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DEPARTURE REMARKS FOR THE PRESIDENT

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1975

GOOD MORNING:

THREE TIMES IN OUR GENERATION, WARS IN ASIA

DISTURBED THE PEACE OF THE WORLD AND DREW AMERICA INTO

CONFLICT.

ON THIS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, WE GIVE THANKS THAT AMERICA --
AND ASIA -- ARE AT PEACE. TODAY, I BEGIN A MISSION TO
ASIA TO CONSOLIDATE THAT PEACE AND TO VISIT OUR TWO NEWEST
STATES -- ALASKA AND HAWAII -- WHICH ARE MOST MINDFUL
OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACE IN THE PACIFIC.

I AM TRAVELING TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO
STRENGTHEN OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GREAT NATION FROM
WHOM WE WERE ISOLATED, IN MUTUAL SUSPICION, FOR ALMOST A
QUARTER-CENTURY.

STABILITY IN ASIA AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY BENEFIT FROM THE

NEW RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL RESPECT THAT WE ARE DEVELOPING

BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA. WE WILL STAND FOR OUR OUR

OWN VIEWS, AS WE ALWAYS HAVE. BUT WE WILL SEEK ~~IN~~ IN THE

AMERICAN TRADITION -- TO FOSTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

I WILL ALSO VISIT TWO IMPORTANT FRIENDS IN ASIA:

THE PHILIPPINES, ONE OF OUR OLDEST PARTNERS, AN ALLY WHICH

INDEED SYMBOLIZES AMERICA'S HISTORIC LINK AND COMMITMENT TO

ASIA - AND INDONESIA, A NATION OF 120 MILLION PEOPLE, A GOOD

FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES, AND A COUNTRY OF TREMENDOUS

POTENTIAL AND IMPORTANCE.

AS I DID LAST YEAR ON MY VISITS TO JAPAN AND THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA, I WILL REAFFIRM AMERICA'S UNDIMINISHED
INTEREST IN THE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING OF ASIA. THAT VAST
REGION IS VITAL TO US AND TO THE WORLD.

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I WILL BRING TO THE PEOPLE OF ASIA THE GOOD WISHES
AND FRIENDSHIP OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THANK YOU.

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