

Conversation No. 735-1  
 Date: June 15, 1972  
 Time: 10:31 am-12:10 pm  
 Location: Oval Office

The President met with Luis Echeverria Alvarez, Alexander M. Haig, Jr. and Donald F. Barnes.

[Ronald L. Ziegler, members of the press and the White House photographer were present at the beginning of the meeting.]

Seating

- Photographs

Introductions

- Ziegler

Photographs

Movies

- Mexico

Camp David

Introductions

- Number of people
  - Chicago
  - Washington

US-Mexican relations

- Present meeting
  - Importance
    - The President's view
- Henry A. Kissinger
  - Travel schedule
    - Future consultations
      - People's Republic of China [PRC]
      - Mexico City visit
      - Japan
      - European countries
      - Canada
      - Echeverria's response
        - Previous meeting with Kissinger
- Water salinity problem
  - Resolution
    - Echeverria's visits to the Mexicali Valley
      - California
      - Arizona
  - 1944 agreement between US and Mexico
    - Nelson A. Rockefeller
    - Coverage
  - Source of water

- Wells
  - Age of water
- Colorado River
  - Irrigation
  - Recycling
- Relationship between Kissinger and Mexico's Foreign Secretary [Emilio Rabasa Mishkin]
  - Resolution of salination problem
    - California and Arizona
  - Indication of upcoming problems for Mexico and Latin American countries
- Water distribution
  - Mexican and American farmers
- Quality and quantity of water
  - Mexico's willingness to alleviate problems
    - California
- Possible wording of statement
- Meeting between Mishkin and Kissinger
  - Recapitulation of the conversation
    - Solutions
      - Water treatment
      - 1944 agreement
      - Colorado River
      - Water treatment 1944 agreement
        - Imperial Dam
- Water quality and quantity problem
  - Complexity
  - Echeverria
  - Water quality
  - Commissioner
  - Solution
    - Echeverria
    - The President
  - Visiting intermediaries in Mexico
    - Reactions to water problem
  - Baja, California
  - Mohawk River
  - Colorado River
  - Echeverria's role
  - Nixon's role
  - Kissinger
    - Improvement of water quality
    - Importance of technical matters
- Mexican interest in water treatment problem
  - Latin America's interest
  - Kissinger
  - William P. Rogers
- Water usage in Mexico and US
  - Arizona and California
- American Congressional reactions
  - Arizona and California

- Interest of US farmers
- Approval of the President's executive actions
- Sensitivity of issue

An unknown man entered at an unknown time after 10:31 am.

The Mexican President's schedule

- Joint session of Congress
- Blair House
- Mrs. Echeverria
- The President's schedule

The unknown man left at an unknown time before 11:56 am.

US foreign policies

- Leonid I. Brezhnev
  - US-Soviet Union relationship
  - Negotiations
- Water treatment problem between US and Mexico
  - Possible statement by the President
    - Congressional reactions
    - Personal commitment by the President
  - Mexico expectations
    - Mexican citizens in US
    - Technical problem
    - Water quality
  - Possible statement by the President
  - Resolution
    - Timing
  - Gustavo Diaz Ordaz
    - Previous meeting with the President
      - Salinity
        - Oaxaca Dam
        - Puerto Vallarta
        - San Diego
        - State Department
  - Presidential level of action
  - Second meeting between the President and Echeverria
    - Statement
      - Water quality
      - Water treatment technical study
  - Kissinger and Haig
    - Forthcoming meeting with Mexico's Foreign Secretary
      - Wording for possible statement
    - State Department involvement
      - Rogers
      - White House position
  - Solution
    - The President's commitments
    - Echeverria's view
  - Significance of Mexican border to US

- Echeverria
- Latin America

#### Echeverria's schedule

- Joint session of Congress
  - Third World policy
    - Latin America
      - Fidel Castro

#### Cuba

- Relationship with Soviet Union
  - Echeverria's view
- US interests in relation to Cuba
  - Caribbean
  - Latin America
- Influence
  - US resistance
  - US attitudes
  - Latin America
- Castro
- Comparison with European countries

