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TOAST TO GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV

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MR. GENERAL SECRETARY,

LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE

OF THIS, OUR FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING.

THE WORLD HAS BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO REGULAR MEETINGS

BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN PEOPLES.

COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS INTENSIFIED, BOTH IN
TEMPO AND IN SUBSTANCE, DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS. AS A
RESULT, ALL PEOPLE NOW HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO LIVE IN PEACE
AND SECURITY.

THE FACT THAT THESE MEETINGS HAVE BECOME MORE REGULAR
TESTIFIES TO THE SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED TO THEM BY BOTH COUNTRIES.
IN THESE MEETINGS WE ARE ABLE TO CONDUCT OUR DISCUSSIONS IN A
BUSINESSLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. WE ARE ABLE TO MAKE
IMPORTANT PROGRESS ON THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN US.

I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRIES.

IN MY FIRST ADDRESS TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, I PLEDGED TO THE SOVIET UNION TO CONTINUE AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO THE COURSE FOLLOWED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.

MR. GENERAL SECRETARY, I PERSONALLY REAFFIRM THAT PLEDGE TO YOU NOW. AS NATIONS WITH GREAT POWER, WE SHARE A RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY TO OUR OWN PEOPLE, BUT TO MANKIND. WE MUST AVOID WAR AND THE DESTRUCTION IT WOULD MEAN. LET US GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF ~~DISARMAMENT~~ *CONTROLLING ARMS*. LET US CONTRIBUTE THROUGH OUR COOPERATION TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE GREAT PROBLEMS FACING MANKIND.

THE PROBLEMS OF FOOD, POPULATION AND ENERGY ARE NOT
CONFINED TO ANY ONE COUNTRY, OR TO COUNTRIES AT AN EARLY STAGE
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THEY AFFECT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. IF
THIS AGE IS TO BE REMEMBERED FAVORABLY IN HISTORY, IT WILL BE
BECAUSE WE MET THESE RESPONSIBILITIES.

MAY I PROPOSE A TOAST TO OUR JOINT SEARCH FOR
SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACING MANKIND.

END OF TOAST

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DOROTHY DOWNTON

(TOAST NOT USED)



TOAST TO GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV

MR. GENERAL SECRETARY.

IT WAS TO THE NORTH OF HERE, ACROSS THE BERING

STRAIT, THAT THE FIRST CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES ORIGINATED

~~MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO.~~ MORE RECENTLY, TRADE RELATIONS

BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES BEGAN WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF RUSSIAN TRADERS

FROM YOUR FAR EAST TO OUR PACIFIC COAST AREAS.

~~THE FACT THAT OUR FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING SHOULD
BE HELD HERE ALSO ILLUSTRATES THE TRANS-CONTINENTAL NATURE
OF OUR TWO GREAT COUNTRIES.~~

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OUR RELATIONSHIPS HAVE COME A VERY LONG WAY IN
THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. WE NOW TAKE FOR GRANTED THE NECESSITY FOR
GREATER UNDERSTANDING ON A VARIETY OF FRONTS. ~~OUR CONSULTATIONS~~
~~ARE INTENSIVE AND FREQUENT.~~ WE HAVE IMPROVED OUR PROSPECTS FOR
BILATERAL TRADE, AND FOR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE. OUR
EXPERTS ARE IN DAILY CONTACT ON A GREAT MANY PROJECTS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST. SUCH CONTACTS ENCOURAGE GREATER INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION IN GENERAL.

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Our consultations are intensive and frequent on the many issues that concern us. We have agreed that our relations should be marked by mutual restraint and respect and that in crisis situations all our efforts should be directed at achieving peaceful solutions.

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■ THERE IS ONE ASPECT OF THE U.S.-USSR RELATIONSHIP THAT CONCERNS WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY MORE THAN ANY OTHER. WE CAN TAKE SATISFACTION FROM THE SUCCESSES ALREADY ACHIEVED IN THE LIMITATION OF OUR STRATEGIC ARMS. BUT WE MUST NOT REST ON PAST PROGRESS.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT ONLY A BEGINNING HAS BEEN MADE.
IF THE BROAD IMPROVEMENT OF OUR RELATIONS IS TO BE TRULY
IRREVERSIBLE, WE MUST HAVE MORE COMPLETE AND LONGER-TERM
LIMITATIONS.

WE DEAL HERE WITH THE MOST SENSITIVE AND
DANGEROUS ASPECT OF OUR OWN RELATIONS. YET WE MUST
PERSEVERE WITH OUR VITAL EFFORTS TO STOP AND REVERSE THE
CONTINUED EXPANSION OF THESE WEAPONS. I PLEDGE TO YOU NOW,
MR. GENERAL SECRETARY, THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT SLACKEN
ITS EFFORTS.

WE SHALL DO ALL WE CAN TO INSURE THAT OUR JOINT UNDERTAKING
WILL BE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS. LET OUR CHILDREN, AND PEOPLE
EVERYWHERE, ENJOY REAL SECURITY IN A WORLD ^{not provided by} ~~RELIEVED OF THE~~
FEAR OF WAR AND NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST.

MAY I PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOU, MR. GENERAL
SECRETARY, AND TO THE HOPE THAT OUR NATIONS CAN HELP ASSURE
A SECURE WORLD PEACE.

END OF TOAST