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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

SUMMIT CONFERENCE STATEMENT

JUNE 3, 1976

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I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THIS MORNING THAT THE  
LEADERS OF SIX OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS HAVE ACCEPTED  
THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO ATTEND A SUMMIT  
CONFERENCE LATER THIS MONTH.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD JUNE 27 AND 28 IN THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO. IN ADDITION TO THE UNITED  
STATES, / CANADA, / FRANCE, / <sup>WEST</sup> GERMANY, / ITALY, / JAPAN AND THE  
UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE REPRESENTED.

I HAVE INVITED THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING  
BECAUSE IT IS VITAL THAT THE LEADERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL  
DEMOCRACIES CONTINUE A PROCESS OF CLOSE CONSULTATION AND  
COOPERATION ON THE BROAD RANGE OF CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES  
BEFORE THEM IN ALL FIELDS OF COMMON INTEREST.

IN THE PAST, WORLD LEADERS HAVE MET TO DEAL WITH

CRISES.

BUT TODAY'S COMPLEX PROBLEMS REQUIRE THAT LEADERS

MEET TO AVOID THEM.

LAST FALL, WHEN WE MET AT RAMBOUILLET IN FRANCE,

WE AGREED TO EXTENSIVE COOPERATION IN ORDER TO SUSTAIN THE

ECONOMIC RECOVERY. THIS HAS MEANT LESS INFLATION AND MORE

JOB FOR MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF PEOPLE.

NOW WE MUST MEET AGAIN TO CHART A COURSE THAT WILL  
KEEP THE RECOVERY MOVING FORWARD AT A HEALTHY, SUSTAINED PACE.

THERE WILL BE MANY OTHER SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL

~~ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL~~ SIGNIFICANCE ON THE AGENDA IN PUERTO  
RICO -- INCLUDING FINANCIAL, MONETARY AND TRADE ISSUES.

BUT THE ISSUE AT THE HEART OF THE DISCUSSIONS IS TO DETERMINE  
WHAT OUR NATIONS CAN DO, WORKING TOGETHER, TO CREATE A MORE  
PROSPEROUS AND SECURE FUTURE FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS.

THANK YOU.

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