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PRESIDENT KEKKONEN (KEK-CONE-IN), LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN:

MRS. FORD AND OUR SON, JACK, JOIN ME IN EXPRESSING
OUR GREAT PLEASURE TO BE IN FINLAND. I EXTEND TO THE FINNISH
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE THE WARM ADMIRATION AND FRIENDSHIP
OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALL AMERICANS.

FINLAND IS A MOST APPROPRIATE HOST FOR THIS FINAL
STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.
I JOIN OTHER PARTICIPANTS SO THAT TOGETHER WE WILL TAKE
ANOTHER STEP IN THE BUILDING OF A PEACEFUL, COOPERATIVE AND
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG ALL OF THE COUNTRIES
OF EUROPE.

THIS MEETING IN HELSINKI CAN GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO
THE PROCESS OF DETENTE. THE PROVISIONS OF THE DOCUMENT
WE WILL SIGN MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO POLICIES AND ACTION
BY THE PARTICIPATING STATES IF WE ARE TO REALIZE THE
PROMISE OF GREATER SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

THE UNITED STATES WILL PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THIS PROCESS.

AMERICAN SECURITY AND WELL-BEING ARE TIED TO THE SECURITY
AND STABILITY OF EUROPE.

WHILE OUR AGENDA FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS WILL
BE FULL, MR. PRESIDENT, I LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO
SEEING YOU AND TO ENJOYING THE RENOWNED HOSPITALITY OF
HELSINKI AND FINLAND.

THANK YOU.

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