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BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FREI

Your bilateral meeting with President Frei takes place at "La Moneda Palace," Chile's presidential office building. You and Mrs. Clinton arrive by limo from the Hyatt Regency Hotel. You are met at the O'Higgins entrance by the Foreign Ministry's Director of Protocol. After receiving honors from the Palace Police Guard, you proceed along a red carpet toward an interior courtyard where President and Mrs. Frei greet you. After the greeting, the military band plays both national anthems (Chilean first) and you and President Frei review a ceremonial unit of cadets from the military academy. Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Frei break off for a separate schedule, and President Frei invites you to proceed up an interior stairway to President Frei's second-floor office for the first of a two-part meeting.

Restricted Meeting: this meeting is restricted to the Presidents plus a maximum of four on each side. Interpretation will be simultaneous. Official photographers only will be present at the outset. The meeting is expected to last 30-40 minutes.

Expanded working meeting: upon completion of the restricted meeting, the Presidents and their parties proceed downstairs to join the rest of the delegation in the first-floor Montt-Varas Salon. Still and video press photographers will be present at the outset. The two delegations sit at either side of a long table, with 12 seats on each side. Two additional rows of 12-16 seats each, as necessary, are behind the seats at the table. Interpretation is simultaneous. The Presidents are expected to report on the substance of their private meeting and to engage members of their delegations to report on bilateral issues. The expanded meeting is expected to last 30-40 minutes.

Signing of documents would take place immediately thereafter before the press in an adjacent salon or courtyard. President Frei then escorts you to the Constitution Plaza entrance of the palace for your departure via motorcade.

Background

Located in downtown Santiago, the Presidential Office Building was constructed from 1784-1799 to house a mint; it was the largest building constructed in the Spanish colonies in the 18th century.

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Chile; they live in their private residences. Then-president Salvador Allende committed suicide here during the September 11, 1973 coup, while the palace was beseiged by Pinochet's troops.

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SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: PERU-ECUADOR SIGNING

(NB: The format of this event has not been determined. At this point, it appears that such an event would take place at the Summit of the Americas site in the Sheraton Hotel, probably before the presidential deliberations on Sunday morning, April 19.)

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SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: CLOSING PLENARY

You pass through the front entrance hall of Chile's Former National Congress building into the central assembly room, accompanied by two advisors. The Summit of the Americas Heads of State are seated side-by-side in the two front rows that face on another on either side of the hall. Your advisors are seated in the rows directly behind you.

Upon invitation, Heads of State go forward two at a time to sign the Summit's joint declaration document open on the table at the front of the hall. When the signing is completed, Chilean President Frei and the Head of State who will host the Third Summit of the Americas address the assembly. (Simultaneous translation is provided.) Electronic and print media reporters observe the proceeding from the second and third galleries above. Following the closing ceremony, President Frei and the host of the Third Summit conduct a press conference elsewhere in the former Congress building.

Background

The closing plenary session is being held in the former National Congress building, which now houses the Foreign Ministry. It is located at the heart of downtown Santiago, four blocks from La Moneda (the Presidential Palace) and two blocks from Plaza De Armas (Santiago's Central Square). Construction of the building began in 1858, based on plans by the French architect Brunet Des Baines. Completion was delayed until 1876 due to a lack of funds. The structure later was seriously damaged by fire and had to be extensively renovated. The old Congress building (as it still generally known) served as the official site of the Chilean Congress until new congressional quarters opened in Valparaiso in 1990.

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: DINNER AT LA MONEDA

You are the last Head of State to arrive. You get out of your limousine at the Moneda entrance to the Presidential Palace, where you are greeted by Summit Secretary General Oscar Pizarro. Following a brief welcome by Chilean President Frei, the assembled Heads of State (and First Ladies) proceed informally up an interior stone stairway to the second-floor Toesca Salon, where you are met by the Director of Protocol and are offered a cocktail.

Following the cocktail period, the Heads of State and First Ladies move through the Carrera Salon and Presidential gallery to an exterior stone stairway and descend, following President and Mrs. Frei, to an interior first-floor courtyard (the Orange Tree Patio). When President and Mrs. Frei reach the bottom of the steps, the group pauses to be photographed on the steps.

