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MR. CHANCELLOR, IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU AND YOUR PARTY WITH US THIS EVENING. I HOPE THAT TONIGHT WE CAN RETURN A LITTLE OF THE WARMTH, GOOD SPIRITS AND HOSPITALITY THAT MILLIONS OF AMERICANS HAVE FOUND IN AUSTRIA, WITH HER FRIENDLY PEOPLE, HER COUNTLESS HISTORICAL TREASURES AND HER BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE.
AS AN ENTHUSIASTIC SKIER, I AM ESPECIALLY AWARE OF AUSTRIA'S MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS AND THE FINE SKI SLOPES THAT LINE THE TYROLEAN ALPS. IN FACT, I WOULD LOVE TO TRY THEM MYSELF. GIVEN THE NATURE OF MY PRESENT JOB, I AM AFRAID IT WILL BE A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE I HAVE THE CHANCE, BUT I CERTAINLY DO LOOK FORWARD TO IT.
AUSTRIA IS A SMALL COUNTRY ON THE MAP OF MODERN EUROPE, MR. CHANCELLOR. BUT THERE ARE MORE WAYS OF MEASURING A COUNTRY'S IMPORTANCE THAN BY SIZE AND POPULATION ALONE.
AND IN THE CULTURAL SENSE, IN THE HUMANITARIAN

SENSE, AND, ABOVE ALL, IN THE MORAL SENSE, AUSTRIA

LOOMS LARGE ON THE WORLD HORIZON. FOR WHAT YOU,

MR. CHANCELLOR, AND YOUR PREDECESSORS IN POST-WAR

YEARS HAVE DONE IS TO PROVE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A

SMALL COUNTRY TO SURVIVE AND TO PROSPER IN PEACE,

FREEDOM AND DIGNITY.
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY OUR PROFOUND ADMIRATION FOR AUSTRIA'S ENERGETIC EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WORLD PEACE.

YOUR COUNTRY'S POLICY OF "ACTIVE NEUTRALITY" HAS BEEN GOOD FOR AUSTRIA AND GOOD FOR THE WORLD.

IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS WHO ARE PART OF U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS.

THEY ARE THE SENTINELS OF PEACE AND THEIR EFFORTS, LIKE AUSTRIA'S POLICIES, ARE HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD.
MR. CHANCELLOR, OUR MEETING TODAY HAS BEEN BOTH FRIENDLY AND PRODUCTIVE. WE HAVE TOUCHED ON MANY SUBJECTS OF VITAL INTEREST NOT ONLY TO OUR OWN COUNTRIES, BUT TO HUMANITY IN GENERAL. HOWEVER, UNDERLYING THE MANY SUBJECTS WE DISCUSSED WAS A SINGLE, UNIFYING THEME -- THE CLOSE TIES OF COOPERATION, FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT THAT UNITE OUR TWO PEOPLES.
IT IS WITH THIS SPIRIT IN MIND -- THIS BOND
OF IDEALISM AND ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO
PEOPLES -- THAT I INVITE ALL OF OUR GUESTS TO RISE AND
OFFER A TOAST TO FEDERAL CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY (CRY-SKI)
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA.

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