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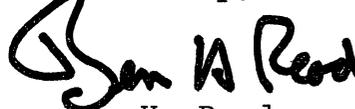
Dear Dr. Garcia:

The President has asked me to respond to your December 13 telegram reiterating your support for the appointment of Ambassador Abelardo Valdez as the next United States Ambassador to Mexico.

The Advisory Board met last Saturday, December 15, to make recommendations to the President for a number of countries. Ambassador Valdez' name was before the Board at that time and his credentials, and your previous strong endorsements, received full review during the Board's deliberations.

The Board's recommendations have now been forwarded to the President, who, after all the necessary procedural formalities are completed, will announce his nominations.

Sincerely,



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