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THE WORLD BANK INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 30, 1986

TO: FILES

FROM: Katherine Marshall, Division Chief, LC2PB

EXT.: 76282

UBJECT: BOLIVIA - 1986 Annual Meetings -- Meeting with Mr. Conable

1. The Bolivian delegation met with Mr. Conable for about a half hour on September 28. The meeting was arranged the previous day at the request of the Finance Minister. Attending were Juan Cariaga, Minister of Finance, Fernando Illanes, Ambassador to the US, and Luis Paz, Counsellor Bolivian Embassy; Bank representatives were Messrs. Conable, Gue, Sam and Ms. Marshall.

2. The Minister of Finance emphasized Bolivia's desperate plight, noting its severe economic crisis, worsened by the collapse of prices of Bolivia's main exports. Bolivia needs \$500 million a year financing for ten years to become what it was 10 years ago. The challenge is to reinvent Bolivia. To do this the Government has taken very strong stands. The major elements of the program are free prices and fiscal reform. Mr. Conable stressed his awareness of the heroic efforts the Government was made and the harsh international environment. The Minister and Mr. Conable emphasized the role of the Consultative Group meeting as a vehicle for mobilizing international support.

The Minister stated that, although such effort had been made, 3. Bank assistance after 14 months (that is, since the Government took office) has not materialized in tangible terms. The discussion turned to the Reconstruction Import Credit, approved in May but not yet effective, to which the Minister was essentially alluding. We noted that obstacles to credit effectiveness were administrative and legal requirements which both the Government and Bank staff hoped could be met within a week. Thereafter speed of implementation would depend on progress by the various Bolivian agencies involved. Mr. Conable said he could make no promises on future IDA funds given the many demands; he said that we recognize that Bolivia's claim for more resources is a strong one. Mr. Gue emphasized that progress in implementing the ongoing Reconstruction Import Credit (RIC) will have a major bearing on how quickly we can advance with the next operation. The concluding comment was that the delegation had no complaint on Bank assistance but that Bolivia's situation is a true emergency and requires strong and rapid support.

4. The US bridge loan of \$100 million to Bolivia was discussed. This loan agreement sets a deadline of October 31 for the IMF to recommend to their Board approval of a CFF and an SAF. The delegation said that CFF had been negotiated and would go to the Fund Board on November 14. Approval of a SAF, however, is less advanced as it requires prior Bank Board discussion of the Policy Framework Paper. Since we have not yet launched the formal process of discussing this paper, the deadline cannot be met. Mr. Gue emphasized the need to advance quickly with preparation of a medium-term framework, which will also provide the basis for the Consultative Group discussions. We indicated that we hoped to be able to discuss the Policy Framework Paper with the Government in late October. Mr. Conable said he would be willing to talk with Secretary Baker, seeking a postponement of the deadline. The delegation agreed that this would be helpful.

cc: Messrs. Stern, SVPOP; Sam, EXC; Knox, Pfeffermann, Quijano, LCNVP; Gue, Nankani, Carter, LC2DR; Picciotto, LCPDR; Mendoza, Res. Rep.; Lysy, PBDCP; Zea, Ms. Javier, LC2PB

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La Paz, 16 de septiembre de 1983

Señor A. W. Clausen Presidente Banco Mundial Washington D.C. 20433 U.S.A.

Señor Presidente:

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Me es grato dar respuesta a su atenta nota de fecha 7 de septiembre de 1983, por la cual me hace llegar sus congratulaciones por mi designación de Gobernador de Bolivia ante la Junta de Gobernadores del Banco Mundial.

Expresiones que en esta oportunidad agradezco en alto grado y que espero reiterarlas personalmente a usted señor Presidente, así como a sus Directores Ejecutivos, durante mi próxima visita a Washington a fin de estrechar aún mas las cordiales relacio nes entre mi país y la entidad a su cargo.

Cordialmente,

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MINISTRO DE FINANZAS

September 7, 1983

Dear Mr. Minister:

It is indeed good to know that you have been appointed Governor for Bolivia on the Board of Governors of The World Bank. Congratulations!

The Executive Directors, Officers and Staff join me in extending to you a warm welcome. We look forward to your participation in the affairs of the Bank.

On a personal note, I hope to have the opportunity of greeting you here in Washington at the time of the Annual Meetings.

Sincerely,

Su Excelencia Senor Lic. Fernando Baptista Gumucio Ministro de Finanzas Calle Bolivar La Paz Bolivia

cc: Mr. Zalduendo Mr. Lerdau Mr. D. Adams

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REMARKS:

The attached is in response to Mr. Hardy's telex to Mr. Clausen of April 25, 1983. Mr. Ayub, our Resident Representative in Bolivia, had already written a letter to Mr. Hardy in which he addressed the issues mentioned in Mr. Hardy's first telex to Mr. Clausen of March 31, 1983.

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BOLIVIAN WILDLIFE SOCIETY

WITH THE BOLIVIAN DELEGATION AT THE

INTERNATIONAL ENDANGERED SPECIES CONFERENCE

GABORONE BOTSWANA

REF: MY TELEX VDW2103 OF 31MAR83 RE ULLA ULLA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT 1. I HAVE JUST VISITED BOLIVIA AGAIN AND FOUND MATTERS WORSE THAN 1 ORIGINALLY ASSESSED THEM.

2. PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE FOR BOTSWANA THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF SENATORS, DR JULIO GARRETT, HANDED ME CONFIDENTIAL COPY OF SENATE MINUTE MC195-83 OF OG APRIL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, DR HERNAN SILES ZUAZO, IN WHICH THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF PROPERTIES 'HUACULLANI', INGAVI PROJECT (WORLD BANK), 'ULLA ULLA' (NATIONAL PARK - WORLD BANK + EEC), 'CAPIRI', 'SAN JORGE DE HILATA', 'HUANCA-ROMA' (NATIONAL VICUNA REFUGE) AND 'MIRAFLORES' IS DECALRED AS BEING CONTRARY TO ARTICLE 22 OF THE CONSTITUTION.

3. YOU WILL NOTE THAT YOUR INGAVI SHEEP PROJECT ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN 'TAKEN OVER'.

4. I DISCUSSED 'ULLA ULLA' WITH MAHMOOD AYUB WHO TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY THE NEW (LA PAZ BASED) GENERAL MANAGER OF INFOL THAT ALL WAS EXAGERRATED AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE OF POLICY. HOWEVER REPORTS FROM THE FIELD INDICATE THAT HE IS NOT IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION.

5. 'HUANCAROMA', A PRIVATELY OWNED DAIRY AND SHEEP FARM BELONGING TO ONE JORGE RODRIGUEZ BALANZAS, WAS 'TAKEN OVER' BY DISSIDENTS WHO ARRIVED, I AM TOLD ON GOOD AUTHORITY, IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TRUCKS WITH THEIR CATTLE AND DOGS. THE DOGS KILLED 50 (OF THE 300) WHRTUALLY TAME VICUNA IN THE 'RESERVE' ON THE FIRST DAY, WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE IS NOT KNOWN AS THE FARM/REFUGE HAS BEEN SEALED OFF AND NOBODY IS ALLOWED IN LEAST OF ALL THE OWNER AND HIS MANAGER.
6. 'EL DIARIO' OF 13 MARCH 1983 CARRIED A REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PREFECT OF LADISLAD CABRERO PROVINCE DENGUNCED THE ARMY COMMANDER OF THE 2ND DIVISION FOR THE EXTERMINATION OF 'HUNDREDS' OF VICUNA IN THE AREA WHICH SHOULD INDICATE TO YOU THAT ALL IS NOT UNDER CONTROL.
7. THE 'PATACAMAYA' EXPERIMENTAL STATION, WHICH IS ALSO ADMINISTERED BY INFOL, TO WHICH 32 VICUNA HAD BEEN SENT FROM HUANCAROMA, HAS BEEN ORDERED CLOSED BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE FATE OF THE VICUNA IS NOT KNOWN.

8. IT IS (CUBA ORIENTATED) MINISTER, ZENON BARRIENTOS, WHO SEEMS TO BE THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM AS HE IS, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, EN-COURAGING THE DISSIDENT CAMPESINOS TO TAKE OVER DEVELOPED PROPERTIES. HE HAS ALREADY BEEN CENSURED BY THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AND UNDER BOLIVIAN LAW SHOULD HAVE ACCORDINGLY RESIGNED. THIS HE REFUSES TO DO AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HAS NOT SEEN FIT TO DISMISS HIM. 9. MANY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANISATIONS AT THIS CONFERENCE ARE SHOCKED BY MY REPORT AND HAVE PROMISED THEIR SUPPORT.

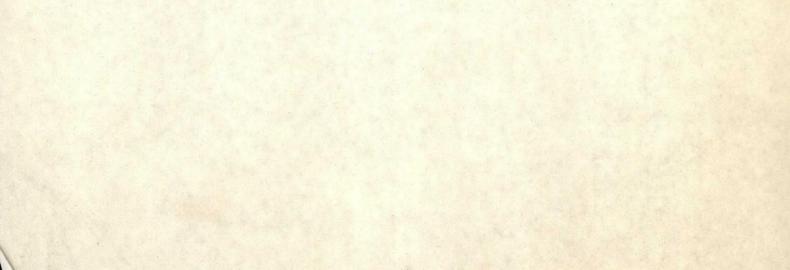
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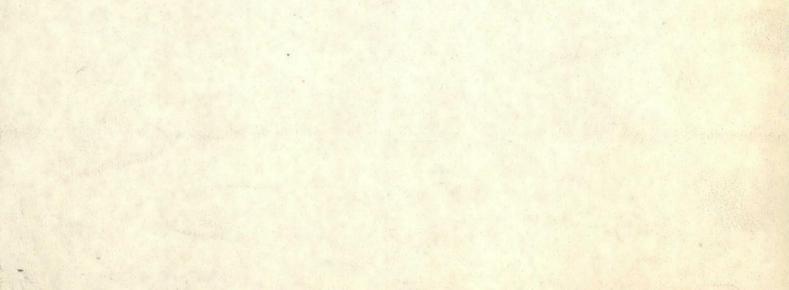
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November 22, 1982

Dear Mr. President:

I am very pleased to answer your letter dated on the 26th of last month, in which you convey your compliance and congratulations for having been appointed to the Board of Governors of the World Bank as alternate Governor for Bolivia.

At the same time, let me express my gratitude to the Executive Directors, Officers and Staff.

Wishing to have the pleasure of meeting you in the near future, I remain.

Sincerely yours, autas LIC. LUIS A. VISCARRA CRUZ PRESIDENTE

Mr. A. E. Clausen President world Bank Washington, D.C. 20433 U. S. A.

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