You are seated in the Orange Tree Patio for a concert, including the initial orchestral and choral performance of the SOA Anthem, Canto A La Cordillera ("Ode to the Andes"). After the concert, you proceed with the other guests to the adjoining Patio de Honor, where the heads of state are seated at a single table. Only President Frei offers a toast. A brief vocal concert follows the dinner.

Background

Located in downtown Santiago, the Moneda Presidential Palace was constructed from 1784-1799 to house a mint; it was the largest building constructed in the Spanish colonies in the 18th century. It was renovated in 1846 to become the private residence of Chile's Presidents and continued as such until 1958. The building subsequently was restored to its original style to serve as the seat of government; it houses key offices of the presidency.

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SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: LUNCH AT SAN CRISTOBAL HILL

You arrive at the El Camino Restaurant by limo; the other Presidents arrive by bus. You proceed as a group by foot to a park site immediately to the right of the restaurant for the official Summit photograph.

The group then returns to the restaurant and enters on the upper side of the building. The Presidents proceed to the main dining area for a Presidents-only lunch (with whisper interpretation). You are not expected to offer a toast or other remarks.

Following the lunch, the Presidents move as a group back to the parking lot, from where you return by limo to the Sheraton Hotel. The lunch is scheduled to end at 2:40 P.M.; Summit deliberations are scheduled to resume at 3:45 P.M.

Background

The Camino Real Restaurant is located in Santiago's Metropolitan Park on the San Cristobal Hill, which rises directly north of downtown Santiago and the Mapocho River (which also flows in front of the Sheraton Hotel, site of the summit deliberations). Metropolitan Park is also the site of Santiago's Zoological Park, a cable-car system and a statue of the Virgin Mary overlooking the city. On a clear day, the panoramic views over the city with the Andes mountains as a backdrop are spectacular.

The colonial-style building with balconies and patios was constructed in 1970, inaugurated in 1971 and renovated after 1992. During its first 20 years, it was operated by the Association of Exporters and Wine Growers of Chile, which is credited with establishing the locally well-known enoteca wine-tasting facility that shares the building with the Camino Real Restaurant. In part due to its exceptional location, the Camino Real Restaurant is among the most renowned restaurants in Santiago.

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SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: STUDENT EVENT (CASA PIEDRA)

(NB: The format of this event has not yet been determined. At this time, it appears that any interaction with the Summit Presidents would be via electronic means projected into the Summit deliberations.)

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SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS DELIBERATIONS

The first working session (on Saturday, April 18) follows the Inaugural Ceremony. There will be a 15-minute coffee break in the hotel lobby, and informal movement to the nearby Pedro De Valdivia Room at approximately 10:00 A.M. Participation is limited to principal plus four (with your security agent one of the four); actual participants may change during the course of the session according to the topic(s) being discussed. You are seated next to President Frei. There will be simultaneous interpretation.

The session is scheduled to end at 12:45 P.M. at which time the participants move to the hotel entrance for transportation to the summit lunch at the Camino Real Restaurant.

The order of topics for discussion remains pending. As of March 23, the format/participation of the second and third sessions may reverse.)

The second working session is scheduled to begin at 3:45 P.M. in the Pedro De Valdivia room with principals plus four. The session is scheduled to conclude at 6:30 P.M.

The third working session is scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 19, at 9:45 A.M., also in the Pedro De Valdivia Room. This session is for Heads of State only. (A parallel meeting of Foreign Ministers will take place in the hotel.) The session is scheduled to conclude at 11:45 A.M., followed by the departure of the Heads of State to the closing ceremony at the former Chilean National Congress building in downtown Santiago.

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: INAUGURAL CEREMONY

You are the last head of state to arrive at the Sheraton Hotel to be welcomed to the summit by Chilean President Frei. You arrive by limo to the hotel's main entrance. You are greeted by a protocol official who escorts you to the right through a lounge to the hotel's garden area where you are greeted by President Frei. Press photographers are present. President Frei accompanies you to your left through the hotel lobby to the El CID area where Heads of State have assembled informally (after being individually greeted by President Frei) to await conclusion of the formal greetings. Immediately following the departure for the opening ceremony of participating First Ladies, the Heads of State proceed informally along the hotel's central walkway to the San Cristobal Ballroom. As host of the Miami summit, you sit with President Frei at the principal table. Following the Chilean National Anthem, you and President Frei deliver opening remarks.

