

Mr. SELDEN. Am I also correct in stating that the wording of this resolution does not constitute an authorization of funds for any of the programs or projects that are referred to in your statement or in the President's message?

Secretary RUSK. That is correct, sir; we have not asked for authorization in this bill partly because the economic integration of Latin America has not yet taken sufficient form for us to be able to present it for purposes of authorization, partly because a portion of these funds referred to in this bill has already been authorized at least for the next 2 or 3 years.

Mr. SELDEN. Aren't we saying, in effect, in connection with the economic integration of Latin America, that if the Latin American countries go ahead satisfactorily with this program we are willing to cooperate?

Secretary RUSK. That is correct, sir.

Mr. SELDEN. And in your opinion, is this resolution not similar to the resolution that we passed in 1960 in connection with the Bogotá Conference?

Secretary RUSK. That is correct, sir. The one exception there was that there was a specific figure in that resolution, as I recall it.

Mr. SELDEN. And while there is no authorization of funds in the resolution, you are spelling out in your statement as the President's message—and I might add that when I speak in connection with this resolution on the floor I also intend to spell it out—the maximum additional amounts that you feel it will be necessary for our government to spend in Latin America in the next 5 years?

Secretary RUSK. That is correct, sir, and that is to demonstrate that we are not asking for a blank check but, on the other hand, are asking for something more than expressions of general purpose at the highest level.

Mr. SELDEN. Well, let me say, Mr. Secretary, that I for one feel that it is much better to come to the Congress in advance and spell out what the executive branch expects to recommend than it is for the President to go to a conference and make certain commitments which may or may not be approved by the Congress. Consequently I approve the purpose of this resolution and have cosponsored it.

Thank you, sir.

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. Whalley.

Mr. WHALLEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Secretary, does the reference to military expenditures on page 6 infer that Congress should give military assistance to the Latin American countries?

Secretary RUSK. You are referring to my statement, Mr. Whalley?

Mr. WHALLEY. Yes.

Secretary RUSK. No; this is an item which was placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Presidents at Latin American initiative. This particular paragraph is a matter for discussion, but there is nothing in the bill in front of you which asks the Congress to make a decision on that point. That is, in the first instance, a problem for the Latin American countries.

Mr. WHALLEY. On page 5 you say that a Common Market is a goal in Latin America. Would the United States be a member of that market?