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WELCOMING REMARKS - CHANCELLOR KREISKY (CRY-SKI)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1974

MR. CHANCELLOR, IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND AN HONOR TO WELCOME YOU TO THE UNITED STATES. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LET ME SAY HOW HAPPY WE ALL ARE FOR THIS FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF AFFECTION AND RESPECT THAT BIND OUR TWO NATIONS, AND OUR TWO PEOPLES, TOGETHER.
LIKE ALL OF THE WORLD, AMERICA HAS PROFITED FROM AUSTRIA'S GREAT PAST CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS, LAW, EDUCATION, MEDICINE AND PSYCHOLOGY. AND OF COURSE, THERE IS THE GREAT MUSICAL LEGACY OF VIENNA THAT THE WHOLE WORLD TREASURES -- THE MUSIC OF MOZART, THE STRAUSSES AND SO MANY OTHERS.

ADDITIONALLY, AND OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, AUSTRIA HAS SERVED AS A CONTINUING FORCE FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD. MR. CHANCELLOR, MODERN AUSTRIA HAS PROVEN AGAIN AND AGAIN IN RECENT YEARS THAT A SMALL COUNTRY CAN MAKE BIG CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING.
YOUR POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT IN WORLD AFFAIRS; YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS; INCLUDING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS;

YOUR GRACIOUS HOSTING OF IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES SUCH AS THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATIONS AND THE FORCE REDUCTION TALKS NOW IN PROGRESS.

ALL OF THESE AUSTRIAN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER, MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. WE AMERICANS ARE PROUD OF OUR LONG AND SINCERE FRIENDSHIP WITH AUSTRIA. WE CHERISH OUR MANY AMERICAN CITIZENS OF AUSTRIAN ANCESTRY. AND WE LOOK WITH SATISFACTION AND ADMIRATION AT AUSTRIA'S IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS.
WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS, MR. CHANCELLOR, AND TO THE FUTURE GOOD RELATIONS OF AUSTRIA AND THE UNITED STATES. THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD FACE MANY CHALLENGES TODAY -- CHALLENGES IN THE FIELDS OF FINANCE, FOOD AND ENERGY TO NAME ONLY A FEW. MEETING THEM WILL REQUIRE OUR BEST COMMON EFFORTS, AND THE COUNSEL AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FRIENDS.

SO, MR. CHANCELLOR, IN ANTICIPATION OF OUR SESSION TOGETHER, AND WITH OUR TRADITIONAL AUSTRO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP IN MIND, AMERICA BIDS YOU WELCOME, AND WISHES YOU AN ENJOYABLE, PRODUCTIVE VISIT.

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