The inaugural ceremony is expected to last approximately 30 minutes, with simultaneous interpretation. It will be followed by a 15-minute break for coffee in the hotel lobby, and then the first summit working session in the hotel's Pedro De Valdivia Room.

Background

All Summit working sessions are in the Sheraton Hotel. All other Heads of State except the Brazilian are staying at the hotel. You have a suite on the second floor adjacent to the staff offices.

In general, the order of entry of the heads of state seating was determined by lottery. However, as host of the previous Summit, you arrive last and are seating beside President Frei, host of the current Summit.

SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIEDARRIVAL CEREMONY: ARTURO MERINO BENITEZ INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,
SANTIAGO

You and the First Lady arrive on Air Force One. You will be met on arrival by Foreign Minister and Mrs. Insulza, U.S. Ambassador and Mrs. Guerra, and by Commander of the Santiago Air Garrison Concha, Protocol Director Lira, and the Diplomatic aide-de-camp the Ambassador to the United States and Mrs. Biehl. Ambassador Guerra and the chief of Protocol will go up the stairs to meet you on the platform and you will all descend.

There will be military honors.

A military band will play the national anthems of Chile and the United States.

You will greet the press but there will be no remarks.

You will proceed to the helicopters to depart for the Escuela Militar. The entire arrival should take approximately 15 minutes.

Background:

Santiago's international airport is named after Commander Arturo Merino Benitez, the pioneer of Chilean aviation. The international terminal was inaugurated in 1994. In May, construction will begin on an expansion to keep up with the tremendous growth in air traffic. The old terminal, which dates from 1967, is now used for domestic flights.

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You arrive with Mrs. Clinton at the front entrance of Cerro Castillo and are met by President and Mrs. Frei. Also invited are the Secretary of State, the National Security Advisor, Ambassador and Mrs. Guerra, and Mr. and Mrs. McLarty. The Frei's will be joined by Foreign Minister and Mrs. Insulza, Chilean Ambassador to the United States and Mrs. Biehl, and by the Frei's three daughters and two sons-in-law.

Following drinks, lunch will be served.

Background

Cerro Castillo ("Castle Hill" in Spanish) was built in the 1930's by the Chilean Government as a coastal presidential retreat. Located about five minutes from the Congress on a hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean, this faux-Tudor house offers an excellent view of the Pacific from the rear.

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farmersSpeech to Business Leaders at Municipal Theater

You arrive at the Municipal Theater and enter through a side door. You will proceed to a waiting room where there will be a photo op with the 12 members of the board of the AmCham, then there will be another photo op with the seven sponsors of the event (six US companies and one US-Chilean joint venture). You will then enter the stage from the side. Other speakers (possibly to include Pres. Frei and/or AmCham Pres. Alex Fernandez) and the order of speakers has not yet been determined. Your podium will be on stage for your use. Further details will be determined Monday, April 13.

Background

The Municipal Theater is the heart of Santiago's cultural life, hosting opera, ballet and major concerts. The building was designed by French architect Brunet des Baines (the same architect who designed the ex-Congress building) and constructed between 1853 and 1957. The building was reconstructed after a fire hollowed the interior in 1870. After an earthquake in 1906 it was again reconstructed by yet another French architect, but in the lines of the original des Baines design.

The theater is believed to have seating for approximately 1,200 people (including press).

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SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIEDSantiago: Arrival Ceremony at La Moneda Palace

You arrive with Mrs. Clinton by motorcade and stop at the Puerta O'Higgins (north entrance) of the presidential palace, La Moneda. (The large open Plaza de la Constitution on the other side of the car is the usual site of arrival ceremonies.) You will be met at the gate by President and Mrs. Frei. President Frei will lead you through to the other side of the portico and Mrs. Frei and the First Lady will follow.

At the portico you turn and wait for the First Ladies, then receive and acknowledge a salute from the Cordon Commander (police line the left side of the entranceway). Then you and President Frei will turn back around and proceed along a red carpet to the foot of the steps at the far side of the Patio de las Naranjas (the first inner courtyard) where you will stop and turn back around. There will be musical honors as you walk past the (three-platoon) honor guard from the military academy and band on the left and press on the right. The First Ladies will follow and wait with you as the band plays the Chilean and Americans national anthems.

