

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman MORGAN. Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Mr. Secretary, in 1959, we established the Inter-American Development Bank. In 1960, the Act of Bogota was approved under the leadership of President Eisenhower. In 1961, the Alliance for Progress was established under President Kennedy.

Do you feel that this is a necessary further step which the present administration must take?

Secretary RUSK. I do, Mr. Chairman. I think that this builds, if I may say so somewhat modestly, upon the very important steps taken by both the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations when they launched the Act of Bogota, and later the Alliance for Progress.

These have been important resources invested in Latin America during these past 6 years, but they have been resources which have evoked a very large Latin American effort. Nevertheless, additional effort is required.

I would think, sir, as I pointed out earlier, that the \$900 million of this billion and a half that we are talking about is, itself, still within the range of the order of magnitudes discussed in connection with the Alliance for Progress, and has indeed been considered by the Congress in its existing authorization legislation.

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. Secretary, would the existing foreign programs, aid programs be modified or reduced as a result of the new operations required under this resolution or the International Development Bank?

Secretary RUSK. I think, Mr. Chairman, that the existing programs of AID—well, we certainly would hope that the existing appropriations for AID and the actions taken with respect to existing AID requests would not be reduced.

I might point out that this additional \$100 million for the Alliance for Progress that we are asking for for fiscal year 1968 is within the President's overall budget, and a budget revision will be submitted to the Congress in order to place that \$100 million from one account into another account, for your consideration.

We would call attention to the fact that the hemisphere is now becoming very conscious of the need to do something bold and dramatic about its agricultural sector and about education, and, as the committee knows, there has been a growing tendency in our own AID programs to put more and more emphasis upon agriculture—particularly the production of food—and the educational factor.

We would hope that that would be continued and that the additional resources that might be made available in connection with this presentation would be heavily aimed in those directions.

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. Secretary, I noticed when you read your statement that you said that under the resolution an additional \$300 million was to be required over a period of the next 5 years, and that for the next fiscal year the necessary funds could be provided within the limitation set forth in last year's Foreign Assistance Act relating to the Alliance for Progress.

Without this resolution—would the President still find it possible to ask for the additional money which may be needed under the present Foreign Assistance Act?

Secretary RUSK. I think, sir, it is quite right that some of this for at least the next 3 years—1967, 1968, and 1969—is covered already by