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OF COSTA RICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
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I have been instructed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of my country to request you respectfully to have this note distributed to the States Members of the United Nations.

In his address delivered to the General Assembly of the United Nations on 8 October, Dr. Osvaldo Dorticós, President of Cuba, referred to the recent informal meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and special representatives of the American Republics at Washington, D.C., in terms that Costa Rica feels compelled to rectify not only in order to do justice to the truth but also as a token of respect for the General Assembly.

The meeting alluded to by President Dorticós was far from being a "rendezvous for conspiring and promoting internal subversion in Cuba" and expounding the foreign policy of only one of the participating countries; it was a new demonstration of American solidarity aimed at maintaining the peace of the continent and safeguarding America's democratic institutions, threatened by Soviet intervention in Cuba.

To insinuate, as did the Cuban Chief of State, that the Washington meeting was convened to further the alleged objects of one of the States members of the OAS was an attempt to mislead the General Assembly and misrepresent the nature and aims of present relations between the countries belonging to that Organization.

The informal meeting at Washington will certainly not be the last held to discuss in a spirit of friendship and co-operation the problems affecting the Western Hemisphere. For several decades the countries of the American Continent

have been earnestly striving to establish and strengthen the inter-American juridical system, in order to bring about the rule of peace and justice, promote solidarity, strengthen co-operation and defend the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of its members. That great effort obliges all the States concerned to remain vigilant in order to save the American Continent from the dangers that threaten it.

The present danger is such that the American States must be firmly resolved to strengthen their defensive system, so that the plans for subversion and Marxist-Leninist domination do not prevent our Continent from continuing to live in freedom and the ordinary people from achieving full enjoyment of their social and economic rights through the application of the principles and methods of representative democracy.

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