Then you will all move back across the courtyard, crossing again in front of the honor guard. The Presidents will proceed up the stairs on the left to President Frei's second floor office. The First Ladies break off and go to the right for separate meetings.

Background

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It was renovated in 1846 to become the private residence of Chile's Presidents and continued as such until 1958. The building subsequently was restored to its original style to serve as the seat of government. It now houses key office of the Presidency. There is no official residence in use for the presidents of Chile; they live in their private residences. Then-President Salvador Allende committed suicide here during the 1973 coup.

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VISIT TO EMBASSY SANTIAGO

You will make drop-by visit to the Embassy in Santiago to greet the Embassy community briefly. Scenarios for this event depend on the weather.

Outdoor event: you are driven to the Embassy motor pool area where you are greeted by Embassy Community Liaison Officer Carla Cragun and the Ambassador, if he is not already accompanying you. You walk to the podium on the long driveway behind the Embassy, where you are introduced by the Ambassador and briefly address the audience - U.S. and Chilean employees of the Embassy and their families. After your remarks, you meet and greet Embassy staff members as time permits. Your photograph is taken with the Marine Security Guard Detachment. You are then escorted back to your vehicle.

Indoor event: in case of inclement weather, you are driven to the rotunda entrance of the Embassy where you are greeted by Community Liaison Officer Cragun and the Ambassador, if he is not already accompanying you. You enter the Embassy through the main doors, enter the atrium area on the first floor and proceed to the podium. The Ambassador introduces you, and you briefly address the audience. After your remarks, you greet Embassy staff members as time permits. Your photograph is taken with the Marine Security Guard Detachment in the atrium area. You are then escorted back to your vehicle through the main entrance.

Background

The U.S. Embassy is located in the Las Condes Area of Santiago. Leonard Parker Associates of Minneapolis, Minnesota designed the building to represent the U.S. as a democratic society and to create a high-quality, cost-effective facility. The design is influenced by the triangular shaped site, security requirements and seismic conditions. The facade is granite quarried in the U.S. with prefinished aluminum panels, also from the U.S., interspersed throughout. The interiors utilize granite, marble, hardwoods and brass to create a formal but functional image.

Agencies represented at the Embassy are the Department of State, U.S. Information Agency, Foreign Agriculture service, Animal/Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Defense (Milgroup, Defense Attache Office, Marine Security Guard Detachment), Foreign Commercial Service, Drug Enforcement Agency, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, Internal Revenue Service, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Staffing includes 81 direct-hire U.S. employees, three U.S. citizen contract employees, 11 family members and 153 foreign service national personnel. The U.S. members of the Embassy community total 209, including 77 dependent children of U.S. direct-hire personnel.

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CHILE DEPARTURE STATEMENT

At the present time, no venue has been determined for a departure statement, which would take place following the Summit of the Americas.

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JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE

At the present time, no joint press conference is anticipated.

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BILATERAL STATE DINNER

You and Mrs. Clinton are met on your arrival (by limo) at the Moneda entrance to the La Moneda Presidential Palace by the Director of Protocol. He escorts you via an inside stairway to the second-floor receiving room where President and Mrs. Frei are waiting. When the other guests are positioned, President and Mrs. Frei escort you and Mrs. Clinton down an open-air stairway into the inside courtyard where the dinner is being held.

You and Mrs. Clinton sit with the Freis at the table of honor, which includes the President of the Supreme Court and the Presidents of each house of Congress. The dinner begins with the national anthems of each country, with Chile's first. President Frei delivers a welcoming toast, to which you respond.

There is pool press coverage through the toasts, but only official photographers during the meal. At the conclusion of the dinner, President and Mrs. Frei escort you and Mrs. Clinton to the entrance at which your vehicle is positioned. The dinner is expected to last approximately two hours, with whisper interpretation.

Background

Located in downtown Santiago, the Presidential Office Building was constructed from 1784-1799 to house a mint; it was the largest building constructed in the Spanish colonies in the 18th century. It was renovated in 1846 to become the private residence of Chile's presidents and continued as such until 1958. The building subsequently was restored to its original style to serve as the seat of government; it houses key offices of the Presidency.

