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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

(Correspondence Referral)

April 7, 1976

TO: RALPH E. MARTIN

FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS *WJ*

REFERENCE:

To: The Vice President Date: March 5, 1976

From: Robert Cruz *X*

Subject: Requests sponsor to assist in rebuilding
Chinautla, Guatemala.

Comment: Reply suggests the Miami Hotel Association *X*
discuss their idea for assisting Guatemalan reconstruc-
tion with the Partners of the Americas, a private organi-
zation with experience in setting up relationships
between private organizations in Latin America and
the U.S.

A draft reply is attached at Tab A. The incoming letter is
attached at Tab B.

Attachments



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SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Cruz:

This is in response to your letter of March 5 to Vice President Rockefeller requesting information on how the Miami Hotel Association might help a similar association in Guatemala. I understand you are interested in obtaining additional sponsors to help the Guatemalan Hotel Association in a program to rebuild the town of Chinautla which was destroyed by the recent earthquake.

After looking into this matter, I suggest that you contact the Partners of the Americas, a non-governmental organization whose purpose is to assist private groups in the U.S. establish relationships with private organizations in Latin America. During the coming weeks the Partners will be discussing with one of their member groups in Alabama reconstruction programs for Guatemala. At our request, the Department of State has contacted the Partners and they are interested in exploring with you possible ways of further assisting Chinautla. You can reach the person handling Guatemala, Mr. David Luria, by calling (202) 332-7332, or by writing to the following address:

National Partners of the Americas
2001 S Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009



Mr. Luria has been forwarded a copy of your correspondence.

I hope this information will be of assistance to you, and I thank you for your interest and concern.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Cruz
President
Greater Miami Hotel and
Motor Hotel Association
10 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33132



Partners of R Alliance
Sponsorship program

Greater Miami Hotel and Motel Association, Inc.

Founded as the Greater Miami Hotel Association in 1917

10 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD - SUITE 301

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33132

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March 5, 1976

TAMRA SHEFFMAN

Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

As President of the Greater Miami Hotel and Motel Association, we are the brothers or sister Association of the Guatemala Hotel Association.

I am sure that you are completely aware of the tragedy that has recently occurred in Guatemala.

The Guatemala Hotel Association has an emergency Sub-Committee which has been appointed officially by the government and which its main project is to rebuilt the small town of Chinautla. This small town was devastated by the recent earthquake.

Our Association has been collecting funds and we are wondering if you can give us any idea in an official manner as to where we can obtain additional sponsors or funds for this project since I am aware of your interest in South and Central America.

I am writing to you with the hopes that you can direct me to specific organizations that might be interested in helping us with this project.

Thanking you in advance for any aid that you can offer us and I remain,

Most cordially

ROBERT CRUZ
President

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Sincerely,

~~Ralph E. Martin~~
~~Staff Assistant to the~~
~~Military Assistant~~

Department of State



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S/S# 7605888

Date March 29, 1976

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Brent Scowcroft
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: Vice President FROM: Robert Cruz
DATE: March 5, 1976 SUBJECT: Miami Hotel Association
assistance to Guatemala


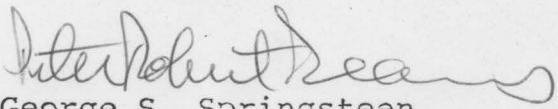
WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: March 10 NSC# (if any)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- ☒ A draft reply is attached.
☐ A draft reply will be forwarded.
☐ A translation is attached.
☐ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
☐ We believe no response is necessary for the
reason cited below.
☐ Other

REMARKS:



George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

REFERRAL

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To: Director, Secretariat Staff (S/S-S) Date: March 10, 1976
Department of State, Room 7241
Washington, D.C. 20520

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
____ Vice President's signature.
☒ ~~Undersecretary's~~ signature.
____ Staff member's
____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
____ Direct reply.
____ Furnish information copy.
____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
____ For your information.
____ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____

To: The Vice President
From: Robert Cruz
Date: March 5, 1976
Subject: Requests sponsor to assist in rebuilding Chinautla, Guatamala



Ralph E. Martin

RALPH E. MARTIN

Staff Assistant to the Military Assistant

By direction of the Vice President

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SUBJECT: ack ltr to VP fm Robert Cruz re Miami Hotel
Assoc Assistance to Guatemala

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FAR EAST/PRC						MEMO <u>DAVIS</u> TO <u>MARTIN</u> (X)
INTELLIGENCE						RECOMMENDATIONS ()
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PROGRAM ANALYSIS						CONCURRENCE ()
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LETTER, MEMO, ETC.

TO: Telegram
Pres. Kjell Eugenio Laugerud

FROM: The President

SUBJECT:

Work of the 215 Geological Survey
in Guatemala and the Shipping
Dispute between Delta Steamship Lines
and Flota Mercante Gran Centroamericana
Delta - Flomerca



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

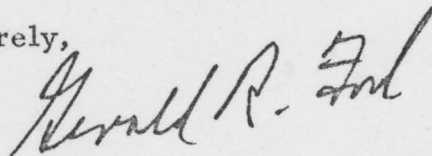
Secretary Kissinger has delivered to me your letters of February 24 concerning the work of the US Geological Survey in Guatemala and the shipping dispute between Delta Steamship Lines and Flota Mercante Gran Centroamericana.

I greatly appreciate your kind words about the quality of the work done by the Geological Survey. Its preliminary report was completed on March 10, and a full scientific report is expected to be ready by the end of April. I directed the Department of State to ensure that these reports be promptly delivered to your Government by our Embassy in Guatemala City. It is my hope that the Geological Survey's work will prove of assistance in your reconstruction effort.

Concerning the Delta-Flomerca dispute, I have instructed our officials to examine the issues raised in the memorandum attached to your letter. Our Embassy in Guatemala will be in touch with officials of your Government in the near future.

Secretary Kissinger has reported to me the details of his visit to Guatemala and has described the courageous way in which your Government and your people are coping with the effects of the tragic earthquakes. The people of the United States are pleased and proud to be of assistance in Guatemala's valiant efforts to rebuild its country after the devastation caused by the earthquake.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Kjell Laugerud Garcia
President of the Republic of Guatemala
Guatemala City



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Date: April 7, 1976
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: President Laugerud
From: President
Date: Apr 7, 1976
Subject: Replies to Pres Laugerud's letter

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ Draft reply for: ☐ President's Signature
☐ White House Staff
☐ Other ☐
☐ Direct reply ☐ Furnish info copy
☒ Dispatch ☐ Translation
☐ Recommendations/Comments ☐ Appropriate Handling
☐ Other ☐ Information

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS:

Charlotte W. Davis
for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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SUBJECT:FORD TO LAUGERUD LETTER

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
PRESIDENT LAUGERUD. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.
ORIGINAL IS DATED APRIL 7, 1976.

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS DELIVERED TO ME YOUR LETTERS OF
FEBRUARY 24 CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE US GEOLOGICAL
SURVEY IN GUATEMALA AND THE SHIPPING DISPUTE BETWEEN DELTA
STEAMSHIP LINES AND FLOTA MERCANTE GRAN CENTROAMERICANA.

I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR KIND WORDS ABOUT THE QUALITY OF
THE WORK DONE BY THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.ITS PRELIMINARY
REPORT WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 10, AND A FULL SCIENTIFIC
REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY THE END OF APRIL. I

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CONCERNING THE DELTA-FLOMERCA DISPUTE, I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR OFFICIALS TO EXAMINE THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE MEMORANDUM ATTACHED TO YOUR LETTER. OUR EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS REPORTED TO ME THE DETAILS OF HIS VISIT TO GUATEMALA AND HAS DESCRIBED THE COURAGEOUS WAY IN WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT AND YOUR PEOPLE ARE COPING WITH THE EFFECTS OF THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKES. THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE PLEASED AND PROUD TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN GUATEMALA'S VALIANT EFFORTS TO REBUILD ITS COUNTRY AFTER THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE.

