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1. VP Johnson and party landed Esengoba airport 1410 August 26 for traditional ceremonial welcome by Prime Minister Inonu and other top officials of government. Despite remoteness airport from city, turnout for motorcade was impressive and crowd was with VP all the way. Row of cars returning from airport three abreast, bumper to bumper, resembled inbound New York traffic after long weekend.

2. An estimated 400-600,000 Turks thronged approaches and downtown streets Ankara greet VP. At outskirts city VP changed from limousine to 1934 Lincoln touring car which Ataturk used and which still has emotional association for Turks. Change took place before point where crowds had begun thicken. Car stopped many times for VP shake hands and talk with those along side and about 6 or 7 times he got out of car move among crowds. Turkish and American flags lined route, hundreds of small flags held by spectators and number of musical instruments added color to the ranks of close-packed Turks, whose animated faces were unusual and warming sight in Central Anatolia. Interesting to note that at all but one of these stops Prime Minister joined VP in circulating among and talking with dense crowds surrounding

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VP's car. In Ulus, old part Ankara, and downtown section around VP's hotel (Balin) crowds were composed largely of distinctly younger people. In numerous instances crowds broke ranks and despite police efforts surged around VP car as it edged forward. At the point where cars changed VP spotted USAF bus and first airman he greeted turned out to be from Vernon, Texas.

3. Later Prime Minister observed to Ambassador that VP's arrival statement was "fantastically strong and encouraging". Foreign Minister said he considered statement "extremely significant--that if whole visit terminated at this point it would still be worthwhile". In commenting on reaction of crowds Prime Minister told Ambassador he had never seen anything like this in all his life--"that this was an extremely significant day in the history of Turkey". Yolge, number two man in Foreign Office, asserted "now I understand how your politicians reach the people. This is a very important lesson for Turkey."

In course of trip into city, VP took mike and on being informed it was VOA, made stirring repeat of his airport remarks. He then passed mike to Prime Minister saying "this is VOA", urging him to speak to the American people. Prime Minister responded with equally stirring and dramatic words.

Also while in car VP asked Prime Minister about incident rate and how large American colony in Turkey was getting along. Prime Minister replied there was no trouble worth mentioning, that subject was so insignificant that there was really nothing to discuss. VP observed US has no surer ally than Turkey, that Turkey has always stood by US, citing in particular examples in Korea and UN.

4. Indicative of news play Prime Minister directed that Radio Ankara give full and continuous coverage to visit. Press put out evening "extra", unusual for Turkey.

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CRUSH OF HUGE CROWDS WHICH GREETED VP ON ARRIVAL AUGUST 26 AS HE APPROACHED CENTER OF ANKARA NECESSITATED POSTPONEMENT WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT ATATURK MAUSOLEUM. THIRTEEN DAY MONDAY'S (AUGUST 27) PROGRAM HAD TO BE COMPRESSED. DESPITE FACT MONDAY A WORK DAY, SIZEABLE GROUP AWAITED VP AT ATATURK MAUSOLEUM, SOME OF WHOM FOLLOWED AT RESPECTFUL DISTANCE THROUGHOUT SOLEMN WREATH LAYING CEREMONY.

HIGHLIGHT OF ACTIVITIES WAS SIGNING BY VP AND TURK FOREIGN MINISTER OF PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. NUMBER OF PEOPLE WAITED FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OUTSIDE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO GREET VP.

REMAINDER OF DAYS ACTIVITIES INCLUDED SEPARATE CALLS ON PRESIDENT PRIME MINISTER, SMALL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PRESIDENT, VISIT TO TURKISH MILITARY LITERACY CENTER AT MAMAK, CALL ON PRESIDENTS SENATE AND HOUSE OF GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BLACK TIE DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER, MAMAK CENTER TRAINS ILLITERATE DRAFTEE RURAL TURKS. AFTER VISITING WITH STUDENTS, VP GAVE STIRRING PEP TALK EMPHASIZING RESPONSIBILITY TO THEIR COUNTRY AND FLAG. WHILE RETURN TO GNA NORMALLY TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES, RIDE THROUGH GATHERING MULTITUDE IN POORER DISTRICT OF ANKARA TOOK OVER HOUR. AS WORD SPREAD THAT HE WOULD BE PASSING BY CROWDS, PARTICULARLY CHILDREN, GATHERED IN SOME NUMBER. DURING ONE OF FOUR STOPS WHEN VP GOT OUT OF CAR HE ENTERED PRIMITIVE ICE CREAM PARLOR AND TO DELIGHT OF CHILDREN TREATED THEM ALL. FARTHER ON HE STOPPED AT POLITICAL SCIENCE FACULTY OF ANKARA UNIVERSITY AND TALKED WITH STUDENTS. IN GENERAL AS VP TRAVELED ABOUT ANKARA PEOPLE CAME OUT AND BEGAN TO CONGREGATE EVEN WHERE NO ADVANCE NOTICE THAT VP WOULD BE THERE.

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SEPARATE CALLS BY VP ON PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, ATTENDED BY FOREIGN MINISTER, WERE HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT. NOTEWORTHY THAT VIEWS PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER FOLLOWED COMPARABLE OUTLINES, NAMELY IDENTITY OF TURKISH AND U.S. INTERESTS, ASSURANCES TO U.S. THAT TURKISH SUPPORT CAN BE COUNTED ON TO END. DISCUSSIONS THEN TURNED TO NEED OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WITH PRESIDENT STRESSING NEED FOR MILITARY AID AND PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZING GOT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ECONOMIC FIELD. PM CITED FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HOPED U.S. WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE IN THE REGARD.

VP SPOKE AT LENGTH ABOUT LARGER CONTEXT FOREIGN AID AND DEMANDS FOR WORLD-WIDE U.S. ASSISTANCE IN DIFFERENT AREAS, INCLUDING DIFFERENT TYPES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO MEET DIFFERENT SITUATIONS. VP BROUGHT OUT VERY REAL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FACING U.S., NECESSITATING INCREASED DEFICIT SPENDING. HE EMPHASIZED FACT THAT U.S. CANNOT ALWAYS DO WHAT IT WISHES NOT ONLY FOR ITSELF BUT ALSO FOR ITS FRIENDS, AND THAT OUR FRIENDS MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE TAKING STRONG MEASURES TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS, THAT THEY TOO MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT MAXIMIZE THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS. HE CITED URGENT NEED FOR TAX REFORM AND INCREASING TAX REVENUES.

CONVERSATIONS WERE FRANK AND SERIOUS AND I BELIEVE NET IMPACT COUPLED WITH VP'S STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL OBVIOUSLY WENT FAR TO BOLSTER MORALE OF TURKS, WHILE AT SAME TIME MAKING OBVIOUS TO THEM THAT THEY MUST FACE UP TO REALITIES OF THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES.

PRIME MINISTER HOSTED BLACK TIE DINNER AT ORDU EVI (TURKISH OFFICERS CLUB) EVENING AUGUST 27 WITH ALMOST ENTIRE CABINET ATTENDING, PLUS PRESIDENTS BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT AND CHIEFS OF STAFF TURKISH ARMED FORCES. PM GAVE TOAST WITH PERSONAL FLAVOR OF THANKS AND FRIENDSHIP FOR VP AND VP REPLIED IN SIMILAR WARM VIEW.

WHILE VP WAS WITH PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, MRS. JOHNSON VISITED YARDIM SEVENLER DORNEGI, CENTER FOR NEEDY WOMEN, WHERE SHE WAS BIEFED ON WORK OF ASSOCIATION, VIEWING VARIOUS HANDICRAFT BEING MADE. ON LEAVING MRS. JOHNSON EXPRESSED HER ADMIRATION OF FINE WORK BEING DONE, AFTER WHICH SHE WAS PRESENTED WITH HANDSOME NEEDLE WORK GIFT. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER MRS. JOHNSON MET AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE WITH GROUP OF TURKISH CAREER WOMEN INCLUDING SENATOR, UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, JOURNALISTS AND PAINTERS. EFFECT WAS COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL.

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EVENING AUGUST 27 DINNER AT ORDU EVI (TURKISH OFFICERS CLUB)
MARKED BY LARGE CROWDS ON SIDEWALK WITH SPOTLIGHTS ON BALCONY
WHERE VP APPEARED TO THE DELIGHT OF THE THROG BELOW.DURING DINNER PRIME MINISTER WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO TELL
AMBASSADOR THAT THE SPONTANEOUS OUTPOURING OF TURKISH FEELING
FOR VP WAS UNFORESEEN AND HAD SURPRISED HIM. IT WAS ALL TREMENDOUSLY
HEARTWARMING. PM OBSERVED THAT NORMALLY TURKS DO NOT ACT THIS WAY.
INITIALLY HE HAD BEEN WORRIED THAT THE TURNOUT WOULD BE MEAGER.MORNING OF 28TH NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAD GATHERED AGAIN AROUND VP'S
HOTEL WAITING FOR HIM TO DRIVE TO CENTO HEADQUARTERS (OLD GRAND
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING) WHERE EVEN LARGER NUMBER ONLOOKERS HAD
GATHERED WAITING HIS ARRIVAL. HIS POINTED TALK IN CLOSED SESSION
OF COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES WAS WELL RECEIVED BY REPRESENTATIVES
AS WELL AS SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL. VP STRESSED ECONOMIC ASPECTS
OF PACT, MILITARY PREDOMINANCE OF US, AS WELL AS IMPORTANCE
OF WORKING FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION UNDER DIFFICULT
CIRCUMSTANCES. SPIRITS OF CENTO STAFF WHICH SOMETIMES SAGGING,
WERE OBVIOUSLY BUCKED UP.

MINISTRY AGRICULTURE CEREMONY HELD ON VP'S HOTEL TERRACE

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ADJACENT TO SIDEWALK, AFFORDING CROWDS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HIM IN ACTION, AND IN TURN WITH TURK PEOPLE THROUGH HIS APPEARANCE HONORING 1ST AND 2000TH TURK PARTICIPANT TRAINED IN US UNDER US ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. MINISTER AGRICULTURE SAID THAT 70 PERCENT OF KEY POSITIONS IN HIS MINISTRY NOW FILLED BY MEN TRAINED IN US. ADDITIONAL HUMAN INTEREST EVENT WAS PHOTOGRAPHING OF VP WITH TEXAS-BORN TWIN DAUGHTERS OF TURKISH SENATOR WHOM HE HAD MET AFTERNOON BEFORE AT GNA.

DURING ANKARA AIRPORT FAREWELL CEREMONIES PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. INONU, FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER RANKING CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TURKISH OFFICIALS ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK AGAIN WITH VP. SHAKING HANDS WITH VP AND MRS. JOHNSON, PRIME MINISTER SAID "OUR WHOLE NATION WILL PRESERVE VERY DEAR MEMORY OF YOUR VISIT IN OUR HEARTS. YOU HAVE CONQUERED US WITH YOUR WARMTH AND YOUR FRIENDLINESS. PLEASE BRING TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY BEST REGARDS FROM PEOPLE OF TURKEY". YOUTHFUL REPRESENTATIVES ATATURK ASSOCIATION GAVE VP A MINIATURE BUST OF ATATURK. FOLLOWING NATIONAL ATHEMS AND REVIEW OF MILITARY GUARD VP AND FAMILY WALKED TO HIS PLANE AMIDST APPLAUSE OF CROWD.

HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE CONTINUED WITH LARGE TYPE BANNER HEADLINES REPORTING VP'S SCHEDULE AND MOVEMENTS ABOUT CITY. SIGNING OF PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT GIVEN HEAVY PLAY AS DID HIS VISITS AND TREATS TO CHILDREN IN SLUM AREAS. HIS ADVICE AND FRIENDLY GREETINGS TO THESE CHILDREN AND SUCH PUBLIC STATEMENTS AS "TURKISH NATION NEVER SHOWED SIGN OF FEAR, NEVER HESITATED, NEVER GAVE CONCESSION." ALSO GIVEN BIG PLAY.

ISTANBUL DAILY (APPROX 75,000 CIRCULATION) CUMHURIYET IN EDITORIAL ON SIGNIFICANCE VISIT SAID VP WILL ASSURE LEADERS TURKEY, GREECE, IRAN, CONSTANT SOVIET TARGETS, THAT CHANGES IN US FOREIGN AID PROGRAM DOES NOT MEAN CHANGE IN US COMMITMENTS TO HER ALLIES.

AFTER VP'S DEPARTURE AND WHILE WALKING TO HIS CAR (SMALL BLACK OPEL) PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS CLUSTERING AROUND HIM, "VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL.

