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VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH
THERE FOLLOW DRAFT QUESTIONS WHICH MAY ARISE DURING
ATTORNEY GENERAL SMITH'S VISIT TO BOLIVIA AND SUGGESTED
ANSWERS:

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1. PURPOSE OF VISIT TO BOLIVIA.
Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT TO BOLIVIA? IS
IT TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE
NARCOTICS FIELD?
A. I AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
ACCOMPANYING ME HAVE COME TO BOLIVIA TO HAVE BROAD
RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ALL AREAS
OF MUTUAL INTEREST. AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES, IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTY TO
ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO ME AND MY GOVERN-
MENT THAT WE DEVELOP CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE BOLIVIAN

~~FOR~~ COORDINATION WITH ed State

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GOVERNMENT IN COMBATING COCAINE TRAFFICKING AND REDUCING THE LEVEL OF COCA PRODUCTION IN BOLIVIA TO THAT OF LICIT DEMAND. WE ARE NOT HERE TO PRESSURE ANYONE BUT TO STIMULATE A DIALOGUE, LEARN AS MUCH AS WE CAN ABOUT THE SITUATION, AND WORK TOWARD GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. **KLAUS BARBIE** (ALTMAN) AFFAIR.

Q. WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN YOU PROVIDE CONCERNING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN OFFICIAL USG INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN BARBIE AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT?

A. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THESE ALLEGATIONS AND THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WHICH I HEAD, HAS BEGUN A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION. THE OBJECT OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS TO DEVELOP A FACTUAL RECORD OF ANY RELATIONSHIP THAT MIGHT HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN BARBIE AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AT ANY TIME. A REPORT TO THE US CONGRESS AND TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETED.

3. MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRESIDENT SILES.

Q. DO YOU BRING ANY SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN TO PRESIDENT SILES?

A. OTHER THAN A WARM 'SALUDO' AND THE WISH FOR SUCCESS TO PRESIDENT SILES FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN, I DO NOT CARRY ANY SPECIAL MESSAGES. HOWEVER, I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR PRESIDENT A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

4. U.S. ATTITUDE ON COMMUNIST MINISTERS.

Q. WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. WITH RESPECT TO THE PRESENCE OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN DR. SILES' GOVERNMENT (MINISTERS OF MINING AND LABOR)? HAS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO HELP THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT UNTIL THESE MINISTERS ARE REMOVED?

A. THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA IS FULLY AWARE OF OUR CONCERN OVER THE INCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE GOVERNMENT. WE ARE SURE THAT IN FREE ELECTIONS THE COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN A MINIMAL VOTE, AND THAT IF THEY WOULD ABIDE STRICTLY BY DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES AND SEEK STRICTLY NATIONAL OBJECTIVES, THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE WOULD NOT PROSPER. HOWEVER, HISTORY DOES NOT SHOW COMMUNISTS TO BE TRUE ADVOCATES OF DEMOCRACY AS UNDERSTOOD IN THE WESTERN WORLD--FREE PRESS, MULTIPLE POLITICAL PARTIES, A REPRESENTATIVE STRONG CONGRESS, AND RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS. OUR CONCERN HAS NOT, HOWEVER, AFFECTED THE DECISION OF THE USG TO ANNOUNCE AN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THIS YEAR IN SUPPORT OF BOLIVIA'S RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, TO HELP THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE OVERCOME THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS AND TO WORK IN AREAS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION. THE UNITED STATES ALREADY HAS SIGNED SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENTS AND WE ARE DISBURSING FUNDS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

Q. WHAT IS THE REACTION OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SECTION 02 OF 02 LA PAZ 01686

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA BY THE SILES GOVERNMENT?

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS IS A SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. HOWEVER, THE U.S. VIEWS CUBA AS A SOVIET PROXY WHICH IS SEEKING TO UNDERMINE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS OF THE HEMISPHERE AND WHICH ADVANCES SOVIET OBJECTIVES IN THE THIRD WORLD. WE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA BEARS THIS IN MIND IN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBA. WE

BELIEVE THAT BOLIVIA ALREADY HAS HAD ONE OF THE TRULY AUTHENTIC NATIONALIST REVOLUTIONS IN LATIN AMERICA, THAT THIS REVOLUTION IS GETTING BACK ON TRACK AND THAT BOLIVIA DOES NOT NEED FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES OR ADVISERS TO ASSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FREE, PROSPEROUS AND INDEPENDENT NATION.

6. STATUS OF U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

Q. HAS THE UNITED STATES SUSPENDED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA?

A. NO. WE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY AFTER DEMOCRACY WAS REINSTATED IN BOLIVIA THAT WE WOULD BE PROVIDING A SIZABLE PACKAGE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IN THE COURSE OF THIS FISCAL YEAR TO BOLIVIA, AND THAT PROGRAM REMAINS INTACT. WE CONTINUE TO DISBURSE INDIVIDUAL PARTS OF THE PROGRAM AS PROJECTS ARE READY AND AS CONDITIONS PERMIT. DRAFTED BY DANIEL A. STRASSER. CORR

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