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THE WHITE HOUSE

TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY THE
PRESIDENT
AFTER RECEIVING THE KEY TO THE
CITY OF MADRID

Mr. Mayor, Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Mrs. Ford and I have been very deeply touched by the friendliness and warmth which have marked our arrival in Spain. This hospitality was evident in the gracious welcome of the Chief of State and the Spanish people as we entered this beautiful city.

Many Americans are familiar with a phrase bespeaking of Spanish hospitality: "My home is your home." In accepting this key to the city of Madrid, I have already been made to feel completely welcome.

This key represents more than hospitality. It signifies the opening of new doors to greater achievements in bringing the Spanish and American peoples closer together and in building upon the friendship we already share. It is in this spirit that I accept this key to your great Capital City.

Thank you very much.

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