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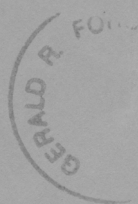
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER THORN: MESSAGE FROM  
THE PRESIDENT

1. EMBASSY SHOULD PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME  
MINISTER THORN FROM PRESIDENT FORD:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:  
I REGRET THAT A POSSIBLE SCHEDULING CONFLICT HAS OBLIGED  
ME TO REQUEST A POSTPONEMENT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR  
VISIT. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING  
FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON, AND WE WILL  
BE BACK IN TOUCH, AS SOON AS THE SCHEDULING SITUATION  
HAS CLARIFIED, WITH A PROPOSED NEW DATE FOR THE ANNOUNCE-  
MENT. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

3. AS VISIT ITSELF HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED, NO  
RELEASE OF EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES IF FORESEEN,  
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