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WASHINGTON

January 22, 1965

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Dear Dr. Sanz:

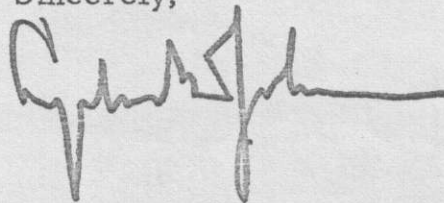
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Sincerely,



The Honorable Dr. Carlos Sanz de Santamaria
Chairman, Inter-American Committee on the
Alliance for Progress
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to letter from Dr. Carlos
Sanz de Santamaria, Chairman,
Inter-American Committee on the
Alliance for Progress

In response to Mr. Valenti's note of January 21
to Mr. Mann, I am enclosing a draft letter to Dr.
Carlos Sanz de Santamaria for the President's signa-
ture.

A copy of the draft reply has been sent
directly to Mr. Valenti.

J. J. de Martin for
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Draft reply.
2. Copy of letter from
Dr. Sanz
3. Note to Mr. Valenti
from Mr. Mann.

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January 21, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR JACK VALENTI

I attach a draft letter which I believe would be suitable for the President to send to Sanz de Santamaría in reply to his letter of January 20.

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Thomas C. Mann

Attachment

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to James Thompson
draft of acknowledgment
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January 20, 1965

Mr. President:

On this historic day which marks your inauguration as the thirty-sixth President of the United States of America--a day of momentous importance to the world and to the free republics of this hemisphere--I wish to convey to you, on behalf of the members of CIAP and in my own name, our heartiest congratulations and very best wishes for your success.

No occasion would be more fitting than this to express to you my deep satisfaction and sincere optimism about the solid links which the Alliance for Progress in forging among the free peoples of this continent and the advances being made in Latin America to bring a better life to our masses. Just four years ago your and our admired American, the late President Kennedy, announced the Alliance, thereby marking a historic turning point in inter-American relations; his words stirred the hopes and dreams of our peoples and inspired their leaders.

We have made progress since then, particularly over the past year, and it is clear that the noble work initiated in 1961 has been carried forward by you with determination, devotion, and conviction. We have come to the threshold of success in our great undertaking, and I am confident that we shall pass that threshold under your administration in the immediate years ahead.

Since assuming my responsibilities as Chairman of CIAP, I have made official visits to all the Latin American countries, except my own, Colombia. During these visits, I have talked extensively to the Presidents and public officials, to business and trade union leaders, to students, professors, journalists, and many others. I have learned both about the positive achievements of the Alliance in each country and about its problems. I have come away with the firm conviction that Latin America is deeply and irrevocably committed to the Charter of Punta del Este, that Latin America is beginning to assume its full share of responsibility in mobilizing its own resources to attain the goals of

The President of the
United States of America
The White House

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the Alliance, and that it regards that undertaking, especially since the creation of CIAP, as the collective and multilateral effort it is meant to be. In this connection it is highly gratifying for me to inform you that, since last year, other industrialized nations and countries in other parts of the world, notably Western Europe, Japan, Canada, and Israel have begun to join us in our efforts to speed the development of the hemisphere.

I firmly believe, Mr. President, that never before in the history of inter-American relations have more solid bonds of friendship and cooperation among our free Republics been fashioned than now; nor has a more enlightened approach to the development of our countries been formulated than that enshrined in the Charter of Punta del Este.

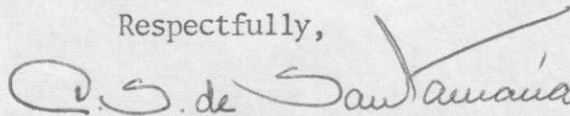
Still, the day on which we may lay aside our task and our struggle to conquer hunger, social injustice and stagnation on this continent is still far off and many complex problems, such as the expansion of Latin America's trade, remain. Nevertheless, with determination, imagination, and good will, I am certain they will be solved progressively.

In this respect, I wish to pay particular tribute to Mr. Thomas Mann and Mr. Walt W. Rostow whose contribution to the quickening rhythm of advance toward our objectives has been a decisive element.

On several recent occasions I have had the privilege of exchanging views with you on these important matters. During these talks you have always shown keen interest and an open mind to new ideas for strengthening the program. Moreover, during our last meeting of CIAP, in October 1964, in Washington, you invited us to meet and discuss with you our progress and problems. That meeting gave us many new insights regarding the work of CIAP and I hope, in accordance with your suggestion last October, that such meetings might be repeated periodically in the future.

As you assume the heavy responsibilities of your office, allow me, Mr. President, to convey to you the expression of my faith in the energetic leadership you are bringing to the advance of the fundamental goals, not only of the American people, but of all mankind: peace freedom, and progress.

Respectfully,



Carlos Sanz de Santamaría
Chairman

Inter-American Committee on
the Alliance for Progress

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NIGHT LETTER January 22, 1965

Miss Hilde Somer, ^X Alliance for Progress Concert Committee ^X
450 West End Ave.
New York 24, N. Y.

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It is a pleasure to extend my greetings to the artists of our hemisphere who are honoring our common endeavors under the Alliance for Progress.

Artists have a special role in interpreting our world and in reminding us that the Great Society we seek must satisfy not only our material needs but also the needs of the human spirit. Essential to that spirit and to the attainment of our goals are the inspirations of our poets and writers, our painters and sculptors, and our musicians.

Tonight at ~~Carnegie Hall~~ you are paying tribute to the Alianza. I am happy to salute your own cultural alliance for progress.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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