HE HAD THE

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HE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH OUR PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS AND TO OBSERVE THAT TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AT ALL LEVELS OF THE MASSES. DURING THIS FRIENDLY VISIT WE OBSERVED THAT WE HAD WIDE-RANGE UNITY OF VIEWS AND COMMON GOALS IN PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND UNITY IN THE DEGREE OF OUR DETERMINATION TO JOIN EFFORTS IN SERVICE OF WORLD PEACE. WE HAD INTER-ALLIED CONTACTS. CITIZENS CAN, IN EVERY WAY, BE PLEASED AND REST ASSURED FROM THIS VISIT".

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VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON ACCOMPAINED BY MRS. JOHNSON, LYNDIA JOHNSON, AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HARE ARRIVED AT CUMAOVASI AIRPORT APPROXIMATELY 2:25 PM WHERE HE REVIEWED AN HONOR GUARD AND WAS GREETED BY GOVERNOR OF IZMIR, MILITARY COMMANDERS, SIZEABLE GROUP TURKISH OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS. AFTER SHAKING HANDS AND TALKING TO THE GROUP FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 MINUTES THE VICE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY DEPARTED FOR IZMIR STOPPING FREQUENTLY ENROUTE TO MINGLE WITH CROWDS ASSEMBLED ALONG THE ROAD. VICE PRESIDENT THEN CALLED AT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN FRONT OF WHICH ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD PERHAPS 5,000 HAD COLLECTED. DURING 30 MINUTE CALL BOTH GOVERNOR AND VICE PRESIDENT ADDRESSED CROWD FROM STEPS GOVERNORS PALACE. VICE PRESIDENT ARRIVED HOTEL APPROXIMATELY 4:40 PM AND DEPARTED 6:10 PM TO ATTEND AMERICA DAY RECEPTION AT U.S. EXHIBIT AT FAIR. AFTER INSPECTING U.S. EXHIBIT AND CONVERSING WITH GUESTS FOR ABOUT 25 MINUTES, VICE PRESIDENT INTRODUCED MRS. JOHNSON AND LYNDIA WHO BOTH ADDRESSED AUDIENCE BRIEFLY. HE THEN DELIVERED 15-MINUTE SPEECH AT CONCLUSION OF WHICH HE WALKED ABOUT FAIR GROUNDS SURROUNDED BY LARGE CROWD WITH WHOM HE SHOOK HANDS AND CONVERSED FROM TIME TO TIME. VICE PRESIDENT THEN DEPARTED BY CAR FOR 10 MINUTE INSPECTION OF EXHIBIT UNION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOLLOWING WHICH HE /DEPARTED

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REACTION ALL CLASSES VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT IZMIR APPEARED VERY FAVORABLE. HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES ELICITED SPONTANEOUS ENTHUSIASM. BOTH UPPER AND LOWER CLASSES IMPRESSED BY HIS WARM MANNER AND HIS DESIRE SHAKE HANDS AND TALK WITH PERSONS HE ENCOUNTERED. LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND HELPFUL DURING VISIT AND PRIOR PREPARATIONS. GOVERNOR WHO IMPRESSES ME AS VERY SINCERE PERSON OPINED VISIT WENT VERY WELL AND HAD SERVED PROMOTE TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS

CITY WAS DECKED OUT IN TURKISH AND AMERICAN FLAGS AND SLOGANS WELCOMING VICE PRESIDENT AND EXPRESSING TURKISH FRIENDSHIP FOR U.S. PRESS REPORTED VICE PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES IN DETAIL AND COMMENTED ON UNUSUAL WARMTH AND ENTHUSIASM SHOWN VICE PRESIDENT BY PEOPLE.

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VP'S ARRIVAL ON FIRST DAY IN ISTANBUL WAS NOTABLE FOR HIS SUCCESS IN TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE MANY OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED HIM TO MEET PEOPLE FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE AND CONVEY TO THEM AMERICA'S DYNAMIC INTEREST IN THEIR WELFARE AND FUTURE. ARRIVING ISTANBUL AT 9:45 PM, AUG 28, VP AND PARTY WERE MET BY ISTANBUL GOVERNOR AND MRS. AKI AND OTHER CIVILIAN AND MILITARY NOTABLES. ALONG HIS ROUTE INTO CITY, THOUSANDS OF PERSONS, HEEDLESS OF LATENESS OF HOUR, CAME TOGETHER TO CHEER AND TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THEIR ALLY FOR WHOM VP HAD ALREADY BECOME PERSONIFIED. IN THREE IMPROMPTU STOPS, VP LEFT CAR AND EXCHANGED WARM GREETINGS WITH THOSE WHO CLUSTERED AROUND HIM.

NEXT MORNING, DURING VP'S CALL ON GOVERNOR AKI, LATTER EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT HAVING VP OF TURKEY'S BEST FRIEND AS MINISTER EXPOUNDED AT SOME LENGTH ON HIS 2 1/2 YEARS OF STUDY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN US FROM 1947-1949, AND CONGRATULATED US ON ITS HUMANITY AS EXPRESSED IN ITS ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AND OTHER NATIONS VP BESPOKE HIS PLEASURE OVER OPPORTUNITY VISIT SUCH A STAUNCH FRIEND AND ALLY. HE POINTED TO US DETERMINATION HELP THEMSELVES ACHIEVE A BETTER LIFE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IF WELL-DIRECTED PROGRESS IS NOT MADE, PEOPLE WHO ARE DETERMINED BETTER THEMSELVES WILL INEVITABLY TRY TO TAKE MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

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WITH USUALLY DISASTROUS RESULTS. HE STATED THERE IS YOUTHFUL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPING IN THE US, BOTH IN LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES, AND THIS LEADERSHIP IS DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES OF US MUST BE SHARED TO BRING ABOUT A MORE PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL WORLD. HE ADDED THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF ASPIRATIONS OF ALL NATIONS DEPENDS ON DEVELOPMENT OF SIMILAR YOUTHFUL LEADERSHIP, PROPERLY ORIENTATED AND DEDICATED. —

HIGH POINT OF VP'S FIRST DAY WAS TRIP TO ISTANBUL'S WORLD FAMOUS COVERED BAZAAR. HUNDRED AND FIFTY FEET BETWEEN STREET AND ENTRANCE TO BAZAAR WERE COMPLETELY PACKED WITH PEOPLE. AS VP PUSHED HIS WAY THROUGH THIS AREA, THERE AROSE SHOUTS OF WELCOME, HANDCLAPPING AND FRENETIC EFFORTS TO SHAKE OR KISS VP'S HAND. REMARKABLY LARGE PERCENTAGE THESE EFFORTS WERE SUCCESSFUL WITH SHOUTED CRIES OF "GOD BLESS YOU" AND "LONG LIFE". VP STOPPED MANY TIMES TO EXCHANGE REMARKS WITH BYSTANDERS. ONE YOUNG MAN, IN HESITANT ENGLISH, ASKED, "HOW ARE YOU MR. VICE PRESIDENT?" IN ANSWER TO VP'S QUESTIONS, HE GAVE AGE AS 18 AND SAID HE LEARNED ENGLISH IN SCHOOL. VP CONGRATULATED HIM AND TOLD HIM HOW MUCH TURKEY NEEDS YOUNG MEN LIKE HIM TO HELP BUILD FOR THE FUTURE. INSIDE BAZAAR, A SOLID MASS OF FRIENDLY, SMILING FACES AND CLAPPING HANDS DEMONSTRATED WARM FEELING OF PEOPLE FOR THEIR DISTINGUISHED VISITOR. THE QUARTER MILE WALK CARRIED HIM PAST MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE IN THE NARROW DARK CORRIDOR. HE SHOOK HANDS WITH AND SPOKE TO MANY, ENTERED THREE SHOPS TO EXAMINE THEIR WARES.

RETURN ROUTE TO HOTEL WAS LINED WITH AN ESTIMATED 45,000 PEOPLE. SEVERAL IMPROMPTU CONVERSATIONS EN ROUTE WERE CLIMAXED BY STOP BEFORE ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY WHERE VP QUESTIONED SEVERAL STUDENTS ON THEIR STUDIES. ONE, MUSSAFER DALMAS, TURNED OUT BE TURKEY'S ONLY GRADUATE METEOROLOGICAL ENGINEER. HE INFORMED VP HE NOW DOING RESEARCH ON NATO FELLOWSHIP, AND HOPES THEREAFTER GO TO US FOR FURTHER STUDY. VP TOLD THESE YOUNG MEN THAT TURKEY'S

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FUTURE DEPENDS ON THEM AND THEIR COLLEAGUES. HE STRESSED TREMENDOUS GAP BETWEEN ILLITERATE ON ONE HAND AND HIGHLY EDUCATED ON OTHER, AND DECLARED THIS GAP MUST BE CLOSED. WHEN MUSSAFER MENTIONED UNIVERSITY'S GREAT NEED FOR PROFESSORS METEOROLOGY AND STUDENTS' DESIRE FOR AMERICAN HELP, VP EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT QUESTION.

THERE WERE NO SCHEDULED EVENTS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OR EVENING.

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FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY

DAILY REPORTS BY ANKARA, IZMIR AND ISTANBUL, TOGETHER WITH TELEGRAPHICALLY TRANSMITTED MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATION, HAVE FURNISHED THE ESSENTIAL FACTS OF VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S VISIT TO TURKEY AND HAVE ALSO GIVEN SOME IDEA OF THE TREMENDOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT WHICH HE MADE NOT ONLY ON GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED BUT ADDITIONALLY AND ESPECIALLY ON THE MAN IN THE STREET. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO GIVE MY PERSONAL ESTIMATE OF HIS VISIT AS OBSERVED AT CLOSE RANGE THROUGH HAVING ACCOMPANIED HIM NOT ONLY ON FORMAL AND OFFICIAL OCCASIONS BUT ALSO ON MOST OF HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES. ON FIRST, AS CONCERNS FORMAL REPRESENTATION, THE VICE PRESIDENT PRIVATELY MAKES NO BONES OF FACT THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO CUT THE RITUALISTIC TO A MINIMUM IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON THE SUBSTANTIVE AND THE HUMAN. HOWEVER THERE WERE CERTAIN AMENITIES THAT SEEMED INESCAPABLE AND ON SUCH OCCASIONS THE VICE PRESIDENT SHOWED A GRACIOUSNESS AND WARMTH THAT MAY HAVE BELIED HIS REAL FEELINGS

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BUT CREATED MUCH GOOD FEELING. THE ROLE PLAYED HERE AND IN OTHER ACTIVITIES BY MRS. JOHNSON WAS ALSO IMPORTANT.

SECOND, AS CONCERNS OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS, OF WHICH THE MOST IMPORTANT WERE WITH PRESIDENT GURSEL AND PRIME MINISTER INONU WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ERKIN PARTICIPATING ON BOTH OCCASIONS, THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE IN USING DECLARATIONS OF POLICY AND REVELATIONS OF SPECIFIC INTENT NOT ONLY TO REASSURE THE TURKISH OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE SPOKE BUT ALSO AS A MEANS OF BOTH STIMULATING AND GOADING THEM TO GREATER EFFORT THEMSELVES.

IN DOING SO HE SHOWED SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS THAT TURKEY IS FACING IN ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A PLANNED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY AT THE SAME TIME IT IS TRYING TO RE-ESTABLISH PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY ON A MORE ENDURING BASIS. BUT, IN SO DOING, HE ALSO RAMMED HOME THE TRUTH THAT WE HAVE OUR PROBLEMS, TOO, AS ILLUSTRATED BY OUR HEAVY TAXATION AND DEFICIT FINANCING. IF WE WERE TO MAKE SUCH SACRIFICES, WE WERE ENTITLED TO EXPECT NO LESS FROM OUR FRIENDS WHOM WE WERE ASSISTING. ADDITIONALLY, HE EMPHASIZED THAT, ASIDE FROM DIRECT ASSISTANCE, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT WHICH WE ARE DOING TO PROTECT OUR FRIENDS INDIRECTLY BY OUR EXTENSIVE AND ALSO VERY EXPENSIVE EFFORTS IN ADVANCED WEAPONRY AND SPACE.

IF AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO EVALUATE THE TURKISH REACTION TO THIS APPROACH I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE SOMETHING AS FOLLOWS: PRIOR TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL THE TURKS HAD WARMLY WELCOMED HIS COMING BUT THOUGHT OF IT LARGELY AS A GESTURE. HOWEVER, HIS STRAIGHT-FROM-THE-SHOULDER ARRIVAL STATEMENT QUICKLY JOLTED THEM INTO THE REALIZATION THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS THE BEARER OF SOMETHING OTHER THAN SYMBOLS. THIS IN TURN SET THE STAGE FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSION WHERE ONCE AGAIN THE TURKS WERE MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE REASSURANCES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE UNUSUAL DEGREE TO WHICH HE TOOK THEM INTO HIS CONFIDENCE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME AND BY THE SAME TOKEN WERE GIVEN DEFINITIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE CONFIRMATION THAT OUR PREVIOUS ADMONITIONS REGARDING SACRIFICE, SELF-HELP AND /PRESERVATION

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PRESERVATION OF DEMOCRACY WERE SERIOUSLY INTENDED. I BELIEVE THAT THIS COMBINATION OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND ADMONITION HIT JUST THE RIGHT NOTE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.

