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Tuesday, April 20, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
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TEXT OF MRS FORD'S REMARKS AT THE PADRE STAPLES MALL SHOPPING CENTER,
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1976

All my life I've heard about the warm and friendly people of Texas, and I want you to know that two days in the state have made a believer out of me. I've been lucky to have close friends from Texas, and now I can appreciate their enthusiasm for their home state.

I'm absolutely delighted to be in Corpus and to have a chance to visit with you. I've found in the past few months of traveling that malls are like courthouse squares were in the past---good places to meet people and talk a little politics.

Texas has just a fabulous political history, and I'm down here hoping to encourage you to add a new page to that history. I hope you'll vote in the Republican primary. I'll bet you can guess my favorite candidate--my husband. Primaries are an important part of our election process, and Texas is a very important primary for President Ford. You have a chance in Texas to speak out about the job my husband is doing for our country. I really hope you'll do that--by voting in the Republican primary.

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PAN AM ADVANCES LOS ANGELES-TOKYO NONSTOP INAUGURAL DATE;
ANNOUNCES INCREASE IN NEW YORK-TOKYO NONSTOPS

Commercial aviation's version of the "Orient Express" takes to the airways April 25 and 26 when Pan American World Airways inaugurates the first -- and the fastest -- Los Angeles-Tokyo and New York-Tokyo nonstop flights with the Boeing 747SP (Special Performance) jetliner.

Pan Am will be the first airline to put the 266-seat, ultralong-range transport into scheduled service.

From Los Angeles, Pan Am will inaugurate daily nonstop service to Tokyo on April 25. From New York, the nonstop service will begin on April 26 with three flights a week.

At the completion of the historic 747SP demonstration flight from New York to Tokyo on November 12, 1975, Pan Am announced it would inaugurate Los Angeles-Tokyo service on May 20 and that it would initially schedule one nonstop flight a week on the New York-Tokyo route. However, following an analysis of traffic potential in the markets, it was decided to advance the Los Angeles inaugural date and to increase the New York nonstop frequencies to three.

The unprecedented New York-Tokyo service slashes 3 hours and 45 minutes off the current flight time. Pan Am's 747SP will negotiate the 6,754-mile route in 13 hours, 40 minutes, while the return trip will be even faster at 11 hours, 30 minutes.

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Flight 801 will leave John F. Kennedy International Airport at 12 noon, Monday, Thursday and Saturday, arriving in Tokyo the next day at 2:40 p.m. after crossing the International Date Line. Return Flight 800 will leave Tokyo on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 6 p.m., arriving in New York the same day at 4:30 p.m.

From Los Angeles to Tokyo, Pan Am's new service will lop 3 hours and 15 minutes off the fastest current flight time. Flight 003 will leave daily at 12:30 p.m., arriving in Tokyo the following day at 3:45 p.m. Return Flight 008 will leave Tokyo daily at 6:15 p.m., arriving in Los Angeles the same day at 12:05 in the afternoon.

Convenient connections will be available in Tokyo to Hong Kong and Osaka for passengers and cargo from New York and Los Angeles.

Pan Am's 747SP -- while similar in external appearance to the standard 747 -- incorporates several interior changes to improve passenger comfort. At mealtimes, seating has been increased from 14 to 16 in the enlarged upstairs lounge for Pan Am's exclusive First Class Dining Room Service. Main deck galleys have been relocated away from traffic areas to permit unrestricted passenger movement. The four main cabins in the 747SP accommodate 44 First Class and 222 Economy passengers.

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