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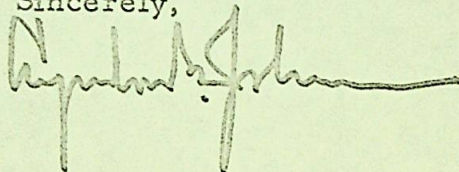
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September 3, 1965

Dear Tap:

At this moment of hope, I want to send you a word of thanks for all that you have done in the hard months since April. I know that this has been a most testing time for you, and you must be in no doubt that you have the full confidence of your Government, and our lasting gratitude for your prompt, courageous and correct advice at the critical moment last April.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Lyndon B. Johnson", written in a cursive style.

Honorable W. Tapley Bennett, Jr.
American Ambassador
Santo Domingo
Dominican Republic