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THIRDLY, THE VICE PRESIDENT'S GREATEST AND MOST UNIQUE IMPACT WAS OF COURSE ON THE COMMON PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLED TO SHAKE HIS HAND OR AT LEAST CATCH HIS EYE WHEREVER HE WENT IN PUBLIC AND OVER WHOM THE VICE PRESIDENT SEEMED TO CAST A SORT OF MASS PSYCHOLOGICAL SPELL. THIS IS AN APPROACH WITH WHICH WE ARE MORE OR LESS FAMILIAR IN OUR OWN POLITICAL LIFE BUT THE IDEA OF THE BIG MAN MEETING THE LITTLE AND OBSCURE MAN AT THE SAME LEVEL AND IN DIRECT PHYSICAL CONTACT (NOT ONLY AN EXHAUSTING BUSINESS BUT ALSO PHYSICALLY DAMAGING AS EVIDENCED BY SCARS ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S HANDS AND BODY INFLICTED BY OVERZEALOUS WELL WISHERS) IS NEW IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND THE EFFECT WAS MOST INTERESTING. THE FIRST REACTION WAS ONE OF SURPRISED WONDERMENT. HOW AND WHY HAD IT HAPPENED? FROM WHERE HAD CROWDS SUDDENLY APPEARED TO PACK PREVIOUSLY SEMI-DESERTED STREETS? WHAT MOTIVATED THEIR HAPPY BUT ALSO SOMEWHAT FRENETIC ENTHUSIASM? IN ANKARA PRIME MINISTER INONU WAS FRANK IN SAYING THAT TURKS JUST DON'T NORMALLY ACT THAT WAY AND IN EXPRESSING HIS AMAZEMENT BUT ALSO SATISFACTION.

THE SECOND AND MORE SOPHISTICATED REACTION WAS TO ASK IF THERE MIGHT NOT BE A LESSON TO LEARN HERE, SOMETHING OF APPLICATION TO DEMOCRACY IN TURKEY. THIS WAS ILLUSTRATED IN A REMARK MADE TO ME BY SECRETARY GENERAL YOLGA WHO, WHILE RIDING INTO ANKARA FROM THE AIRPORT ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S TUMULTUOUS ARRIVAL TOLD ME THAT HE NOW HAD A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT AMERICAN PERSON-TO-PERSON /DEMOCRACY

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DEMOCRACY MEANT AND THAT THIS WAS AN APPROACH WHICH THE TURKS SHOULD STUDY AND ADOPT. I WOULD NOT ATTEMPT AT THIS STAGE TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT THE MAN ON THE STREET MAY BE THINKING IN RETROSPECT, BUT OF ONE THING I AM CERTAIN AND THAT IS THAT THE EFFECT WAS GOOD AND THAT, LIKE THE PEBBLE IN THE POOL, IT WILL HAVE A WIDE AND BENEFICIAL RADIATING EFFECT.

IN SUM, I BELIEVE THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT MADE A FINE CONTRIBUTION, BOTH CONVENTIONAL AND UNCONVENTIONAL, TO TURK-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND AM GLAD TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY SO.

ON THE NON-SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, MY ONLY OBSERVATION WOULD BE THAT THIS TYPE OF OPERATION, BY VIRTUE OF ITS UNIQUENESS, RAISES CERTAIN PROBLEMS REGARDING PROGRAM ARRANGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WHICH, IN ANTICIPATION OF OTHER SUCH VISITS, MIGHT BE USEFULLY REVIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE ON THIS TRIP. AS A MATTER OF FACT THIS IS NOT AN ORIGINAL IDEA BUT ONE WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT HIMSELF RAISED LAST NIGHT IN THE COURSE OF AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND I WOULD ASSUME HE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP ON IT ON HIS RETURN, AS ALSO, I AM SURE, WILL ASSISTANT SECRETARY CROCKETT WHOSE QUIET BUT EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP HAS GREATLY FACILITATED OUR EFFORTS TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT DURING HIS VISIT TO TURKEY.

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1. Summary

During his recent tour of the Middle East, Greece and Italy, Vice President Johnson visited Turkey for five days (August 26/30, 1962), providing USIS-Turkey with an unequalled opportunity to reassert the strength of the Turkish-American alliance, to recreate a favorable image of America in Turkey, and to reaffirm America's leadership of the free world.

Through a period of intensive preparations, USIS-Turkey realigned its staff and resources so that it could capitalize on the visit in all media, handle the complications involved in a visit to the country's three largest cities, provide the services required for the official party and the media representatives accompanying or meeting them, and still maintain normal operations.

The operational plan proved fully effective throughout the visit itself, due primarily to the dedication, professional skill, and hard work of the Turkish and American staff. The results give gratifying evidence that the good image created by the Vice President was exploited fully and that the residual effect of the visit is a warmer public feeling of friendship for the United States than has been visible in many years.

2. USIS Operating Plan

As evaluated by USIS-Ankara, the primary requirements to be met in planning operations during the Vice President's visit were speed of output, flexibility (to meet schedule changes), mobility (to cover activities in three cities), and continuity of staff and output processing.

To meet these requirements, two major staff elements were formed:

a. A Media Team, set up in Ankara in advance of the Vice President's arrival and working with him throughout the tour, with the assigned responsibility of producing materials for all principal media.

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b. A Central Desk, operating first in Ankara, then in Istanbul, with the assigned responsibility of processing and distributing all material produced by the Media Team.

In addition, as a third major element in the operating plan, press rooms were set up and staffed in Ankara, Izmir, and Istanbul, providing facilities for both American and local journalists covering the tour. Carried out in cooperation with the Directorate of Press, Broadcasting and Tourism of the Turkish Government, this project resulted in press facilities hailed by the American correspondents as "the best seen anywhere."

In the preliminary phase, prior to the Vice President's arrival, the general plan of operations was worked out and media preparations were begun. Each of the three posts was informed of facilities requirements, including press rooms and vehicles.

Advance media output was also begun, including biographic articles and photos, exhibits on the visit and the Vice President, an eight-page leaflet, radio spots, and production of small Turkish and American flags for use during the Ankara arrival motorcade.

CPAO-Adana (Mr. Brophy) was brought to Ankara to assist in preparation of the Ankara Press Room in the Balin Hotel and an information kit for the American press. Consultations were begun with the Press Officer of the Foreign Ministry and the Director of Press, Broadcasting and Tourism on cooperation in meeting the facilities requirements.

In the last few days before the Vice President's arrival, the CPAO visited Izmir and Istanbul to finalize arrangements in those cities. On the day before the arrival, the staff was in place and a "dry run" was held to be sure arrangements were complete and understood, both for the airport arrival (in conjunction with the Embassy and the Turkish Government), and for the Media Team and Central Desk operations.

Contacts with the American press and supervision of the press rooms was assigned to Mr. Clayton who arrived on TDI from USIS-Tehran on the morning of the Vice President's arrival. Mr. Gilkey, newly arrived Director of Bi-National Centers, was assigned to provide liaison and assistance to the IRS team. Mr. Waters, Information Officer in Istanbul, was brought to Ankara to head the Media Team, and as the visit began, Mr. Brophy was assigned to cover Mrs. Johnson's activities.

Mr. Landi, USIS-Ankara's Assistant Information Officer, was assigned responsibility for processing and placement of radio materials, continuing contact with Radio Ankara, renewal of all exhibits with up-to-date material, personal contact and guide services for Mrs. Johnson and her daughter, and preparation of the clipping books requested by the Vice President. In addition, after the Media Team and Central Desk moved out of Ankara to Izmir

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and Istanbul, he was assigned the vital role of anchor man in Ankara, with responsibility for supervision of the USIS-Ankara Press Section and continued round-the-clock processing and placement of media materials received from the Central Desk in Izmir and Istanbul.

3. The Schedule

The Vice President's intensive schedule set the framework in which USIS-Turkey's task had to be accomplished.

Briefly, this schedule began with the Vice President's arrival in Ankara in mid-afternoon on Sunday, August 26. The motorcade into the city took three and a half hours, instead of the one hour planned, so further functions for the day were postponed until the following morning. On Monday the 27th, the day was spent in official calls, meetings and banquets, and a visit to an AID supported project. Tuesday the 28th began with a visit to CENTO and a meeting with the first and two thousandth AID exchange participants, moved by air to Izmir where the motorcade, meeting with the Governor, and visit to the Izmir Fair took up the afternoon, and ended with the flight to Istanbul in the evening. Wednesday the 29th and Thursday the 30th were spent in Istanbul where, through last minute changes in the schedule, the Vice President's program was limited to a call on the Governor, a visit to the bazaar on Wednesday morning, and his departure motorcade and airport ceremony on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Johnson departed several times from the Vice President's schedule, visiting a women's training center and having tea with Turkish career women on Monday in Ankara, visiting the Hittite museum in Ankara and two schools in Izmir on Tuesday, touring historic sites in Istanbul on Wednesday, and meeting with Istanbul women journalists on Thursday. She and Miss Johnson also went shopping during free moments in Ankara and Istanbul.

4. USIS Operating Pattern

With the arrival of the Vice President's party in Ankara, the Central Desk in the USIS building (one block from the Vice President's headquarters in the Balin Hotel) was put on an around-the-clock schedule. The first shift (noon to midnight) was under the supervision of Mr. Pfeiffer, a USIS information specialist borrowed from CENTO for the occasion. The second shift (midnight to noon) was assigned to Mr. Curley, the post's Junior Officer Trainee.

In addition to processing and distributing all press copy, photos and tapes received from the Media Team, the Central Desk prepared three special news bulletins, primarily from Wireless File material:

- a. A multilithed English bulletin for the Vice President and his party.
- b. A mimeographed Turkish news bulletin for local release.
- c. A mimeographed English news bulletin for regular local USIS distribution.

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With the arrival of the Vice President, the Media Team and Central Desk went into intensive activity. To avoid time loss in translation and to assure stories written to the style requirements of the Turkish press, news stories were produced by Media Team reporters in Turkish as well as English. Turkish stories were issued through the Central Desk to other USIS-Turkey posts by teletype and to the local press on mimeographed bulletins with special Vice Presidential mast-heads. English news stories on the Vice President's and Mrs. Johnson's activities were consolidated by the Central Desk and filed to Washington by commercial facilities in the press rooms.

Unprocessed photographic film was received by the Central Desk from a Turkish photographer (on loan from CENIO) assigned to cover the Vice President, the USIS-Ankara staff photographer assigned to cover Mrs. Johnson, and from IPS photographer Jack Lartz. The Ankara photo lab staff of one technician was augmented by an additional photo assistant on loan from TUSLOG. Under Central Desk supervision, the photo lab produced negatives of all pictures taken and processed prints of the best pictures selected from the negatives.

Print production included from five to ten subjects daily, with 56 5x7 inch prints mailed or delivered directly to the Turkish press in Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir, and 83 8x10 prints mailed to IPS and USIS posts abroad. In addition, original negatives were sent to IPS and copy negatives were made for USIS-Turkey files and for shipment to the State Department. Other print requirements included two to IPS, one to the State Department, one for albums for the Vice President, 25 for the local press rooms, and one for USIS files. This made a daily production of from 597 to 964 prints. Captions in Turkish and English were produced by the Media Team, and mimeographed and affixed by the Central Desk. Envelopes for the mailing of prints were prepared and addressed in advance of the Vice President's arrival.

The USIS-Istanbul radio technician was assigned to the Media Team and the USIS-Ankara radio technician was assigned to the duping of tapes and production of radio package programs from the raw material for use by Turkish radios in Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir and for shipment to the VOA. The Media Team radio reporter was constantly with the Vice President, getting his words on tape, and in fact was so ubiquitous that the Vice President made several complimentary comments about the presence of the VOA microphone. Copies of all tapes were forwarded to the Control Room in the Vice President's hotel for transcription. The Central Desk also handled the mailing of tapes to other posts and to IBS-Washington.

The entire staff of a local newsreel company was employed in obtaining motion picture coverage of the Vice President's visit. Two cameramen were assigned to the Media Team to cover the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson for the local Turkish newsreel. In addition, two photographers were assigned to Mr. Gilkey for the exclusive use of the IMS motion picture team. They were assisted by grips and interpreters either assigned from the staff or employed

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locally as the Media Team moved from city to city. Exposed film from both the IMS and Media teams was turned in at the Central Desk for onward shipment to IMS-Washington and the film laboratory in Istanbul.

