

United States Ambassador to Costa Rica

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Dear Hector:

Just a short note to let you know that I will be in Texas this week. I have been asked to deliver the commencement address at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos on Friday 27th. I will arrive Thursday afternoon in Austin and spend the night there and then go to San Marcos on Friday morning.

By the way, Carlos McCormick was here for about two days, about two weeks ago. He brought me up to date, more or less, on what is going on in Washington. He was also much concerned with the dissatisfaction in general of the Latin groups throughout the United States. He seems to believe that President Johnson will undoubtedly take some drastic action to correct the situation, however, he does not have the least idea what it will be. I am herewith enclosing a newspaper article that appeared today in one of our local Costarican newspapers about this subject and the reply given by President Johnson to a direct question in this connection.

Before I forget it, in the Newsweek Magazine of May 23rd, there is an article entitled "U.S. Latins on the march". On page 35 of the same article, a section is dedicated to you, which I thought was very interesting. I am sure that you have already seen it, if not, let me know and I will be glad to cut out the article and send it to you.

Provided I can make the necessary arrangements, I hope to go to Washington sometime around the tenth or twelfth of June on AID matters, and hope to be there for about four or five days.

I was just wondering if you had your private meeting with President Johnson as you mentioned in one of your previous letters. If you did, I would be very interested in hearing about it.

About the only other item of interest, is the fact that we just participated in the installation of the new Costarican President on May 8th. It was a very peaceful and democratic function and I believe everybody now has settled down and gone back to their own occupations after a heated campaign of about four months. By the way, how did you like the way the primaries came out in Texas. The battle between Wagoner Carr and John Tower could prove very close and interesting - what do you think?

With best personal regards and good wishes.

Your friend,

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Raymond

Hector, the following quote came from President's press conference on May 21st.
"During the 35-minute meeting with correspondents the President also discussed the nation's economic situation, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, racial unrest in Los Angeles, California, and the possibility of calling a White House conference with leaders of Spanish-speaking American citizens.