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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WHITE HOUSE AMBASSADORS TO EXPRESS CONCERN  
OVER HOUSE CUTS IN ALLIANCE FUNDS

1. EIGHTEEN LA WHITE HOUSE AMBASSADORS CALLED ON ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY OLIVER, SEPTEMBER ~~26~~<sup>26</sup>, 1968 TO DELIVER FOLLOWING *date corrected*  
NOTE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE: *per state sec.*

"WE, THE UNDERSIGNED AMBASSADORS, HAVE THE HONOR TO EXPRESS  
TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND, THROUGH YOU, TO HIS EXCELLENCY LYNDON  
B. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE CONCERN  
THAT PERVADES OUR GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE OF THE MEASURE ADOPTED  
BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES  
SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING THE FUNDS FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR  
PROGRESS.

"AS YOUR EXCELLENCY WELL KNOWS, A REDUCTION OF THIS KIND  
IN THE FUNDS OF THE ALLIANCE WOULD CAUSE A REGRESSION IN  
THE BENEFITS THAT IT HAS YIELDED IN OUR COUNTRIES, WHICH  
THEMSELVES HAVE SPARED NO EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH THE  
RECIPROCAL COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN IN THE ACT OF BOGOTA AND  
THE CHARTER OF PUNTA DEL ESTE. OUR PEOPLES, WHO HAVE ONLY  
BEGUN TO FEEL THOSE BENEFITS, CAN BUT CONCLUDE THAT  
MEASURES OF THIS NATURE WOULD IMPAIR THE PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES  
OF THE ALLIANCE, AND A DELAY IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THOSE  
PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES WOULD SHAKE THE FAITH THEY HAVE  
PLACED IN A BETTER FUTURE.

"IN VIEW OF WHAT WE HAVE STATED, OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE CERTAIN  
THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL WISH TO BRING UP BEFORE THE  
CONGRESS THE DESIRABILITY OF NOT REDUCING THE FUNDS OF THE  
ALLIANCE.

"WE AVAIL OURSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR  
EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF OUR HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED  
CONSIDERATION."

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2. MR. OLIVER PROMISED TO BRING ABOVE NOTE TO ATTENTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

3. FOLLOWING THEIR VISIT, AMBASSADOR SEVILLA-SACASA ISSUED THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE:

"THE AMBASSADORS OF ARGENTINA, BARBADOS, BOLIVIA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA TODAY CALLED ON THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, THE HONORABLE COVEY T. OLIVER TO EXPRESS TO HIM THE DEEP CONCERN OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS OVER THE ACTION TAKEN IN THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN REDUCING SUBSTANTIALLY THE FUNDS FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS.

"THE NICARAGUAN AMBASSADOR, DR. GUILLERMO SEVILLA SACASA, DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, WHO HEADED THE GROUP, STATED THAT A WEAKENING OF THIS NATURE IN THE TIES OF THE ALLIANCE ENDANGERED ITS FRAMEWORK WHICH HAS BEEN BUILT UP WITH SO MUCH MUTUAL SACRIFICE, AND UNDERMINED THE RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE AND EFFORTS WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS."

4. AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SACASA MENTIONED THAT THE THREE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT SIGN THE NOTE, MEXICO, BRAZIL AND HAITI, HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE THEY DID NOT RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS. HAITIAN WHITE HOUSE AMBASSADOR SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED DEPARTMENT FOR OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN.

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