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## THE MISSION OF THE LAND-GRANT COLLEGES IN PROMOTING OUR GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICIES AMONG THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS<sup>1</sup>

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WHEN the Morrill Act was passed by our United States Congress and approved by Abraham Lincoln in 1862, it brought into the world the first truly democratic program of higher education. It announced to the world that the people of this country believed that the son of the farmer, the son of the mechanic and the son of the shopkeeper were just as much entitled to an education in an institution of higher learning as the son of the independent rich. It also

brought into the world for the first time the idea that the state and federal governments should help finance any form of higher education.

The masses of the people of the United States have never fully understood the mission or the work of the land-grant colleges, and, not understanding them, our people have never fully appreciated their accomplishments.

In this terrible and tragic world situation, when the forces of evil are striving with all their might to destroy completely the democratic peoples of the world

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