

REMARKS
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF
PRESIDENT DIAZ ORDAZ OF MEXICO
ARMY-NAVY CLUB
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Congressmen Had to Secure
Mr. Mrs. Mora
Mrs. Diaz Ordez
See who - ohr Dato
I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND YOUR CHARMING

WIFE, TOGETHER WITH YOUR FAMILY, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF MEXICO OUR
GOOD FRIEND ANTONIO *Carey Flores* CARILL-FLORES, AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS
OF YOUR PARTY. *Your Ambassador to our Country - Margine*

WE ARE GREATLY HONORED TO HAVE WITH US THE PRESIDENT OF THAT
THRIVING MODERN NATION TO THE SOUTH, WHOSE BORDER RUNS WITH OURS
FOR TWO THOUSAND MILES FROM THE CARIBBEAN TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

THIS BORDER HAS NOT MADE US RIVALS FOR POWER IN THIS HEMISPHERE, BUT
GOOD NEIGHBORS.

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MEXICO IS TODAY HIGHLY ESTEEMED THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE
AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BECAUSE IT HAS ACHIEVED A SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC REVOLUTION. IT HAS SUCCEEDED TO A REMARKABLE DEGREE IN
INTEGRATING INTO SOCIETY MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL CLASSES, ALL RACES
AND ALL AREAS OF THE NATION.

LONG BEFORE THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS WAS LAUNCHED IN 1961,
MEXICANS WERE ACTING ON THE PREMISE THAT MAN CAN SHAPE HIS ENVIRONMENT;
THAT RADICAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONDITION OF ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN BE
ACHIEVED THROUGH DELIBERATE SYSTEMATIC POLITICAL ACTION.

MEXICO DEMONSTRATED THAT A GOVERNMENT THAT SUCCEEDS IN
MEETING THE BASIC SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE

~~destructive~~
 PEOPLE NEED NOT FEAR REVOLUTION FROM WITHIN NOR SUBVERSION FROM
 ABROAD. BY SO DOING, MEXICO HAS MANAGED TO ACHIEVE A TRUE
INDEPENDENCE -- WHILE REMAINING A GOOD NEIGHBOR TO THE OTHER NATIONS
 OF THE HEMISPHERE, WHILE PARTICIPATING AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
 INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. ~~she~~ SHE HAS ENJOYED CORRECT RELATIONS WITH ALL,
 BUT IS DEPENDENT ON NONE. ~~ch~~ MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR THESE ACCOMPLISH-
 MENTS IS DUE THE MAN WE HONOR HERE TODAY, ~~President~~ ^{Diaz} ~~ORDAZ~~ ^{OKI-DIAZ}.

MAY OUR TWO COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO SHARE THROUGH THE YEARS
 THE WARMTH OF UNDERSTANDING AND GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT WHICH THE
 FIRST FAMILY OF MEXICO BRINGS TO US TODAY.

I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN DRINKING A TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT OF
 MEXICO.

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