



The President's Daily Brief

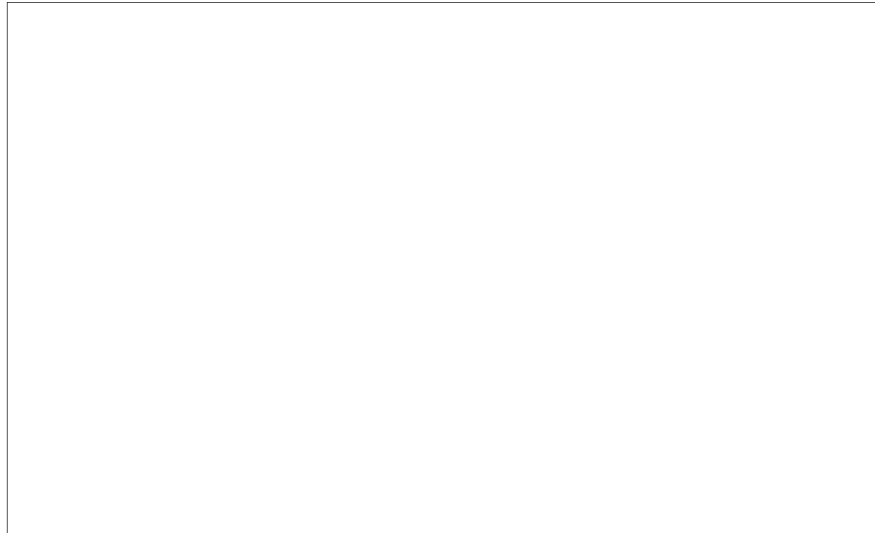
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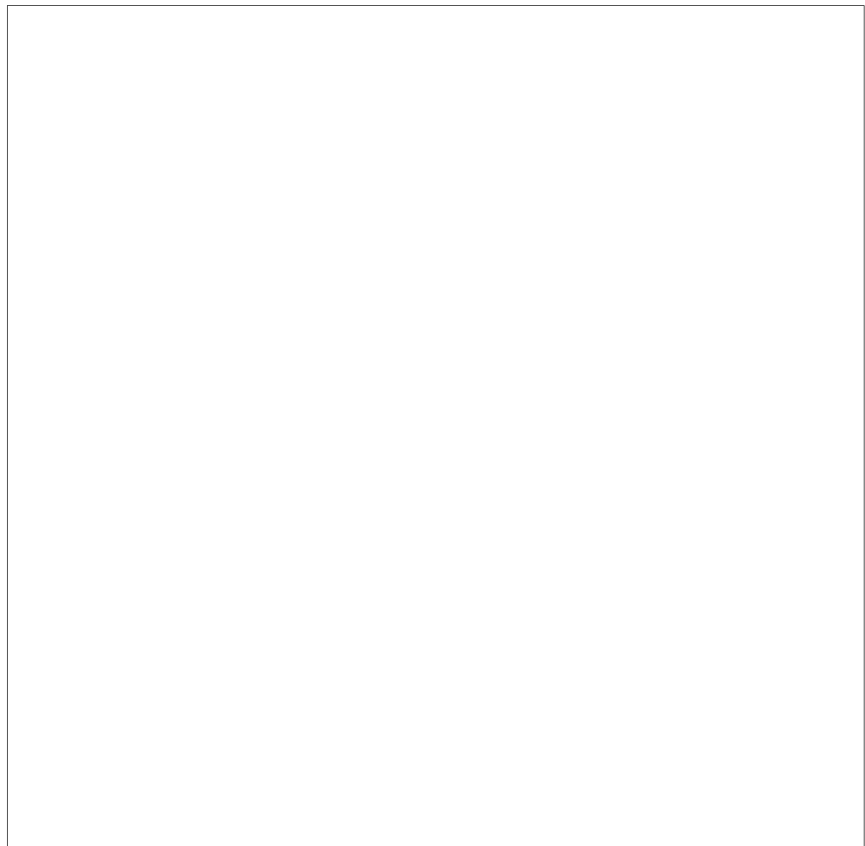
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1. South Vietnam



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2. Cambodia-Vietnam



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3. Thailand

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4. Colombia

President Lleras has hit upon a neat device to overcome congressional opposition to his departure for the Punta del Este summit meeting. He has replaced his unpopular justice minister--who would run the country during the President's and the foreign minister's absence--with the widely respected former President Echandia. Echandia, it seems, even has the necessary qualifications to serve as minister of justice.

Chances are thus considered good that the Senate will give Lleras permission to go, although it may take a while for opposition members to get through their expected windy speeches.

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5. Venezuela

President Leoni seems to have overcome earlier qualms about the value of the summit meeting and now plans to attend. The silver lining for Leoni is the prospect of pushing his anti-Castro crusade in intensive bilateral talks.

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