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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . . .

ARRIVAL STATEMENT

BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1975

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PRESIDENT TITO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MRS. FORD, OUR SON, JACK, AND I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD  
TO THIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA -- A COUNTRY OF GREAT BEAUTY  
AND A COUNTRY WITH FIERCE PRIDE IN ITS INDEPENDENCE.  
IT IS ALSO A VERY GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO MAKE MY  
FIRST VISIT HERE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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TWELVE YEARS AGO I CAME TO YUGOSLAVIA, AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS, ON A FAR LESS HAPPY OCCASION. SKOPJE (SCOPE-YEH) HAD BEEN DEVASTATED BY AN EARTHQUAKE. I REMEMBER THE SAD AND GRIM SCENE. I AM VERY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT SKOPJE (SCOPE-YEH) HAS BEEN REBUILT INTO A BEAUTIFUL, MODERN CITY. THIS IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROGRESS MADE THROUGHOUT YUGOSLAVIA IN RECENT YEARS.

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IT IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF WHAT CREATIVITY, HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION -- WELL-KNOWN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE -- CAN ACHIEVE.

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I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MY TALKS WITH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. YOU ARE TRULY RESPECTED IN AMERICA AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS ONE OF THE GREAT MEN OF THE POST-WAR PERIOD. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS OF BILATERAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES AFFECTING THE PEACE, SECURITY AND WELFARE OF THE WORLD WILL ADD TO OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, TO THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN YUGOSLAVS AND AMERICANS.

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MR. PRESIDENT, YOU AND I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM HELSINKI WHERE WE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THIS SUMMIT WAS ANOTHER STEP IN THE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND INCREASE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. IT REPRESENTS PROGRESS WHICH WE, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS MUST BUILD UP ON. FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI DOCUMENTS PROMISES GREATER SECURITY AND COOPERATION NOT ONLY IN EUROPE BUT AMONG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

THE MEETING OF THE UNITED STATES, YUGOSLAVIA AND 33 OTHER STATES  
IN FINLAND ALSO SERVES AS THE LATEST REMINDER THAT TODAY'S WORLD  
FINDS THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD INCREASINGLY INTERDEPENDENT.

AS WE MEET TODAY AND TOMORROW IN BELGRADE SO SOON AFTER  
OUR PARTICIPATION TOGETHER IN THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, WE ARE  
MINDFUL OF THE NEED FOR COOPERATION BY ALL NATIONS ON URGENT  
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR DISCUSSIONS  
WILL MAKE A VERY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION IN THIS DIRECTION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS WELCOME TO YUGOSLAVIA.

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