

and I think it could not be more clearly defined than by the definition that you have just given to it.

Is it possible under existing conditions to define an authorization request in this matter at the present time?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. Mr. Gallagher, we think it would not be fair to you nor fair to us for us to come in today with an authorization request. We think you have a right to expect more of us than we can give you now. We have to know more about what the Latin American countries are ready and willing to do. We think when we come back we must in good conscience be ready to support with all available evidence the request we make of you, and we don't think we are at that point today, and we have no right making that request until we are at that point.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Thank you very much. I think that is the exact point of the discussion here this morning.

Chairman MORGAN. The gentleman's time has expired.

Mr. Mailliard.

Mr. MAILLIARD. Mr. Chairman, I regret that illness prevented my being here yesterday. I had asked for my time to be postponed slightly in order that I might read the transcript—which I have now done.

I might also say that Mr. Gallagher and Ambassador Linowitz, perhaps better than I could, made the points that I had wanted to make.

As a coauthor of the resolution, Mr. Linowitz, I know, will bear me out that this language wasn't just dreamed up. There was a lot of discussion that went on before it was agreed to.

It was my understanding when I introduced the resolution that it had three purposes, the primary one to give the President an expression of congressional approval of his participating in the summit meeting to support the objectives implicit in the agenda agreed upon at Buenos Aires. That was the first and primary purpose of it.

The frankness of the administration's testimony as to what they contemplate as possible future requests for authorization and appropriation, it seems to me, has turned out to be a stumbling block rather than something they should have gotten credit for, for spelling it out as clearly as is possible under present circumstances—I think we still don't know, having been at Buenos Aires. There are still a lot of questions which must be resolved.

Certainly, as far as I am concerned, the language of the resolution is intended to avoid any specific commitment on dollar amounts by the Congress until the dimensions of the whole matter are better known.

I would also say that I think an authorization at this time would be most unwise, because I doubt we could really justify it until we move a little further down the track and find out what can be agreed upon in more detail than has been arrived at so far.

It seems to me that in practically every one of the operative clauses there is a phrase of one sort or another announcing to our friends in Latin America that while we agree in principle, the amount and the timing of our financial support of the program is heavily dependent upon what specifics they agree to.

Would you be willing to accept that as the administration's understanding as to the purpose of the resolution?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. Completely.