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State Dept. review completed

Daily Activities (Pastor)

1. Attended North/South staff meeting and discussed Tom Thornton's paper on the state-of-play of US policy to the developing world.
2. Then, attended an ARA staff meeting. Learned that the OAS Permanent Council is meeting today to discuss recent US decisions on sugar.
3. Lunched with Luigi Einandi, whose policy planning office in ARA has become a junior secretariat trying to keep the paper flow through and out of ARA.
4. Met with John Salzburg and Ms. Jones, who are staff members of Don Fraser's Subcommittee on International Organizations of the House International Relations Committee. They had just returned from the Dominican Republic, as Don Fraser's November 11 letter to the President indicates, and were very angry about President Carter's effusive compliments about President Balaguer during their bilateral in September. Apparently, Balaguer is using those comments (which were a bit exaggerated) as evidence of President Carter's support for his re-election. I assured them that our policy was one of the strictest neutrality in election campaigns, except to say that we were strongly in favor of free elections. They felt that the only way to compensate for the support Carter had given Balaguer was for him to meet with a leader of the opposition. I told them that I didn't think any compensation was necessary, but that Rep. Fraser would be receiving a response to his letter. I have tasked State with a response because I think it offers a good opportunity for the President to state clearly the USG position on elections in Latin America. There will be at least five controversial elections next year, and I am sure they will receive a lot of attention. NLC Review Completed.
5. Met with Ray Joseph, a Haitian who works for the Wall Street Journal and edits a Haitian refugees newspaper. He said there were conflicting signals coming from the USG on its approach to Haiti; that Andy Young's visit was beneficial, but he had just learned that the US had signed a military agreement with Haiti. I said I was not aware of such an agreement. He said that the World Bank had a report that \$45 million in foreign assistance in 1975 had disappeared in 1975 alone. He said that it was public knowledge that Duvalier had just purchased \$1 million yacht and a \$1 million villa in Morocco, and that such lavishness in the face of such poverty in Haiti was obscene. He also talked about censorship of the press and said that the US Embassy should speak out about it.

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6. Bill Dozier of the Caribbean Task Force called me to say that State will probably recommend the White House to host a reception during the Caribbean Conference in mid-December. He also said that the EC and New Zealand have recently expressed interest in joining the group, and that the World Bank has issued invitations.
7. Ambassador Bill Jordan in Panama called and suggested a private note of acknowledgement from the President to Torrijos for his assistance to the Senators and his reports would be welcome. I am working on it.

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Intelligence Items: (Pastor)

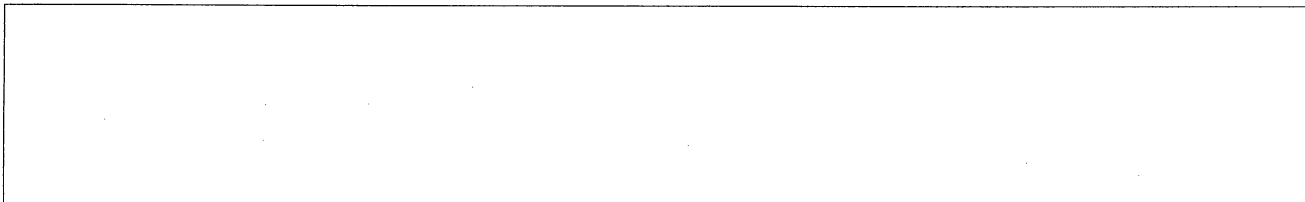
Chile: President Pinochet announced that the new Chilean political constitution which will install an "authoritarian, protected, integrating, technical democracy" will go into effect in 1980.

Ecuador: The Government of Ecuador postponed the Presidential elections, originally scheduled for June, to a later period, not yet established, in 1978.

Panama: After Senator Byrd left Panama, Torrijos commented that he "had never been submitted to such a heavy and direct line of questioning." He said the Senators "were like ten pitchers pitching at one catcher. I asked them to speak to me in that way because our cause can withstand any type of questioning or probing."

Brazil: French Roving Ambassador Michel Poniowski spent an unusually long (2½ hours) session with President Geisel in Brazil. At a press conference, Poniowski said that France could not furnish enriched uranium to Brazil because France itself was an importer.

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Amazon Plan: Representatives of the government of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Surinam, will meet in Brasilia beginning November 28 to initiate talks on the Brazilian proposal for the establishment of a cooperation process among countries of the Amazon region.

Mexico: [redacted] Mexico rejects the so-called Carter plan on Mexican illegal immigrants and has drafted a counter-proposal which will be submitted to the United States soon. [redacted] the Mexican counter-proposal analyzes the problem of illegal immigrants in a comprehensive manner, including economic, social and political aspects.

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