Approximately 400 other guests will be seated at round tables of 10. In addition to members of the U.S. traveling party, guests will represent most of Chile's prominent political and economic sectors. Dress is business suit.

BILATERAL STATE DINNER SCENESETTER

On Friday evening you will attend a State Dinner at the Presidential Palace, known as La Moneda. Originally constructed in the late 1700's to house a mint (hence its name, which means "coin" in Spanish), it was the largest building in the Spanish colonies at the time. During the 1973 coup, La Moneda was strafed by Chilean aircraft and besieged by Pinochet's troops. It was here that then-President Salvador Allende committed suicide. Today, La Moneda houses key offices of the presidency. (There is no official residence for Chilean presidents; they live in their private homes.)

You and the First Lady will be met upon your arrival by Director of Protocol Juan Pablo Lira [LEE-rah]. He will escort you to the second-floor receiving room where President and Mrs. Frei will be waiting. President and Mrs. Frei will then lead you and the First Lady down an open-air stairway into the inside courtyard where the dinner will be held.

You and the First Lady will sit with the Freis at the table of honor, which includes the president of the Supreme Court and the presidents of each house of Congress. There will be approximately 400 other guests, including most of Chile's political and economic elite.

After national anthems are played, you and President Frei will exchange toasts. There will be pool press coverage through the toasts, but only official photographers afterward. The dinner is expected to last approximately two hours, with whisper interpretation.

After dinner, President and Mrs. Frei escort you and the First Lady back to the entrance.

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS: GALA DINNER SCENESETTER

The Summit gala dinner will take place at La Moneda, Chile's presidential palace. You will be the last Head of State to arrive and will be greeted by Summit Secretary General Oscar Pizarro. Following a brief welcome by President Frei, the assembled Heads of State and First Ladies proceed informally up an interior stone stairway to the second-floor, where you are met by Director of Protocol Juan Pablo Lira.

After cocktails on the second floor, the Heads of State and First Ladies will follow President and Mrs. Frei to an interior first-floor courtyard (the Orange Tree Patio). When President and Mrs. Frei reach the bottom of the steps, the group will pause to be photographed.

You will be seated in the Orange Tree Patio for a concert, including the initial orchestral and choral performance of the Summit of the Americas Anthem, Canto A La Cordillera ("Ode to the Andes"). After the concert, you will proceed with the other guests to the adjoining Patio de Honor, where the heads of state will be seated at a single table. Only President Frei will offer a toast. A brief vocal concert follows the dinner.

SANTIAGO: HEALTH ROUNDTABLE AT CATHOLIC
UNIVERSITY OF CHILE

You will be the keynote speaker at a one-hour roundtable on "Challenges of Health for the 21st Century", to take place at the Extension Center of the University of Chile. The topic is linked to the health theme and health technology initiative in the Summit Plan of Action. Your remarks will be preceded by brief presentations by Dr. Alexandre Figueroa, Chilean Minister of Health, and by Carlyle Guerra de Macedo, Director Emeritus of PAHO. You will be introduced by Dr. George Alleyne, Director of the Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO). The audience for this event will consist of members of the Frei cabinet, prominent Chilean health professionals, and academics from the University of Chile, the University of Santiago and other institutions of higher learning. Dr. Alleyne will present closing remarks following your address.

Background

The Extension Center of the Catholic University of Chile was built in 1989. It consists of an auditorium capable of holding approximately 600 and large open spaces suitable for exhibits. The Center was built with financial support from Catholic University alumnae and is the site for many academic and cultural activities in Santiago.

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VALPARAISO: LUNCH AT CERRO CASTILLO

You arrive with Mrs. Clinton at the front entrance of Cerro Castillo and are met by President and Mrs. Frei. Secretary Albright, National Security Advisor Berger, Ambassador and Mrs. Guerra, and Mr. and Mrs. McLarty are also invited. The Frei's will be joined by Foreign Minister and Mrs. Insulza, Chilean Ambassador to the United States and Mrs. Biehl, and by the Frei's three daughters and two sons-in-law. Whisper interpretation will be provided.

