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DINNER TOAST IN MADRID

SATURDAY -- MAY 31, 1975

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GENERALISSIMO FRANCO, MRS. FRANCO, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESSES,

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND FRIENDS:

IN 1953 OUR TWO NATIONS EMBARKED ON A COURSE DESIGNED
TO INCREASE OUR COOPERATION AND TO ENHANCE OUR SECURITY. OUR
RELATIONSHIP IS SUCCEEDING IN ITS PURPOSES. THE INDEPENDENCE
OF THE WEST HAS BEEN PRESERVED.

WE HAVE PROSPERED IN A MANNER THAT WOULD NOT BEEN EXPECTED A
QUARTER-CENTURY AGO. OUR NATIONS HAVE BOTH BENEFITTED.

TODAY'S CHALLENGES ARE EVEN MORE COMPLEX. WE
MUST MAINTAIN STRONG AND CREDIBLE DEFENSES WHILE WE WORK TO
LESSEN TENSIONS. WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS BECOMING
INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT; COOPERATION BECOMES EVER MORE
IMPORTANT.

WE ARE BOTH PROUD OF OUR INDEPENDENCE, YET WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED
TO WORK TOGETHER. EACH YEAR MARKS INCREASING CONTACTS AND
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SPANISH AND AMERICAN PEOPLES IN A
GROWING NUMBER OF FIELDS RANGING FROM MEDICINE TO URBAN
DEVELOPMENT, TO THE ARTS, AGRICULTURE, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION.

TO MEET THE NEEDS OF TOMORROW, WE MUST CONTINUE OUR
COOPERATION. AND I KNOW THIS IS OUR SHARED OBJECTIVE.

AS RECOGNIZED IN THE 1974 JOINT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES,
OUR JOINT ENDEAVORS HAVE STRENGTHENED THE CAUSE OF PEACE. SPAIN,
THROUGH ITS BILATERAL DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, IS
MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN DEFENSE.

OTHER NATIONS OF THE TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY HAVE BENEFITTED

FROM OUR COOPERATION.

IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS
WE ARE PREPARED TO DRAW PRACTICAL
CONSEQUENCES FROM THESE FACTS.

WE ARE BOTH MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CREATED TO

INCREASE COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS, SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL

ENERGY AGENCY, SUCH TIES SHOULD BE CONTINUALLY BROADENED

AND STRENGTHENED. WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THEY SHALL BE.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, / THE WARMTH OF YOUR WELCOME TODAY

AND THE HOSPITALITY OF THE PEOPLE OF SPAIN HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT

TO US. THIS DELIGHTFUL DINNER IN SUCH SPLENDID SURROUNDINGS

WITH SO MANY FRIENDS HAS BEEN THE CLIMAX OF A DAY FILLED WITH

DEEPLY MOVING EXPERIENCES -- FROM THE DEMONSTRATION OF AFFECTION BY

THE SPANISH PEOPLE WHO GREETED US TODAY / TO RENEWING MY FRIENDSHIPS

WITH YOU AND PRINCE JUAN CARLOS AND TO EXCHANGING IDEAS FOR THE

FIRST TIME, IN A MOST PROFITABLE WAY, WITH PRESIDENT ARIAS NAVARRO.

THESE WERE REWARDING EXPERIENCES.

THEY ARE ELOQUENT TESTIMONY

TO THE DEPTH OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I LIFT MY GLASS TO SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES, TO
OUR GROWING FRIENDSHIP IN THE YEARS AHEAD, TO GENERALISSIMO
FRANCO, TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE JUAN CARLOS, AND TO THE
SPANISH PEOPLE.

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