SINCERELY, S/ GERALD R. FORD

HIS EXCELLENCY, KJELL LAUGERUD GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA CITY. END QUOTE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

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SUBJECT: Reply to Letters from Guatemalan President Laugerud

During Secretary Kissinger's trip to Guatemala, President Laugerud gave him two letters for you (Tab B). The first requests reports from the US Geological Survey on its seismic studies in Guatemala. The preliminary geological report has been issued and was delivered to President Laugerud by our Ambassador on March 22. The final report is expected to be completed by the end of April and also will be forwarded promptly to the Guatemalan Government.

The second letter concerns a long-standing shipping dispute between Delta Steamship Lines of New Orleans and a Guatemalan flag line. Last year Delta filed a complaint with the Federal Maritime Commission and the Special Trade Representative, who have since found that Guatemalan shipping practices discriminate against US carriers. A February deadline given the Guatemalan Government to make modifications in its discriminatory legislation has been extended temporarily because of disruptions caused by the major earthquake in Guatemala. The Guatemalan Government has maintained that its shipping legislation is no more discriminatory than that of many other nations, including that of the United States. Unless progress is made soon in settling the dispute, Guatemala could be subject to the imposition of countervailing duties by the United States.

Attached for your signature at Tab A is a suggested reply to President Laugerud's letters. The reply informs him that you have directed that the Geological Survey reports be promptly delivered to his Government by our Embassy. It also notes that you have instructed our officials to examine the issues which are



raised in the memorandum forwarded by President Laugerud's letter relating to the shipping dispute and that they will be discussing the problem with his Government in the near future. I do not believe it desirable for you to become involved in the specifics of the dispute at this stage.

The suggested reply has been coordinated with Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office and with the office of the Special Trade Representative.

Attachments



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL *PM*

March 30, 1976

To: Art House

From: Mary Brownell *MB*

The first page of the letter and the memo to the President have been modified slightly to accommodate STR's comments. I am attaching the earlier versions so you can see the changes that have been made. STR's concurrence has been noted on both memos.

*But - changes marked in pencil.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1976

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Can we put STR (Dent) down as concurring
in the letter?

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

March 26, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: MARY BROWNELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Reply to Letters from Guatemalan
President Laugerud

When the Secretary visited Guatemala, President Laugerud gave him two letters to deliver to the President--one concerning his Government's desire to have the reports from the US Geological Survey work in Guatemala and the other concerning a shipping dispute. Attached for your signature at Tab I is a memorandum for the President forwarding a suggested response to the two letters. The reply has been coordinated with Doug Smith and with STR.

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Concurrence:

Robert Hormats *RH*



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(Date & Time Stamp)

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(Date & Time Stamp)

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Operations Center

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DESCRIPTION OF MSG. DRAFT LETTER

FROM: WJ Platt ARA/CEN 20883 5909 NS
Officer Office Symbol Extension Room Number

LDX TO: DELIVER TO: EXTENSION: ROOM NUMBER:

White House

NSC Mr. Stephen Low 395-5004

FOR: CLEARANCE ☐ INFORMATION ☐ PER REQUEST ☐ COMMENT ☐

REMARKS:

VALIDATED FOR TRANSMISSION BY: L. M. Macfarlane
Executive Secretariat Officer

MAIR

- ① Type in draft and send out to Doug Smith (with letter incoming letter).
- ② I will give you memos to Pres.



DRAFT REPLY FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD

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people of the United States take ^{great} pride in ^{the assistance being given} ~~being able to~~
~~assist in~~ ^{valiant efforts to rebuild its cities after the} Guatemala's ~~hour of need.~~
Disaster caused by the earthquakes
Sincerely yours,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency
General Kjell Laugerud Garcia,
President of the Republic of Guatemala,
Guatemala City.

ms sent
Drafted: ARA/CEN: MJPlatt: 3/10/76: X20883
Cleared: ARA/CEN: LKilday *ms*
ARA: HARYan *ms*
EB: JSteinmetz *ms*



DRAFT REPLY FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD

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Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency

General Kjell Laugerud Garcia,
President of the Republic of Guatemala,
Guatemala City.





DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 8, 1976

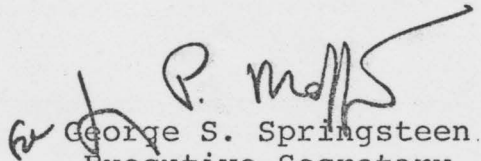
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Letter from Guatemalan President
Concerning Shipping Dispute

While Secretary Kissinger was in Guatemala on February 24, he was given the attached letter from GOG President Laugerud for President Ford. The letter concerns a long-standing shipping dispute between Delta Steamship Lines of New Orleans and a Guatemalan flag line. On July 15, 1975 Delta filed a complaint with the Federal Maritime Commission and the Special Trade Representative. Both STR and FMC have formally considered the issue and have found that Guatemalan shipping practices discriminate against U.S. carriers. The GOG was given until February 14 to reform its discriminatory legislation, or face the imposition of countervailing duties. Because of the earthquake, this deadline is being extended on a month-by-month basis until the GOG is able to deal with the problem.

The GOG maintains that its shipping legislation is no more discriminatory than that of many other nations, including the United States. FMC and STR, in issuing their formal finding of discrimination, rejected the GOG's arguments. The Department proposes that President Ford acknowledge receipt of President Laugerud's letter but avoid discussing the specifics of the case. At an appropriate time, the Department will follow up with a re-statement of the already decided USG position to the interested officials of the GOG.



A draft reply of a letter for President Ford's signature is attached at Tab 1. A cable with the text of the letter is attached at Tab 2 and will be sent to Guatemala upon approval of the text.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1 - Draft letter from President Ford
- 2 - Draft cable with text of suggested reply
- 3 - Laugerud letter to President Ford



DRAFT REPLY FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD

Dear Mr. President:

Secretary Kissinger has given me your letter of February 24 concerning the shipping dispute between Delta Steamship Lines of New Orleans and Flota Mercante Gran Centroamericana of Guatemala.

I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I have instructed the Department of State to examine the issues raised in the memorandum attached to your letter. The Department, through our Embassy in Guatemala City, will be in touch with officials of your Government in the near future.

In closing, may I again express the sympathy of the people of the United States for the suffering caused by the tragic earthquake of February 4.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency
General Kjell Laugerud Garcia,
President of the Republic of Guatemala,
Guatemala City.



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GUATEMALA

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM HEWSON RYAN

E.O. 11652, N/A

TAGS: EWWT, GT

SUBJECT: DELTA/FLOMERCA DISPUTE

PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
FORD TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD:

QUOTE.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS GIVEN ME YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 24
CONCERNING THE SHIPPING DISPUTE BETWEEN DELTA STEAMSHIP
LINES OF NEW ORLEANS AND FLOTA MERCANTE GRAN CENTRO-
AMERICANA OF GUATEMALA.

I THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MATTER TO MY ATTENTION.
I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO EXAMINE
THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE MEMORANDUM ATTACHED TO YOUR
LETTER. THE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA
CITY, WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT
IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

IN CLOSING MAY I AGAIN EXPRESS THE SYMPATHY OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SUFFERING CAUSED

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BY THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE OF FEBRUARY 4.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD.

