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SUHARTO LUNCHEON TOAST

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1975

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I AM HONORED TO WELCOME PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO THE
UNITED STATES DURING THE COURSE OF HIS WORLD TOUR.

ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE FIRST TIME PRESIDENT SUHARTO
HAS VISITED THE UNITED STATES SINCE 1970, WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY
REGARDED HIM AS A WISE AND VALUED FRIEND.

I AM WELL ACQUAINTED WITH WHAT PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAS ACHIEVED FOR HIS COUNTRY OVER THE LAST DECADE. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE INDONESIAN PEOPLE HAVE DEVELOPED A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THEIR NATION'S COMPLEX CHALLENGES. THEY HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS IN MAKING INDONESIA A MODERN STATE AND SOCIETY.

ADMIRING PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND HIS COUNTRY AS I DO, I HAVE LONG LOOKED FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY MEET AND DISCUSS THE MANY ISSUES THAT CONCERN BOTH OUR NATIONS. I WAS MOST PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS THIS NOON.

AS ALL OF YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA. INDONESIA IS A VITAL FORCE FOR STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IN ASIA AS A WHOLE.

THE UNITED STATES THUS HAS A DEEP INTEREST IN INDONESIA'S SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT, AND IN HER EFFORTS TO EXPAND COOPERATION WITH HER NEIGHBORS IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES WHICH SOUTHEAST ASIA FACES.

THE RECENT TRAGEDY IN INDOCHINA REDOUBLES OUR
INTEREST IN THE STABILITY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. I HAVE PROFITED
TODAY FROM PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT
SITUATION IN THAT REGION.

I HAVE TOLD HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A
VITAL ROLE IN ASIA, AND THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL REMAIN
CLEAR IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL VISION AND FIRM IN MEETING THEIR
OBLIGATIONS.

I HAVE ALSO REAFFIRMED MY GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO SOLID SUPPORT FOR INDONESIA'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, AND TO WORK WITH INDONESIA AND OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN ALLIES AND FRIENDS TO BRING PEACE IN THAT AREA.

INDONESIA, AS ONE OF THE MAJOR NATIONS OF ASIA, IS ALSO WELL KNOWN IN WORLD FORUMS, AS PRESIDENT SUHARTO'S WORLD TOUR ATTESTS.

INDONESIA IS MAKING A RESPECTED AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE RESOLUTION OF MANY GLOBAL ISSUES, DEMONSTRATED IN SUCH WAYS AS PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED STATES EMERGENCY FORCE FOR THE MID-EAST.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPANDED COOPERATION WITH INDONESIA ON WORLD ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. AT THE SAME TIME, INDONESIA MAY BE ASSURED THAT MY GOVERNMENT'S FIDELITY TO THE CAUSE OF GLOBAL PEACE REMAINS UNSHAKEN.

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PRESIDENT SUHARTO, I AM GRATIFIED THAT WE COULD
MEET HERE TODAY FOR THIS HIGHLY VALUED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
I HOPE YOU WILL RETURN SOON FOR A MORE EXTENDED STAY.

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AND I INVITE ALL HERE TO RAISE THEIR GLASSES TO THE GOOD HEALTH
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*Terry O'Donnell
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