Following drinks, lunch will be served.

Background

Cerro Castillo ("Castle Hill" in Spanish) was built in the 1930's by the Chilean Government as a coastal presidential retreat. Located about five minutes from the Congress on a hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean, this faux-Tudor house offers an excellent view of the Pacific from the rear.

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VALPARAISO: ADDRESS TO CHILEAN CONGRESS SCENESETTER

On Friday afternoon you will address the Chilean Congress in Valparaiso, on the coast to the west of Santiago. The building housing the Congress was constructed by the military government when Chile's legislative branch was re-established as part of the return to civilian rule in 1990. The military government chose Valparaiso as the site for the legislature, rather than Santiago, so as to decentralize the Chilean government and, many believe, to distance Congress from the country's center of centers of executive, judicial, and economic power in the capital.

You will be met upon arrival by the Foreign Ministry's Chief of Protocol, Juan Pablo Lira. You proceed to the steps of the Formal Plenary Entrance, receiving military honors en route from naval cadets. At the steps you will be joined by the diplomatic coordinator for the Congress (Ambassador Fontecilla) who will introduce you to two welcoming committees, one at the foot of the steps and the other at the top. Each committee is comprised of 12-15 Senators and Deputies (lower house members), selected by the legislative leadership. Former General Pinochet, now an unelected Senator, is not expected to be there.

After you have met the committees, you will enter the building and be met by the President of the Senate, Andrés Zaldívar, and the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Gutenberg Martínez. Together you will proceed into the Senate's reception room for official photographs. Zaldívar and Martínez will then escort you into the Congress' "Hall of Honor". Unlike our joint session of Congress, you are not supposed to shake hands with the dignitaries in the hall. Zaldívar and Martínez will each deliver 2-5 minutes of welcoming remarks.

You will then address the Congress. Sitting before on your left will be the Senators, Deputies, and other invited VIPs. To the right will be members of President Eduardo Frei's Cabinet, the members of your Cabinet traveling with you, members of the Diplomatic Corps, and ranking Chilean military officers.

Following your speech, you take your leave of the Presidents and Secretaries of the two chambers and exit as you arrived.

VALPARAISO: ADDRESS TO CHILEAN CONGRESS

One of your official events will be to address the Chilean Congress. You arrive at the Congress building on the south (Senate) side and are met by the Commander of the Naval Zone and the Foreign Ministry's Chief of Protocol. You proceed to the steps of the Formal Plenary Entrance via a terrace along the southwest portion of the building, receiving military honors en route from naval cadets.

You are met by the diplomatic coordinator for the Congress (Ambassador Fontecilla), who introduces you to two welcoming committees. One committee meets you at the foot of the steps of the plenary entrance and the other at the top of the steps. Each committee is comprised of 12-15 Senators and Deputies (lower house members), selected by the leadership of the parties and caucuses of the two houses. A representative from each committee introduces you to the members of the respective committee.

After you have met the committee at the top of the steps you enter the building and are met by the President of the Senate, Andres Zaldivar, and the President of the Chamber of Deputies, Gutenberg Martinez. Together you proceed into the Senate's reception room to the right for official photographs. You then proceed with Messrs. Zaldivar and Martinez into the Congress "Hall of Honor." They escort you down the center aisle to a raised dais at the end of the hall, where you are seated with the President and the Secretary of each chamber of the Congress. Zaldivar and Martinez each deliver 2-5 minutes of welcoming remarks. Then you speak. Sitting before you on the left are the Senators and Deputies. At the left rear are other invited VIPs. To the right are members of President Eduardo Frei's Cabinet and the members of your Cabinet traveling with you. Further away, also on the right, are members of the Diplomatic Corps and ranking Chilean military officers.

Following your speech, you say good-bye to the Presidents and Secretaries of the two chambers and then exit the hall the way you came in -- down the central aisle, accompanied by the welcoming committees. Exiting the building just as you arrived, you proceed down the left steps of the portico and proceed to your vehicle for departure.

(NOTE: The Chileans consider your entry and departure from the Plenary hall to be formal processional and recessional ceremonies. Unlike our joint session of Congress, a visiting president does not shake hands with the dignitaries in the hall. Embassy reports chances are slight that you will have an awkward encounter with newly installed "Senator-for-Life" Augusto Pinochet. END NOTE.)

