

Carter Mollifies Venezuela Chief On CIA Report

Caracas, Venezuela

A message from President Carter has assuaged the ire of Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez over reports he accepted money from the Central Intelligence Agency.

"The president of the republic considers that the letter puts an end to the incident," Venezuelan Foreign Minister Ramon Escovar Salom said late Tuesday after a meeting between Perez and U.S. Ambassador Viron P. Vaky.

Vaky delivered Carter's message to Perez after four days of sharp criticism by Perez and other Venezuelans of an article in the New York Times which said a number of world leaders, including Perez, had received CIA money.

Escovar Salom said Perez was "very satisfied with the tone" of the message from Carter which reportedly called the newspaper's charges "foundationless and malicious."

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