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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *R.F.*

TOAST FOR KREISKY STATE DINNER  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1974

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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