#### Latin American problems

- Population growth
- Unemployment
- Communism
  - Social tensions
- Possible solutions
  - Echeverria's schedule in US
    - Meeting with US business leaders
    - Rockefeller
- Mexico's role
- Private investment
  - Echeverria's address to business leaders
  - Technology
  - Employment
- Economic development
  - Mexican business leaders
  - Importance
  - Trade
- US-Mexican relations
- Brazil
  - Popular interest in Soviet Union
- Struggle between capitalism and communism
- Echeverria's dinner with US business leaders
  - Expropriations
    - US business leaders' concerns
    - Effect on investment
- The President's conversation with US businessman
  - Mexico and Brazil
    - Financial climate

- Necessity for stability
  - Mexico as model for Latin America
    - Freedom of speech and press
    - Elections
    - Mixed economy
      - Importance of US investment
        - Effect
  - Necessity for private investment
    - Social disorder
    - Minorities in the US
    - US interests in solutions

#### The President's meetings in the Soviet Union and PRC

- Results
  - Echeverria's view

#### Latin America

- Mexico's role
  - Importance
  - Echeverria's role
- Haig and Kissinger
  - Salinity problem

#### Demonstration in San Antonio, Texas

- Mexican political prisoners
- Angela Davis efforts
- Cuban and Chilean involvement
- Chicanos
- University of California groups
  - Attacks on Mexico

#### Latin America's future

- Dictatorships
- Need for private investment
- Threat of communism
- The President's August 15 announcement
  - Economic statement
  - President of Anaconda Copper Company
    - Visit to Mexico
      - Investment in Mexico
- Lack of technology and capital
- Overpopulation
- Soviet and Chinese communist propaganda
- Need for private investment
  - Role of Latin American governments
- Echeverria's conversation with Salvador Allende Gossens
  - Investment problems in Chile
- Possible socialist dictatorship
  - Investment programs
  - Castro
  - Need for long term planning

- Soviet propaganda
- US prosperity
- Need for new US policy
- Echeverria's forthcoming meeting with US businessmen
  - Latin America
    - Compared with Mexico
    - Brazil
    - The President's view
  - Communism
  - US future investments
    - The President's view
    - Instability
    - Expropriation
    - Partnership with local interests
  - Communism
  - Echeverria's possible statements
    - The President's view
    - Stability
    - Business policy
    - Partnership
- Need for US investment
  - Unemployment
  - Results
  - Instability
  - Echeverria's role in Latin America
    - Latin Americans' responsibility
- Allende
  - Flight of foreign capital from Chile
  - Latin American business opportunities
    - Rockefeller
    - Comparison to other parts of the world
      - Indonesia
      - Thailand
      - Africa
    - Mexico as example
  - Instability, expropriation
    - Effect on investment
- Echeverria's forthcoming meeting with businessmen
  - The President's support for investment
  - Cuba
  - Chile
- Mexico's role of leadership
  - Castro

#### US-Mexican relations

- Echeverria's forthcoming speech to US Congress
  - Salinity of water in Mexico
    - Bilateral relations
  - The President's meeting

Kissinger entered at 11:56 am.

## Kissinger's briefing of Congress

### US-Mexican relations

- Instructions for Kissinger
  - Salinity of water
    - Public statement
      - The President's policy
      - Deadline for settlement
  - Memorandum from Foreign Minister
  - Farmers
    - Arizona, California
    - Baja, California

### Echeverria's forthcoming speech to US Congress

- Illegal immigrants
  - Discussion
    - The President's meeting with Echeverria
- The President's schedule
  - Forthcoming meeting with the President

### US-Mexican relations

- Illegal immigrants
  - Working conditions in US
    - Study commission
  - Numbers in US
  - US farmers
    - Labor force
  - Location
    - Cities
      - California, Texas
      - Midwest
      - Chicago
  - Attitude of Chicano groups in US
    - Political activities
  - Working conditions in US
- Kissinger's schedule
  - Trip to Mexico
    - Acapulco
    - Briefing of Echeverria

### Latin America

- Activities of Soviet Union and PRC
  - Chile, Argentina, Mexico
  - Impact on US
  - Cuban precedent
  - Military dictatorships
  - Effects on US
  - Cuba
    - Military dictatorships
    - Subsidies to youth groups

-Echeverria's view

Echeverria's schedule

- Forthcoming speech to Congress
- White House dinner
- Forthcoming meeting with the President

The President, Echeverria, Haig, Barnes and Kissinger left at 12:10 pm.