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Report on: United States Visit of:
Captain Vladimiro MONTEFINOS Torres,
from Lima, Peru.

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Professional Aspects of the Visit

The visitor, Captain Vladimiro Montesinos, from Lima, Peru began on Sunday, September 5, 1976, in Washington D.C. Mr. Montesinos, Aide to the Prime Minister of Peru, Gen. Arbulu, was met at the airport by Mr. Theodore Herrera, Staff Interpreter, since the following Monday was Labor Day, Mr. Herrera took the visitor on a sight-seeing tour.

The official program arranged by Mr. John Fosdick, V.P.S. Program Officer, began with a formal talk and luncheon with the Planning Officer of the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs, Mr. Richard Barnaby and the Peruvian Desk Officer, Mr. Cleveland Fuller.

Captain Montesinos met also with Dr. Luigi Einaudi, and Fred Rondon, former Peruvian Desk Officer, both of whom had talked with Mr. Montesinos previously in Peru.

Captain Montesinos was highly interested in United States-Peruvian relations and policy planning and these meetings proved to be of great professional value, as were also the talks with Riordan Roett, Director of Latin American Studies at the John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and Mr David Lazar of the National Security Council.

The visitor's meetings with Dr. Colin Bradford, Legislative Assistant for Senator Chiles and Ms. Sarah Jackson, International Economist of the Joint Economic Committee of the Congress, were of particular significance because Captain Montesinos had heretofore not been able to comprehend the reasons behind United States policies with regard to the sale of arms to Latin American nations.



Captain Montesinos also had several talks with members of the Office of Current Intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency, and with members of the U.S. Army's Office of International Security Affairs of the Department of Defense. Of particular significance was his exchange of views with Major General Cavazos, the Director of the Inter-American region.

After some shopping and more sightseeing in the Washington Area, Mr Montesinos went to New Haven, Connecticut, for a private visit with Dr. Alfred Stepan, who had just completed a book on Peru and wanted Captain Montesinos's views and up-dated information on Peruvian politics. After an all-night session with students and Dr. Stepan, Captain Montesinos was given a tour of Yale University on Monday morning, September 13, and from there he took the train to New York where he rejoined this interpreter for the rest of the tour.

In New York Mr Montesinos talked with the Peruvian Ambassador to the United Nations, Amb. Carlos Alzamora, and met with representatives of the Council of the Americas, the Center for Inter-American Relations and with Mr. Abraham Lowenthal of the Council on Foreign Relations.

The next stop on the tour was San Francisco, California, and it included a very full day at the University of Stanford where Mrs. Maria Bun of the Office of Foreign Visitors arranged meetings with Prof. Fagen of the Pol. Science Department, with Prof. Wirth of the Latin American Studies Program, and several graduate students, as well as with Mr. Bun, Mr. Scheid and Mr. Randall, management consultants at the Stanford Research Institute, who kindly invited Mr Montesinos to lunch and gave him a tour of the Institute's facilities.

On Saturday, Sept 18, Mr. Montesinos spent a very fruitful five hours with Dr. Albert Fishlow, on leave from the University of California at Berkeley, talking about Peruvian affairs. Dr. Fishlow had recently been working at the State Department and was involved in the negotiations related to the Peruvian Government's take-over of the Marcona Corporation.

Mr. Montesinos spent the rest of the weekend visiting the San Francisco area, including Santa Cruz, Monterey and Carmel. A visit to the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, was cancelled because Mr. Ronfelt, presently working on special Latin American policy studies was unable to return from Mexico on time for the appointment. Instead, Mr. Montesinos spent a very enjoyable last morning visiting Col. Lodge, Commander ~~of~~ of the Presidio Army Headquarters and touring the museums and Fort Point.

After a long flight to Miami, Mr. Montesinos boarded another plane which was to arrive in Lima on time to allow Mr. Montesinos to get back to his offices and duties as a special Aide and advisor to the Prime Minister of Peru.

Mr. Montesinos was here on a professional visit and his main interest was to exchange views and ideas with the persons that formulate and help shape U.S.-Peruvian policies and with scholars and consultants in the fields of public administration and political science. His visits with Prof. Roett, Mr. Lowenthal, Prof. Stepan, Mr. Luigi Einaudi and Prof. Fishlow were therefore of significant importance to him and he returned to his country with copious notes (which he carefully reviewed every evening) and a clearer view of this country's policies towards his own, and towards the rest of Latin America.

His visit was too brief and allowed him little time to meet more people and see more of this country, but he accomplished a great deal and hoped to return some day , with his wife, to visit this country some more.

It is this interpreter's belief that Mr. Montesinos returned to Peru with broader insights and a more positive attitude towards the United States and its people. He is a firm friend of the United States, and the results of his visit will accrue benefits to both nations for many years to come.

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PROTS Given the short time available for a visit to the United States, the logistic arrangements made by Mr. Posdick and his assistant of VPS were excellent. The visitor enjoyed walking and he was able to see how busy Manhattan is during business hours.

The Lexington Hotel in New York was a good selection. Its location is excellent and transportation is accessible to all points. The Bedford Hotel in San Francisco is convenient and the rates most reasonable but the plumbing is ancient and noisy.

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