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**TOAST AT STATE DINNER**

**FOR PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1975**

PRIME MINISTER AND BEGUM BHUTTO (BAY-GUUM BOO-TOE),

AND OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM PAKISTAN AND THE

UNITED STATES:

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL EVENING, AS AMERICANS,

WE HAVE THE HONOR OF WELCOMING THE LEADER OF A TRUE FRIEND --

PAKISTAN -- TO WASHINGTON. I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE HAD

THIS FIRST PERSONAL MEETING IN THE WHITE HOUSE WITH YOU THIS

MORNING, MR. PRIME MINISTER, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

THIS EVENING WITH YOUR WIFE AND TWO OF YOUR CHILDREN.

YOUR VISIT SYMBOLIZES THE WARM TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,  
AND I AM BOTH HONORED AND PLEASED YOU ARE HERE.

*Bay Nam*

IT IS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY THAT YOU, BEGUM BHUTTO,  
JOINED YOUR HUSBAND ON THIS VISIT JUST AS YOU HAVE JOINED HIM  
IN WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PAKISTAN AND ITS PEOPLE.

I AM ALSO VERY PLEASED TO HAVE TWO OF YOUR FINE  
CHILDREN WITH US TONIGHT.      LIKE THEIR DISTINGUISHED FATHER  
BEFORE THEM, THEY ARE ATTENDING COLLEGES IN THE UNITED STATES --  
AND WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE THEM IN THIS COUNTRY.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, THE WORLD KNOWS THAT THE BURDEN  
OF LEADERSHIP FELL ON YOU AT ONE OF THE MOST CRITICAL TIMES IN  
THE HISTORY OF PAKISTAN. WITH CONFIDENCE AND DETERMINATION,  
YOU HAVE GUIDED YOUR NATION INTO A NEW ERA OF PEACE AND  
RECONCILIATION. YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND YOUR COURAGE  
DESERVE THE HIGHEST PRAISE.

OUR FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING REPRESENTS ANOTHER LINK  
IN THE CHAIN OF A MUCH LONGER ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE LEADERS  
AND THE PEOPLES OF PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES. WE WANT  
TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP WE HAVE  
SHARED SO LONG.

OUR TALKS TODAY HELPED TO DO THAT.

PEACE IN THE WORLD DEPENDS UPON PEACE

IN ITS VARIOUS PARTS.

YOUR LEADERSHIP,

MR. PRIME MINISTER, HAS ENABELED PAKISTAN TO MOVE FORWARD

WITH INDIA TOWARD ACHIEVING PEACE IN THAT AREA OF THE WORLD.

I AM IMPRESSED AS WELL BY WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO PROMOTE  
ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PAKISTAN,  
DESPITE THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS POSED BY THE RAPID RISE IN  
PRICE LEVELS FOR ESSENTIAL GOODS.

AS YOU PERSEVERE IN YOUR TASKS, YOU MAY BE SURE  
THAT THIS GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY OF A STRONG, SECURE AND PROSPEROUS PAKISTAN AS  
A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN MAINTAINING REGIONAL AND WORLD PEACE.

LET ME NOW PROPOSE A TOAST TO PRIME MINISTER AND  
BEGUM BHUTTO, TO THE IDEALS AND THE HOPES THEY PERSONIFY  
SO WELL, AND TO FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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