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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SUGAR QUOTA ALLOCATION

1. I AM INFORMED PRESIDENT BALAGUER HAS SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

"IT PLEASES ME TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN MY OWN NAME AND IN THAT OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT, OUR WARMEST APPRECIATION FOR THE EVIDENCE OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE JUST EXTENDED TO US IN THE ALLOCATING OF AN ADDITIONAL QUOTA OF 132,365 TONS (OF SUGAR) TO THE

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORT WHICH OUR COUNTRY IS TODAY MAKING TO BRING ABOUT ECONOMIC REHABILITATION AND THE RATIONALIZATION OF ITS SUGAR

INDUSTRY. THIS FRIENDLY GESTURE FAITHFULLY IMPLEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION THE SENTIMENTS OF SOLIDARITY WHICH JOIN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, IDENTIFYING THEM IN THE HIGHER IDEAL OF PEACE AND INTER-AMERICAN FRATERNITY. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, TOGETHER WITH THE EVIDENCE OF OUR GRATITUDE, THE ASSURANCES OF OUR MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION."

2. NO INDICATION WERE AS TO WHETHER GODR PLANS PUBLIC RELEASE BUT I AM SURE NO OBJECTION ITS PART IF WHITE HOUSE DESIRES RELEASE TEXT. CRIMMINS
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