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TEXT OF REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
TO BE DELIVERED AT A  
LUNCHEON WITH  
PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO  
TUBAC, ARIZONA

Mr. President, distinguished guests, friends:

I am pleased to be here in Tubac, Arizona, today and to welcome our good friends and neighbors from Mexico. I am most grateful to you, Mr. President, for having suggested that we meet in Magdalena de Kino this morning. With an acute sense of history, you wished to honor, through our meeting, this pioneer whose vision and good works we share in common.

This Jesuit Priest, whose statue stands in the United States Capitol Building, as well as in the capitols of the Mexican State of Sonora and our State of Arizona, lived and worked here almost three centuries ago. His efforts gave the first impetus to the development of this now flourishing region. With the horse, the cross and the plow, he explored the entire territory. He not only served his faith but also introduced agriculture and livestock to the inhabitants of this area.

Father Kino's memory lives on in the town that we visited this morning. On both sides of the border, we owe him a great debt. The heritage of Father Kino is an inspiration to us to continue development efforts for the benefit of all people.

Mr. President, as you know, I am a firm believer in personal dialogue. Straight talk, as we say in this country, is the best way to achieve understanding and promote cooperation.

Straight talk is what we have had today -- with sincerity and trust, candor and openness -- as befits the relationship of two close neighbors.

Your great patriot, Juanita Juarez said over a hundred years ago, "Respect for the rights of others is peace." A relationship built on that foundation is built on solid rock.

We have agreed on many important issues -- that cooperation is a vital part of our relationship -- that the spirit of the New Dialogue is an essential ingredient in the new and positive developments taking place between Latin America and the United States -- that in today's world it is more important than ever that the ties between our two countries be strengthened and broadened -- and that the many problems which beset our world can be alleviated, if not completely solved, through a world-wide pooling of ideas, talents, resources and good will.

We are extremely honored to have on U. S. soil the distinguished President of Mexico and his official party. You have my pledge, Mr. President, that the United States will work with Mexico and all other nations for a better world with justice and prosperity for all.

I propose a toast to the very distinguished President of Mexico, to the Mexican people, and to our long-standing, firm friendship and cooperation. May it continue to grow and prosper.

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