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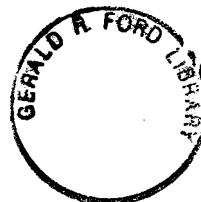
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
PRECEDING THE ADDRESS BY
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. KISSINGER
SECRETARY OF STATE
BEFORE THE
CINCINNATI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SEPTEMBER 16, 1975



MR. WILLIAM M. LIGGETT: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen:

To those of you whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting, I am William M. Liggett, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank, Cincinnati, and President of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. Some of my business associates have suggested that I reverse that order in stating my responsibilities. I think sometimes they believe I spend more time on Chamber affairs than I do on bank matters.

On behalf of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the eleven area organizations that have joined us in sponsoring this dinner event, I extend to each of you a warm and sincere welcome and a generous thank you for your presence. This is indeed an overwhelming response to our invitation. Regretfully, we were forced to return hundreds of requests for tickets, and I am sorry for that. You can see that we accommodated everyone we possibly could in this room.

Surely we could not have more effectively demonstrated Cincinnati's keen interest in foreign policy matters and testified to our confidence in a man who plays such a vital role in shaping and carrying out America's participation in foreign affairs than to fill this room tonight to greet and listen to our honored guest the Secretary of State, the Honorable Henry A. Kissinger.

(Standing applause.)

On behalf of the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and the eleven area organizations which have joined us in sponsoring this event, I extend to each of you a warm and sincere welcome and a generous thank you for your presence here this evening. Will you join me in greeting our honored guest the Secretary of State, the Honorable Henry A. Kissinger.

(Standing applause)

SECRETARY KISSINGER: Mr. Liggett, Mayor Berry, Senator Taft, Senator Glenn, Congressmen, distinguished guests:

Nearly two weeks ago I returned from the Middle East where I had spent a fair amount of my time in Arab countries. I am fairly well acclimatized to America again, and you can tell that because I did not kiss the gentleman who introduced me. (Laughter)

Ohio has been described as the heart of Middle America and the breeding ground of Presidents. So it is not surprising that we have here today such outstanding representatives of the people of the Midwest as Congressmen

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Clancy, Kindness and Gradison; and two Senators who have so distinguished themselves in public service as to merit mention as potential nominees for the highest position in the land.

It is a great honor to be here with Senator Taft, who in every respect brings credit and added distinction to his esteemed family and his beloved city.

John Glenn made a great contribution to his country and to mankind before he came to Washington and is destined for another distinguished career in the service of the nation.

And as for me, the privilege of talking to five members of Congress who have no opportunity either to talk back or to question me makes the trip alone worthwhile.

(Laughter and applause.)

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