UNQUOTE.

TEXT OF LAUGERUD LETTER TO FORD BEING SENT BY POUCH.
ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER WILL BE SENT BY
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IMMEDIATE

GUATEMALA

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM HEWSON RYAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TGEN, GT

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD
RE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT ON GUATEMALA

PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD
FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS GIVEN ME YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 24
REQUESTING A REPORT BY THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ON THE
RESULTS OF THEIR SEISMIC STUDIES IN GUATEMALA. WE SHALL
OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO COMPLY WITH YOUR REQUEST.

A PRELIMINARY REPORT WILL BE READY ON MARCH 10, AND THE
FULL SCIENTIFIC REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE
END OF APRIL. I AM DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO
ENSURE THAT THESE REPORTS ARE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR
GOVERNMENT BY OUR EMBASSY IN GUATEMALA CITY.

SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS DESCRIBED TO ME THE SUFFERING
CAUSED BY THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE OF FEBRUARY 4. HE HAS
ALSO TOLD ME OF THE COURAGEOUS WAY IN WHICH YOUR

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MW *no*

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GOVERNMENT AND YOUR PEOPLE ARE COPING WITH THIS UN-
PRECEDENTED TRAGEDY. THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES
TAKE PRIDE IN BEING ABLE TO ASSIST IN GUATEMALA'S HOUR
OF NEED.

SINCERELY YOURS,

GERALD R. FORD.

UNQUOTE.

TEXT OF LAUGERUD LETTER BEING SENT BY APO. 44



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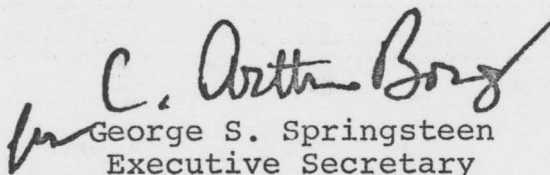
March 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from Guatemalan President Laugerud

While Secretary Kissinger was in Guatemala on February 24, GOG President Laugerud handed to him the attached letter addressed to President Ford. The letter requests reports from the U.S. Geological Survey on their seismic studies in Guatemala. As stated in the draft reply, a preliminary report will be ready by March 10, with the full "scientific" report expected to be completed by the end of April. The USGS will deliver the reports to the Department for forwarding to our Embassy and delivery to the Government of Guatemala.

Attached is a draft response, by cable and by letter, for the President's signature.


George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- 1 - Draft letter from President Ford
- 2 - Cable response from President Ford
- 3 - Letter from President Laugerud



EL PRESIDENTE



DE LA
REPÚBLICA DE GUATEMALA
AMÉRICA CENTRAL

Guatemala, February 24th., 1976.-

Your Excellency:

I would like to acknowledge the contribution given to our nation by the Scientific Mission sent by your Government. We have learned a great deal from this disaster, and have found a great comfort in the fact that all our neighbouring countries responded to our help immediately.

It is imperative for our Government to learn about the result that your Scientific Mission will obtain. Members of the U.S. Geological Survey gave us support and unofficial advise in many aspects: Intensity, Damage, Seismicity and Fault Mapping studies.

Our Government will be most appreciative to obtain copies of the results of your scientific team. The studies so performed will help in the deliniation of Seismic Hazards areas in Guatemala and in Guatemala City, which will be a great service to our stricken nation. The officially requested results will be used in the program of reconstruction at the infrastructure level, as well as in the capital city of Guatemala.



EL PRESIDENTE



DE LA
REPÚBLICA DE GUATEMALA
AMÉRICA CENTRAL

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The members of the U. S. Scientific Mission were:

J. Bonilla, Geologist, USGS
Menlo Park, Ca.

G. Plafker, Research Geologist, USGS
Menlo Park, Ca.

A. F. Espinosa, Research Geologist, USGS
Denver, Co.

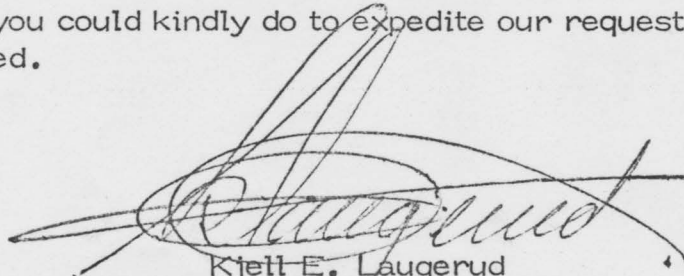
R. Husid, Structural Eng., USGS
Denver, Co.

K. Steinbrugge, Structural Eng.
Consultant to USGS
San Francisco, Ca.

C. Langer, Seismologist, USGS
Denver, Co.

C. Knudson, Geophysicist, USGS
Menlo Park, Ca.

Anything you could kindly do to expedite our request will be highly appreciated.



Kjell E. Laugerud
Presidente

His Excellency Gerald Ford
President of the United States of America
Washington, D. C.



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 54650
DT/JRP
Spanish

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA

Guatemala, February 24, 1976

Mr. President:

Seizing the opportunity offered by the welcome and timely visit to Guatemala of Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State of your country, I take great pleasure in conveying to you, through him, my warm greetings and in sending you with this note a copy of the memorandum submitted to me by the Minister of Economy.

That memorandum, with which I am fully in agreement, reflects my Government's official position with respect to the conflict that exists between the Delta Steamship Lines of the United States of America and the Flota Mercante Gran Centroamericana (FLOMERCA) [Central American Merchant Fleet] of Guatemala.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to you, Mr. President, the very special assurances of my high esteem and distinguished consideration.

[Signed] K. E. Laugerud

His Excellency
Gerald Ford,
President of the
United States of America.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 54650 - B

MEMORANDUM

To: General Kjell Eugenio Laugerud García
President of the Republic

From: Eduardo Palomo Escobar
Minister of Economy

Subject: Government of the United States insists on repeal
of Decree 41-71 of the Congress of the Republic

Date: February 23, 1976

1. In 1971 the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala enacted Decree 41-71 (see Annex 1) to protect national air or sea transport companies. That law provides that importers of goods which are exempted from import duties under the industrial development laws must arrange for the transport of the good which they import into the country, whether by sea or air, by national carriers. Violations of this provision are subject to a fine equal to 50% of the freight paid.

2. In 1973 the Delta Lines, a United States company, conferred with Flomerca, a national company, about a partnership agreement whereby it could enjoy a waiver and thus be able to transport all of its cargo to and from Guatemala without having the aforesaid penalty applied to it.

Since such a partnership agreement could not be accepted by Flomerca, in 1974 the Delta Lines filed charges with the Federal Maritime Commission



(FMC) and the Office of the Special Representative of the President of the United States for Trade Negotiations.

3. The result of the aforesaid charges was that the FMC declared that Decree 41-71 was discriminatory and agreed to impose on the Government of Guatemala "equalization" sanctions, which consist in the provision that all cargo originating in the United States and destined for Guatemala which is carried by Guatemalan national lines or lines associated therewith must pay 50% of the cargo's value in addition to the normal ocean freight charge. Furthermore, Guatemala could be excluded from the tariff preference treatment granted by the United States developing countries.

4. Since the middle of last year the Department of State, through its Embassy in Guatemala and through the Ambassador of Guatemala in Washington, has been asking for the repeal of Decree 41-71,^{and} is insisting on that repeal, despite the fact that in January 1976 Flomerca and the Delta Lines agreed on the bases for concluding a partnership agreement that will permit Delta Lines to enjoy the pertinent waiver and operate from the United States to Guatemala. Photocopies are attached of Annexes 2 and 3, submitted by the United States Embassy in Guatemala, which demonstrate the aforesaid pressure of the Department of State, in terms totally unacceptable to Guatemala.