The Central Desk was provided in advance in both Ankara and Istanbul with complete airline schedules for the five days of the visit, tabulated to show shipment deadlines and departure times as well as cities and times of destination both east- and west-bound, so that photographs, tapes and motion picture films could be assured the most expeditious shipment.

Mr. Clayton was assigned one Turkish press staff assistant as interpreter and two Turkish staff members to assure round-the-clock manning of the press rooms. The press rooms were set up in the Ankara Balin and Istanbul Hilton hotels, and in the USIS Library in Izmir. They were equipped by USIS with desks and typewriters, basic press library books, a round-the-clock mimeograph service, and operating staff. The Turkish Press, Broadcasting and Tourism Directorate arranged with the Turkish PTT for installation and operation of direct telegraph facilities to Rome, Paris, London and New York, as well as telephone lines for overseas and local calls, and a radio supervisor to arrange spot broadcasts abroad.

The flexibility and mobility of the above staffing arrangements came into play as the Vice President's party moved off from Ankara. The Media Team had to fly ahead of the Vice President's plane in order to cover the arrival in Izmir. Therefore, a special coverage team (Mr. Landi assisted by the USIS-Ankara photographer and radio specialist) moved in to cover the final Ankara events on the Vice President's schedule as the Media Team went to the airport for take-off an hour ahead of the Vice President. When the Vice President took off for Izmir, the Central Desk supervisors (Mr. Pfeiffer and Mr. Curley), one ADS newsreel photographer, a USIS-Ankara American stenographer (Miss Lester), and the photographer and radio technician flew directly to Istanbul to set up Central Desk and coverage facilities for the Vice President's arrival there that evening.

This "backfield in motion" arrangement assured that the final events in Ankara were covered, with materials processed and shipped under Mr. Landi's supervision; that the Media Team was in place to cover the important events in Izmir, including the Fair speech and tour; that his arrival in Istanbul--of necessity ahead of the arrival there of the Media Team--was fully covered by the radio, photo and newsreel men sent directly from Ankara; and that the Central Desk was fully operational in Istanbul before the Vice President's arrival.

The Media Team found all necessary facilities in Izmir in place and well organized so that coverage materials resulting from the Izmir schedule could be moved with speed. Stories were filed through the PTT facilities in the USIS-Izmir press room and photos and tapes were sent to Istanbul for processing on a Turkish airlines flight in mid-afternoon. As soon as the Vice President had completed his Izmir schedule, the Media Team took off to follow him into Istanbul a half hour later.

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In Istanbul, the roof of the Hilton Hotel had been converted into both a press room for the American and local press and a headquarters for the USIS Central Desk operation. The press room was equipped with the same USIS and PTT facilities it had had in Ankara and Izmir. The Central Desk was equipped for processing news and radio tapes. The photo lab and Wireless File reception equipment had, of necessity, to be left in the USIS building across town, but direct messenger service provided fast delivery of contact prints and Wireless File copy to the Central Desk. Therefore, essentially the same Media Team and Central Desk operation carried on at the Hilton, providing the necessary continuity of operations from the Vice President's arrival on the night of August 28 through his departure on the afternoon of August 30.

5. Complications

It would be foolish to claim that so complicated a procedure as a Vice Presidential visit can be executed without complications. It would be equally unwise to see in such complications more than the normal gear-clashing of a hard-working mechanism.

This aspect of the visit can best be summarized in the words of Ambassador Hare. We should view the results of the visit, he has suggested, one does a stage production. On the one hand, to those back-stage, the scene may appear one of confusion, conflicting commands, miscues and uncertainty. From the audience, however, the production may appear to be a matter of polished perfection. Regardless of the complications noted back-stage, Ambassador Hare has suggested, the Vice President's visit and USIS support were highly successful in terms of the Turkish audience.

This section of the report is included, accordingly, not to suggest undue influence on the impact of the Vice President's visit to Turkey, but to provide possible guidelines for use in planning future USIS support for occasions of equal importance:

a. In the preparatory phase, USIS-Ankara found it difficult to obtain the cooperation of Turkish Government authorities at the pace and level of effectiveness required. This resulted primarily from the unavailability of an "approved" schedule for the visit and the unwillingness of the Press Officer of the Foreign Ministry to act until he had such a schedule in hand.

Met, in part, by advance informal discussions between USIS and the Directorate of Press, Broadcasting and Tourism, this problem remained in a measure acute until the actual visit began, when the cooperation of all Turkish Government authorities earned the highest of praise. The level of resulting cooperation may be suggested by the fact USIS provided five seats on the Media Team aircraft to Izmir and Istanbul as a means

of assuring continued close coordination between USIS and the Directorate of Press, Broadcasting and Tourism throughout the visit.

b. After the Vice President's arrival, some difficulties were experienced as a result of changes in the schedule and conflicting demands from members of the official party. Differing instructions on the routing of press materials to the Vice President's quarters resulted in some of it being delayed. The cancellation of the Vice President's boat excursion on the Bosphorus at the last minute caused some difficulties with the local and American press. This was overcome by arranging for a journalists' boat to make the Bosphorus trip even though the Vice President did not. The last minute cancellation of the Vice President's visit to Kilyos beach near Istanbul caused the Press, Broadcasting and Tourism Directorate considerable disappointment and financial loss, for advance stories had prepared the people along the route for a motorcade, the resort facilities had been refurbished, a press reception there had been planned, and food and other services had to be cancelled. Coverage arrangements in Istanbul were put under some strain when members of the Vice President's party ordered the Media Team to be stripped of its American supervisory and reporting components. However, the Turkish staff performed with a high level of professional skill on its own.

c. Coverage arrangements were also hampered by a lack of adequate advance information. It was not until the Vice President's party was in Tehran that USIS-Turkey learned how many American news media representatives were accompanying him. As a result, facilities for 25 were arranged, making some cut-back necessary at the last minute. This problem was basically met, however, by opening all press rooms equally to U.S. and local newspapermen, thus using a difficult situation to give USIS an important psychological gain.

In most cases, advance texts of the Vice President's formal statements were received only shortly before they were delivered (or in some cases, not delivered), and some were changed at the last minute after they were mimeographed or transmitted under embargo. Decisions on some of the Vice President's major actions were delayed, making adequate preparation of background material for the press difficult or impossible. These included the announcement of the \$33million Anatolia Power Loan (which was not made) and the signing of the Peace Corps agreement (which was signed). However, the Media Team and Central Desk were flexible and skilled enough to meet these contingencies quickly as they arose.

As a case in point of the difficulties caused (and met) by last minute program changes, USIS-Izmir was faced by the necessity of printing 2,000 copies of the Turkish text of the Vice President's Izmir Fair speech as a result of the eleventh hour decision not to translate the speech into Turkish at the Fair. Working against a ticking clock on a single

mimeograph, the entire staff made the deadline, rushed the copies to the Fair, and distributed them to the audience in advance of the Vice President's appearance on the platform.

d. The absence of a firm decision on how the Vice President would travel in Turkey also presented some complications. As late as the afternoon of August 27, the CPAO was assured that all necessary seats were reserved for the Media Team and IMS crew on one of the official planes making the Ankara/Izmir/Istanbul flight on the following day. Within an hour, however, he was informed that only five seats were available. Having prepared for such an eventuality in advance and with excellent cooperation from the Embassy and TUSLOG, a separate USAF C-54 was made available to transport the Media Team and IMS crew to Izmir and Istanbul. With equal support from the USIS-Ankara team baggage arrangements were made, transport set up and food ordered within a matter of hours.

e. The late announcement of IMS plans for production of a film, uncertainty as to the schedule of the production crew, and other factors connected with this project also produced certain complications. Given the late inclusion of the IMS team in the program, hotel bookings had to be made separately, leading to some conflicts and resulting concern on the part of the IMS crew. Tight travel arrangements made necessary the leasing of a special plane for the Istanbul/Nicosia flight, although USIS procurement of a special USAF plane for the Ankara/Izmir/Istanbul legs eliminated the planned charter flight within Turkey.

Despite these and other complications, the IMS crew made all events, closely following the Vice President's path. Together with added material filmed on a later return, the coverage obtained gives promise of balancing the difficulties encountered.

6. Evidence of Effectiveness

a. Press Coverage

The extent and depth of press coverage of the Vice President's visit was the largest and most impressive given any American news event since the visit of President Eisenhower in early 1960.

Major news developments in the Vice President's schedule were played in banner headlines and covered in entirely friendly reporting by all metropolitan papers and much of the provincial press.

Editorial coverage was also basically friendly, although some opposition papers used the occasion to criticize Prime Minister Inonu and his coalition government. After the Vice President's departure,

a predictable edge appeared in some comments, primarily critical of the use of a "politician's technique" in contacting crowds. Even this brand of comment, however, generally ended on a note of applause for the Vice President's success in improving Turkish-American relations.

With both the USIS Media Team and top reporters and photographers from all major metropolitan dailies working on the story, total coverage reached an extraordinary level of 13,117 column/inches in major Turkish papers. More surprising is the fact that, despite the best efforts of their own staffs, over 60% of this coverage (7,841 column/inches) is directly identifiable as USIS output. This total USIS placement is the equivalent of seven typical six-page Turkish newspapers, or more than one per day during the period of the Vice President's visit. Even on the basis of normal circulation, USIS material reached over 280,000 metropolitan readers during the five days covered.

In addition to such direct results, the indirect services provided the Turkish press during the visit (photographers' truck, press bus, press room facilities, background information) evoked a warm response from more than one member of the local press. The continued and detailed appreciation voiced both during and after the visit for such USIS support gives promise of a "plus value" for USIS-Turkey in future months.

b. Publications

As part of the preparation of the public for the Vice President's visit, an eight-page leaflet was published and distributed a week ahead of his arrival. It included biographic sketches of both the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson, a centerspread of pictures of his earlier trips abroad, and a back page box of some of his major statements on foreign policy. The leaflet was produced in 16,000 copies and distributed: 8,000 to Istanbul, 3,000 to Ankara, 3,000 to Izmir, 1,000 to Adana and 1,000 to USIS-Nicosia. This undoubtedly contributed to the warmth and interest displayed by the public during his arrival and activities in each of the cities visited.

A similar leaflet made up of photographs of the high-points of his visit to Turkey and quotations from his major declarations here is now in preparation to follow up and confirm the favorable public impression the Vice President made here.

USIS-Ankara also produced 5,000 Turkish and 5,000 American flags, printed on paper and mounted on eight-inch staffs, which were turned over to the Turkish-American Association and distributed by them to the crowds lining the motorcade route into the city on the Vice President's arrival. These added color and Turkish-American fervor to the tumultuous welcome given the Vice President on his three and a half hour entry into the city.

At one point the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson were given some of the flags by the spectators and waved them to the crowd as it cheered. The sight of the Turkish and American flags held and waved by the Vice President symbolized and enhanced the impression of close friendship between the two countries.

c. Radio Coverage

USIS and the Turkish radio worked very closely both in the preparatory stages and during the visit itself to assure full radio coverage of the Vice President. The Turkish radio provided much of its own coverage throughout the trip, but even so, it broadcast a total of 275 minutes (over 4½ hours) of USIS program materials and taped coverage in 23 different programs on Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir radios.

In the advance period, when it was important to inform the public about the Vice President and the visit, USIS produced and placed a five minute biographic spot on Vice President and Mrs. Johnson on Radio Ankara. Another four minute spot was made and placed on August 25, giving statements by President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson about the trip before the departure from Washington.

For the day of the arrival, a one hour program was prepared by USIS at the request of Radio Ankara, and a similar half-hour program was produced in USIS-Ankara for Radio-Izmir. These were designed for use at the time of arrival, into which spot reports could be inserted as they were received from radio reporters on the scene.

Radio coverage of Mrs. Johnson's activities in Ankara included the following:

- (1) - A special broadcast on her visit to the Hittite Museum.
- (2) - A six-minute feature on August 27 covering the tea party given for Mrs. Johnson by Mrs. Hare.
- (3) - A seven-minute interview, broadcast on August 29.

A half-hour "Digest of the Johnson Visit" was produced by USIS and broadcast on the Turkish radio's "Window on the World" program on September 2 to follow up and confirm the good impression made by the Vice President.

Most of the programs placed on Radio Ankara before and during the visit to the capital were carried on nationwide hookups over the Istanbul and provincial stations. However, programs originating in the other cities visited by the Vice President included 14 spots totaling 51 minutes in Istanbul and 12 spots totaling 80 minutes in Izmir.

These spot placements on Radio Izmir by USIS included the following:

- (1) - A ten-minute "life story" of the Vice President, broadcast on August 26.
- (2) - A twenty-minute special report on the Vice President's arrival in Izmir, his trip into town and his call on the Governor.
- (3) - A five-minute clip daily in both the 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. news broadcasts of Radio Izmir from August 26 through August 30.