Background

The Congress building is a ten-year-old structure located in central Valparaiso. It was built by the former military government, which was obliged to re-establish Congress as part of the return to civilian rule in 1990. The military government chose Valparaiso as the site for the congress, rather than Santiago, so as to decentralize the Chilean government and, many believe, to distance the Congress from the centers of executive, judicial, and economic power that are in Santiago.

The Hall of Honor is the ceremonial chamber of the Congress. It is used only for joint sessions. There are separate chambers for each house.

SANTIAGO: VISIT TO BUSINESS COLLEGE FOR COMMUNITY EVENT

You and President Frei will arrive in your limos and meet Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Frei, who will arrive separately after attending a different event. The four of you will be greeted by the Mayor of San Miguel and the leadership of the college.

You will then proceed on foot down an open air, exterior walkway until you reach the glassed-in room on the left where the discussion with the community leaders takes place. The 8-10 participants will share stories of how they have been empowered through their development of micro-enterprises and how, as a result, they have been able to contribute to their community.

There is pool press coverage. President and Mrs. Frei will accompany you at this event. There will be simultaneous interpretation. You will depart after about 45 minutes of discussion.

Background

The business college is located in the municipality of San Miguel, a working-class area in the southern part of metropolitan Santiago. It is operated by the Fundacion San Pablo, a not-for-profit group which operates a number of schools in that area. The college offers a variety of technical and vocational training courses for both adults and youth focusing on business management, accounting, computer skills and marketing.

SANTIAGO: SPEECH TO BUSINESS LEADERS AT MUNICIPAL THEATER

You arrive at the Municipal Theater and enter through a side door. You will proceed to a waiting room where there will be a photo op with the 12 members of the board of the U.S.-Chile American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham), followed by another photo op with the seven sponsors of the event (six U.S. companies and one U.S.-Chilean joint venture). You will then enter the stage from the side. Other speakers have not yet been determined, but may include President Frei and AmCham President Alex Fernandez. Your podium will be on stage for your use.

Background

The Municipal Theater is the heart of Santiago's cultural life, hosting opera, ballet and major concerts. The building, constructed between 1853 and 1857, was designed by French architect Brunet des Baines (the same architect who designed the ex-Congress building). The building was reconstructed after a fire gutted the interior in 1870. After an earthquake in 1906 it was rebuilt by a different French architect, who relied upon des Baines' original designs.

The theater has seating for approximately 1,200 people (including press).

SANTIAGO: FORMAL ARRIVAL CEREMONY AT LA MONEDA PALACE

You arrive with Mrs. Clinton by motorcade and stop at the Puerta O'Higgins (north entrance) of the presidential palace, La Moneda. (The large open Plaza de la Constitution on the other side of the car is the usual site of arrival ceremonies.) You will be met at the gate by President and Mrs. Frei. President Frei will lead you through to the other side of the portico. Mrs. Frei and the First Lady will follow.

At the portico you turn and wait for the First Ladies, then receive and acknowledge a salute from the Cordon Commander (police line the left side of the entranceway). Then you and President Frei will turn around and proceed along a red carpet to the foot of the steps at the far side of the Patio de las Naranjas (the first inner courtyard) where you will stop and turn around again. There will be musical honors as you walk past the three-platoon honor guard from the military academy, Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Frei will follow and then wait with you and President Frei as the band plays the Chilean and American national anthems.

Then you will all move back across the courtyard, crossing again in front of the honor guard. The Presidents will proceed up the stairs on the left to President Frei's second floor office. The First Ladies break off and go to the right for separate meetings.

Background

Located in downtown Santiago, the Presidential Office Building, known as La Moneda, was constructed from 1784-1799 to house a mint; it was the largest building constructed in the Spanish colonies in the 18th century.

It was renovated in 1846 to become the private residence of Chile's presidents and continued as such until 1958. The building subsequently was restored to its original style to serve as the seat of government; it now houses key offices of the presidency. There is no official residence in use for the presidents of Chile; they live in their private residences. Then-President Salvador Allende committed suicide here during the September 11, 1973 coup, while the palace was besieged by Pinochet's troops.