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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: President's Trip to Venezuela and Colombia

Forwarded herewith is a memorandum which contains a brief assessment of public reaction in Venezuela and Colombia to the President's visit. The memorandum also summarizes some of the activities undertaken by this Agency in connection with the visit.

The trip was undoubtedly an outstanding success and may very well mark a turning point in United States relations with Latin America. Current intelligence coverage of Venezuela indicates, however, that the leftist opposition to Betancourt continues to be active and aggressive and reports of numerous incidents of sabotage against American property

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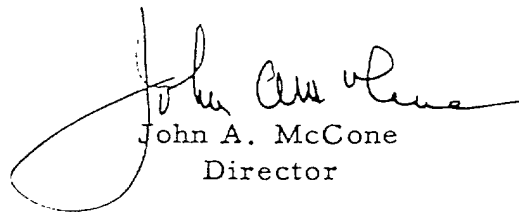
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interests have been received. In Colombia the government continues to face a serious problem of unrest and violence in the rural districts.


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Director

cc: Secretary of State
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