

AN IMMENSE AND UNDESERVED HONOUR

I was able to follow the debates of the Caribbean leaders, the highest representatives of their nations at the meeting in Santiago de Cuba, capital of the former Oriente province and birthplace of the Revolution. In a few days we will be marking the 50th anniversary of its triumph, on January 1st, 1959.

The Order of the Caribbean Community is an immense and undeserved honour, which I deeply appreciate.

Each one of the leaders expressed their ideas with brilliant reasoning. Their knowledge of historic, economic and political issues, and their sincerity and courage was evident.

I humbly receive the noble idea of the decoration and will keep it in my mind, together with the thought of José Martí that "A free Antilles will safeguard the independence of Our Americas."

Fidel Castro Ruz

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