5. The petition is considered unacceptable for the following reasons:

- (a) Guatemala has the right, as do other developing countries, to protect and develop its merchant marine. In 1975 Guatemala paid nearly US\$88 million for transport.



- (b) The United States has protectionist laws that could also be called discriminatory, such as the 1918 Shipping Act; the Jones Act, for intercoastal shipping; and Public Law 480, which specifies the use of United States flag vessels for the transport of cargo financed by Eximbank, AID, or IDB Special Funds, in dollars. In other words, Guatemalan vessels do not have free access to all of the freight generated in the United States.
- (c) Decree 41-71 gives preference only to Guatemalan vessels or to vessels of associated lines insofar as industrial development cargo is concerned, leaving open the rest of general cargo, plus all of the export cargo. In this sense Guatemalan shipping legislation is mild, compared with other protectionist laws that exist in almost all of the Latin American countries. In Brazil, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, and Colombia there have been protectionist laws for more than 20 years that reserve 50% of total cargo for national shipping companies.
- (d) The development of the merchant marines of the Latin American and other developing countries is the direct consequence of resolutions and recommendations. All of these measures and laws which the countries of Latin America have been adopting to develop their national merchant marines are the direct consequence of resolutions and recommendations that had their beginning with the Conference of Chapultepec of 1945 and culminated with UNCTAD III in 1972, when all developing countries were clearly urged to adopt laws protecting their merchant



marines, in order thus to obtain greater participation in the ocean transport of the trade generated in their own countries. This gave rise in UNCTAD III of 1972 to the resolution to promote the Shipping Conduct Code, on the basis of a 40-40-20 sharing of available ocean traffic.

With this instrument each developing country can negotiate with an industrialized country that has a powerful shipping fleet the transport of 80% of the cargo (40-40). That is to say, with this instrument, the negotiating capacity of a country such as Guatemala is increased for demanding a share in the ocean traffic of those industrialized and traditionally maritime shipping countries--something which a few years ago would have been impossible.

This resolution of UNCTAD, which was approved by all of the developing countries, was also received with understanding and a broad sense of cooperation by many industrialized countries--among them the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, France, the Netherlands, Italy, and Spain--assuring a participation of more than 80% of the world tonnage, as advocated by the Conduct Code and the 40-40-20 formula.

The United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and the Scandinavian countries, the latter being by tradition the owners of great shipping fleets that engage in traffic between third countries, voted against the resolution.

For 30 years Latin America has been struggling to win positions step by step, to shake itself free of the situation of economic dependence to which Guatemala, as a country on the periphery, is subject. The topic of maritime transport has been analyzed in a great many international forums



such as ECLA, OAS, IA-ECOSOC, SIECA, and undoubtedly it will be brought up again by the recently created SELA. At the economic conference of the OAS held in Buenos Aires in 1957, it was specified that the laws protecting the merchant marines of the member countries of the OAS would not be considered discriminatory. The United States participated in that meeting, ^{abstaining} ~~obtaining~~ but not voting against that measure.

Conclusion:

In view of the preceding statements, the pressure of the Department of State, to which reference was made in the foregoing paragraphs, is not congruent with the position adopted by the United States in recent years in the matter of international trade, and especially at the Seventh Special General Assembly of the United Nations, held September 1 to 15, 1975. Neither is it ^{con}gruent with the commitments that have been internationally acquired with respect to maritime transport.

Consequently, I believe that the Government of the United States should review the action of the FMC and the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations with respect to the insistence that Guatemala repeal a law that has been in force for five years and that was adopted in the exercise of national sovereignty. In any event, it must be kept in mind that the Government of Guatemala is making an exhaustive analysis of the entire policy and legislation concerning transport, and in due course, without pressure, the Congress will propose legislation that may be more desirable for the country and for good international trade relations with friendly countries.



EL PRESIDENTE



DE LA
REPÚBLICA DE GUATEMALA
AMÉRICA CENTRAL

Guatemala, 24 de febrero de 1976.

Excelentísimo Señor Presidente:

Aprovechando la grata y oportuna visita del Excelentísimo Señor Secretario de Estado de Vuestro Culto País a Guatemala, Doctor Henry A. Kissinger, me es muy grato transmitirle un cordial saludo por - conducto de tan digno portador y enviarle junto a esta nota, copia del memorial que me fuera presentado por el Señor Ministro de Economía.

Dicho memorial, con el cual estoy plenamente de acuerdo en - todas y cada una de sus partes, refleja la posición oficial de mi Gobierno con respecto al conflicto existente entre las líneas marítimas Delta de los Estados Unidos de América y Flota Mercante Gran Centroamericana (FLOMERCA) de Guatemala.

Me valgo de la ocasión para reiterar al Excelentísimo Señor Presidente los sentimientos muy especiales de mi alta estima y distinguida consideración.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R. R. Ford', written in a cursive style.

Excelentísimo Señor Gerald Ford,
Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América.



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MEMORANDUM

PARA: General Kjell Eugenio Laugerud García
Presidente de la República

DE: Eduardo Palomo Escobar
Ministro de Economía

ASUNTO: Gobierno de Estados Unidos insiste en --
que se derogue el Decreto 41-71 del Con-
greso de la República.

FECHA: 23 de febrero de 1973

1. En 1971, el Congreso de la República de Guatemala --
emitió el Decreto 41-71, (ver anexo 1), para proteger
las empresas nacionales de Transporte Nacional aéreo
o marítimo. Esa Ley establece que las personas im-
portadoras de mercaderías exoneradas de derechos de
importación al amparo de las leyes de Fomento Indus-
trial, están obligadas a efectuar el transporte de lo --
que importan al país, ya sea por la vía marítima o por
la vía aérea, en empresas nacionales de transporte. La
infracción a tal disposición se sanciona con una multa
del 50% del flete pagado.
2. Desde 1973, Delta Line, empresa Norteamericana, --
hizo gestiones ante Flomerca, Empresa Nacional, pa-

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ra que, mediante un contrato de asociación pueda gozar de un volver y así poder transportar la totalidad de su carga para y de Guatemala sin que se le aplique la sanción antes indicada.

Como dicho contrato de asociación no pudo ser aceptado por Flomerca, Delta Line, en 1974, presentó acusaciones ante la Comisión Marítima Federal (FMC) y la Oficina del Representante Especial de Comercio del Presidente de los Estados Unidos.

3. El resultado de la acusación antes mencionada, fue que la FMC declaró discriminatorio el Decreto 41-71 y acordó imponer al Gobierno de Guatemala sanciones "de igualización", las cuales consisten en que toda carga originaria de los Estados Unidos y con destino a Guatemala, transportada por líneas nacionales guatemaltecas o asociadas a las mismas, deberán pagar, en adición al flete marítimo normal, el 50% de su valor. Además podría excluirse a Guatemala del trato de preferencias arancelarias acordado por los Estados Unidos a los países en desarrollo.

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4. El Departamento de Estado, a través de su Embajada en Guatemala y por conducto del Embajador de Guatemala en Washington, desde mediados del año pasado ha estado pidiendo que se derogue el Decreto 41-71, e insiste en tal derogatoria, no obstante que Flomerca y Delta Line, en enero de 1976, acordaron las bases para celebrar un contrato de asociación que permitirá a Delta Line gozar el weiver correspondiente y operar desde los Estados Unidos a Guatemala. Se acompaña fotocopia de los anexos 2 y 3, presentados por la Embajada de Estados Unidos en Guatemala, en los cuales se evidencia la mencionada presión del Departamento de Estado, en términos totalmente inaceptables para Guatemala.

