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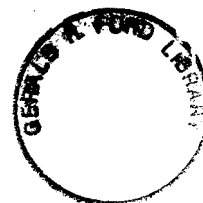
REMARKS OF
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE
UPON ARRIVAL AT
DAMASCUS AIRPORT
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Secretary Kissinger:

I am here to talk with President Assad and his advisors about the negotiations I am conducting, leading hopefully to progress towards peace in the Middle East. As I have said on many occasions, the United States is dedicated to bringing about an overall settlement, including all of the issues and all of the parties, and we have always recognized that Syria plays an important role in this process. I have always profited from my exchanges with President Assad. I greatly respect him and I look forward very much to my talks.

Thank you.

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