Mr. MORSE. Then clearly with the language as it presently exists, when the President comes back for specific authorizations to give expression to the resolution, he will be in the comfortable position of saying that his request is pursuant to an earlier congressional recommendation, and it would seem difficult for Congress to change its mind at that time, as this implies to me a clear commitment.

Thank you very much, sir.

Chairman MORGAN. Mr. Tunney.

Mr. TUNNEY. Mr. Linowitz, it is a pleasure to have you here today testifying before the committee.

I have a couple of technical questions. First, how much has been done to date by the Latin American countries to promote a common market and to integrate their economies?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. As I assume you know, sir, there is a Central American Common Market which is functioning very successfully, and LAFTA into South American countries plus Mexico, which has been making slow progress, but some progress. Our hope is that spurred by this kind of commitment which we hope will come out of Punta del Este there will really be a major thrust forward toward a true Common Market which has not yet really gotten underway for Latin America.

Mr. TUNNEY. In the domestic politics in such countries as Argentina and Brazil, is there a real desire on the part of the local politicians to join forces to bring about this economic integration?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. The most gratifying part of these meetings from which we returned a few weeks ago in Buenos Aires was the unanimity of the countries, all of the countries, with respect to this objective, and all 20 Foreign Ministers agreed that in 1970 the Common Market should be launched and concluded by 1980. This of course meant the participation not only of the Foreign Ministers but the people for whom they purport to speak, and our assumption is that when they spoke they spoke with the knowledge of what the various peoples within their countries wanted.

Mr. TUNNEY. I apologize for my ignorance, but was there discussed at that time that the United States would participate within the framework of the Common Market?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. No; it is not contemplated the United States would join in that Common Market.

Mr. TUNNEY. And what sort of a timetable was discussed in bringing about at least the bare framework of the Common Market?

Ambassador LINOWITZ. Perhaps the easiest way would be for me to read precisely what the foreign ministers said when they issued their resolution.

They first said that economic integration is a collective instrument for the development of Latin America and should be a policy goal for each of the countries of the region as a necessary complement to national efforts.

They then said that they agreed to recommend to their presidents the following:

> Create in the decade beinning in 1970 the Latin American common market, which should be in full operation no later than 1980.

Mr. TUNNEY. Thank you very much.

I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.