certifying Colombia. Both countries know sickening corruption, but their governments are making a strenuous enforcement effort all the same.

Beyond that, the United States is moving, though not fast enough, to get out of the insulting practice of unilaterally certifying the performance of other, unconsulted nations. The better way is for hemispheric nations to start assessing each other's record in checking demand as well as supply. The shift could give the Clinton administration further incentive to get results from its top-priority programs aimed at reducing drug consumption, especially among the young. The administration has been working with Mexico, Colombia and others to make an old air force base in Panama a center for hemispheric cooperation on drugs. It's the right place—already it was the right time—to introduce a program of joint drug-policy review.

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