

affairs—often find it easier than professional diplomats to speak on intimate terms with our opposite numbers in other countries and share together with them our mutual experiences and problems. Certainly this must be because our affairs are not “foreign” to you nor are your affairs “foreign” to us.

Of course, if this is true of Governor Torres and myself, it is also true of all of the other citizens, both public and private, of our two States. It is for this reason that we in Maryland are so excited about the prospects of our Director of Planning working with your Director of Planning; of our 4-H youngsters working with your 4-S youngsters. Of our university students and faculties exchanging ideas with your university students and faculties; of our businessmen talking with your businessmen; our labor leaders working with your labor leaders; our museums with your museums; our health officials with your health officials; and so on and on as this Partners Program continues to expand and flourish.

It is because of very practical, very personal and very warm contacts such as these that the relationship between the State of Rio and the State of Maryland has grown and developed in such a splendid fashion. And indeed it is this relationship which is honored here today through the degree which has been conferred upon me. By the act the people of the State of Rio, through the faculty of this great university, have spoken more eloquently than I ever could of the firm bonds of friendship and brotherhood that exist between us.

In closing, may I once again humbly thank you for the great honor which you have bestowed upon me, and may I venture the hope that the spirit which surrounds this occasion today may ever govern the relationship between our two partner States and our two great nations.

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