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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

WELCOMING REMARKS

CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1974

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CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT (SHMIT), GENTLEMEN, I AM  
DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AS THE  
LEADER OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, MR. CHANCELLOR, AND  
IT COMES AT AN HISTORIC TIME FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. WE IN THE  
UNITED STATES ARE ON THE EVE OF OUR BICENTENNIAL.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE ARE PARTICULARLY AWARE OF IS THE PROMINENT  
ROLE PLAYED BY MEN AND WOMEN OF GERMAN DESCENT IN BUILDING  
AMERICA. THEY HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS IN FIELDS AS  
WIDESPREAD AS EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

A FEW MONTHS AGO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
MARKED ITS OWN 25th ANNIVERSARY. DURING THIS QUARTER  
CENTURY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S  
LEADING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWERS -- ALSO ONE OF THE MOST  
RESPONSIBLE.

THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PERIOD THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN MARKED BY CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. WE ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THAT.

MR. CHANCELLOR, WE LIVE IN DEMANDING TIMES.

IN THE EFFORT TO SOLVE THE FORMIDABLE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING US TODAY, CLOSE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL HELP HAVE BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.

ONLY BY WORKING TOGETHER CAN WE OVERCOME THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES FACING OUR ECONOMIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY.

I BELIEVE WE CAN DO IT AND, SPEAKING FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,  
I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN FOR  
STRENGTHENED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. WE ALSO  
RECOGNIZE YOUR INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN DEALING WITH THE  
PROBLEMS OF ENERGY, INFLATION, FOOD AND FINANCIAL PRESSURES.

A KEYSTONE OF OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE COOPERATION IS THE  
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. AT A TIME WHEN ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE  
CONFRONT DIFFICULT BUDGETARY CHOICES, WE APPLAUD AND ENDORSE  
YOUR COUNTRY'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD MAINTAINING THE  
STRENGTH OF NATO.

WE ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN HELPING TO ASSURE THAT  
NO NATION BEAR AN UNFAIR BURDEN OF THE COST OF OUR COMMON  
DEFENSE.

WE WILL HAVE MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES TO DISCUSS TODAY  
AND TOMORROW, MR. CHANCELLOR.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN FULL CONFIDENCE THAT THESE  
TALKS WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUR EFFORTS IN CREATING  
MORE STABLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE WORLD.

I KNOW THAT YOUR VISIT WILL FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ALREADY  
CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC  
AND THE UNITED STATES.

MR. CHANCELLOR, AMERICA BIDS YOU AND YOUR PARTY

A MOST CORDIAL WELCOME.

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