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IT WAS IN 1959 THAT PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAD THE HONOR TO WELCOME YOUR MAJESTY TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON YOUR FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

YOUR MAJESTIES, HONORED GUESTS:

MARCH 30,1976

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KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN

PRESIDENT'S TOAST AT STATE DINNER FOR

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

FIFTEEN YEARS LATER, IT WAS MY GREAT

PRIVILEGE TO GREET YOU AS THE FIRST CHIEF OF STATE

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TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING MY OWN ADMINISTRATION.

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IN THAT TIME SPAN, THE WORLD POLITICAL

SCENE HAS CHANGED PROFOUNDLY. YET, THROUGHOUT

THIS PROCESS OF CHANGE, THERE HAVE BEEN REASSURING

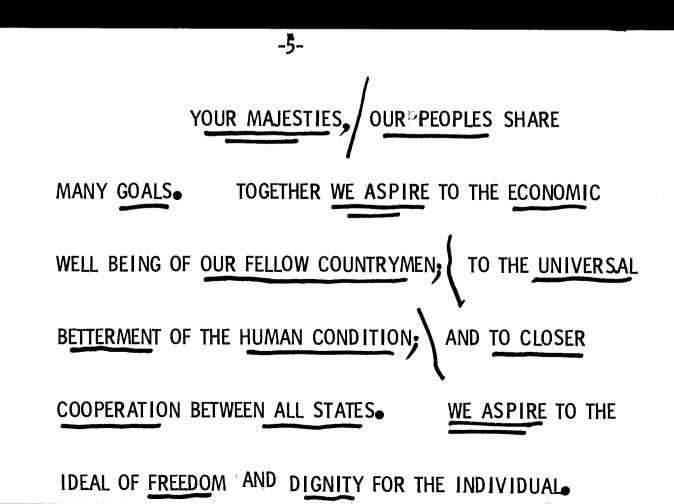
ELEMENTS OF STABILITY AND CONSTANCY IN THE RELATIONSHIPS

BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

A PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY EXAMPLE IS THE FRIENDSHIP

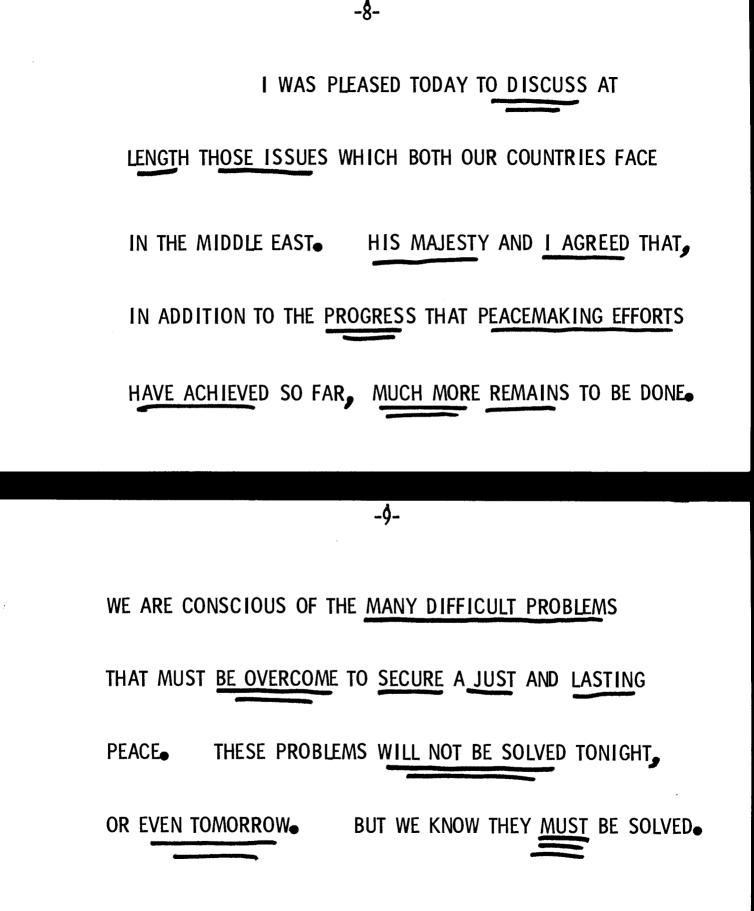
AND MUTUAL TRUST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE

HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN.



