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WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON 20220

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

February 16, 1980

From: G. William Miller *file*

JIM MCINTIRE *No objection*

PHIL WISE *concur*

Subject: Commemoration of the IDB's Twentieth Anniversary

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Recommendations:

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

2. That you hold a brief White House signing ceremony for issuing the proclamation.

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ID 801096

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*McIntyre  
White  
action-Nichols  
Harris*

DATE: 19 FEB 80

FOR ACTION: ZBIG BRZEZINSKI  
FRAN VOORDE

JIM MCINTYRE  
PHIL WISE

INFO ONLY: FRANK MOORE RICK HERTZBERG

SUBJECT: MILLER MEMO RE COMMEMORATION OF THE IDB'S TWENTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY

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+ RESPONSE DUE TO RICK HUTCHESON STAFF SECRETARY (456-7052) +  
+ BY: 1200 PM THURSDAY 21 FEB 80 +  
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ACTION REQUESTED: YOUR COMMENTS

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

PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

2/20/80

OMB has no objection to the issuance of the proposed proclamation. We have requested Treasury to provide us with an appropriate draft proclamation, which we will process to the White House office.

*Nichols*  
William M. Nichols  
for James T. McIntyre, Jr.

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for Preservation Purposes**

CC:  
Messrs. McIntyre, White and Harris



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PLEASE NOTE OTHER COMMENTS BELOW:

*We've already scheduled these days. Given the other matters requiring Presidential time I can't recommend him doing it -*

## MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 21, 1980

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY OWEN ~~W~~

SUBJECT: The 20th Anniversary of the Inter-American Development Bank

I strongly concur in Bill Miller's recommendation that you commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) by a brief White House ceremony and a Presidential proclamation for two reasons:

1. The IDB is largely our creation, and we remain its most important contributor. During the last 20 years, it has lent more than \$16 billion and generated more than \$60 billion of investment in Latin America; I believe it has done more than any other institution or country to create jobs and promote development in this hemisphere. For these reasons, we ought to honor its 20th Anniversary.

2. Presidential attention to the IDB in the presence of those Congressmen and Senators who continue to hold up action on last year's authorizations and appropriations bills for the multilateral development banks might help to push these bills through.

If you approve a brief White House ceremony (15 minutes), we will prepare talking points and a proclamation and identify those members of Congress whose support we need for the MDB legislation.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve a brief White House ceremony where you will sign a proclamation commemorating the IDB's 20th Anniversary.

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_