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Dr. Arturo Morales Carrion
Under Secretary of State
La Fortaleza
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Dr. Morales Carrion:

The Librarian of Congress has asked me to invite you to attend the III Meeting on the Program of the History of America, co-sponsored by the Commission on History of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, and the Department of Cultural Affairs of the Pan American Union. The meeting will take place at the Library of Congress on March 26 through March 28, 1956. A provisional program is enclosed.

I am sure that you are familiar with the broad outlines of the Program of the History of America which the Commission on History has been carrying out, with the generous aid of the Rockefeller Foundation. The Program has been planned in three stages. At the completion of the first stage the I Meeting on the Program of the History of America was held in Havana during January 1953, co-sponsored by the Commission on History and the Committee on the Centenary of the Birth of José Martí, whose aid made possible that meeting to discuss the accomplishments of the first stage of the program and to plan for the second. On completion of the second stage, the II Meeting was held in New York during November 1954. Through aid by the Rockefeller Foundation, the co-sponsoring institutions mentioned above are calling this III Meeting in Washington to discuss the accomplishments of the Program on the completion of its third stage, and to make recommendations for the future.

You are being asked to attend this III Meeting as one of a group of about 15 "Collaborators" in the Program of the History of America. Your expenses will be defrayed by the Commission on History, by arrangements which Lic. Ernesto de la Torre Villar, Secretary of the Commission, will make with you directly. We all hope very much that you will find it possible to attend this meeting and lend your counsel to its deliberations. Please inform us if you would like a reservation to be made for you at the Congressional Hotel.

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Upon receipt of your acceptance of this invitation, I shall inform Lic. de la Torre, in order that he may send you directly the reports of the Coordinators of the three periods as soon as they become available in Mexico City. In pleasant anticipation of welcoming you personally at the Library of Congress on the occasion of the III Meeting on the Program of the History of America, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Howard F. Cline
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Director
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Enclosure