

Unidentified: Three [o'clock]. We'll—he's right here. And it's all [unclear].

Dean Rusk: Yes, you just might want to. . . .

Ball: Just hold on a minute, I'll call you right back.

Rusk: There were several [delegates] without instructions. So they're [OAS ministers] meeting again at three.

It looks like we'll have everybody but an abstention with Mexico on one paragraph, unless we can straighten that out before three. López Mateos is on a plane from Hawaii to his home.¹⁷ But we'll have the resolution, with a large majority, shortly after three.

Severall: Oh, gee, wonderful!

Rusk: They're really rallying around. Bolivia, who had withdrawn from the OAS pending their settlement with Chile, turned up this morning.

Severall: Oh, terrific! Terrific.

Alexis Johnson: Now, we can put the question of the timing of the issuance of the [quarantine] proclamation. I should think that we should be ready . . . issue the proclamation [unclear].

McNamara: At four. I have it right here. It's all cleared by our lawyers. And I believe by your lawyers.

Rusk: Now, what is the . . . ? Privately I've been telling two or three of these fellows in order to . . . that there could be contact this afternoon. Therefore it's very important for us to have this resolution.

McNamara: We would propose having it [the quarantine] at dawn tomorrow.

Bundy: Daylight tomorrow.

Rusk: Yeah, but don't tell them that.

McCone: This will be very important for what we've been talking about [referring to the United Nations].

McNamara: Oh, very important.

Alexis Johnson: If the OAS were to act, it would help the—

McCone: This will relieve our problems here.

Alexis Johnson: The meeting in the Security Council is set for four this afternoon, if they should act—

Rusk: I understand a long TASS statement is on the wire. Have you been getting that in here?

Unidentified: Not yet.

17. Because López Mateos was on a plane returning from his visit to the Philippines, he was unable to approve revised instructions for Mexico's representative at the OAS meeting.