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Draft statement for the President

I am inviting the Latin American Ambassadors to the White House on Friday for a luncheon and a review of the Alliance for Progress. I met with the Ambassadors in May and again in July, and had very frank and friendly discussions of the problems in Latin America. The meeting on Friday will be a continuation of these discussions. I am very optimistic about the progress we are making in Latin America through the OAS and CIAP. Events throughout the hemisphere in the last eight months indicate we are having increasing success. But we must keep pressing forward if we are to achieve our goals of economic and social progress in a framework of individual freedom. I want to review the Alliance with the Ambassadors and discuss with them ways in which we may strengthen and improve our effort.

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