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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1966

Dear Dr. Stanford:

I take pleasure in joining you and your colleagues at the University of Miami as you pay tribute to two of this hemisphere's most distinguished statesmen, the brothers Victor Andres and Rafael Belaunde of Peru.

Each of them personifies high service to their country and strong leadership in promoting more binding ties of friendship among the American Republics.

Each has been inspired by vigorous humanitarian sentiments, and each has demonstrated vividly a love of liberty and a will to achieve a universe where men can dwell together in harmony.

Their dedication to the cause of human freedom and world peace has been an influential force in the life of Rafael Belaunde's son, Fernando Belaunde Terry, who as President of Peru stands today in the forefront of those striving to realize the ideals and purposes of the Alliance for Progress.

I share your thought that it is particularly fitting for the University of Miami to honor Victor Andres and Rafael Belaunde.

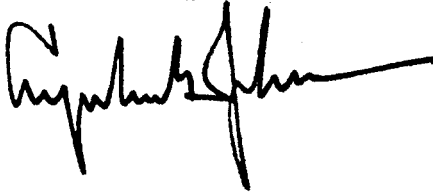
Your Latin American Department, of which they were the founding professors, has developed over the decades into a distinguished center of Latin American studies.

It is an appropriate testimony to the firm foundations with which they endowed the early vision of a great inter-American university.

In these days when understanding and good will among all peoples are so sorely needed, we must look to greater and more effective international education as one of our main hopes.

Victor Andres and Rafael Belaunde realized and acted upon this truth more than a generation ago. We do right to acknowledge their foresight and wisdom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry King Stanford", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Henry King Stanford
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ON THE FINAL page of this issue appears an obituary of Víctor Andrés Belaúnde in which the Inter-American Academy pays tribute to its former member who died on December 14, 1966. However, we at the University of Miami desire to take especial note of his passing because of his role as a founding member of our faculty and the close relationship which he and other members of the Belaúnde family have always maintained with this institution.

We are particularly proud to remember that we honored him in life as we are now paying tribute to his memory in death. On June 12, 1966 President Henry King Stanford bestowed upon Víctor Andrés Belaúnde and his brother Rafael Belaúnde the highest honor of the University of Miami: the Order of Merit. The citation to Víctor Andrés Belaúnde read "In recognition of Distinguished Leadership in the Cause of World Peace."

Outstanding among the many letters of congratulation that arrived on that auspicious occasion was one which came from President Lyndon Baines Johnson, who took the opportunity to pay tribute on behalf of his nation to the distinguished careers of Víctor Andrés and Rafael Belaúnde. We feel it appropriate to share this letter (on the two preceding pages) with our readers at this time.

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Editor