

tributions to the Inter-American Development Bank and to the programs under the Alliance for Progress.

I would assume that the first paragraph disposed of the importance of making contributions to the Inter-American Development Bank. That language seems to be aimed at that area, and the next to the last paragraph would seem to apply specifically to the Alliance for Progress programs. Yet now you say that the final paragraph refers to all three of those areas.

Secretary RUSK. As I read the resolution—and I might need some advice from my lawyers on this—I read the last paragraph to be in effect a summation of the rest of them.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Well, if it is a summation, I can see how there might be some value in it, but in part at least it is referring to a situation that is so far down the road that, as you have just said, it is impossible to be precise about any figure.

Why should we commit ourselves through this language to support activities which aren't even going to be formulated for a couple of years, and which will not need to be acted upon until 1969 or 1970? Why do we need to strengthen the President's hand with respect to that kind of contingency?

Secretary RUSK. I think one of the points here, Mr. Frelinghuysen, is that our Latin American friends and American businessmen who have been very much interested in economic integration of Latin America feel that it is important for us to express approval and support of the idea of integration in order to support the processes in Latin America by which integration comes about.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. If all you are seeking is an expression on the part of Congress that we think the integration of Latin America is a good idea, we could come up with a resolution that wouldn't look remotely like this one. That would be quite simple, and we might avoid some of the questions that I have been asking about the details here. This language would seem to come mighty close to an actual authorization for something that we cannot yet be in a position to know whether we approve of it or not—at least I would find myself hard put now to authorize funds to establish an integration fund.

I have no reason to oppose a suitable resolution, and I am not trying, as I have said, to cut the President down to size and make it impossible for him to say anything of consequence—of course he should. But we already have substantial language under which he can operate, and there should be no psychological handicap because Congress does not prepare a resolution the day before he leaves for a conference with the heads of state.

Chairman MORGAN. The time of the gentleman from Michigan has expired.

Mr. Selden?

Mr. SELDEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, am I correct in stating that the administration's request for this resolution, accompanied by the President's message, is an effort to spell out to the Congress in advance the plans that our Government has in connection with Latin America for the next 5 years?

Secretary RUSK. That is correct, sir.