Although there was no lack of original interest by the Turkish radio, full coverage through its own facilities was assured by the direct intervention of Prime Minister Inonu. The official in charge of radio coverage (Altemur Kilic) reported to USIS that he had received a telephone call from the Prime Minister before the Vice President arrived instructing him to give the visit the fullest possible coverage. USIS provided space on the Media Team aircraft for a Turkish Radio correspondent so that he could obtain the direct coverage in Izmir and Istanbul requested by the Prime Minister.

In addition, USIS sent tapes of all major activities during the visit to IBS-Washington where they were extensively used on the Voice of America to excellent effect in Turkey.

Among the tapes forwarded to IBS-Washington were the following:

- (1) - Arrival of the Vice President in Ankara, including statements by Mr. Johnson and Prime Minister Inonu.
- (2) - Coverage of the motorcade into Ankara.
- (3) - Signing of the Peace Corps agreement by the Vice President.
- (4) - Statement of the Vice President after calling on Prime Minister Inonu.
- (5) - Visit to the Armed Forces/USAID Literacy Center.
- (6) - Visit to the Turkish Grand National Assembly.
- (7) - Coverage of Prime Minister Inonu's formal dinner for the Vice President.
- (8) - Coverage of the ceremony honoring the first and 2000th USAID/T participants.
- (9) - An interview with Mrs. Johnson.

d. Exhibits

The USIS-Ankara Exhibit Section prepared and installed a major sidewalk window display on the Vice President, his family, his official functions, his previous trips abroad, and the major events on his schedule in Turkey as part of the preparation of the public for the visit. Installed ten days before the Vice President's arrival in Ankara, the exhibit drew large sidewalk crowds. Similar window displays were prepared in Izmir and Istanbul where much interest was also aroused.

USIS-Ankara in cooperation with the public relations division of CENTO also installed a major exhibit on CENTO in the USIS exhibit pavilion in downtown Ankara. It was designed to coincide with the Vice President's visit to the CENTO headquarters.

The USIS-Ankara Exhibit Section also prepared the required clipping books on the Vice President's visit for presentation to him. This became a major task as press coverage of the visit mounted.

e. Films

The cameramen of the local newsreel company participating in Media Team operations obtained footage on all of the highlights of the Vice President's visit. This material was fed into the local newsreel where a clip just under eight minutes duration was issued in the week following the visit to 400 theaters reaching an estimated commercial theater audience of 1.5 million viewers throughout the country. In addition to this normal newsreel circuit, 13 additional prints were made and rushed to open-air cinemas and theaters not included in the normal circuit.

These releases gave emphasis to scenes of the Vice President with the leaders of Turkey and to scenes of the Vice President mingling with crowds, shaking their hands, and showing interest in them as individuals. Thus while the number of people who actually saw and came close to the Vice President is comparatively small, the impression of his interest in Turkey as a nation (through her leaders) and in the Turkish people (through his motorcade contacts) is being conveyed in moving, visible terms to a far wider audience than he was able to reach in the three cities and five days of his visit.

f. Quotes

In the belief that the best evidence of effectiveness in USIS handling of the Vice President's visit may be found in direct statements from the Turkish press and people, the following brief summary is included:

"Mr. Johnson is a very nice man who does not like strict protocol ceremonies. During his stay in Turkey, he called on houses in slum areas,

talked with children, acted as a Turk when they wanted to kiss his hand. He did not want police escorts in front of his car or hotel room. Everybody liked him because his every act was natural and spontaneous. This can be understood from the rousing welcome he received in Turkey. His mission was to create an atmosphere of friendship. Indeed, he carried out his mission with great success." - Yeni Sabah, August 31, 1962.

"During his stay in Turkey, Vice President Johnson has won the hearts of the public and has created great esteem among people." - Aksam, August 31, 1962.

Item: Mrs. Johnson's USIS-arranged coffee party for Istanbul's women journalists was reported with high favor in Cumhuriyet, Milliyet, Vatan, Tercuman, Hurvatan, Tasvir, Dunya, Son Havadis, Yeni Sabah and Turkey's Life-style Hayat.

"The American Information Center is on duty (at the Hilton Hotel) with a full staff. There are many, Turkish and American, who have passed two consecutive nights without sleep. Mr. Charles Waters, Chief of the Press Bureau, who tried to give Turkish translations to the Istanbul press by 6:00 a.m. said: I have not seen my wife and kids for the past six days. The people who complain about the PTT should come to the Hilton roof which is connected with London, Paris and New York within three minutes." - Milliyet, August 30, 1962.

"The people who felt most tired during the visit of Vice President Johnson were the personnel of the American Information Center. All the staff of the Center, which was in the service of the American and local press for twenty-four hours daily, fell into bed soon after Mr. Johnson's departure." - Hurvatan, August 31, 1962.

Item: Minimal shift for USIS personnel during the Vice President's visit was twelve hours daily, with many American officers and local employees on duty from eighteen to twenty-four hours per day.

"United States policy towards Turkey is clear from Vice President Johnson's statements. The U.S. would like to see a stable Turkish government within the democratic system. The raising of the standard of living of the Turkish people should not be limited to a minority, but should include the Turkish people as a whole. The U.S. will never abandon Turkey in the East-West cold war. In the event of any attack against her, the U.S. will come to Turkey's aid under the conditions of the defense agreements." - Yeni Gun, August 29, 1962.

"Mr. Johnson's clear and manly words...may have a profound repercussion, not only in Turkey but also in the rest of the world. They will clarify the political atmosphere." - Yeni Sabah, August 31, 1962

"Mr. Johnson's direct contacts with the Turkish people will constitute the most constructive aspect of his visit to Turkey." - Milliyet, August 30, 1962.

Item: In addition to building the arrival crowd to a level unexpected and unpredicted by the Embassy and other competent observers, USIS was directly responsible for including in the Vice President's schedule two events giving him maximum direct contact with the Turkish people, the visit to the Literacy Training Center and the meeting with USAID/T's first and 2000th participant.

"The Vice President's visit achieved the important goal of reassurance. The Turkish public liked the way Mr. Johnson handled himself." - Orhan Turel, Milliyet.

"Johnson is a great politician." - Dogan Uluc, Hurriyet.

"Johnson's tactics in Turkey were a valuable lesson for Turkish politicians." - Nuyan Yigit, Ulus.

"The Vice President's visit is a forthright demonstration of America's good faith in an ally." - Demir Arakon, Newsreel producer.

"Mrs. Johnson thinks Turkey is sweeter than Turkish delight." - Leyla Erduran, Milliyet.

Item: In perhaps the happiest and most spontaneous event of the visit, Vice President and Mrs. Johnson met the Ankara press corps in a midnight birthday party for Mr. Johnson at the Balin Hotel on August 27. Arranged by the Directorate of Press, Broadcasting and Tourism, with USIS assistance, the party both appeared to please the Vice President and served to establish a highly favorable relationship with the Ankara press. As evidence, a series of photographs taken during the party is enclosed.

And finally, these quotes from "I Accompanied the Second Lady of America," a feature article by Inci Pirincciglu in Hayat, Turkey's largest and most important magazine:

"She was very modest. When a person was with her, he or she did not feel that she was the wife of the Vice President who won the votes of forty million Americans, but just an ordinary American here on a visit.

"She was interested in Turkish traditions, the way of cooking, how Sultans helped public servants and ruled the Empire.

"The most prominent quality I observed in her was her modesty and the deep and sincere design not to act or move against the

traditions, regulations and customs of the society she was in.

"She did not pay attention to the well-known antique jewellers of the bazaar. She said: 'They are beautiful, but I don't like jewelery very much. I prefer to dress simply.'


"She said: 'I have noted with great appreciation the progress which the women of Turkey have achieved in such a short time--judges, doctors, senators and members of various professional groups. I believe Turkish women have a great role in the progress of Turkey.'"

7. Summary

To echo the words of the Ambassador, as reported above, this summary has tended to concentrate on the back-stage view of the Vice President's visit, emphasizing the mechanics, the complications, the strings pulled and efforts made. While it does (at least in the view of the CPAO) report on a highly effective USIS operation, well planned, energetically executed and carried out with maximum program impact, it perhaps lacks the color and clarity to fully represent the enthusiastic reaction of the audience, the leaders of Turkey and the people of Ankara, Izmir and Istanbul.

Regardless of the scene back-stage or the post-visit posturings of certain press intellectuals, the real end and result of the visit was the unique impact on the common Turkish people who struggled to touch the hand of this visitor from America and who gained, through his friendliness and common touch, a new respect for their ally and friend overseas.

If this impact was as wide as it seemed, and if it proves as lasting as it may be, the job was well done, first (of course) by the Vice President and his family, and second by those, like the entire USIS staff in Turkey, who worked day and night to develop that impact, record and transmit it to others, and keep it fresh in the minds of the people of Turkey.


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Enclosures:

1. Official Texts, Vice President Johnson's Visit to Turkey.
2. A series of photographs (in single copy), taken during the birthday party given for the Vice President by the Ankara press corps on August 27, 1962.

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3. Information for U.S. Correspondents, Visit to Turkey of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. (in single copy)
4. USIS Staffing Pattern and other basic documents, Vice President Johnson's visit to Turkey. (in single copy)
5. USIS Press Releases covering Vice President Johnson's visit to Turkey. (Samples, in single copy only.)
6. USIS Special News Bulletin, covering English versions of local releases on the Vice President's visit. (Sample, in single copy only.)
7. Turkish Press Comments on the Vice President's visit to Turkey, as released in English by the Directorate of Press, Broadcasting and Tourism. (in single copy)

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1. Arrival, Ankara

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2. Peace Corps Agreement Signing
3. Departure from Prime Minister's Office
4. Toast at President Gursel's Luncheon
5. Visit to Literacy Training Center
6. Prime Minister's Dinner Toast

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7. CENTO's Official Statement
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ARRIVAL STATEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

August 26, 1962

It is a high honor for me to come today at the kind invitation of your government to visit the great republic of Kemal Ataturk.

I know that I have come to a proud land. The people of Turkey have just cause for that pride.

You have faced threats to your integrity. You have felt great pressures from would-be aggressors. But you have never wavered, never hesitated, never compromised.

From the debate in the United Nations to the battlefields of Korea--from the commitment of forces in the North Atlantic Alliance to the contribution toward the stability of the CENTO area--Turkey has stood before the world as an uncompromising supporter and defender of the cause of freedom.

We of the United States stand as allies with Turkey in NATO. The treaty commitments we have made are commitments we will keep. We consider that an attack upon Turkey would be an attack upon the United States.

We of the United States believe you are now at the beginning of a new era Turkish history.

We welcome and congratulate you upon the re-establishment of parliamentary government.

We have the hope and expectation that your government will be able--in the tradition of modern Turkey--to move forward vigorously in meeting the economic and social challenges of your land and your people.

I look forward to meeting here in Ankara with your President, your Prime Minister, and other officials of your government both here and in other parts of your country. I want to assure them that America stands as one with Turkey in our mutual effort to assure progress and prosperity for ourselves and peace for our fellow man throughout the world. This is one of the lands that we will visit on our trip away from Washington, but I assure you that I feel that I shall never have more in common than with the people of Turkey.

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STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT, SIGNING OF PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT

August 27, 1962

Gentlemen,

It is with great pride and satisfaction that I join the distinguished Foreign Minister and our most able Ambassador and the spokesmen for the Peace Corps in this country in participating in this ceremony whereby this new and vital organization in our country will now come to Turkey and make its contribution to this great country. President Kennedy in one of his earlier messages to Congress recommended the establishment of the Peace Corps with the thought that the men and women who had done so much to win our wars should have an opportunity to play their part and make their contribution in winning the peace. I know those who will shortly come to your country will be welcomed here as I was yesterday and in all the years of our governments' experience I doubt that any official of my rank has ever been more warmly received than I was received by the people of Ankara yesterday. We are deeply grateful for the strong ties and bonds of friendship that exist between our countries. We admire the Turkish people; we respect them. We are partners with them, and they have never been found wanting. I know that the volunteers of the Peace Corps will bring much to your land. I am equally certain that upon their return to the U.S. that they will bring much with them, as will I when I return. Your smiling faces, your fine healthy specimens of young manhood and young womanhood, your cordial hospitality will remain a vivid memory with me in the years ahead. Mr. Foreign Minister, I thank you most heartily for the statement you have made. I hope that in the first few months after the Peace Corps comes here you will find that they are making such a contribution and it is sufficiently valuable that perhaps we will meet again and agree on an additional group to supplement the initial instalment. Thank you very much.

