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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESI-
DENT FROM BELIZEAN PREMIER PRICE

1. FYI. FOLLOWING IS TEXT RECEIVED FROM PREMIER TO
PRESIDENT FORD:

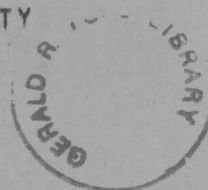
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BELIZE CONGRATULATE YOU AND
PEOPLE OF USA ON TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INDEPEN-
DENCE. MAY GOD BLESS YOUR NATION NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PREMIER:

DEAR MR. PREMIER:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU
FOR YOUR VERY KIND MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES. WE ENTER OUR
THIRD CENTURY WITH PRIDE IN OUR HERITAGE AND RENEWED DE-
DICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND EQUALITY

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ON WHICH OUR COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED. WE WARMLY WELCOME YOUR
EXPRESSION OF GOOD WILL IN SHARING WITH US THIS BICENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.
SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. HABIB

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