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WHITE HOUSE SIGNING CEREMONY

OCTOBER 9, 1974

MR. FIRST SECRETARY:

WE HAVE JUST PUT OUR SIGNATURES ON LANDMARK  
DOCUMENTS. THE FIRST, ON PRINCIPLES OF OUR BILATERAL  
RELATIONS, RECOGNIZES THE FRIENDLY STATE OF THOSE RELATIONS.  
IT UNDERLINES OUR JOINT DETERMINATION TO NOT ONLY CONTINUE  
THIS COOPERATION BUT TO FURTHER EXPAND IT FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.  
WE WILL MAKE A JOINT CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD.

THE SECOND DOCUMENT IS MORE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED TO  
ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. IF IT IS  
TO SUCCEED, COOPERATION REQUIRES THE CAREFUL AND CONTINUING  
ATTENTION OF NATIONS, AS I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE. OVER THE  
PAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE MADE IMPORTANT ADVANCES IN OUR ECONOMIC  
AND TRADE RELATIONS. WE HAVE NOW PLEDGED OUR COUNTRIES TO  
EVEN FURTHER ADVANCES TOWARD REALIZATION OF THE FULL POTENTIAL FOR  
COOPERATION THAT WE BOTH SEE AND DESIRE. OUR PEOPLES WILL  
BENEFIT AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL BENEFIT.

THESE DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE REASSURING TO OUR FRIENDS  
AND ASSOCIATES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE DISCRIMINATE AGAINST  
NO ONE, NOR DO WE PREJUDICE ANY COMMITMENTS WE HAVE ALREADY  
MADE TO OTHERS. INDEED, THE RESPECT WE SHOW FOR EACH OTHER,  
AND THE COOPERATION WE SEEK, IS PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT  
WE SEE EMERGING. THIS NEW SPIRIT SEEKS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS --  
NOT TO MAKE NEW TENSIONS.

MR. FIRST SECRETARY, MY SIGNATURE ON THESE DOCUMENTS  
IS YET ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF THE DEEP INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF  
THE UNITED STATES IN THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR NATION AND ITS  
DESERVED PLACE IN THE RANKS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.  
WE WELCOME THESE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS THEY WILL  
MAKE TO THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND PEACEFUL ENDEAVOR  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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