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## PRESIDENT'S TOAST

PRIME MINISTER HAROLD WILSON

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1975

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

WE ARE DEEPLY HONORED AND GREATLY PLEASED TO HAVE

YOU HERE TONIGHT. YOU HAVE BEEN GUESTS IN THIS HOUSE

IN THE PAST. MY WIFE AND I CONSIDER OURSELVES

FORTUNATE TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND OUR HOSPITALITY

TO YOU, BOTH OFFICIALLY AND PERSONALLY.

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.

AS YOU PUT IT SO WELL ON A PREVIOUS VISIT,

MR. PRIME MINISTER, BRITONS AND AMERICANS COMMUNICATE

EFFECTIVELY BECAUSE WE SHARE A COMMON BACKGROUND

OF UNDERSTANDING AND "EACH OF US IS AWARE THAT BEHIND

THOSE FEW WORDS LIE VOLUMES OF THOUGHT AND

EXPERIENCE WHICH DO NOT NEED TO BE MADE ARTICULATE."

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,

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

BOTH HAVE SPENT MOST OF OUR ADULT LIVES IN GOVERNMENT.

THIS YEAR MARKS THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR

ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHERE YOU HAVE

BUILT AN EXTRAORDINARY RECORD OF LEADERSHIP

AND SERVICE TO YOUR COUNTRY. MY OWN ELECTION

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS IN 1948. NONE OF

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



TODAY, THE TASK IS NOT TO REBUILD AND REORDER A WORLD

TORN BY WAR, BUT TO FACE THE CHALLENGES OF PEACE:

RECESSION, INFLATION, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICITS,

SHORTAGES OF ENERGY AND FOOD, AND SAFEGUARDING OUR

SECURITY WHILE WORKING TO REDUCE INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS

AND STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL STABILITY.

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.

RECENTLY, THE WORLD HONORED THE ONE HUNDREDTH

ANNIVERSARY OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL'S BIRTH.

TODAY MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF SIR WINSTON'S

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

AND CHALLENGES, WE ARE REMINDED OF HIS COURAGE AND

OPTIMISM IN THE FACE OF GREAT PERIL.

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."

MR. PRIME MINISTER, THE CHALLENGES WE FACE ARE SERIOUS;  
THEY ARE DIFFERENT AND IN MANY WAYS MORE COMPLEX THAN  
THOSE CONFRONTED IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR. YET,  
I AM CONFIDENT THAT, BY WORKING TOGETHER, THE FREE AND  
DEMOCRATIC NATIONS CAN AGAIN TRIUMPH. WE ARE STILL  
NOT MADE OF SUGAR CANDY!

I LOOK FORWARD, MR. PRIME MINISTER, TO  
CONTINUING OUR DISCUSSION TOMORROW. I ENJOY  
THE COMPANY OF OUR BRITISH FRIENDS.

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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