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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

LUNCHEON TOAST

ROMANIA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1975

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MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. CEAUSESCU, LADIES AND GENTLEMENT:

MR. PRESIDENT, IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO MEET WITH YOU

JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO AT THE WHITE HOUSE. THIS VISIT TO ROMANIA

ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE IN GREATER DETAIL OUR DISCUSSION ON A BROAD

RANGE OF BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE REFLECTED ON THE REMARKABLE STRIDES

THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN OUR RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS. WE HAVE

AGREED, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR

TWO COUNTRIES AND ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL

COOPERATION.

TODAY, I AM DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE NOW TAKEN ANOTHER MAJOR STEP

FORWARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.S.-ROMANIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

I AM SURE THAT THIS AGREEMENT WILL LEAD TO NEW ECONOMIC CONTACTS

OF GROWING MUTUAL BENEFIT. I HAVE SIMILAR HOPES FOR THE NEW

FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST DECEMBER ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC

EXCHANGES.

BY WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN DEVELOP COOPERATIVE CONTACTS IN SUCH
AREAS OF JOINT CONCERN AS HEALTH, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE AND
ENVIRONMENT.

ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT ARE THE SHARED PRINCIPLES --

EXPRESSED IN THE DECLARATION SIGNED IN WASHINGTON. IT EXPLAINS

HOW TWO COUNTRIES FAR APART GEOGRAPHICALLY, WITH DIFFERENT

PHILOSOPHIES OF GOVERNMENT, CAN COOPERATE SO WELL IN SO MANY FIELDS.

WE BOTH BELIEVE IN EACH STATE'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE ITS OWN PATH FOR

DEVELOPMENT.

AND WE BOTH RESPECT EACH OTHER'S SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE,
RECOGNIZING THAT UNLESS THAT INDEPENDENCE IS PRESERVED,
THERE CAN BE NO REAL PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THE WORLD.
PEACE AND PROSPERITY REMAIN THE ULTIMATE GOALS OF BOTH U.S. AND
ROMANIAN POLICY.

MR. PRESIDENT, IN RECENT YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A PIONEERING
SPIRIT IN OUR RELATIONS. WE HAVE SOUGHT AND FOUND FRESH
APPROACHES. WE HAVE ANTICIPATED MANY OF THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT
SUBSEQUENTLY MARKED THE GENERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.
THESE DEVELOPMENTS CONFIRMED THE COURSE OF OUR RELATIONS AS CORRECT
AND JUSTIFIED.

MR. PRESIDENT, I RAISE MY GLASS TO YOU AND TO

MRS. CEAUSESCU, AND TO THE EXPANSION OF RELATIONS AND BROADENING

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ROMANIA.