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ARRIVAL REMARKS

PRIME MINISTER WILSON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1975

MR. PRIME MINISTER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE
UNITED STATES. YOU ARE NO STRANGER TO THIS CITY AND TO
THIS HOUSE. YOUR VISITS HERE OVER THE YEARS AS A STAUNCH
ALLY AND STEADFAST FRIEND ARE CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF THE
EXCELLENT TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND OUR PEOPLES.

YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER, ARE THE HONORED LEADER
OF ONE OF AMERICA'S TRUEST ALLIES AND OLDEST FRIENDS.
ANY STUDENT OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND AMERICAN CULTURAL
LIFE KNOWS HOW SIGNIFICANT IS OUR COMMON HERITAGE.
WE HAVE ACTUALLY CONTINUED TO SHARE A COMMON HISTORY.

AMERICANS CAN NEVER FORGET HOW THE VERY ROOTS OF OUR
DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEM AND OF OUR CONCEPTS OF
LIBERTY AND GOVERNMENT ARE TO BE FOUND IN BRITAIN.

OVER THE YEARS, BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE
STOOD TOGETHER AS TRUSTING FRIENDS AND ALLIES TO DEFEND
THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN THE WORLD. TODAY, THE NORTH
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE REMAINS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR COMMON
DEFENSE. HOWEVER, WE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
ATLANTIC COMMUNITY FACE A NEW DIMENSION OF CHALLENGES.

THAT THESE CHALLENGES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE WE HAVE
CONFRONTED IN THE PAST DOES NOT MEAN THEY ARE ANY LESS
PERILOUS. WHAT IS AT STAKE IS THE FUTURE OF THE
INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES -- WHICH HAVE PERCEIVED AND
SUSTAINED THEIR DESTINY IN COMMON FOR THIRTY YEARS.

THE PROBLEMS OF RECESSION, INFLATION AND OF ASSURING
EQUITABLE ACCESS TO FAIRLY PRICED RESOURCES THREATEN THE
STABILITY OF EVERY ECONOMY AND THE WELFARE OF PEOPLE IN
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS ALIKE. THESE PROBLEMS
DEFY SOLUTION BY NATIONAL MEANS ALONE.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, AS I VERY RECENTLY SAID IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, IF WE ACT IMAGINATIVELY AND BOLDLY TO DEAL WITH OUR PRESENT PROBLEMS, AS WE ACTED AFTER WORLD WAR TWO, THEN THIS PERIOD WILL IN RETROSPECT BE SEEN AS ONE OF THE GREAT CREATIVE MOMENTS IN OUR HISTORY.

BRITAIN'S ROLE THEN, AS NOW, WAS CRUCIAL. ONLY BY
WORKING TOGETHER CAN THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES --
AND THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD -- OVERCOME THESE CHALLENGES.
ONLY IN THIS MANNER CAN WE ENSURE A BETTER LIFE AND A BETTER
WORLD FOR ALL PEOPLES.

THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, IS PREPARED
TO GIVE OUR CLOSEST COOPERATION TO THIS JOINT ENTERPRISE.
A START HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE. AN INTERNATIONAL
ENERGY PROGRAM, AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, AND AN
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FACILITY, HAVE ALL BEEN CREATED.

CONSULTATIONS SUCH AS YOU AND I WILL HAVE TODAY AND TOMORROW
ARE SETTING THE STAGE FOR FURTHER COOPERATION. YOUR
GOVERNMENT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART. WE RECOGNIZE AND
APPLAUD THE SUPPORT BRITAIN HAS SHOWN FOR STRENGTHENED
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO
DEALING WITH THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS OF INFLATION, FOOD AND ENERGY.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, I LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE
TO THE DISCUSSIONS WE WILL HAVE ON THE MAJOR SECURITY,
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES BEFORE OUR COUNTRIES.
AS BEFITS TALKS BETWEEN CLOSE FRIENDS, I KNOW THEY WILL
BE WIDE-RANGING AND CANDID. THEY WILL CONFIRM OUR
MUTUAL TRUST AND SERVE OUR COMMON GOALS.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU ARE MOST WELCOME.

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