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FROM : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DATE:

SUBJECT: Estimate of Latin American Government  
Participation in INTERAMA

REF : CA-9645, March 29, 1966

## JOINT STATE/COMMERCE MESSAGE

Further to paragraph 3, Part IV of reference, President Johnson on April 1 signed a proclamation inviting foreign countries to take part in INTERAMA.

A copy of this message is enclosed. It should be noted that the invitation to "appropriate foreign countries" is made in conformity with Section 2 (A) of PL 89-355. This reads as follows:

"The President is authorized, by proclamation or in such other manner as he may deem proper, to invite the several States of the United States and foreign countries to take part in Interama, except that no Communist de facto government holding any people in subjugation shall be invited to participate."

The Hon. Anthony B. Akers, former American Ambassador to New Zealand, has been appointed INTERAMA Representative for Latin America. Posts are being informed separately of the timing of his visits to Latin American capitals.

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Enclosure (1)

Copy of Press Release on Presidential Proclamation  
for INTERAMA

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APRIL 1, 1966

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

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THE WHITE HOUSE

INTERAMA

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center (Interama), in Dade County, Florida, plans to provide a permanent international center which will serve as a meeting ground for the governments and industries of the Western Hemisphere and other areas of the world. The facilities and exhibits of Interama will be designed to further broad and continuous exchanges of ideas, persons, and products through cultural, educational, and other exchanges.

The Congress, by Section 2(a) of the Act of February 19, 1966 (Public Law 89-355, 80 Stat. 5), authorized the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the Several States of the United States and certain foreign countries to take part in Interama.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, do, in conformity with that Act, hereby invite the several States of the Union and appropriate foreign countries to take part in Interama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this first day of April in  
the year of our Lord nineteen hundred  
and sixty-six, and of the Inde-  
(SEAL) pendence of the United States of  
America the one hundred and nietieth.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

By the President:

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Secretary of State

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