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TOKYO, JAPAN

MONDAY - DECEMBER 1, 1975

MR. MINISTER, AMBASSADOR YUKAWA, FRIENDS:

MY WIFE AND I ARE HONORED AT THE THOUGHTFULNESS OF HIS

MAJESTY IN SENDING US HIS GREETINGS. IT IS ON BEHALF OF THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT I ACKNOWLEDGE THE GRACIOUS WELCOME YOU HAVE

EXTENDED.

ALTHOUGH OUR STOP HERE IS BRIEF, I AM PLEASED ONCE AGAIN

TO BE IN JAPAN.

WE REMEMBER WITH PLEASURE THE RECENT VISIT OF THEIR MAJESTIES

TO THE UNITED STATES. AT THAT TIME THE AMERICAN PEOPLE --- IN ALL

WALKS OF LIFE, AND IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY --- DEMONSTRATED

AMERICA'S ESTEEM FOR THEIR MAJESTIES AND FOR THE JAPANESE PEOPLE.

I ASK THAT YOU EXTEND THE WARMEST GREETINGS FROM MRS. FORD,

FROM ME, AND FROM ALL AMERICANS, TO HIS MAJESTY, THE EMPEROR

AND TO HER MAJESTY, THE EMPRESS.

THANK YOU.

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