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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Peter Bourne *P.B.*

SUBJECT: 3:45 P.M. Meeting, June 20, 1977, Cabinet Room

I. Purpose

To review the narcotics environment in Colombia and explore ways to improve Government of Colombia efforts to combat the problem.

II. Background, Participants, Press

- a. Background -- Colombia is a major producing and transit country for cocaine and marihuana destined for the United States. Additionally, field reports indicate experimental cultivation of opium poppies in the last few weeks. During the First Lady's recent trip to Latin America, including Colombia, she discussed the U.S. concern over the drug abuse problem and our desire to work jointly with the nations of the world to combat it. Colombia has been a particular problem noted principally by the lack of government effort in controlling narcotics and widespread corruption.
- b. Our own efforts in Colombia have been hampered by an ongoing conflict between CIA and DEA over the collection of intelligence data. This should be discussed.
- c. Participants -- Peter Bourne (ODAP)  
Seymour Bolten (ODAP)  
Joseph Linneman (ODAP)  
Peter Bensinger (Drug Enforcement Administration)  
Mathea Falco (State Department)  
Peter Flaherty (Justice)  
Robert Pastor (National Security Council)  
E. Henry Knoche (CIA)

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III. Talking Points

- What pressures can we bring to bear and what sanctions can we reasonably take against the Colombian government.
- What guarantees should we extract from the President of Colombia before releasing helicopters and other support.
- What additional steps can we take in better coordinating our own interagency policy in this area.

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