REMARKS OF GEORGE S. MESSERSMITH, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
TO THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, ON THE EVENING OF JULY FOURTH,
AT NINE-THIRTY O'CLOCK, OVER RADIO LIBERTAD

It is a courteous and generous gesture of Radio
Libertad to arrange this broadcast on the one hundred
and seventieth anniversary of the Independence of the
United States and to afford me this opportunity, so
soon after my arrival in the Argentine Republic, to
say a few words to its radio audience.

In my country we have learned, as the peoples of
so many countries have learned, that the price of
liberty is eternal vigilance and the willingness to
make every sacrifice for the common good. We have
learned that that independence won by us in 1776 and
that won by the Argentine in 1810, and that of our
sister republics in this hemisphere, and that of free
peoples everywhere, can only be preserved if we hold
fast and firm to the basic virtues of our people and
the fundamental ideas of individual freedom
and initiative on which our governments and institutions
and individual life are founded.

We have learned that none of us, no matter how
great or small, can live to ourselves and that the
conservation of our way of life and happiness lies in
the full collaboration of all peace-loving nations.

This and much more I hope we have learned from
the great war just ended, the victory in which assures
us a further opportunity to live in peace and freedom
if we are all adequately wise and farseeing in joining
in the sacrifice and responsibilities that are
essential to the consolidation of that peace.

It is this understanding and comprehension of
basic values, traditions and aspirations, and a common
determination
determination to safeguard our ways of life and liberties
that makes it possible for your distinguished Minister
of Foreign Affairs Dr. Bramuglia, and the Ambassador
of the country of San Martin to that of Washington -
Dr. Ivanissevich - to join in this broadcast celebrating
one hundred and seventy years of independence of a
sister republic. I am grateful for this gesture.

May I say that I feel myself privileged and honored
to represent my country in your great country, and that
I have every confidence that constantly expanding
understanding and friendship will steadily strengthen
the ties between our two countries to the mutual
advantage of both.