5. Se considera inaceptable dicha petición por las siguientes razones:

- a) Guatemala tiene derecho, como lo tienen otros países en desarrollo, a proteger y desarrollar su marina mercante. En 1975, Guatemala pagó por transporte, cerca de 88 millones de dó-

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lares.

- b) Los Estados Unidos tienen leyes proteccionistas - que también podrían llamarse discriminatorias, tales como el Shipping Act 1916, el Jones Act - para el servicio de cabotaje, la Ley Pública 450 que especifica naves de bandera norteamericana para el transporte de carga financiada por el - EXIMBANK AID, o Fondos Especiales del BID, en dólares. Es decir, que las naves guatemaltecas tampoco tienen libre acceso a toda la carga que se genera en Estados Unidos.
- c) El Decreto 41-71, únicamente da preferencia a - naves guatemaltecas o a líneas asociadas en cuanto a carga de Fomento Industrial, dejando libre el resto de la carga general, además de toda la carga de exportación. En este sentido la Legislación Naviera Guatemalteca es tímida comparada con las demás leyes de protección que existen en casi todos los países Latinoamericanos. En Brasil, Venezuela, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Perú

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y Colombia, hace más de 20 años que existen -
estas leyes de protección, reservando un 50% -
de la carga total, para las Empresas Navieras
Nacionales.

- d) El fomento de las marinas mercantes de los -
países de América Latina y de los demás países
en desarrollo, son consecuencia directa de re-
soluciones y recomendaciones. Todas estas -
medidas y leyes que los países de América Lati-
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recta de resoluciones y recomendaciones que -
principiaron con la Conferencia de Chapultepec
en 1945 y que culminaron con la III UNCTAD en
1972, en la que claramente se insta a todos los
países en desarrollo a promulgar leyes de protec-
ción para sus Marinas Mercantes con el objetivo
de obtener así una mayor participación en el trans-
porte marítimo del intercambio comercial genera-
do de sus propios países.

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De allí nace en la III UNCTAD de 1972 la resolución de promover el Código de Conducta Naviero en base a la repartición 40-40-20 de la carga marítima disponible.

Con ese instrumento cada país en desarrollo puede negociar con un país industrializado y con potente flota naviera, el transporte del 80% de la carga (40-40). Es decir, que con este instrumento, a un país como Guatemala se le aumenta la capacidad negociadora para exigir una participación en el tráfico marítimo, a aquellos países industrializados y tradicionalmente navieros, cosa que pocos años atrás hubiera sido imposible.

Esta resolución de UNCTAD, que fuera aprobada por todos los países en vías de desarrollo, recibió también la comprensión y amplio sentido de cooperación de muchos países industrializados, entre ellos, Alemania Federal, Japón, Francia, países Bajos, Italia, España, asegurándose una par-

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participación de más del 80% del tonelaje mundial que se pronunciaba en favor del Código de conducta y de la fórmula 40-40-20.

Votaron en contra, Estados Unidos, Gran Bretaña, Canadá y los países Escandinavos; éstos últimos por tradición dueños de grandes compañías navieras dedicadas al tráfico entre terceros países.

América Latina ha luchado durante 30 años para ir conquistando paso a paso posiciones para ir sacudiéndose de la situación de dependencia económica a la que Guatemala como país de la periferia está sometida. El aspecto del transporte marítimo ha sido analizado en múltiples foros internacionales de la CEPAL, OEA, CIES, SIECA, CECLA, e indudablemente que será llevado adelante por la recién creada SELA.

En la conferencia económica de la OEA, realizada en Buenos Aires en 1957, se especificó que no serían consideradas discriminatorias las leyes de protección a la marina mercante de los países miembros de la OEA. Estados Unidos participó en esa reunión y se abstuvo pero no votó en contra.

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CONCLUSION:

En vista de todo lo expuesto anteriormente, la presión /
del Departamento de Estado a que se ha hecho alusión en los -
párrafos anteriores, no es congruente con la posición adoptada
por los Estados Unidos en los últimos años en materia de comer-
cio internacional y especialmente en la Séptima Asamblea Ex-
traordinaria de las Naciones Unidas, que se llevó a cabo del -
10. al 15 de septiembre de 1975. Tampoco es congruente con
los compromisos que internacionalmente se han adquirido en -
materia de Transporte Marítimo.

De consiguiente, estimo que el Gobierno de Estados -
Unidos deberá revisar las actuaciones de la FMC y el Repre-
sentante Especial de Comercio en cuanto a insistir que Guate-
mala derogue una ley que está en vigor desde hace 5 años, emiti-
da en ejercicio de la soberanía nacional. En todo caso, es preci-
so tener presente que el Gobierno de Guatemala está haciendo un
análisis exhaustivo de toda la política y legislación en cuanto a -
transporte y que oportunamente, sin presiones, propondrá el -
Congreso la legislación que sea más conveniente para el país -
y las buenas relaciones comerciales internacionales con países
amigos.



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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 15, 1976

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FG 6-16

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. James M. ^xFrey
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget

FROM:

Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Bill S. 3056

The NSC Staff recommends the President approve S. 3056, to provide disaster relief to Guatemala.



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Washington, D.C.

4/14/76

ENROLLED BILL REQUEST

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, your views and recommendations are requested on the following enrolled bills (facsimiles attached):

S.3056

Within TWO WORKING DAYS after receipt of this request, your reply (original and one) should be delivered VIA SPECIAL MESSENGER to Ms. Ramsey, Room 7201 New Executive Office Building.

Your cooperation will be appreciated.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference

ATTENTION:
Jeanne Davis
NSC



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Washington, D.C.

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ATTENTION:

Jeanne Davis
NSC



Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

An Act

To amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide emergency relief, rehabilitation, and humanitarian assistance to the people who have been victimized by the recent earthquakes in Guatemala.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Guatemala Relief and Rehabilitation Act of 1976".

SEC. 2. Chapter 9 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"SEC. 495A. GUATEMALA RELIEF AND REHABILITATION.—(a) The President is authorized to provide assistance, on such terms and conditions as he may determine, for the relief and rehabilitation of the people who have been victimized by the recent earthquakes in Guatemala. There is authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry out the purposes of this section \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year 1976, which amount is authorized to remain available until expended, except that not more than \$4,000,000 of this amount shall be available for repairs to the Puerto Barrios highway in Guatemala. Assistance under this section shall be provided in accordance with the policy and general authority of section 491 of this Act. Obligations incurred prior to the enactment of this section against other appropriations or accounts for the purpose of providing relief and rehabilitation assistance to the people of Guatemala may be charged to the appropriations authorized under this section.

"(b) Assistance made available under this section shall be distributed to the maximum extent practicable through United States voluntary relief agencies and other international relief and development organizations.

"(c) In order to limit the extent of deaths, injuries, and destruction in future earthquakes, assistance provided under this section which is used for the construction of housing in the Republic of Guatemala shall, to the maximum extent possible, be used for housing which is constructed of seismic resistant materials or which will otherwise minimize the danger of injury to occupants during future earthquakes; and the President should encourage the Government of the Republic of Guatemala to promote the use of such materials.

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the amount authorized to be appropriated in subsection (a) of this section may be used only for the purposes specified in this section. The authority contained in section 610(a) of this Act may not be used to transfer funds made available under this section.



