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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON ARRIVAL OF  
PRIME MINISTER FRASER OF  
AUSTRALIA  
JULY 27, 1976

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PRIME MINISTER FRASER, MRS. FRASER, LADIES AND

GENTLEMEN:

IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, THE UNITED STATES HAS  
BEEN HONORED TO WELCOME THE LEADERS OF MANY FRIENDLY  
NATIONS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THE PRIME  
MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA HAS COME TO WASHINGTON.

AUSTRALIA IS ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO THE HEARTS OF

AMERICANS. THE AMERICAN AND AUSTRALIAN PEOPLES SHARE

COMMON ROOTS, MANY SIMILARITIES, AND THE STRONGEST

AFFINITIES. WE HOLD IN COMMON A DEVOTION TO THE

PRESERVATION OF LIBERTY, NOT ONLY IN OUR OWN COUNTRIES,

BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE SHARE GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ASSISTING THE EMERGENCE

OF A MORE JUST AND STABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, OUR COUNTRIES HAVE LONG BEEN

ALLIES IN WAR AND IN PEACE. WE HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO

SUPPORT OTHER FREE NATIONS AND TO IMPROVE THE CONDITION OF

LESS FORTUNATE PEOPLES.

OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE A TRADITION OF CLOSE CONSULTATION  
THAT WILL BE CONTINUED IN OUR MEETING TODAY•

AUSTRALIA IS ASSUMING INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES  
WORLD-WIDE• ITS POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES HAVE  
NOT BEEN NARROWLY CONFINED TO SELF-INTEREST, BUT HAVE TAKEN  
ON THE WIDER VIEW THAT WE SHARE•

WE RESPECT THIS FRIENDLY AND INDEPENDENT VOICE ACROSS  
THE PACIFIC• WE WELCOME AUSTRALIA'S IMPORTANT  
CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY AND PROGRESS IN THE PACIFIC  
REGION AND IN THE WORLD AT LARGE•

MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU ARE DEEPLY CONSCIOUS  
OF THE NEED TO PRESERVE A GLOBAL BALANCE AMONG THE  
GREAT POWERS. WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE AUSTRALIA'S  
SUPPORT FOR OUR FOREIGN POLICY. WE ASSURE YOU THAT THE  
UNITED STATES WILL REMAIN A STRONG AND FAITHFUL ALLY,  
WORTHY OF AUSTRALIA'S TRUST.

AUSTRALIA, ITS GOVERNMENT AND ITS CITIZENS,  
HAVE DONE MUCH TO CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL.  
FESTIVALS HAVE BEEN HELD IN AUSTRALIA, PERFORMERS HAVE  
COME TO THE UNITED STATES, AND AUSTRALIA WILL ENDOW A  
CHAIR OF AUSTRALIAN STUDIES AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

WE THANK YOU, AND ALL AUSTRALIANS, FOR THESE WARM  
EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU ARE A VERY WELCOME  
VISITOR. I LOOK FORWARD TO MY DISCUSSIONS WITH  
YOU AND TO CONTINUING THE CLOSEST OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
AUSTRALIA AND ITS PEOPLES, OUR NATURAL FRIENDS AND ALLIES  
IN EVERY SPHERE OF LIFE.

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