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Mr. William Broyles, Jr. Editor-in-Chief NEWSWEEK 444 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10022

Dear Bill:

I wish to thank you for hosting a breakfast on my behalf at Newsweek on Friday, March 4. I found the conversation useful and hope that it was also helpful to Newsweek.

Having just read your March 14 cover piece, I feel that Newsweek continues to report the problems of Central America from a biased perspective. There is too much focus on seeking to demonstrate what you perceive to be problems with the Administration's credibility and a corresponding lack of attention to the basic cause of instability in the region - namely, the establishment of a Cuban surrogate on the Central American Isthmus. I hope we do not live to regret such coverage in the future.

I would very much welcome the opportunity to pursue this dialogue with Newsweek in the future, and would like to lunch with you privately when I am next in New York.

Better yet, since you have done two cover pieces on Central America, have you considered a trip to the region? We would be delighted to reciprocate your hospitality.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John D. Negroponte Ambassador

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