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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

RECEPTION ABOARD THE GORCH FOCK (GORK FAWK)

JULY 16, 1976

Mr. Chancellor / Mrs S / Capt Von Stachelberg,

1] Pleasure to be here
Thank for warm words

2] Visit of great ship - event
Congrats on winning Bermuda to
Newport.
appreciate participation in Op Seal
Op Seal - great success.
unforgettable sight
inspiring example of
harmony of Nations.

3] Port of Baltimore - near Fort Mifflin
1814 strategic fortification under
heavy bombardment - successful stand
of American defenders a treasure part
of our heritage - preserved in National Shrine

4] Today - Americans equally dedicated to
defend Freedom with our friend & ally,
Federal Republic of Germany.
Our Partnership & friendship & our
alliances are a bulwark of strength for
Peace & Freedom.
5] Grateful for your contributions to our
P. continued

Fort Mifflin
Baltimore

MR. CHANCELLOR, MRS. SCHMIDT, CAPTAIN VON
STACKELBERG, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I AM DELIGHTED TO JOIN YOU IN THIS MAGNIFICENT
SETTING. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM WORDS AND FOR YOUR
GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY.

THE VISIT OF THIS GREAT SHIP TO THE UNITED STATES HAS
BEEN AN EVENT OF TRIUMPH AND BEAUTY. YOU WON A
GREAT VICTORY IN THE BERMUDA-TO-NEWPORT RACE. YOUR SHIP
WAS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS IN OPERATION SAIL
WHICH I HAD THE PLEASURE TO WITNESS.

THE SIGHT OF THE TALL SHIPS SAILING TOGETHER IN
NEW YORK HARBOR WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN BY THE MILLIONS
WHO WATCHED. IT WAS A TREMENDOUS SYMBOL OF COMMON
ENDEAVOR, AN INSPIRING EXAMPLE OF THE HARMONY OF NATIONS.

WE ARE GATHERED THIS EVENING IN THIS BEAUTIFUL

SETTING IN THE PART OF BALTIMORE, NEAR FORT MCHENRY.

IN 1814 THIS STRATEGIC FORTIFICATION WAS UNDER HEAVY NAVAL

BOMBARDMENT. THE SUCCESSFUL STAND OF THE AMERICAN

DEFENDERS IS A TREASURED PART OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE,

PRESERVED IN THE WORDS OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

TODAY, AMERICANS ARE EQUALLY DETERMINED TO DEFEND FREEDOM.

WE WELCOME THIS BICENTENNIAL VISIT BY A SHIP OF THE FEDERAL

REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, OUR FRIEND AND ALLY, TO THIS HISTORIC

PLACE.

MR. CHANCELLOR, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE

UNITED STATES HAVE AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE TO PLAY TOGETHER IN THE

YEARS AND DECADES AHEAD.

THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONS OWE IT TO

THEMSELVES AND TO MANKIND TO USE THEIR VAST POTENTIAL FOR THE

PEACE AND WELL-BEING OF THE PLANET.

WHAT YOU AND WE HAVE DONE IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF PARTNERSHIP

AND OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. IT IS AN INSPIRATION FOR THE FUTURE.

I ~~WANT TO~~ SAY TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE ON BEHALF OF THE

AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS FRIENDS.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR BICENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION AND TO OUR MANY COMMON ENDEAVORS•

WITH GREAT AFFECTION, I OFFER A TOAST•

-- TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND MRS. SCHMIDT•

-- TO THE CAPTAIN AND CREW OF THE

GORCH FOCK (GORK FAWK), AND

-- TO ALL OUR FRIENDS: FAIR WINDS AND A FOLLOWING

SEA.

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