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Embassy of the Dominican Republic

Washington

June 10, 1966

Excellency:

In accordance with the express instructions of the His Excellency Dr. Hector Garcia Godoy, Provisional President of the Dominican Republic, I have the honor to request Your Excellency kindly to convey to His Excellency Lyndon B. Johnson the reply of the Chief of State of the Dominican Republic to the congratulatory message from the distinguished Chief of Government of the United States on the occasion of the exemplary general elections recently held in the Dominican Republic, which have restored representative democracy and institutionality in the country.

The text of the message is as follows:

"I have received your kind congratulatory message on the effort achieved to make the transition in my country from the turbulence of civil strife to the calm of free elections.

His Excellency
Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State of the
United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

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"The work of the provisional period was indeed arduous and demanded an enormous amount of patience but it was carried out with the satisfaction that is derived from the accomplishment of a civic duty which was at all times inspired by the conviction that we could count on the support of friendly nations.

"I gratefully accept your kind words on my own behalf and on behalf of the many Dominicans who in a patriotic endeavor sacrificed personal interests in order to make possible the success that has crowned these nine months of struggle."

I avail myself of this opportunity to assure Your Excellency of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

(signed) Marco A. de Pena

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