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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
and

REPLY OF GENERAL FELIPE RIVERA

On the Occasion of the Visit to the
Executive Offices of the White House of the
Latin-American Chiefs of Staff
October 1, 1940, 12.30 P.M.

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It is very good to see you and I hope that you will see everything without any question, for, as General Marshall will explain, it is a problem that all of us have together, the same problem.

There is one final thing and that is this: If we are all, all the republics are prepared for defense, nobody will attack us.

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GENERAL FELIPE RIVERA:

Mr. President, I have the honor, for myself and for the other delegates of the Latin-American countries here present, to present cordial greetings to you and, at the same time, to assure you of the great pleasure that we have received in accepting this invitation so cordially extended to us by the Chief of Staff of the United States Army.

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MR. KANNEE

(In accordance with his
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FOR THE PRESS

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

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The Chiefs of Staff of the South American nations have a 12.30 appointment this morning. Roberta thinks you better check with Mr. Early as to whether you should be on hand in case the President says anything.

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THE CHIEF OF STAFF

UNITED STATES ARMY



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GENERAL FELIPE RIVERA
Chief of Staff
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL VICTOR ACOSTA
General Staff

COLOMBIA

GENERAL LUIS M. CASTAÑEDA
Chief of Staff
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL ERNESTO BURNIAVENTURA
Chief of Air Corps
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL GERMAN OCAMPO
Superintendent Military Academy
 MAJOR HERNANDO MORA
Consulting Officer 2nd Artillery Battalion

COSTA RICA

COLONEL MANUEL RODRIGUEZ TORA
Deputy Chief of Staff
 COLONEL GUILLERMO GUARDIA MORA
Military Secretary to President

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Commanding Officer Training Center
 MAJOR FRANK FELIX MIRANDA
Consulting Officer Air Corps

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 LIEUTENANT COLONEL ENRIQUE PERALTA
Infantry

HONDURAS

GENERAL LEONIDAS PINEDA
Under Secretary of War
 GENERAL CALESTO CAÑAS

PANAMA

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROGELIO FAHREISA
 CAPTAIN GERMAN LEMM

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COLONEL FELIPE DE LA BARRA
Chief of Staff
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSE M. TAMAYO
General Staff

URUGUAY

INSPECTOR GENERAL MARCELINO BERGALLI
Commanding General of Army
 LIEUTENANT COLONEL OSCAR D. GESTIDO
Director of Military Aeronautics

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- October 1: 9:00 a.m., Sightseeing trip in Washington.
 12:00 Noon, Meet the Chief of Staff U. S. Army and The Honorable The Secretary of War.
 12:30 p.m., Meet the President of the United States.
 1:00 p.m., Luncheon at Pan American Union with Dr. L. S. Rowe.
 2:00 p.m., Trip to Mt. Vernon.
 4:15 p.m., Review at Fort Myer.
 5:00 p.m., Reception by General Marshall at his Quarters.
 8:00 p.m., Dinner by General Marshall at Hotel Mayflower.
- October 2: Leave Bolling Field, Washington, 9:00 a.m.; arrive Langley Field 10:00 a.m.
 All day at Langley and Fort Monroe. Overnight at hotel, Fort Monroe, Virginia.
- October 3: Leave Langley Field, 9:00 a.m. (EST); arrive Atlanta 11:30 a.m. (CST); lunch; arrive Ft. Benning at 2:00 p.m. (CST).
- October 4: At Fort Benning, Georgia.
- October 5: Leave Fort Benning, 9:00 a.m. for lunch at Barkeley Field, Louisiana, at 12:30 p.m. Leave Barkeley Field, at 2:00 p.m.; arrive Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, at 4:30 p.m.
- October 6: At San Antonio, Texas.
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- October 8: Leave San Antonio, 9:00 a.m.; arrive Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 12:00 noon.
- October 9: Leave Fort Sill, 7:00 a.m.; arrive Fort Knox, Kentucky, noon.
- October 10: Leave Fort Knox, 9:00 a.m.; arrive Detroit, Michigan, noon.
- October 11: Leave Detroit, 9:00 a.m. (CST); arrive New York, N. Y., 12:00 noon (EST) LaGuardia Field.
- October 12: Leave New York, 9:00 a.m. by bus; arrive West Point, N. Y. (United States Military Academy) 10:30 a.m.; return to New York, 5:00 p.m.
- October 13: At New York.
- October 14: Leave New York, 9:00 a.m.; arrive Washington, 11:00 a.m.; 5:00-7:00 p.m., Reception by General Miles.
- October 15: Washington.
- October 16: Leave Washington.
- October 17: Arrive Panama Canal Zone.