BUT THERE IS ONE PARTICULAR GOAL WHICH WE BOTH DEEPLY WISH TO ATTAIN. IT IS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE FOR ALL THE NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST OUR OWN TWO COUNTRIES ARE DETERMINED TO WORK TOGETHER TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES THAT STAND BETWEEN US AND THAT END. -7-AMERICANS ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOU AS A STAUNCH FRIEND. I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE OUR HOPES FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM. YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED YOUR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN US IN FACING SQUARELY THE GREAT CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME.

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HOPE FOR A MORE ABLE AND HONORED ASSOCIATE IN THIS

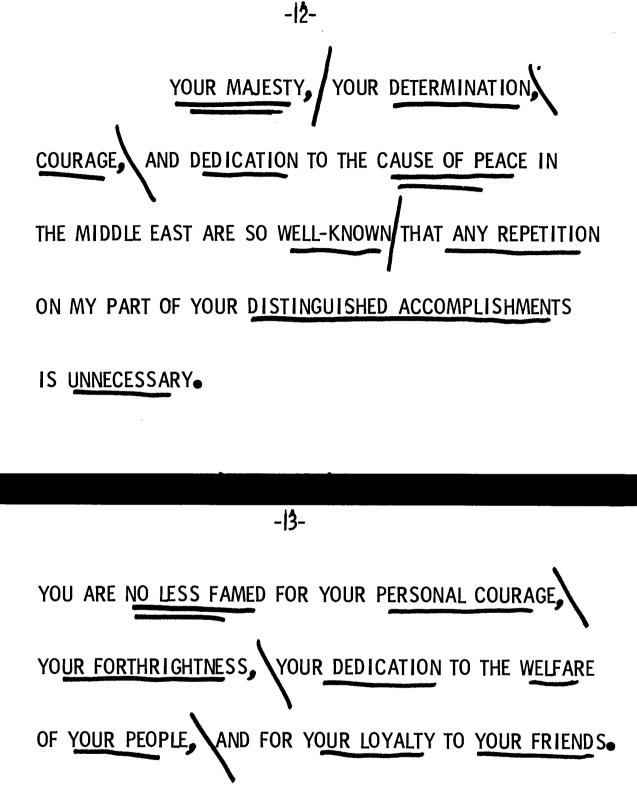
CERTAINLY THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT

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DETERMINED THAT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS MUST CONTINUE. A SETTLEMENT MUST BE OBTAINED THAT WILL FULFILL THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL THE STATES AND PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST FOR PEACE, STABILITY AND HUMAN PROGRESS.

IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE WE ARE MORE THAN EVER

WE ARE JOINTLY COMMITTED TO PERSEVERE



I AM PROUD TO SALUTE YOU TONIGHT, NOT ONLY AS A STATESMAN AND LEADER, BUT ALSO AS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND AND A FRIEND OF OUR NATION.

I TAKE SPECIAL PLEASURE IN WELCOMING

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ANOTHER OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN,

THE JORDANIAN PEOPLE

GRACIOUS QUEEN WHOSE CHARM CAPTIVATES US AS IT DOES

AS A STUDENT AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME HER AS A

HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN. SHE WAS ONCE IN OUR COUNTRY

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU TO RISE AND JOIN

WITH ME IN A TOAST TO HIS MAJESTY, KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN, A PARTNER IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE, A DISTINGUISHED LEADER, AND A TRUE FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. AND TO HER MAJESTY. QUEEN ALIA (ALL-E-YAH).

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