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Dear Ralph:

I was just about to reply to your kind letter of September 18, when this morning's USIS Wireless Bulletin appeared with news of the President's announcement of your appointment as Ambassador to Chile. I am delighted to learn that the definite decision has now been taken. I am sure it is a good thing for both the United States and Chile, and despite the many problems which I know you will be facing, I believe that you will also find it a satisfying experience.

As you doubtless know, I am now expecting a brief consulting visit to Washington -- probably beginning toward the end of next week -- for discussion of the imminent economic negotiations with Brazil. I very much look forward to talking with you at that time. You will have seen my reactions to the Rostow memorandum, which I found quite disappointing. I have done a good deal of internal traveling lately, ranging from the extreme south to the extreme north and also the southwest of this country, and this has made me more concerned than ever that we keep our eye on the medium and long-term as well as the short-term balls. This includes notably the restructuring of the educational system as well as the agrarian reform problem on which the new Government yesterday finally published its complex but extremely interesting proposals.

A warm welcome to the brotherhood. Until next week, with an abraço.

Yours,

Lincoln
Lincoln Gordon
United States Ambassador

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The Honorable
Ralph A. Dungan,
Special Assistant to the President,
The White House.

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