S. 3056—2

“(e) Not later than sixty days after the date of enactment of appropriations to carry out this section, and at the end of each quarter thereafter, the President shall transmit a report to the Committees on Foreign Relations and Appropriations of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the programing and obligations of funds under this section.”.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

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June 1, 1976

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GUATEMALA S.O.S. FOUNDATION,

in grateful recognition for the valuable assistance which, through our means, was offered the people of Guatemala during the tragedy caused by the February 4th, 1976 earthquake.

•On behalf of the People, the Government, and the Consulate General of Guatemala, and of our own Foundation, we declare

AMIGO DE GUATEMALA

H.E. Gerald Ford

•We would like to explain that the opportune assistance you gave us during truly dramatic moments, we properly used, for we wanted to respond with dignity to the trust you had in us, and to your noble, humanitarian, and constant efforts on behalf of Guatemala.

•According to ancient documents, and even more ancient traditions, the people of Guatemala (Maya-Quitze) was founded by four legendary Men-Tiger Chieftains: Balam-Quitze (the tiger with a kind smile), Balam-Akab (the tiger Lord of the Night), Mahuh-Kutah (the one who had no descendants), and Iq-Balam (the tiger Lord of the Moon); perhaps for this reason, Guatemalans, faithful to their origin, have always faced with pride and a fighting spirit every adversity. The February 4th, 1976 earthquake was not an exception. Nature did not succeed in humiliating us. This time, thanks to the encouragement of the whole world who came to us with assistance, immediately the people of Guatemala began to work. We set out to reconstruct our homes with great zeal, taking advantage of our own resources and the international aid that keeps on arriving in our country. Truly, this is the best way to honor and recognize our FRIENDS OF GUATEMALA and to express our appreciation with dignity and integrity for the humanitarian feelings of solidarity and love with which we Guatemalans have been blessed thanks to the American People, Corporations, Companies, Institutions, and persons like yourselves. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude.

•Thanks to you and our efforts, the tragedy has not defeated us. We are inspired by your generosity and we are strong. We are hard at work, emerging from rubble, pain, and death, with pride and willingness to sweat and work, and with a smile in our hearts we extend our brotherly hand to the FRIENDS OF GUATEMALA, to tell them with overwhelming emotion, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Houston, Texas, June of 1976



[Signature]

Ambassador Carlos Manuel Pellecer

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Vice-Consul Miriam L. Eichelberger

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 31, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

Assistant Secretary ^{William} Rogers has given me your kind and gracious letter of March 29. I am pleased and gratified that the United States has been able to provide assistance to the people of Guatemala following the terrible tragedy that befell your country. In times of peril and suffering it is important that neighboring nations and peoples provide mutual assistance. In this regard, I have been particularly proud of the many generous offers of assistance which have been extended by private citizens and groups throughout the United States.

The people and government of Guatemala have responded to this unprecedented tragedy with admirable bravery and fortitude. You have our continuing support and best wishes for success in the momentous task of reconstruction.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford

His Excellency
Kjell Eugenio Laugerud Garcia
President of the Republic of Guatemala
Guatemala City



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL

Date: Jun 1, 1976
NSC log # 7602690

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of State

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: His Excellency Laugerud
From: Pres
Date: May 31, 1976
Subject: Ltr re 4 Feb earthquake

ACTION REQUESTED:

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for Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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May 29, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT: Letter to President Laugerud of Guatemala

Guatemalan President Kjell Laugerud sent you the letter at Tab B formally thanking you for all the assistance provided by the United States after the February 4 earthquake in Guatemala. The letter was delivered to Assistant Secretary of State William Rogers on April 29.

The letter at Tab A to President Laugerud acknowledges receipt of the letter and notes that the United States Government and people are pleased to have been able to be of assistance to Guatemala following the tragic devastation. The suggested letter has been cleared with Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to President Laugerud at Tab A.

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DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

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KJELL EUGENIO LAUGERUD GARCIA
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA

to

HIS EXCELLENCY
GERALD R. FORD
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AMERICA

Great and Good Friend:

I have the honor to express to Your Excellency, and through you, to the noble people and Government of the United States of America, the profound gratitude of the people and Government of Guatemala for the generous and effective cooperation granted us in the wake of the earthquake which devastated our territory on February 4, 1976, bringing destruction and death to thousands of Guatemalan families.

The moral and material assistance and solidarity which your great nation and your distinguished Government offered to the Guatemalans in moments of intense suffering and grief for our people brought not only consolation and hope, but also gave them greater courage to confront the arduous task of reconstruction which has already begun.



Reiterating to Your Excellency the undying gratitude of the Guatemalan nation and of the Government which I have the honor to head, I avail myself of the opportunity to convey the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

I am, Excellency,

Your Loyal and Good Friend,

[Signed] K. E. Laugerud

Done at the National Palace of Guatemala,

March 29, 1976



MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: STEPHEN LOW *SL*
SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to President Laugerud
of Guatemala

Attached for your signature at Tab 1 is a memo to the President forwarding a suggested reply to the President of Guatemala who wrote him on March 29 to extend formal thanks for the earthquake relief assistance which the United States provided to Guatemala. The letter was delivered to U.S. officials on April 29. It has been cleared with Doug Smith of Robert Hartmann's office.



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of Guatemala re US assistance after
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Kjell Eugenio Laugerud García
Presidente de la República de Guatemala

a Su Excelencia
Gerald R. Ford
Presidente de los Estados Unidos de América.

Grande y Buen Amigo:

Tengo a honra expresar a Vuestra Excelencia, y por Vuestro digno conducto al noble Pueblo y Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de América, el profundo agradecimiento del Pueblo y Gobierno de Guatemala por la generosa y eficaz cooperación que nos han ofrecido con motivo del terremoto que asoló nuestro territorio el cuatro de febrero recién pasado, trayendo destrucción y muerte a miles de familias guatemaltecas.

La solidaridad y la ayuda moral y material que la gran Nación Americana y Vuestro Ilustrado Gobierno brindaron a los guatemaltecos en momentos de intensa angustia y dolor para nuestro pueblo, no solamente trajeron consuelo y esperanza, sino le infundieron mayores alientos para afrontar la ardua tarea de reconstrucción que ya se ha emprendido.

Al reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia el imperecedero reconocimiento de la Nación Guatemalteca y del Gobierno que tengo el honor de presidir, aprovecho la oportunidad para expresar las seguridades de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

Soy de Vuestra Excelencia
Seal y Buen Amigo
Kjell Eugenio Laugerud

Dado en el Palacio Nacional de Guatemala,
el veintinueve de marzo de mil novecientos setenta y seis

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June 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JEANNE W. DAVIS

FROM: STEPHEN LOW *SL*

SUBJECT: Request that the Vice President Receive a
Souvenir Scroll from the Freemasons of
Guatemala *x*

Paul C.
Attached for your signature is a memo to Jon Howe with a suggested
response to Mr. Rodenhauser relating to a request that the Vice
President accept a Guatemalan scroll in appreciation for U.S.
earthquake relief assistance.



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

June 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JON HOWE

FROM:

JEANNE W. DAVIS *WJD*

SUBJECT:

fn Request that the Vice President Receive a
Souvenir Scroll from the Freemasons of
Guatemala

The Freemasons of Guatemala have requested permission to forward to the Vice President a souvenir scroll made in a Guatemalan village since destroyed in the major earthquake last February. The scroll is being presented as a gesture of appreciation for U.S. assistance given Guatemala after the disaster.

The State Department perceives no problem with accepting the scroll and we therefore recommend you agree to do so on behalf of the Vice President. The request was transmitted through the Freemason organization in the U.S. Attached for appropriate signature is a suggested reply to Mr. Rodenhauser.



SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Rodenhauser:

I am replying to your letter of May 17 addressed to Vice President Rockefeller. You requested permission to forward a souvenir scroll to the Vice President on behalf of the Freemasons of Guatemala. I understand the scroll is being given as an expression of appreciation for U.S. assistance after the recent earthquake in Guatemala.

Vice President Rockefeller would be pleased to accept this kind offer on behalf of the American people. He asks that you forward the scroll to me for delivery to him.

May I ask you to convey to the Freemasons of Guatemala Vice President Rockefeller's thanks and appreciation for the scroll. He is pleased that the United States Government was able to be of assistance to the people of Guatemala during the recent tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Paul C. Rodenhauser
Grand Recorder
Encampment of Knights Templar of the
United States of America
14 East Jackson Boulevard
Suite 1700
Chicago, Illinois 60604



Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America

OFFICE OF
THE R. E. GRAND RECORDER
PAUL C. RODENHAUSER
14 EAST JACKSON BOULEVARD, SUITE 1700
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

May 17, 1976

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The Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Vice-President of the United States
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

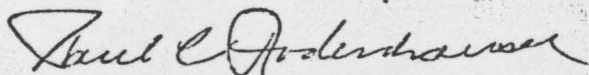
Dear Mr. Vice-President:

The Freemasons of Guatemala, Central America, specifically the York Rite branch of the Fraternity, have requested this office of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America to request your permission to forward to you, with their greetings and felicitations, a souvenir Scroll--the second of 5,000 which were to be made in a Guatemalan village now destroyed.

The representative of the Bodies now in Chicago is John Carlos Loayza, U.S. representative, Guatemala York Rite, 1128 Washington Boulevard, Oak Park, Illinois 60302.

It is their desire to present the scroll to you as an expression of appreciation for the assistance the United States extended during the recent Guatemalan devastation. Permission to forward is requested.

Respectfully,



Paul C. Rodenhauser
Grand Recorder

PCR:ds



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

REFERRAL

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To: Director, Secretariat Staff (S/S-S) Date: MAY 24 1976
Department of State, Room 7241
Washington, D.C. 20520

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
____ Vice President's signature.
☒ ~~Undersigned's~~ signature.
____ Staff member's
____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
____ Direct reply.
____ Furnish information copy.
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____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
____ For your information.
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NOTE

Prompt action is essential.


If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

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1 Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: The Vice President
From: Paul C. Rodenhauser
Date: May 17, 1976
Subject: Requests permission to forward a souvenir scroll


RALPH E. MARTIN
Special Assistant

By direction of the Vice President



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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June 4, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request that the Vice President
Receive a Souvenir Scroll from
the Freemasons of Guatemala

The Freemasons of Guatemala have requested permission to send a souvenir scroll to the Vice President as a gesture of appreciation for U.S. assistance after a very severe earthquake last February. The request was transmitted through the Freemason organization in the U.S. The scroll was made in a Guatemalan village since destroyed by the earthquake.

The Department perceives no foreign policy issues or problems in the request and has no objection to the scroll's being accepted.

A draft reply is attached.

C. Arthur Borg
for George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter to Mr. Rodenhauser



SUGGESTED REPLY

Mr. Paul C. Rodenhauser
Grand Recorder
Encampment of Knights Templar of the
United States of America
14 East Jackson Boulevard
Suite 1700
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Rodenhauser;

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Vice President Rockefeller would be pleased to accept ^{on behalf of the American people} this kind offer. He asks that you forward the scroll to me and I will ensure that it is delivered promptly.

May I ask you to convey to the Freemasons of Guatemala Mr. Rockefeller's thanks and appreciation for the scroll. The United States Government is pleased that we were able to be of assistance to the people of Guatemala during the recent tragedy.

Sincerely yours,

Department of State



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VP receive souvenir scroll for Freemasons
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DUE DATE: (6-11)

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June 21, 1976

TO: JON HOWE

FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS *WA*

REFERENCE:

To: Vice President

Date: May 17, 1976

From: James W. Schubauer

Subject: Guatemala Earthquake

Comment: The suggested reply outlines U.S. assistance to Guatemala and stresses that our assistance has been coordinated with Guatemalan-determined priorities and with the efforts of other donors. It further assures Mr. Schubauer that our response is a continuing one.

A draft is attached at Tab A. The incoming letter is attached at Tab B.

Attachments



SUGGESTED REPLY

Dear Mr. Schubauer:

This is in response to your letter of May 17 expressing concern about delays in getting U.S. disaster relief assistance to the victims of the Guatemala earthquake. In particular, you mentioned the community of Tecpan, totally destroyed in the earthquake, as needing urgent assistance.

You can be assured that the U.S. has taken steps to respond to Guatemala's priority relief needs. Approximately \$19.5 million in grants have been provided to Guatemala through temporary drawdowns from the world-wide disaster relief account of the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.), the agency in the U.S. Government responsible for foreign economic and disaster relief assistance.

The assistance to Guatemala has been used in the first instance to supply medical facilities, drugs and medicines, water purification equipment, tents and materials for shelters including 500,000 metal roofing sheets, poles and tool kits. Also, the services of an Army engineering battalion were funded and they succeeded in opening in April Guatemala's principal highway connecting the capital city to the Caribbean. Additional road clearing and maintenance equipment have been funded by A.I.D. to help the Guatemalan Department of Highways to open and repair other important roads damaged by the earthquake. U.S. assistance has also



aided municipalities damaged by the earthquake in their efforts to clear away rubble so that they can begin to reconstruct more quickly. Other assistance to communities includes the repair of water systems and materials for school construction.

In addition, approximately \$18.4 million in food commodities have been made available to Guatemala to help meet the needs of many individuals in rural areas, many of whom will be engaged in the construction of shelters at the expense of farming.

In all instances the U.S. Government has coordinated its assistance with the priorities determined by the Guatemalan Government and in consultation with the other organizations assisting in the reconstruction effort. U.S. assistance is concentrating on the rural communities destroyed by the earthquake. Other donors and private agencies are providing assistance in the rural areas and these efforts are being taken into account in the programming of the U.S. relief assistance. In the case of Tecpan, the principal U.S. input to the relief effort has been donated PL 480 Title II foods that are being distributed through CARE. Other organizations are working in the area, including private voluntary agencies, the Government of Mexico and also the Government of Guatemala. They have provided very substantial amounts of housing materials in addition to providing food, clothing and technical services.



The result of the combined efforts of the various organizations involved has been that the relief requirements of the community have now largely been met.

Your expression of interest and sincere concern is appreciated. I assure you the U.S. response to the relief and reconstruction effort is a continuing one.

Sincerely,





May 17, 1976

Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Recent newspaper articles indicate the concern of our government, and you in particular, have to the earthquake in Italy. It was noted that you are giving your personal attention to this and that "Congress is acting quickly to provide \$25,000,000 for the Italian disaster."

Of course one cannot disagree with the obvious need in Italy and the quick responses of our government, and you personally, to this situation. However, I cannot find it possible to be silent on the question of priorities in view of our firm's recent voluntary involvement in the Guatemalan earthquake; and, therefore, our "firsthand" knowledge of the degree of severity of the Guatemalan situation compared with the Italian situation (e.g., 24,000 deaths versus 1,000 deaths, etc.).

As you might know, The Salvation Army has given a major effort to the Guatemalan earthquake disaster through direct involvement in the Village of Tecpan, Guatemala. Tecpan, originally a village of 24,000 residents, mostly Indians, was the most severely damaged village in Guatemala; of the 24,000 total residents 3,000 were killed, 7,000 were injured and every adobe home was destroyed. The Salvation Army, without any direct reimbursement from the United States Government, has practically singlehandedly provided the emergency relief to Tecpan from early February, 1976 to the present.

