



AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

October 18, 2017

Mr. Shekhar Tiwari
Chairman
American Hindu Coalition
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Dear Mr. Tiwari,

It is a pleasure to write to you on this occasion, on behalf of myself and the staff at the Embassy of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, to deliver greetings and best wishes to you and the American Hindu Coalition as the Hindu community celebrates the auspicious occasion of Divali on October 18th, 2017.

As we celebrate this joyous and meaningful occasion, we embrace one of the most valuable lessons from this festival, which teaches us that "*the light of knowledge illuminates the intellect and dispels the darkness of ignorance*". As the lamps are lit in our homes, it is a time for us to also rejuvenate the lamps of love in our hearts and continue to work towards a better tomorrow that will redound to the benefit of the people both within the United States of America and Trinidad and Tobago.

At the Embassy, we hope that this Festival of Lights brightens your lives with eternal happiness and bliss, and may the American Hindu Coalition continue to be blessed with great success in all of its future endeavours.

Please, accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A.W.J. Phillips-Spencer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthony W.J. Phillips-Spencer
Brigadier General (Ret'd.)
Ambassador