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STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT, AFTER TALKS WITH PREMIER ISMET INONU

August 27, 1962

As you gentlemen know, relations between our two countries have always been close and friendly. This has been particularly true during the last fifteen years--that is since the announcement of the Truman Doctrine which I enthusiastically supported on the floors of the Congress as a young member of House of Representatives. During these last years we have not only found identity of policy in defense of the free world, but we also have had very extensive and important relations in the military and economic fields. As a consequence, in surveying our relations in terms both of policy and economic assistance, we have had many subjects to discuss today. I feel that the opportunity to talk these matters over personally with your government leaders has been mutually beneficial. I know that I have found these discussions from the standpoint of our government most important and quite helpful. Thank you.

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TOAST BY VICE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT GURSEL'S LUNCHEON

August 27, 1962

Mr. President, Friends of Turkey:

My heart is overflowing today with a gratitude far greater than I can express for the honor your people did my country with your welcome to Ankara yesterday. In the 130 years of friendly relations between our countries, yesterday must surely have been the proudest and happiest of all.

The world knows today exactly what we want them to know; the bonds between America and Turkey are stronger today than ever -- and it is our joint determination to build those ties even stronger. That is the purpose of my visit and the spirit of your gracious invitation.

We stand already as steadfast allies with your country in NATO. We are wholeheartedly committed to the defense of Turkey. And that commitment is supported by all the resources and people of the United States -- just as the historic Truman Doctrine was supported 15 years ago. This is the message I bring from my government and our President, John F. Kennedy.

But our friendship and interest does not end at assuring the integrity of Turkey's borders. We are equally concerned -- as is your government -- with seeing Turkey carry forward its great Twentieth Century momentum of development to better the lot of all the Turkish people. We welcome the interest your government is showing in moving ahead in the tradition of your great hero, Ataturk.

We have the highest confidence that Turkey has come to the beginning of new greatness -- that the kind of Turkish valor so respected on fields of battle will be used to win the victories of peace. We know that as a proud and self-reliant people, Turk will be helping Turk to raise the standards by which the people live. But we want you to know that in this effort the United States stands behind you willing to assist in every constructive way.

Honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, I propose a toast to His Excellency the President and to the future of the indomitable Republic of Turkey.

REMARKS BY VICE PRESIDENT, LITERACY TRAINING CENTER

August 27, 1962

I am deeply moved and inspired by what we have seen here.

It is moving to see the evidence of the dedication and determination of the young men of Turkey to improve themselves.

It is inspiring to see the Government of Turkey placing such emphasis upon so important and so basic a program for developing your country's greatest single resource--that is the capability of Turkey's young generations.

If I may speak personally, this kind of work is very dear and close to my own heart. Thirty years ago--as a young man still in college--my first job was as a schoolteacher in a small village of my native state of Texas. Most of the children were of parents from our neighboring country of Mexico. Very few of them could read or write our language adequately. Needless to say, I wish we could have had then the very fine facilities and modern techniques you have here.

But life has brought me no greater satisfaction or pleasure than that of working day after day--and often into the night--with young boys and girls, helping them to learn the fundamentals of reading and writing. Today many of the children of that generation have risen in my country to positions of high trust and importance--just as will someday those who are studying here.

I wish all of you--teachers and pupils--well in your work.

There is an old proverb of your country that "God loves those who work hard." I have the greatest faith that is true. Whatever one's station in life, whatever one's country or calling, hard work is its own reward when we are working to make life better for those who come after us.

I congratulate you all on what you are doing here. I am glad that my country and my countrymen have had a part in this fine program. May God's blessings be upon you--and your great land.

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TOAST BY VICE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER LIGNU'S DINNER

August 27, 1962

Mr. Prime Minister:

On behalf of the President of the United States and the people of America, I express appreciation for your inspiring words. Thirty-five years ago Kemal Ataturk addressed the United States Ambassador to your country. The words spoken by your great leader and hero are words that I would like to repeat today. He said:

"You are the oldest democracy of the new world. We are the youngest democracy of the old world. You, the great democracy of the new world, should take due note of your new sister democracy and should conceive its import. We are friends now and we will be much closer friends in the future."

The years have proved the wisdom of Ataturk's prophecy. Our countries were friends then, we are much closer friends now. I am confident that the friendship between us will grow closer and more meaningful through many decades to come.

I speak as confidently as I do in the belief that your government is determined to carry out the vital work which Turkey's future requires and its promise deserves. I am confident equally that your government's efforts will be consistent with the great Turkish tradition of devotion to democratic principles and concepts.

Turkey is a strong pillar of the western alliance. It is a vital member of the western community. You face problems--of which my government is mindful. But your people have the strength of character and purpose to master those problems--and of this, too, my government is mindful. We are heartened and assured by the dedication with which you are undertaking the labors these times require to honor the rich traditions of your country and to fulfill its promise in this 20th century.

Honored guests, I propose a toast to His Excellency, the Prime Minister and to the Republic of Kemal Ataturk.

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CENTO NEWS RELEASE

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The Vice President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, visited the headquarters of the Central Treaty Organization this morning and attended a special meeting of the CENTO Council of Deputies.

The Vice President was met upon arrival by Dr. A. A. Khalatbary, Secretary General of the Organization, who in turn introduced the members of the Council to him.

In his address of welcome the Secretary General noted that the people of the CENTO region are earnestly ready to defend the same freedoms which they share with the people of the United States and of their other Western ally, the United Kingdom.

The Secretary General emphasized to the Vice President that there is no sign at present that the threats and hostile pressure of propaganda, subversion and infiltration, which necessitated the advent of the defensive alliance have abated. The Secretary General gave assurances that, in spite of these threats, the peoples of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey are determined to resist aggression, individually and collectively.

In commenting on this common effort the Secretary General, on behalf of the regional members welcomed the support of CENTO's Western Allies. In this connection he alluded to President Kennedy's recent statement that what the free world should do is try to improve the functioning of such regional organizations as CENTO.

The Secretary General on behalf of the Council assured the Vice President that the feeling of regional solidarity, of regional pride and of regional purpose taking form in the CENTO region, giving impetus to national development and support for legitimate national aspirations, would surely become an inspiration to other nations in the area.

In concluding, the Secretary General requested the Vice President to convey to President Kennedy and the American people the wishes for continued success in the promotion of America's ideals of peace and freedom, which the peoples of the CENTO region so fervently share.

In reply, the Vice President noted the reassurance received by the free world from the role played by CENTO in preserving the independence and the territorial integrity of its members.

The Vice President congratulated the Secretary General on the success of CENTO under his wise and firm leadership.

The role of CENTO in building closer political, economic and cultural relations among the member countries was cited by the Vice President. He noted

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further the keen interest of the United States in the early completion of jointly financed projects designed to further link economies of regional countries.

In concluding, the Vice President expressed the warm wishes of the President of the United States and of the American people to the Secretary General in his future tasks as the head of the Organization.

Upon completion of the Council Meeting, the officials of the CENTO Secretariat and the American staff of CENTO were introduced to the Vice President. The Vice President and party departed shortly thereafter to continue their Ankara itinerary.

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STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT, USAID PARTICIPANT CEREMONY

August 28, 1962

There is a wise old teaching that "bread cast upon the waters will return manifold." In many respects, there has never been a greater proof of this than the example of the United States itself.

Less than two hundred years ago my country began receiving from many lands peoples who brought with them skills and arts and crafts which represented the best of the technical attainments of the world's oldest cultures. In America, these abilities were fused with the wealth of the New World's resources. The result has been that in a very short span we have been privileged to build the world's most advanced and most successful industrial economy. That economy has, in turn, returned manifold blessings to the Old World--permitting us to serve as the "Arsenal of Democracy" when freedom was threatened by aggressors, and permitting us to help lands old and young speed their reconstruction and development in times of peace.

I mention this today because it underscores appropriately why we of the United States do what we do--what we like to do--in trying to share our technical knowledge and experience with other peoples. We believe--from our own experience--that we are casting bread upon the waters which will return someday in greater strength, greater hope, greater progress and prosperity for the entire community of free men.

Thirteen years ago the American Assistance Program to Turkey began providing technical training in the United States for Turkish citizens. Today we meet to congratulate the first and the 2,000th recipients of American training.

The first is Mr. Suleyman Demirel who went to the United States in September, 1949 to spend a year working with our Bureau of Reclamation. He returned to assume the high responsibility of Chief Bureau Engineer on construction of the Seyhan Dam and is now working with the National Planning Agency helping formulate plans for more complete attainment of Turkey's economic promise.

The 2000th participant is Dr. Ahmet Kurt who was in our country last year for advanced research in dairy technology. Now on the staff of Ataturk University, Dr. Kurt is one of the dedicated group of men--Turkish and American--working to develop a modern university to serve the needs of Eastern Turkey.

To both of them--and through them to all participating in the program--my congratulations. We of the United States have the highest faith that your efforts will be a vital part of the foundation for a stronger, more prosperous era of Turkish progress. That progress will, in turn, be new strength for the cause of freedom everywhere.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT, IZMIR

August 28, 1962

Your Excellency, Friends:

Throughout the long history of friendly relations between our two countries, generations of Americans have always found a very special warmth in the welcome they have received from the people of the beautiful city of Izmir. Thus, it is a welcome and happy privilege for me to come here on America Day--to thank you for your hospitality and courtesy to my countrymen in years past and to talk with you at the Fair of our works together in the future.

As your friendliness is known throughout America, your crops in this area are known throughout the world. Even before there was a United States, the world knew Izmir's figs and tobacco, raisins and cotton. Your agricultural base is strong. But it is symbolic of modern Turkey that the emphasis of your Izmir Fair should be upon the industrial products which can contribute so much to furthering the development and enrichment of Turkey ahead.

We of the United States believe there is no limit on Turkey's future. We welcome the determination of your government to move forward on programs which help every Turkish family realize more of the fruits of freedom in this twentieth Century. You may always know that your friends in the United States stand with you in every effort to make life better and brighter for the Turkish people.

We are able to think together and talk together of such things now because of the efforts we have made together in the past to keep the peace and shield our freedom. The NATO Land and Air Force Headquarters here at Izmir is a symbol of that determination--and of the invaluable contribution Turkey has made to western freedom.

Americans are proud to be allies--proud to be friends--with the people of Turkey. Your security is our security. Your freedom is our freedom. The fulfillment of the dreams of your people is the hope and goal of my people. So, I am very proud that on this America Day I can be here to bring to the people of Izmir the warmest of greetings from your friends and allies, the people of the United States.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S AMERICA DAY ADDRESS, IZMIR INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

August 28, 1962

I have come today at the personal request of President Kennedy to represent the United States on this "America Day" at the Izmir International Trade Fair. On behalf of President Kennedy--and on behalf of the American people--I want to thank the people of your city for this expression of the friendship between our two countries.

The United States has no friend more cherished--and no ally more trusted--than the Republic of Turkey. The welcome which we have received here this week leaves no doubt as to the strength of the bonds of common purpose which tie us together as free peoples.

It is because those bonds are so strong and secure--and because the differences between us are so rare and small--that I wish to speak today with the candor of a friend about the hopes we of the United States have for the future in this broad area of the world.

No American can come to this region without realizing, proudly and humbly, that he has returned to the well-spring of western civilization. Thousands of years before man set foot upon the shores of the New World, great glories of civilization had been wrought here in Eastern Europe and in the lands of the Middle East.

This Izmir Fair is symbolic. While my country has been one of the world's greatest trading nations, yours has been one of the oldest. It was the trading from your bazaars and caravans and ships that set off the age of exploration which led to discovery of America. It was the concept of the marketplace which originated here which still forms the pattern of commerce for the western world.

This is only one example. Our culture, our philosophies, our religions trace their origins to these areas. We know how great is the debt of the West to the East which cradled our civilization.

We of the United States do not believe that it is a just world or a right world in which lands and peoples who have given the world so much should live today with so few of the fruits of their contribution.

Our feeling is based on no mere sentiment for the past.

Our feeling is based on the solid evidence of the strong potential which exists throughout these lands--the potential for a new millenium of greatness and progress.

That evidence has accumulated in abundance over the past decade and a half.

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Fifteen years ago, in the first moments after World War II, an evil conspiracy against human freedom first made known its aggressive designs. The chosen targets for that aggression were these lands we are visiting in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

In those anxious days, no nations seemed more open, none seemed more vulnerable to attack. But fifteen years have passed and the borders of these free lands remain uncrossed and uncompromised--and the peoples of these lands remain proud and free.

The credit is due to two factors: first, the valor and courage of the peoples of these lands, and second, the fact that America believed in those peoples enough to enunciate and to implement the Truman Doctrine of military and economic cooperation and support.

I come today to say to the free peoples of Eastern Europe and the Middle East that we of the United States still believe in them and have even greater faith in their ability to undertake and to succeed at the labors necessary to bring to this area the full realization of the promise and abundance of the Twentieth Century

No area so rich in history need fear the future.

The greatness that once was in these ports and plains can be--and must be--once again.

