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Messersmith Given Praise By President of Mexico ①

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MEXICO CITY, April 27.—Mexican-United States relations have never been on a sounder, firmer, more understanding, more collaborative and more friendly basis than now, Ambassador George S. Messersmith said here Thursday.

The United States Ambassador expressed his convictions about the sound workings of the good neighbor policy in releasing an interchange of correspondence with President Manuel Avila Camacho almost on the eve of Messersmith's departure to become Ambassador to Argentina.

Messersmith, who was guest of Mayor Woodall Rodgers of Dallas last year and who made an important public address there on Latin-American relations at the time, leaves here May 16 for Buenos Aires.

It was said here that the letter from President Avila Camacho was the first of its kind to have been given a departing United States Ambassador. Messersmith brought the letter to attention of President Truman and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes in Washington.

The Mexican President's letter was full of praise for Messersmith.

"The tact, probity and the moral integrity which always characterized your actions as the worthy representative of the great American democracy can be considered as an example of the frank and open diplomacy which we seek to foster," President Avila Camacho's letter stated.

Messersmith gave Camacho's leadership credit for development of fine relationships between the two countries, as well as for helping cement relationships between all countries of this hemisphere.