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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK FLETCHER STAFF SECRETARY (255-7052) +
+ BY: 12:00 Wednesday, 1/16/79 +

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STAFF RESPONSE: ( ) I CONCUR. ( ) NO COMMENT. ( ) HOLD.

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no plans should be made for the PC's attendance at a follow-up conf especially on a campaign trip —
MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 12, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: ZBIG NIEW BRZEZINSKI
SUBJECT: Caribbean Partnership: The First Day

In a single day, you have succeeded in mobilizing a major national effort to improve the relationships between the people of the U.S. and the people of Central America. In addition to enthusiastic comments from the 45 leaders who participated in the meeting, you have received letters from Bill Rogers and Roger Stone (Center for Inter-American Relations in New York), expressing full endorsement for your idea and exuberant messages from a large number of people, including Rosie Grier who has put us in touch with an Olympic athlete who wants to help. It is also clear that many of those who had already planned activities in the area will be injecting a new dimension and a new attitude.

Everyone with whom we spoke was impressed by your sensitivity to the region and to your sincerity in wanting a private, non-political effort. Everyone believes the moment is right for the idea.

In addition to your meeting with the group, Bob Pastor organized a full day of meetings for Bob Graham. Graham established an advisory steering group to help him identify specific objectives, an action plan, and a recommended organization. Graham accepted Bob West's extraordinary offer to use the existing Committee on the Caribbean (staff, funds, office space, contacts with contributors and people in the Caribbean) as the nucleus for the broader effort. This means that the new group can begin immediately, without worrying about start-up costs. Bob Pastor is working out the details with the Committee Staff.

Bob Graham would like to send four teams down to the area during the next month-and-a-half and field an agricultural conference in Florida, which would involve black land grant colleges and agriculture ministers from Caribbean countries. Then, building on those experiences, they will try to multiply their impact at a large conference to launch the new group on March 1. You may be in Florida then for campaigning; perhaps we can have the Conference there.

We are drafting a letter from Graham to all the participants urging them to think of ways to contribute to this national effort by multiplying their impact.
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I agree with Phil's comments.

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