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Good Evening Everybody:

The alliteration President Johnson used today - spans two continents, and two cultures.

Mr. Johnson, referring to the Altiplano - and Appalachia. The Altiplano - the lofty tableland of the Anes, home of the descendants of - the mighty Incas. Appalachia - the part of the Appalachians centered on the Pennsylvania - Kentucky - West Virginia region. The people - mainly of Anglo-Saxon stock, descendants of the pioneers. What have the Altiplano and Appalachia in common? They are both, as president Johnson pointed out - depressed areas. Typical of the economic problems - that beset this hemisphere.

The President was addressing the Organisation of American States in Washington,

**pledging American support for the nations that want -
prosperity and freedom. The Johnson prescription -
self help, and private investment. Plus vigilance -
to keep Communism out.**

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PANAMA

Since January, our diplomats have been working with - their Panamanian opposite numbers, trying to hammer out a version - that would mean the same in English and Spanish. Take the words - "discuss" and negotiate". We said we were willing to "discuss" the treaties concerning the Panama Canal. But in Panama City, they took this to mean - that we would "negotiate" a new treaty. That President Johnson refused to accept as a prior condition - of talks to end the rift.

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POVERTY

The President asked Congress today - to pass his Anti-Poverty Bill. Which will cost nine-hundred and sixty-two point five million dollars - in its first year. In Congress hearings on the bill are scheduled in the House for tomorrow.

DEGAULLE

The President of France is in the land of the Aztecs, in Mexico City, for a rousing reception.

De Gaulle rising to the occasion with a courtly speech, telling President Lopez Mateos - and two-hundred and fifty thousand or so cheering Mexicans, in Spanish - that he brought the greetings of forty-five million Frenchmen. Praising Mexico's independence. And calling for that country's cooperation - to insure universal peace.

PRESENCE - FOLLOW DEGAULLE

De Gaulle's visit to Mexico is being billed as - the first of several. Paris, hinting at - a tour of South America in the Fall. With Africa on his timetable for next year. Then, perhaps the Soviet Union, India and Southeast Asia. To build up French prestige around the world. For he is confident that ties with France remain strong - in many areas of the world. And, that his policies - will be justified by future events.

PLANE

The Russians at last admit they are holding the three airmen shot down over East Germany. But, still no answer to our requests for their return.

Meanwhile an unconfirmed report says a U.S. search party was stopped at gunpoint from reaching the wrecked plane. East Germans in the area say - the wreckage now has been removed.

TRIAL

The four Americans, one Britisher and one Spaniard convicted in Barcelona, Spain of the Murder of a Barcelona businessman will not be garroted - as demanded by the prosecution. Garroting - the method of execution used by Spain since the 16th Century. James Wagner, said to be a U.S. Army deserter, and his Spanish girl friend, Mrs. Maria Pilar Alfaro Velasco - masterminded the so-called Beatnick robbery-murder. Wagner - sentenced to thirty years in prison. Mrs. Velasco to twenty-three years. Shorter sentences for - their accomplices.

The seven-day trial setting a record in Barcelona - as the longest criminal court hearing in the city's history.

WEATHER

The weather story now is one of - fire and water. Fire - in the Far West. Water - in the Midwest.

In California, near Los Angeles - another raging inferno whipped up by 60 mile an hour winds. With a dense cloud of white smoke drifting over the Pacific thirty-miles away.

In the Ohio Valley - the river pouring down in a flood crest. The highest at Evansville, Indiana - where only the fifty-four foot wall prevents the river from flooding the city.

TREASURE

We hear from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, tonight that treasure-hunters are asking permission to dig up an officer's backyard. Because they think sixty-thousand dollars is buried there, buried in buckskin bags - two full of silver, four of gold. Hidden since eighteen-ninety, when outlaws held up a stage coach - carrying sixty to one-hundred thousand dollars. Two of the outlaws were killed, but the third managed to bury the treasure - before he succumbed.

Officers at Ft. Sill are not sure how to treat these requests to dig for treasure in their yards, Dick, and are looking up the regulations - if any, on treasure hunts at missile bases.

CENTENARIAN

In far off Soviet Armenia, Mrs. Marta Ascandarian is celebrating - her hundred and twentieth birthday. I wonder if that makes her - the oldest person in the world? Surely she is the only mother with nine children - the youngest of whom is seventy-three years old.

Born in eighteen forty-three, she was over seventy - when the revolution toppled the last of the Czars.

I had hoped to have time to talk to you about Alta, Utah, shooting down avalanches, and some sensational spring skiing in deep powder snow; but the news was too heavy and I'll have to put it off until my next.

And so long until tomorrow.