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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

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fast and firm to the basic virtues of our people and the fundamental ideas of individual~~ity~~ and 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} ~~this understanding and~~ comprehension of basic values, traditions and aspirations, and a common

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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 Martín 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.