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November 18 - 22, I spent four days in Panama meeting with my old friend Ricardo de la Espriella Jr., former President of the Republic of Panama.

With Ricardo's assistance I requested an appointment with Archbishop Dimes Cedeño Delgado to explain the work of our Foundation. The very next day I met with Archbishop Cedeño and after 30 minutes we were successful in our effort to introduce the work of our Foundation. He requested that our "John Paul II and the Jews" pamphlet be delivered to every priest and nun in Panama.

The Archbishop offered encouragement for the future with his words, "Let us start with that". He also suggested that I meet with the Auxiliary Bishop Pablo Varela, President of the University Santa Maria la Antigua. I received a telephone call from Bishop Varela in which he told me that he was very interested in establishing the Foundation Program in his country. Unfortunately we were unable to meet in person because he was leaving shortly on a trip.

To ensure ongoing contact with church and political figures in Panama I had a conversation with Luis Pabon who has been my good friend for over four decades. He has been a respected banker and a professor at the above mentioned university for 35 years. Luis agreed to serve as a volunteer delegate for the Foundation in Panama.

The brochures in Spanish are already being printed.

Summary: in a record time, and at no expense to the Foundation, the Foundation is operating in Panama.