Mr. Minister, Ingeniero Palavicini, Friends:

I consider it an honor and a privilege to be the guest of the distinguished Minister for Foreign Relations of Mexico, Dr. Padilla, on the occasion when this signal honor is being paid to Ingeniero Palavicini on the anniversary of the 500th broadcast which he has made over the Mexican radio commenting on the developments in the great common struggle in which Mexico and my country and the United Nations are engaged, for the preservation of our liberties and our freedoms, and for the conservation of certain norms of conduct in international relationships.

I wish, first of all, to reiterate my gratitude for the privilege of being here today among those who do honor to Ingeniero Palavicini on this occasion.

Some of the fine qualities possessed by great and useful men are those of courage, clarity of vision, conviction, and complete lack of hesitation in giving expression to these convictions. Only too few are the men who have the courage of their convictions and who are willing to carry them through in action. The distinguished career of Ingeniero Palavicini is the record of a man of courage, clarity of vision, sincere patriotism, deep affection for his country, and of a clear comprehension of international relationships and problems. Throughout his whole life, whether in the field of journalism, politics or diplomacy, or in the broad scope of his writings, Ingeniero Palavicini has expressed his convictions with a clarity of thought and a courage which merit the admiration of his countrymen and of all understanding men in the United Nations.

During the last World War, Ingeniero Palavicini rendered great service to the cause of the Allied Nations. During the present war, in which the victory means our very existence and everything for the future of the world, Ingeniero Palavicini has given this magnificent service to the cause of his country and of the United Nations with a clarity of vision and expression that have served a great and useful purpose.
The broadcasts which he has been making over the radio in so concise, precise and understanding a manner, giving the developments of this great struggle and their background, have been of inestimable value not only to his country but to the cause of the United Nations.

Some of us know what it means in the way of self-sacrifice and effort to carry through such a daily broadcast as this.

For me as the Ambassador of the United States of America in Mexico, and as an American, it is a signal privilege today to join in doing honor to a great Mexican and to a man of great understanding and comprehension, whose services to the cause of his country and of the United Nations cannot be measured in words.

I salute in Ingeniero Palavicini a great Mexican, a great patriot, and one of those who in this disordered world has kept continuously a clear and understanding vision of all the implications of the struggle in which we are engaged.

June 21, 1944.