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THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO PRESS RELEASE ITO/211 -  
MR. P. GROUSSET'S SPEECH - WERE REQUESTED BY THE  
FRENCH DELEGATION:

1. Insert the following introductory passage on top of page 1:

"In the absence of Mr. Andre Philip, Head of the French delegation, and following the instructions I received from my Government, it is my privilege to express in a few words before this illustrious assembly, the feelings of the members of the French Delegation on the eve of the signing of the Final Act of this International Organization."

2. Insert the following passages at the end of the speech:

"After the preceding passages which express with sincerity the true feelings of all the members of the French Delegation, I must tell you how happy I was to speak in this room which, being the seat of the Cuban Congress, is also the Center itself of the Cuban Republic. If all friends of this beautiful country have had the satisfaction to see Havana selected as the seat of the ITO Conference, I can assure you that the choice was more than agreeable to France because of her traditional friendship with Cuba. All Frenchmen are happy to think of Victor Hugo, the first poet who, from his exile in Guernesay, sang of the courage of the Cubans fighting for their independence and none of my compatriots could ever forget that it was Cuba which gave us two geniuses who are the honor of France, namely the poet Jose Maria de Heredia, and Dr. Joaquin Albarran, who made a tremendous contribution to the medical science in France.

It is for all these reasons that, in the name of France and of all those who honor in my country the Republic of Cuba, I wish to thank, once more, the Government of His Excellency, Dr. Grau San Martin for the generous hospitality he has given to the Representatives of the United Nations, who from November till today have worked so effectively and so wholeheartedly on the construction of an edifice which will prove itself so valuable for the peace of the world."

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