As a result of our firm's long association as Property Consultants to The Salvation Army on their properties and many of their projects, we volunteered to provide initial technical guidance to The Salvation Army efforts in Guatemala. I had never been to Guatemala before, knew very little about the people, and thus had no "cause" to "push." I personally have spent time in Guatemala and in Tecpan together with some of our staff assisting The Salvation Army in this terrible need of the Guatemalan people.

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Honorable Nelson A. Rockefeller

May 17, 1976

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I have witnessed the incredible devastation and the desperate needs of these people. I have met with Guatemalan businessmen in Guatemala City and find them groping and needing direction.

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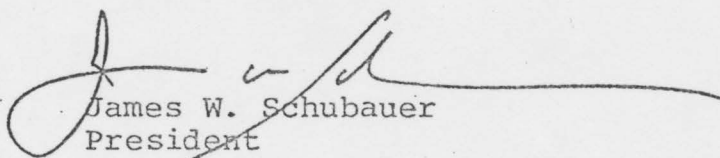


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S/S# 7610731

Date June 16, 1976

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Brent Scowcroft
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: Vice President FROM: James W. Schubauer
DATE: May 17, 1976 SUBJECT: Guatemala earthquake
victims

WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: May 24, 1976 NSC# 7603003
(if any)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- ☒ A draft reply is attached.
☐ A draft reply will be forwarded.
☐ A translation is attached.
☐ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
☐ We believe no response is necessary for the
reason cited below.
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REMARKS:



R.I. Mammone
George S. Springsteen
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Date: May 24, 1976
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: Jeanne Davis

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Date: May 20, 1976

Subject: Relief to Guatemalan Earthquake victims

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Charlotte D. Agoston
for Jeanne W. Davis
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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTONACTIONMemo No. 607-76
May 20, 1976

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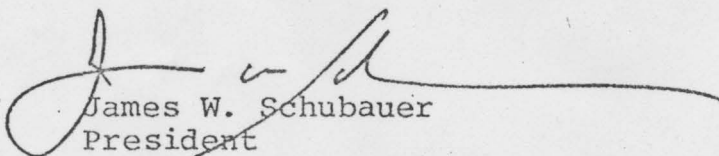
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SUBJECT: Ack ltr to VP fm James Schubauer re
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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July 22, 1976

TO: JON HOWE

FROM: JEANNE W. DAVIS *WJD*

REFERENCE:

To: Vice President

Date: May 17, 1976

From: James W. Schubauer

Subject: Guatemala Earthquake

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A draft is attached at Tab A. The incoming letter is attached at Tab B.

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Sincerely,

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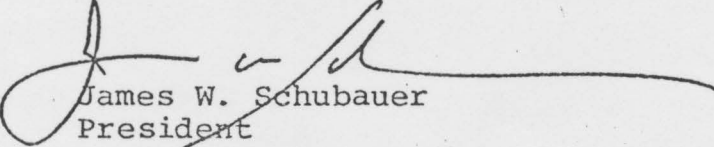
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November 10, 1976

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DUE DATE: 11/8/76

COMMENTS:

Andy Gordon
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GUATEMALA S.O.S. FOUNDATION,

in grateful recognition for the valuable assistance which, through our means, was offered the people of Guatemala during the tragedy caused by the February 4th, 1976 earthquake.

•On behalf of the People, the Government, and the Consulate General of Guatemala, and of our own Foundation, we declare

AMIGO DE GUATEMALA

A.E. Gerald Ford

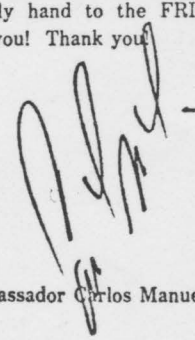
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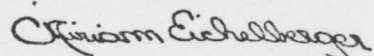
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•Thanks to you and our efforts, the tragedy has not defeated us. We are inspired by your generosity and we are strong. We are hard at work, emerging from rubble, pain, and death, with pride and willingness to sweat and work, and with a smile in our hearts we extend our brotherly hand to the FRIENDS OF GUATEMALA, to tell them with overwhelming emotion, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Houston, Texas, June of 1976




Ambassador Carlos Manuel Pellecer


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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/29/76

TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT



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Robert D. Linder

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FROM (Name, office symbol or location) <i>NSC/S</i>		DATE <i>10/30</i> PHONE

GUATEMALA S.O.S. FOUNDATION,

in grateful recognition for the valuable assistance which, through our means, was offered the people of Guatemala during the tragedy caused by the February 4th, 1976 earthquake.

•On behalf of the People, the Government, and the Consulate General of Guatemala, and of our own Foundation, we declare

AMIGO DE GUATEMALA

H.E. Gerald Ford

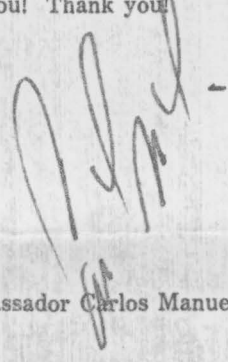


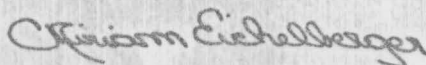
•We would like to explain that the opportune assistance you gave us during truly dramatic moments, we properly used, for we wanted to respond with dignity to the trust you had in us, and to your noble, humanitarian, and constant efforts on behalf of Guatemala.

•According to ancient documents, and even more ancient traditions, the people of Guatemala (Maya-Quitze) was founded by four legendary Men-Tiger Chieftains: Balam-Quitze (the tiger with a kind smile), Balam-Akab (the tiger Lord of the Night), Mahuh-Kutah (the one who had no descendants), and Iq-Balam (the tiger Lord of the Moon); perhaps for this reason, Guatemalans, faithful to their origin, have always faced with pride and a fighting spirit every adversity. The February 4th, 1976 earthquake was not an exception. Nature did not succeed in humiliating us. This time, thanks to the encouragement of the whole world who came to us with assistance, immediately the people of Guatemala began to work. We set out to reconstruct our homes with great zeal, taking advantage of our own resources and the international aid that keeps on arriving in our country. Truly, this is the best way to honor and recognize our FRIENDS OF GUATEMALA and to express our appreciation with dignity and integrity for the humanitarian feelings of solidarity and love with which we Guatemalans have been blessed thanks to the American People, Corporations, Companies, Institutions, and persons like yourselves. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude.

•Thanks to you and our efforts, the tragedy has not defeated us. We are inspired by your generosity and we are strong. We are hard at work, emerging from rubble, pain, and death, with pride and willingness to sweat and work, and with a smile in our hearts we extend our brotherly hand to the FRIENDS OF GUATEMALA, to tell them with overwhelming emotion, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Houston, Texas, June of 1976


Ambassador Carlos Manuel Pellecer


Vice-Consul Miriam L. Eichelberger



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SUBJECT: amb of Guatemala foods certificate declaring Pres
arigo de Guatemala and thanking him for emergency assistance

INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION

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ACTION REQUIRED

MEMO FOR SCOWCROFT. ()

MEMO FOR PRES. ()

REPLY FOR _____ ()

APPROPRIATE ACTION. ()

MEMO _____ TO _____ ()

RECOMMENDATIONS. ()

JOINT MEMO. ()

REFER TO _____ FOR: _____ ()

ANY ACTION NECESSARY?. ()

CONCURRENCE. ()

DUE DATE: _____

COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)

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