

set the ground rules, it set some objectives. I think this one will do the same thing. We have a broader number of countries here; cooperation is good. And we've got to talk about how we can do more on the supply and certainly on the demand side, something that we in the United States are very concerned about also.

So, I view this as a very special opportunity to meet with leaders, men who are

doing a good job in their countries and who are determined to whip this narcotics threat just as we are. So I'm looking forward to it.

*Note: The exchange began at 3 p.m. at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.*

## Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With President César Gaviria of Colombia in San Antonio

February 26, 1992

[A question was asked and answered in Spanish.]

Q. How about you, sir? Do you have anything to—

*The President.* Yes.

Q. Same thing?

*The President.* Yes, now that I understand what he is saying.

Q. You're improving your Spanish. [Laughter]

*The President.* I've got Stephanie over here. [Laughter] No, but I agree that it's positive, it will be positive. I will say this to the journalists from Colombia who are here: The respect that we have for what this President is doing and has already done is very, very high. And this is a multilateral meeting; we're meeting with other countries

as well, building on the Cartagena summit, which was the first one. But I'm confident that we will come out with more determination to do better on the demand side, which is largely a United States problem, and to redouble our efforts for coordination on the supply side, drawing largely on the experience and the success of this President that's sitting next to me.

And so, we can't take any more questions because we only have a few minutes to talk here. We're glad you guys are here.

*Note: The exchange began at 3:40 p.m. at the Marriott Rivercenter Hotel. In his remarks, the President referred to Stephanie Van Reigersberg, Director of Language Services.*

## Exchange With Reporters Prior to Discussions With President Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia in San Antonio

February 26, 1992

Q. Mr. President, what do you say to Members of Congress who say your drug war has been a failure?

*The President.* I tell them they don't know what they're talking about. That's what I say. The record is good.

[At this point, one group of journalists left the room, and a second group entered.]

*The President.* I might say with your

countrymen here that we are very respectful of the job you're doing and cooperation, not only in the antinarcotics field but in so many other areas. I'm just delighted to see you again.

Q. Mr. Bush, is the Government of the United States going to support the private industry helping other programs in Bolivia?

*The President.* Well, we think we need