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SUBJECT: Cuban organizations sponsor ceremony of Cuban-American friendship

An organizing committee representing the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Good Neighbor Foundation, the National Association of Sugar Mill Owners, the Association of Sugar Cane Growers, the Association of Industrialists, and the Cuban Chamber of Commerce have announced that they will sponsor a public ceremony to be held on February 20 as a reaffirmation of Cuban-American friendship.

Over 1,000 civic and commercial entities throughout Cuba have been invited to attend this ceremony which will probably take the form of a banquet to be held at the Vedado Tennis Club in Habana. Such varied organizations as the Cuban Confederation of Labor, the National Veterans Association, the Habana Clearing House, the Catholic Women's League, and the Habana Auto and Air Club have accepted invitations to participate.

Col. Cosme de la TORRIENTE, Spanish-American War veteran, Dr. Antonio MARTINEZ FRAGA, ex-congressman, and ex-Ambassadors William BELT and Luis MACHADO will speak at this event on the lives of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, José Martí, and the historical tradition of Cuban-American cooperation. This ceremony has been organized spontaneously and without Embassy cooperation.

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