

~~DRAFT OF~~ STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY  
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

June 30, 1966

President Johnson has designated me to represent him and to head the United States delegation at the Presidential Inauguration in the Dominican Republic tomorrow, July 1.

We as Americans can take pride in the part our government played in supporting the Organization of American States during this critical period in the Dominican Republic. The OAS was highly successful in its efforts to help give the Dominican people the opportunity to reaffirm their faith in the principles of representative democracy.

The Dominican people clearly demonstrated that deep faith in the democratic system by the exemplary election which took place on the first of this month.

I look forward to meeting the new President, Dr. Joaquin Balaguer, and to conveying to him President Johnson's congratulations and best wishes.

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You honor my country by your warm welcome here today.

It is my privilege to come as head of the official delegation from the United States and as the personal representative of the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, to celebrate with you the inauguration of Dr. Joaquin Balaguer.

This inauguration of your new President is a triumph for the Dominican people. The victory belongs to you for making democratic elections an effective instrument for expressing your will. The victory belongs also to the leaders of your country, to Dr. Balaguer, to Provisional President Garcia Godoy, to Professor Bosch and to Dr. Bonnelly, for their faithfulness to democratic principles.

As neighbors in the hemisphere, the people of the United States have admired the determination of the Dominican people to govern themselves freely. Tomorrow at the inauguration we will witness the culmination of the first stage of the democratic process, the establishment of a government whose powers are derived from the consent of the governed. We wish the new government well, and we stand ready to cooperate in every appropriate way.

We know--as do your chosen leaders--that ~~formidable~~ *difficult* problems must be faced and solved before the Dominican people can fully enjoy the benefits of a stable peace, of political unity, and of economic and social justice. President Johnson has pledged the cooperation of the United States in mutual efforts under the Alliance for Progress to advance the social and economic well being of the Dominican people.

Our common objective is to help the Dominican people to build for themselves and their children a better ~~and more just~~ life. This beautiful country, known and loved by the discoverer of all the Americas--Christopher Columbus--has had a turbulent and difficult history. But its future remains hopeful. We in the United States support you in your efforts to create <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ free and just democracy in this beautiful Caribbean island.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT

Our brief but exciting visit is almost over and we shall not forget it. We return to the United States with impressions of a people eager and ready to work to build, under the leadership of President Balaguer, a just, free and prosperous nation.

Upon arrival we conveyed to you the readiness of the President of the United States to cooperate with the Dominican Government in its endeavor to help create a better life for all Dominicans. As we depart after these days of celebrating a new beginning, we realize that the task of building to which President Balaguer and the Dominican people are committed is a difficult one. The United States can be counted on to help. We will be a good neighbor and a loyal partner. My Government is dedicated to the Alliance for Progress--the vast, cooperative effort of democratic partners to satisfy the basic needs of all the peoples of the Hemisphere for homes, work and land, health and schools. The beneficiaries of this truly revolutionary program will be our children. I return to the United States with the firm confidence that your country, dedicated to economic and social progress, can and will move forward toward these goals we share.

On behalf of the delegation--and on behalf of the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson--I thank you for the warmth of your hospitality during our stay. I should also like to express my special gratitude to President Balaguer for the friendly visits we enjoyed together and I extend to him every good wish for the success of his government.



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