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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

SECRETARY KISSINGER

SECRETARY RUMSFELD

AMB. STRAUZ-HUPE

REMARKS AT SWEARING-IN OF

AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE

APRIL 5, 1976

GENERAL SCOWCROFT

MEMBERS OF THE
DIPLOMATIC CORPS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

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WE HAVE PLANNED THIS CEREMONY HERE IN THE
ROSE GARDEN TODAY IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE ONCE AGAIN THE
IMPORTANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO OUR FRIENDSHIP
AND SOLIDARITY WITH OUR N.A.T.O. ALLIES.

FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY, N.A.T.O.

HAS SERVED AS A BULWARK OF WESTERN DEFENSES. IT HAS

SUCCESSFULLY DETERRED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NORTH

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY.

THE UNITED STATES IS TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THE N.A.T.O.

ALLIANCE. IT IS A CORNERSTONE OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY IN 1976

AS IT HAS BEEN FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AND AS IT WILL

CONTINUE TO BE IN THE FUTURE. SECRETARY KISSINGER SHARES

MY DEEP CONVICTION FOR AND DEDICATION TO THE ALLIANCE.

THE MAN WE HAVE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT US IN ITS
COUNCILS EXEMPLIFIES THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMITMENT.

ROBERT STRAUZ-HUPE (STRAUSS-WHO-PAY), HAS HAD A LONG AND
DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A SCHOLAR, A WRITER AND A DIPLOMAT.

THROUGH HIS WRITINGS AND HIS DEEDS, HE HAS AMPLY DEMONSTRATED
AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ACTIVE, DEMANDING ROLE THAT THE
UNITED STATES MUST PLAY IN THE WORLD, AND THE CONTINUING
RESPONSIBILITIES WE MUST BEAR FOR OUR COLLECTIVE DEFENSE.

MR. STRAUZ-HUPE (STRAUSS-WHO-PAY), WILL BE
REPORTING TO THE N.A.T.O. HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS AT A TIME
WHEN AMONG THE ALLIES THEMSELVES THERE IS A NEW SENSE OF
UNITY AND SOLIDARITY.

YET THIS IS ALSO A TIME WHEN HERE IN OUR OWN LAND
THERE ARE THOSE WHO QUESTION OUR MILITARY CAPABILITY AND
OUR RESOLVE AS A NATION.

WHILE I WELCOME OPEN, HONEST DEBATE ABOUT AMERICA'S ROLE
IN THE WORLD, I CAN ONLY DEPLORE THOSE ACTIONS WHICH TEND
TO MISLEAD NOT ONLY OUR OWN PEOPLE BUT OUR FRIENDS AND
ADVERSARIES ABROAD.

MR. AMBASSADOR, I ASK THAT YOU CARRY FROM
HERE TODAY A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO OUR FRIENDS IN
EUROPE. TELL THEM IN CLEAR AND UNMISTAKABLE TERMS:

-- THE UNITED STATES TODAY IS THE MOST POWERFUL
ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FORCE IN THE WORLD, AND WE SHALL REMAIN
THAT WAY.

-- THE UNITED STATES TODAY IS TOTALLY COMMITTED
TO THE N.A.T.O. ALLIANCE. WE HAVE STOOD FIRM IN THE DEFENSE
OF LIBERTY FOR TWO CENTURIES AND WE SHALL ALWAYS BE FAITHFUL
TO THAT HERITAGE.

-- AND FINALLY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TODAY --
AS IN THE PAST -- IS A TRUE, RELIABLE PARTNER IN THE STRUGGLE
FOR PEACE. WE ARE A PEOPLE WHO ARE TRUE TO OUR FRIENDS
AND TO OUR BOND.

WE TAKE PRIDE IN THE WAY THAT EUROPE AND AMERICA HAVE JOINED
TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY IN THE PAST. WE SHALL CONTINUE NOW
IN BUILDING A NEW ERA OF PEACE AND RISING PROSPERITY IN THE
FUTURE.

TO OUR MANY ALLIES IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE
AROUND THE WORLD, OUR HAND IS OUT-STRETCHED WITH HOPE,
WITH CONFIDENCE, AND WITH FAITH IN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER.

AND NOW, LET ME ASK AMBASSADOR CATTO TO PERFORM
THE SWEARING-IN OF OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC
COUNCIL.

END OF TEXT

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR CATTO TO ADMINISTER
THE OATH.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

Swearing-In of Ambassador Strausz-Hupe (April 5, 1976)

Mr. Ambassador, members of the diplomatic corps,
and ladies and gentlemen:

We have planned this ceremony here in the Rose Garden today in order to emphasize once again the importance that the United States attaches to our friendship and solidarity with our NATO allies.

For over a quarter of a century, NATO has served as a bulwark of Western defenses. It has successfully deterred aggression against the North Atlantic Community. It has promoted stability and well-being among our peoples. And it has safeguarded the liberty and common heritage we treasure as democracies.

The United States is totally committed to the NATO alliance.

It is the cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy in 1976 as it has been for over a quarter of a century & will be in the future!
Sec. K. Sharron my deep conviction for & dedication to the alliance.

The man we have chosen to represent us in its councils exemplifies the strength of our commitment. Robert Strausz-Hupe has had a long and distinguished career as a scholar, a writer and a diplomat. Through his writings and his deeds, he has amply demonstrated an understanding of the active, demanding role that the United States must play in the world, and the continuing responsibilities we must bear for our collective defense.

Mr. Strausz-Hupe will be reporting to the NATO headquarters in Brussels at a time when among the allies themselves there is a new sense of unity and solidarity.

Yet this is also a time when here in our own land there are those who question our military capability and our resolve as a nation. While I welcome open, honest debate about America's role in the world, I can only deplore those actions which tend to mislead not only our own people but our friends and adversaries abroad.

Mr. Ambassador, I ask that you carry from here today a personal message from me to our friends in Europe.

Tell them in clear and unmistakable terms:

-- Do not doubt the strength of the United States.

We are the most powerful economic and military force in the world, and we shall remain that way.

-- Do not doubt the resolve of the United States.

We have stood firm in the defense of liberty for two centuries and we shall always be faithful to that heritage.

-- And finally, do not doubt the friendship and

understanding of the United States of America. We are a people who are true to our friends and to our bond.

We take pride in the way that Europe and America have joined to overcome adversity in the past. We shall continue now in building a new era of peace and rising prosperity in the future.

To our many allies in Europe and elsewhere around the world, our hand is outstretched with hope, with confidence, and with faith in our future together.

And now, let me ask Ambassador Catto to perform the swearing-in of our new Ambassador to the North Atlantic Council.