Nowhere is the human potential any greater than it is in these lands--the potential for progress, the potential for planning and taking a great leap forward. The Turkish people themselves proved that forty years ago when modern Turkey was created by Turkish effort under Turkish leadership in the glorious era of Ataturk. As this region gave the world the beginnings of so much else of enduring value, let it not be forgotten that it was here during the Twentieth Century that the thrust of underdeveloped nations toward independence and development began, also.

The momentum of years past--the momentum of these fifteen postwar years--must not be lost nor allowed to slow. The need of the present is to freshen that momentum and give to it new impetus to carry forward economic development as we have brought forward the concept of collective security.

Collective security has worked because we of old worlds and new worlds shared a common understanding of and a common value for freedom. If we are to labor together with equal success in realms of economic development, we must stand together in common understanding of the values toward which we strive.

The first and highest objective of economic development is not material gain for nations but spiritual gains for the individual. I say without

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hesitation--and I would not be true to my American birthright if I said less--that the goal of development in this area must be to serve the dignity of man. The values of human dignity and decency and the worth of the individual are not western values but are values which had their origin in the great philosophies of this very area. It is imperative that the freedom and stability of this region be undergirded now with a full commitment to these principles.

The second objective of development for this area must be the sound progress which will enable its peoples and countries to assume the full stature of their proud independence without reliance or dependence upon assistance from outside. We of the United States have made and will continue to make sacrifices for the support of our willing commitments in this region. But neither the people nor the government of my country--or any free country--want any free men to live as our satellites. We want and expect your development to liberate your resources, liberate your human potential, liberate your national spirits so that all of us--large or small--can stand together in proud equality.

The third objective of development is the same as the objective of collective security--that is freedom itself. The great lesson of this century is that freedom is not made secure by armed strength alone. Freedom is assured only when every man and every woman enjoys enough of its fruits to have an interest in its preservation. There is no security when freedom is merely a license for the few and lip-service for the many.

I speak as I do because it is the hope of my government and my people that in the years which remain of this century there can be built a world community of free nations which knows no West, no Middle East, no Asia, no Africa, no Latin America--but knows only a truly universal community of common dedication, common tradition.

We believe that the world is entering now a new age of trade and exploration such as the age centuries ago which brought discovery of the New World. We want to share with mankind the benefits of our explorations into the new frontiers of space. We also want to see the developed nations share the opportunities of their markets, believing that trade is the substantial basis for elevating the standards of all nations.

If the United States and the European Economic Community together agree to open their markets to products of developing nations on a non-discriminatory basis, a far healthier world trading environment will be created in which less-developed countries can participate in the world markets as we believe they should and must.

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I reiterate that we of the United States stand firmly with all our free allies and friends of this ancient and honorable part of the world. Our strength shall continue to be your strength so long as there remains any threat to the integrity of your sovereignty or the fullness of your freedom. But it is our hope that behind the shield of strength which shelters freedom in this region, free peoples and their free government will begin searching and seeking more diligently for those common values, common hopes, common goals on which we can together build a stronger community of human dignity, human progress, and universal freedom.

We of the United States stand ready to render assistance to the fulfillment of such worthy goals because we believe in you, believe in your potential, believe in your determination.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT, ISTANBUL

August 23, 1962

Your Excellency, Citizens of Istanbul:

We have arrived after dark--but there is lightness in our hearts as we come to your magnificent and historic city which is the sparkling buckle on the belt linking two great continents.

It is especially gratifying that we can make our visit to Turkey complete by coming to your country's largest city. Our hearts have been thrilled by the outpouring of friendship from the Turkish people everywhere. We will be looking forward to meeting tomorrow morning with the people of Istanbul to bring them the good wishes of the people of America.

We of the United States feel a deep and abiding gratitude for Turkey's role in the Western Alliance. For centuries, Turkey has been a fountainhead of the culture and commerce of the western world. But your country has never played a more important role in and for the West than during this Twentieth Century.

It was here forty years ago that your people under the great leadership of Ataturk set the example of self-determination and self-development that continues to inspire men on every continent.

It was here fifteen years ago that your people--joined by the strength of the United States--took a resolute and steadfast stand against threats of coercion and aggression from those who would have compromised your sovereignty and freedom.

It is here today that Turkey serves freedom by serving as the strong and sure anchor for both NATO and CENTO in keeping the peace and protecting freedom.

We of America are proud to stand as one with the people of Turkey. We are irrevocable allies and irrevocable friends, side by side in times of trouble and in times of peace. It is my own high privilege and pleasure to bring to the people of Istanbul the good wishes of the people of America--and to pray that God's great blessings will be upon you for all your days.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT, ISTANBUL

August 30, 1962

Your Excellency, Turkish Friends of America:

We have come to the end of a visit that has warmed our hearts, added to the friendship between our peoples, and increased the understanding between our governments. In every respect, this has been a constructive and useful visit of solid accomplishment and substantial mutual profit.

I thank the Turkish Government for their invitation, for their fine hospitality, and for their cooperative spirit in all our discussions. I especially thank the Turkish people everywhere for the warmth of their friendship toward America. As long as I live, I shall never forget the great welcomes we have received in Ankara, Izmir and your beautiful city of Istanbul.

Fifteen years ago manifested our faith and confidence in the Turkish people with the Truman Doctrine. It has been thrilling and rewarding to come here and see the fruits of those years of mutual confidence today, as we stand together as allies under NATO and friends together in all the endeavors of the Free World.

As your proud allies, we of the United States solemnly affirm to all that we would regard an attack upon Turkey as an attack upon the United States. We want peace. Because of the growing strength and capabilities of the Free World, we expect peace with rising confidence. But we shall remain constantly vigilant, constantly ready so long as there are those who threaten the peace of the world and the integrity of any free nation.

The interest of my country in Turkey and the Turkish people neither begins nor ends in your role as vital partners of the western alliance. Our abiding concern is born of our affection for the Turkish people, our continuing devotion to their well-being, and our very high estimate of Turkey's capacity for self-development and modern progress. All of our meetings and discussions with your leadership have fortified our confidence that Turkey is entering a new era of major advancement which will benefit the people--and sustain the Turkish momentum initiated under Kemal Ataturk.

Your internal strength is strength for the West. Your ability to fill a broader role of leadership beyond your borders is indispensable because of the valued link Turkey affords between the alliance of NATO nations and the CENTO area. Your security and integrity against aggression in any form is a cornerstone of the free community. That is why we look forward with keen anticipation to working with you and beside you in the creative labors upon which you are embarking in this decade of development.

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VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ARRIVAL NICOSIA RESOUNDING SUCCESS. AIRPORT CEREMONY REFLECTED CAREFUL PREPARATION BY GOC AND SINCERITY THEIR WISH GIVE VP VERY BEST THEY KNEW HOW.

DRIVE ALONG FLAG-LINED ROUTE FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL PRODUCED CROWDS OF REMARKABLE SIZE AND ENTHUSIASM. CAN BE COMPARED ONLY WITH RESPONSE AND EXCITEMENT OF CROWDS THAT WELCOMED RETURN OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND HIS EOKA FIGHTERS.

FOR FIRST TIME CYPRIOT FLAG IN EVIDENCE IN CONTRAST TO USUAL DISPLAY OF TURKISH OR GREEK FLAGS ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS. DRIVING DOWN ROAD STREWN WITH LAUREL BRANCHES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CYPRIOT CUSTOM DATING FROM BIBLICAL TIMES, VP WAS SHOWERED WITH JASMINE AND OTHER PETALS, WAS ON MANY OCCASIONS PRESENTED LARGE, BEAUTIFUL BOUQUETS BY GIRLS IN COLORFUL VILLAGE ATTIRE. VP WAS WELCOMED WITH GENUINE WARMTH AND ENTHUSIASM. TOUCHED BY THIS, VP GOT OUT OF CAR FIVE TIMES, CONVEYING GREETINGS TO AND SHAKING HANDS OF INCREASINGLY LARGE CROWDS OF CYPRIOTS SHOUTING HIM A WELCOME AND THANKS FOR AMERICAN INTEREST. HE PENETRATED INTO CROWDS AT ROADSIDE REPEATEDLY TO CONTACT THOSE TOWARD CENTER AND REAR, AND HE WALKED MOST OF LAST ONE-THIRD MILE TO HOTEL, REPEATEDLY EXPRESSING HIS AND MRS. JOHNSON'S THANKS FOR WARMTH OF WELCOME AND REITERATING CLOSENESS OF US-CYPRIOT FRIENDSHIP.

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KIPLING SAID THAT WE SHOULD FILL "THE UNFORGIVING MINUTE WITH 60 SECONDS WORTH OF DISTANCE OF TIME ~~SLAM~~ VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON DID EXACTLY THAT DURING THEIR 24-HOUR VISIT TO CYPRUS INTO THIS BRIEF PERIOD WERE CROWDED SUBSTANTIVE TALKS, WELCOMING RECEPTIONS, INAUGURATION OF AMERICAN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, ADDRESS TO CYPRUS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND EVERYWHERE SURGING FRIENDLY CROWDS CARRYING AMERICAN AND CYPRUS FLAGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF VICE PRESIDENT.

"ONLY MAKARIOS" ONE CYPRUS OFFICIAL TOLD ME, "HAS PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT OUT SUCH CROWDS", ESTIMATED AT 30,000 YESTERDAY AND MORE TODAY DURING DRIVE THROUGH HEART OF ANCIENT NICOSIA. THIS NUMBER SIGNIFICANT IN NICOSIA WHICH HAS ONLY 80,000 PEOPLE AND DESCRIBES AS NO WORDS CAN DO THE REAL ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS ALIKE WELCOMED THE JOHNSONS.

BELOW THESE COLORFUL HUMAN ASPECTS THE VISIT ALSO HAD DEPTH IN THAT VICE PRESIDENT IN HIS SUBSTANTIVE STATEMENTS STRESSED ENDURING VALUES OF DEMOCRACY, LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE WHICH WERE NOT LOST ON CYPRUS EARS. IN PRIVATE TALKS VICE PRESIDENT GREATLY FURTHERED U.S. OBJECTIVES HERE IN CONVERSATION WITH MAKARIOS RE NEED FOR DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY, CONTINUED U.S. INTEREST IN CYPRUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND EVER PRESENT POSSIBILITY COMMIES MIGHT TAKE OVER SOME MIDNIGHT AS WELL AS SUCH SPECIFIC SUBJECTS AS VOA AND CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN UN.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER TIMED TAKING PLACE AS IT DID SO SOON AFTER PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S CONVERSATIONS WITH MAKARIOS IN WASHINGTON, BETWEEN VP'S VISIT TO TURKEY AND GREECE AND ON EVE OF MAKARIOS DEPARTURE FOR COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN LONDON.

MAKARIOS AND KUTCHUK BOTH SAID THEY HAD TRIED IN EVERY WAY TO MAKE VISIT SUCCESS. JOHNSONS WERE THEIR FIRST OFFICIAL GUESTS AND THEY WANTED TO HONOR THEM AND THROUGH THEM THE U.S. ~~MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED~~

VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON'S ^{MISSION} ~~VISIT~~ HERE WAS ACCOMPLISHED.

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CYPRUS VISIT

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SECOND DAY VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT CARRIED FORWARD ENTHUSIASM AND POSITIVE MOMENTUM OF ARRIVAL AUGUST 30. COMMENCING WITH DRIVE THROUGH OLD CITY, VP WAS MET WITH EVER GREATER RESPONSE BY CROWDS PACKING STREETS AT VARIOUS POINTS ENROUTE. GETTING OUT OF CAR ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS VP GREETED CROWDS, AND WHILE PROCEEDING THROUGH TURKISH SECTION STOPPED TO DELIVER IMPROMPTU BALCONY TALK FROM PRIVATE RESIDENCE TURKISH VICE PRESIDENT KUTCHUK.

AT CARE SCHOOL LUNCH CEREMONY, VP WAS INTRODUCED BY MINLABOR PAPADOPOULOS, WHO GAVE RECOGNITION TO "THE NOBLE SPIRIT, NOT ONLY OF A FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT BUT OF A GREAT PEOPLE...". VP REPLIED WITH EMPHASIS ON NEED TO INVEST IN YOUTH AND EDUCATION WHICH WOULD SERVE THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS.

HIGHLIGHT OF DAY CAME AT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHERE VP DELIVERED STIRRING SPEECH EXTOLLING FUNCTION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND UNDERLINING NEED FOR PATIENCE AND DETERMINATION IN ACHIEVING NATIONAL UNITY. VP EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE IN CYPRUS IN ORDER MOVE FORWARD "...IN DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS THAT WILL ENRICH THE LIVES OF ALL YOU PEOPLE...". VP'S SPEECH AND PRESENTATION OF GAVEL TO HOUSE PRESIDENT CLERIDES WAS RECEIVED WITH

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OTHER EVENTS OF CROWDED DAY WERE CALLS ON DR. KUTCHUK AND ON PROMINENT CYPRIOT LEADERS, LUNCHEON BY PRESIDENT AND FAREWELL CEREMONIES AT AIRPORT. THESE WERE BRIEF, SOLEMN AND HEARTWARMING BRING TO SATISFACTORY END MOST EVENTFUL 24 HOURS SINCE CYPRUS INDEPENDENCE DAY AUGUST 16, 1960.

