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The Honorable  
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Washington, D.C. 20301

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My dear Jim:

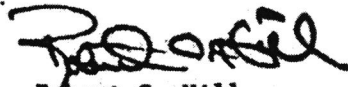
As in 1972, the United States has again been invited to participate in Argentina's International Aeronautics and Space Exposition. Since this exposition is one of the largest of its kind in South America and consequently well attended, it would behoove the US to participate, within allowable budget constraints, to the extent it did in 1972. The attached letter is the official invitation.

In 1972, the Secretary of Defense acted as the executive agent for the combined participation of the Department of Defense, Department of State and NASA. Project responsibility was delegated to United States Air Forces Southern Command. Of course, with the agreement of the participating agencies, other arrangements could be made, but since the Department of Defense (particularly USAF) provided the majority of the displays, this assignment of responsibilities would again seem appropriate.

May I call your attention to the excellent final report on the exposition produced by USAFSO for the 1972 event. It provides a well-documented history of the successes of, and problems encountered in the US effort.

The Air Attache office of the Embassy will act as the coordinating agency for both the Embassy's and Argentine support of participating US agencies.

With warm regard

  
Robert C. Hill  
Ambassador

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**BUENOS AIRES, 22 January, 1975**

**TO THE AMBASSADOR:**

**Dear Sir,**

I hereby wish to inform you that the Argentine aeronautic authority has decided to organize the "III INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE EXHIBITION", which will take place in Buenos Aires from the 11th upto the 26th October, 1975.

The organization of this event has been entrusted to us by the Commander in Chief of the Argentine Air Force, and we have already started to work out the corresponding plans and programs.

The above mentioned event will cover all activities which directly or indirectly are related with air and space navigation, this powerful motor of modernization and progress, which shortens distances and contributes to the welfare of humanity.

Consequently it will exhibit all types of airplanes, helicopters, gliders, missiles, electronic equipment, weapons, airport systems, meteorological instruments and equipment, air-traffic, airport constructions, aeronautic industry, natural resources survey, search and rescue, spatial medicine, services for airports, etc.

In this way all means which contribute to the complex and vast works and possibilities in air and space navigation today, will be represented.

Thus visitors of this exhibition will be able to appreciate the latest improvements which science and technology put at the disposal of humanity in the air and space activity, which daily leads to major interest. At the same time, technicians and specialists will be able to appreciate the magnitude of such improvements.

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It is also possible that this event will lead to widen commercial relations.

This exhibition will then be the best occasion for industries, investigation centers, Air Forces, and any other air and space activity, to be represented in Buenos Aires, showing to this region of the world, in an adequate frame, the most modern and thrilling adventure of men: flying.

With reference to the above, I wish to contact you firstly in order to invite your country, as well as the official entities, industries, etc., to participate in this III INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE EXHIBITION. Through the Organization Committee we will soon give you further details about the organization of this exhibition, the general rules, the way to participate, etc. Should you require any information right now, the Organization Committee will gladly answer any question which may facilitate your participation in this event. Our offices are provisionally located at the same address of this Association, i.e. Bmé. Mitre 1131 - 7th floor E, BUENOS AIRES, telephone 38-7154, from 10,00 a.m. to 6,00 p.m.

I thank you beforehand for your kind attention to this matter, and I hope that we can count on your participation.

I remain, Dear Sir, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Brigadier Major (R) JORGE SIXTO FERNANDEZ  
President

