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(REVISED VERSION)

ARRIVAL STATEMENT

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. CEASESCU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MRS. FORD, OUR SON, JACK, AND I AM HONORED AND PLEASED
TO VISIT ROMANIA. WE ARE PLEASED TO BE IN THIS UNIQUE LAND SO
RICH IN HISTORY, WITH SUCH GREAT NATURAL BEAUTY AND SO PROUD
AND INDEPENDENT A PEOPLE.

AS YOU MAY RECALL, MR. PRESIDENT, I MET WITH A SPLENDID

GROUP OF YOUNG ROMANIANS IN THE WHITE HOUSE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

I FOUND THEM TO BE EXCELLENT AMBASSADORS OF FRIENDSHIP.

MR. PRESIDENT, LET US ASSURE COMING GENERATIONS A MORE NORMAL,

RELAXED, AND PEACEFUL WORLD. WE MUST FIND WAYS TO INCREASE

REAL AND DIRECT COOPERATION AMONG ALL PEOPLES.

AMONG THE PRINCIPLES WE BOTH CHERISH IS THE RIGHT OF EVERY NATION TO INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY. WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY NATION HAS THE RIGHT TO ITS OWN PEACEFUL EXISTENCE, WITHOUT BEING THREATENED BY FORCE. AND WE BELIEVE THAT ALL STATES ARE EQUAL UNDER LAW REGARDLESS OF SIZE, SYSTEM, OR LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT.

PRINCIPLES SUCH AS THESE ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT

WE SIGNED AT HELSINKI. WE HAVE BOTH WORKED HARD,

MR. PRESIDENT, AND WE MUST CONTINUE TO DEVOTE OUR EFFORTS TO

MAKING ALL THESE PRINCIPLES A REALITY IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THE

INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT CONCERN US BOTH.

OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE GOOD, MR. PRESIDENT.

I AM PLEASED THAT OUR CONGRESS HAS APPROVED THE U.S.-ROMANIAN
TRADE AGREEMENT. THIS CREATES NEW OPPORTUNITIES -- PARTICULARLY
IN THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC FIELD.

I AM CONFIDENT WE CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS IN MANY
OTHER AREAS AS WELL.

MR. PRESIDENT, I KNOW OUR DISCUSSIONS WILL BE VERY PRODUCTIVE DURING MY STAY IN YOUR COUNTRY. AS DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN JUNE, OUR GOAL WILL BE TO SEEK CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR TALKS. ON BEHALF OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE, I BRING YOU AND THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE
WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

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