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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

PRESIDENT'S TOAST

PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1975

TO YOU, BOTH OFFICIALLY AND PERSONALLY.

FORTUNATE TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND OUR HOSPITALITY

IN THE PAST. MY WIFE AND I CONSIDER OURSELVES

YOU HERE TONIGHT. YOU HAVE BEEN GUESTS IN THIS HOUSE

WE ARE DEEPLY HONORED AND GREATLY PLEASED TO HAVE

MR. PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. WILSON, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

THE GREAT HERITAGE WE SHARE DRAWS US TOGETHER.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW ONCE REMARKED THAT WE ARE TWO

NATIONS SEPARATED BY THE SAME LANGUAGE. NEVERTHELESS,

I BELIEVE YOU WILL AGREE THAT WHAT UNITES US IS VASTLY

MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN OUR DIFFERENCES.

EXPERIENCE WHICH DO NOT NEED TO BE MADE ARTICULATE."

THOSE FEW WORDS LIE VOLUMES OF THOUGHT AND

OF UNDERSTANDING AND "EACH OF US IS AWARE THAT BEHIND

EFFECTIVELY BECAUSE WE SHARE A COMMON BACKGROUND

MR. PRIME MINISTER, BRITONS AND AMERICANS COMMUNICATE

AS YOU PUT IT SO WELL ON A PREVIOUS VISIT,

THIS IS A PRICELESS ASSET TO BOTH OUR NATIONS AND TO THE

ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, ANOTHER ASPECT OF OUR

COMMON HERITAGE IS OUR DEVOTION TO DEMOCRACY,

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OUR FAITH IN THE WISDOM OF THE PEOPLE. YOU AND I

BOTH HAVE SPENT MOST OF OUR ADULT LIVES IN GOVERNMENT.

US IN THOSE DAYS COULD HAVE FORESEEN THE WORLD OF THE 1970S.

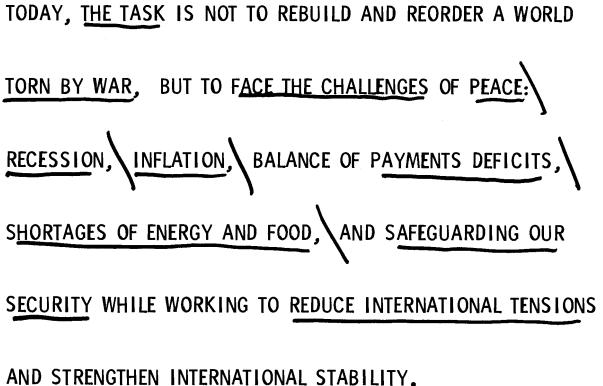
TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS IN 1948. NONE OF

AND SERVICE TO YOUR COUNTRY. MY OWN ELECTION

BUILT AN EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF LEADERSHIP

ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHERE YOU HAVE

THIS YEAR MARKS THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR



THE PROBLEMS UNDERLINE THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS AND

THE NEED FOR COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION. IN THIS,

OUR TWO NATIONS ARE AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD.

OPTIMISM IN THE FACE OF GREAT PERIL.

AND CHALLENGES, WE ARE REMINDED OF HIS COURAGE AND

FUNERAL. AS WE THINK OF HIM AND OF OUR OWN DIFFICULTIES

TODAY MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SIR WINSTON'S

ANNIVERSARY OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL'S BIRTH.

RECENTLY, THE WORLD HONORED THE ONE HUNDREDTH

HE TOLD THE WORLD IN DECEMBER, 1941: "WE HAVE NOT

JOURNEYED ALL THIS WAY ACROSS THE CENTURIES,

ACROSS THE OCEANS, ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS,

ACROSS THE PRAIRIES, BECAUSE WE ARE MADE OF SUGAR CANDY."

NOT MADE OF SUGAR CANDY!

DEMOCRATIC NATIONS CAN AGAIN TRIUMPH. WE ARE STILL

I AM CONFIDENT THAT, BY WORKING TOGETHER, THE FREE AND

THOSE CONFRONTED IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR. YET,

THEY ARE DIFFERENT AND IN MANY WAYS MORE COMPLEX THAN

MR. PRIME MINISTER, THE CHALLENGES WE FACE ARE SERIOUS;

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I LOOK FORWARD, MR. PRIME MINISTER, TO

CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION TOMORROW. I ENJOY

THE COMPANY OF OUR BRITISH FRIENDS.

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WE SHARE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A LOVE OF SPORT.

YOU AND I, MR. PRIME MINISTER, HAVE IN COMMON A

DEDICATION TO THE ANCIENT SCOTTISH GAME OF GOLF.

I ESPECIALLY LIKE TO PLAY GOLF WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER

WHO IS WITH US TONIGHT. HENRY KISSINGER IS UNDOUBTEDLY

ONE OF THE GREATEST DIPLOMATS THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.

I WILL TELL YOU WHY I SAY THAT. THE LAST TIME WE PLAYED

I FOUND MYSELF IN A SAND TRAP. THERE WAS A WATER

HAZARD BEYOND THAT AND THEN NINETY-FIVE FEET FOR THE FIRST

,

HOLE. AND HENRY CONCEDED THE PUTT!

MR. PRIME MINISTER, WITH PROFOUND APPRECIATION

FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE, I OFFER A TOAST TO HER MAJESTY,

QUEEN ELIZABETH AND TO YOU AND MRS. WILSON: TO THE QUEEN.

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