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TALKING POINTS:

DROP BY AT UNITED STATES EMBASSY

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1975

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1. GREETINGS TO AMBASSADOR FIRESTONE,

AMBASSADOR GREENWALD, AND STAFFS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY

AND THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

2. I APPRECIATE HARD WORK OF AMERICAN STAFF

AND BELGIAN NATIONALS EMPLOYED BY EMBASSY IN MAKING

THIS VISIT A SUCCESS.

3. BRUSSELS, IN THE MINDS OF MANY, IS THE

CAPITAL OF EUROPE -- NATO, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

AND MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES.

4. I COMMEND THE TEAMWORK AND COOPERATION OF

AMERICANS AND BELGIANS TO MAKE THIS VISIT A SUCCESS.

5. MY FIRST VISIT TO EUROPE AS PRESIDENT IS IMPORTANT

BECAUSE OF THE PRIORITIES WE ATTACH TO OUR RELATIONS WITH BELGIUM,

WITH ALL OF EUROPE, AND WITH ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES SEEKING

A MORE PEACEFUL AND STABLE WORLD.

6. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE TALKS UNDER WAY IN BRUSSELS

WILL SUCCEED AS THE U.S. PURSUES ITS GOALS WITH EVEN GREATER

DEDICATION.

7. YOUR TASK IS HELPING TO IMPLEMENT UNDERSTANDINGS

REACHED.

8. I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR DAY-TO-DAY

EFFORTS TO TRANSLATE VITAL AMERICAN OBJECTIVES INTO

REALITY AND FOR YOUR DEVOTION TO DUTY.

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