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Rector Farias, Rector Rangel, friends and neighbors. I want to thank my good friend, President Salinas, for that kind introduction. It is a delight to be with you. //

As I have mentioned over the past two days, we are working ~~hard~~ to produce major advances in the U.S.-Mexico relationship - and I think we are making progress. But that progress will continue only if we recall that "the youth of a Nation are its trustees of posterity." //

President Salinas and I know that today's young leaders and scholars are the hope of tomorrow. And that their education is our most enduring legacy -- vital to everything we are, and can become.

The new U.S.-Mexico Commission on Educational and Cultural Exchange can enrich that legacy -- making an invaluable contribution to bilateral understanding. It will encourage the best and brightest, and link our two Nations. Helping education create a better, ^{and} more decent world. //

Education shows how dreams realized can make possible even bigger dreams. Dreams that will keep our Nations competitive, raise our standard of living, and improve our quality of life. Our dreams can presage a new Golden Age of understanding,

technology, and prosperity. Showing how creativity comes from the human heart and mind. //

Education can fulfill the words of Octavio Paz, the beloved Nobel Prize winner for Literature, who writes that for the first time in Mexico's history, you are the contemporaries of all mankind. / I applaud ^{such an} ~~this~~ initiative, and pledge America's help in ensuring its success. And let me close with what Franklin Roosevelt said, right here in Monterrey -- words as relevant today as they were in 1943. //

Nothing is more important, he observed, than " . . . the exchange of those ideas and of those moral values which give life and significance to the tremendous effort of the free peoples of the world." // In that spirit, and with ~~love for education and~~ ^{for this opportunity} ~~the Mexican people~~, thank you very much. God bless Mexico.

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