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Summary

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson's visit to Cyprus on August 30-31 was short but filled with action. His busy schedule during a twenty-four hour period included talks with President MAKARIOS and Vice President KUTCHUK, two official receptions, the inauguration of the 1962 CASE School Lunch Program, an address to the Cypriot House of Representatives and a luncheon given by Makarios in his honor. The program went off smoothly and the visit was successful and achieved its purposes. Large and enthusiastic crowds greeted the Vice President on his drive into the city from the airport and on later drives through the city. Cries of welcome sounded throughout. The streets were decorated with flags and bunting, and the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson were showered with flower petals as they rode along. The Vice President frequently stopped to mingle with the crowd and shake hands and he caught the fancy of the crowds everywhere he went. He gave an impromptu street corner speech and walked along the procession routes on several occasions. It was obvious that Cypriots had never seen anything quite like the Vice President's techniques and his ability to establish contact with the people. The Cypriots responded enthusiastically and warmly with a large Greek Cypriot turnout the first afternoon during the Vice President's ride from the airport and an equally large and excited Turkish Cypriot turnout the second morning during a tour of the Turkish quarters in Nicosia. The highlight of the visit came on August 31 when the Vice President became the first foreign guest to address the Cypriot House of Representatives. In an occasion marked by solemnity and simplicity, the Vice President thanked the House for the "rare personal privilege" of addressing "one of the world's youngest parliamentary bodies in one of the world's oldest and most honored lands."

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The Embassy received excellent cooperation throughout the visit from all Cypriot leaders concerned and they spared no effort to make the Vice President's visit a success. In short, the Vice President made a very favorable impression on Cypriot government officials and on the population in general, and he furthered U.S. interests both in his public statements and in his conversations with Cypriot officials. (End of Summary)

The highlights of Vice President Johnson's visit to Cyprus have been reported by telegram and airgram. This message submits a more detailed account of the crowded twenty-four hour visit and transmits the text of all of the Vice President's official statements.

Arrival and Drive to City

Vice President and Mrs. Johnson arrived at the Nicosia International Airport at 4 p.m., August 30. On hand to meet them on behalf of the GOC were the Vice President of the Republic Dr. Kutchuk and Mrs. Kutchuk, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mrs. Spyros KYPIANOU, the Turkish Ambassador Mr. Emin DIRVANA, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Ambassador of Cyprus to the U.S. and Mrs. ROSSIDES, various other officials of the GOC, Ambassador and Mrs. Wilkins and members of the Embassy staff. A sizeable crowd of Cypriots and members of the American community were also on hand on his arrival.

The welcoming ceremonies were brief and they went off without a hitch with none of the disorderly mob scenes that sometimes characterize airport receptions in this part of the world. The first to be organized by the GOC, it reflected careful preparation and direction by Chief of Protocol George PELAMIAS, who patterned it on the protocol arrangements he had witnessed while a member of Archbishop Makarios' party to the U.S. in June.

The ceremonies started with a review of the guard of honor composed of Greek and Turkish Cypriot units of the embryonic Cyprus Army - only the second occasion on which they had been turned out for this purpose. They continued with the playing of the U.S. national anthem (the best rendition so far on the trip according to a member of the Vice President's party) played by the Cyprus police band (British trained). The band's selections also included "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You" - the first time the Vice President had reportedly been entertained by this tune on this trip. After an exchange of arrival statements (Enclosure Nos. 1 and 2) between the two Vice Presidents and meeting the welcoming dignitaries, the Vice President moved on to greet and speak to members of the American community and Cypriot employees of the Embassy who had assembled at the airport (Enclosure No. 3). The Vice President was quickly engulfed by the crowd and this marked the beginning of a more informal part of the program. From here to the hotel - a distance of only ten miles - the Vice President traveled by car and by foot. The scene was one of noise, friendly crowds, presentation of bouquets of flowers, showers of petals thrown by Cypriot girls in native costume, archways across the roadway proclaiming the welcome of the people of Cyprus to the Vice President and bands playing. The Vice President and Mrs. Johnson frequently left their cars and shook hands with groups along the way. At

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one point, he broke through those lining the street, jumped a small ditch and scrambled up an embankment to shake hands with some of the people on the outskirts. This made a hit with the crowd which cheered his efforts enthusiastically. This pattern was repeated several times and the Vice President walked the last one-third of a mile to the hotel surrounded by and followed by hundreds of people.

The Vice President departed from his hotel with Ambassador Wilkins and other members of his party at approximately 6:15 p.m. for the Presidential Palace. Crowds between the hotel and the palace were also enthusiastic. Although it was getting dark and there had been no advance publicity of the route he was to follow, his car was stopped twice, and on each occasion, bouquets of flowers were given to him, accompanied by expressions of welcome to Cyprus.

After his talk with the Archbishop, a summary of which has been reported separately, the Vice President was introduced to the diplomatic corps and later he and Mrs. Johnson joined an outdoor reception given in their honor by Archbishop Makarios. They both moved about meeting and chatting with other guests. They departed from the reception at approximately 8:15 p.m. and returned to their hotel to dine privately. Thus, the Vice President's first day in Cyprus came to a quiet but successful close.

The Vice President's second day was a mixture of solemn ceremony and of enthusiastic contacts with masses of people. The day started with a drive through the old walled city of Nicosia which took the motorcade to Ataturk Square, the heart of the Turkish section. Greek Cypriots had turned out in the thousands to greet the Vice President on his arrival on August 30. On this day, the Turkish Cypriots took over and gave the Vice President a tumultuous, overwhelming reception. The motorcade was surrounded as soon as it entered the walled city and it inched its way through thousands of cheering Turks; some holding signs proclaiming Turkish community messages such as "The Turkish Community is Determined to Preserve Peace on the Island", "We are Sincere - the Other Side Must Be Sincere Also", "Cyprus Must Follow the Western Line", "Peaceful Coexistence Must Be on a Mutual Basis", etc. Frequently, the cars came to a halt while the Vice President joined the crowd or stopped to witness dancing by girls dressed in native costume. At one point, Vice President Kutchuk came out on the balcony of his private residence near the square and Vice President and Mrs. Johnson soon joined him there.

Responding to calls, the Vice President addressed the crowd extemporaneously from the balcony, expressing confidence that his listeners would guard both their independence and liberty. Cypriots want the same things Americans want, he said, "liberty and freedom and independence and integrity." In addition, he said, we all want better jobs, better housing and better schools for our children. Finally, he said, "we will dedicate all of our energies, all of our resources and all of our lives - if need be - in your country and in my country to see that we have peace in the world". The Vice President called on Mrs. Johnson to address the crowd

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and she joined him by saying a few words (Enclosure No. 4).

Gradually emerging from this reception, the motorcade continued through the old city to the Ministry of Labor where Tassos ~~APADOPOULOS~~ and his council colleagues met the Vice President. Speaking from the entrance of the GOC's first new office building which houses the Ministry of Labor, the Vice President inaugurated a CARE School Lunch Program (Enclosure No. 5).

After his speech, the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson circulated among the crowd and both of them assisted in pouring milk for the school children who had assembled for the occasion.

The Vice President then proceeded to the Cypriot House of Representatives for his address to that body. He was the first foreign guest to speak before the House, and President of the House Glafkos CLERIDES and other officials saw to it that the proceedings were solemn and dignified. A committee of three members escorted the Vice President to the rostrum, after which he was introduced by Clerides. Thanking the House for the opportunity given him to address it, the Vice President stated that the "high confidence that we in America have for the future of Cyprus rests in no small measure upon the parliamentary forms" adopted, since "if a free society is to stand, there must be a forum in which the differences of the people can be composed and a consensus of harmony and moderation achieved". This is not always easy, he said, and does not always come quickly after independence.

Saying that he envied each member the opportunity he has to assure the success of his country, the Vice President continued that "we are living today in the springtime of independence" and that "the seeds of liberty are flowering in a great profusion of new and independent nations". "We of the United States take comfort from what is happening" since "it was in our land - less than two hundred years ago - that this movement began with our own American Revolution". The Vice President said later in his talk that "the most demanding challenge of independence is the challenge of keeping it". Many nations which became independent after World War I were doomed to lose what had been wrought at great sacrifice, he said, because "first, they were not constantly vigilant against the subversion of their independence. Second, they were not diligent in perfecting the unity of their peoples. Third, they did not bring into being workable institutions and programs to serve the needs of all the people".

At the end of his speech in the House, the Vice President presented a gavel to Clerides with the warmest wishes of the people of the United States and himself that the House of Representatives "will play a vital and creative role in these historic years" of the new republic and "that it will take its place as one of the outstanding parliaments of free men". (Enclosure No. 6). Meeting more informally with the members of the House after the ceremony, the Vice President was presented by Clerides with a

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silver map of Cyprus.

From the reception, the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson drove to the Presidential Palace for a luncheon in their honor by Archbishop Makarios. Before the luncheon, presents were exchanged, and on this occasion, the Archbishop informed Mrs. Johnson that arrangements were being made to send a stone from St. Barnabas tomb in Cyprus to St. Barnabas Church, near Mrs. Johnson's home in Texas. This unusual and remarkable gesture is a measure of the interest which the Archbishop took in the visit.

After an exchange of toasts which brought the luncheon to a close (Enclosure Nos. 7 and 8), the Vice President and his party proceeded directly to the airport. A salute from the Honor Guard and an exchange of farewell remarks (Enclosure Nos. 9 and 10) with Vice President Kutshuk completed the ceremonies. The Vice President departed for Athens at 4 p.m., August 31, bringing to an end a memorable twenty-four hours in Cyprus.

In addition to the texts of statements transmitted with this despatch, there are enclosed five sets of pictures showing scenes during the motorcade on the morning of August 31. (Enclosure No. 11)

For the Ambassador:

Charles W. McCaskill

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Second Secretary of Embassy

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1. Statement by Vice President Johnson on arrival in Nicosia.
2. Welcome statement by Vice President Kutshuk.
3. Speeches by Vice President and Mrs. Johnson on arrival in Nicosia.
4. Speeches by Vice President and Mrs. Johnson enroute to Ministry of Labor.
5. Speech by Vice President Johnson at inauguration of School Lunch Program.
6. Vice President Johnson's address at House of Representatives.
7. Toast by Archbishop Makarios at luncheon given in honor of Vice President and Mrs. Johnson.
8. Vice President Johnson's reply to Archbishop's toast.
9. Departure statement by Vice President Kutshuk.
10. Departure statement by Vice President Johnson.
11. Five sets of pictures.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL, NICOSIA, CYPRUS
AUGUST 30, 1962.

Mr. Vice President, Friends of Cyprus:

The honor is ours today to come to your country and to have this opportunity to meet with your courageous people in all walks of life as friend to friend.

It was our privilege earlier this year to meet with your President on his visit to the United States. We look forward to seeing him once more, to greeting again the other distinguished Cypriots who accompanied him, and to meeting with other leaders of your government whom we have not yet come to know.

We of the United States are mindful of the important role Cyprus has filled through the history of many centuries. We are confident now that a free and independent Cyprus will make increasingly important and constructive contributions to the future.

In these early years of your independence, no peoples on earth can better understand the problems you face and the aspirations you have than do your friends in America. We, too, are young. We, too, made the choice to walk the way of independence Cyprus is walking. We, too, were blessed and enriched by a diverse heritage which has become a source of national strength as we have perfected our unity and worked together in common purpose.

In the United States, our continuing and constant purpose is to develop our resources fully to raise the standards by which all of our people live and to dedicate our national efforts to assuring peace for all mankind. We know that these are purposes we share in common with you and it is our hope that we may - together with other governments of the Free World - be of assistance in helping Cyprus develop its economy and improve the lot of all its people.

Cyprus has a proud and ancient heritage. The highest value of your independence is the opportunity you now have to develop your own national institutions and values free of dictation or control from outside. In all your efforts toward these ends, you have the abiding friendship, interest and good wishes of the United States.

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WELCOME STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT DR. KUTCHUK

Mr. Vice President:

It is with great pleasure indeed that I am welcoming you to Cyprus on behalf of His Beatitude the President Archbishop Makarios, myself and all citizens of the Republic of Cyprus.

We feel in Cyprus that although our peoples are geographically very distant from each other yet they are tied closely together with strong bonds of friendship mutual respect and common interests and ideals. I feel confident that as time goes by the strong conviction entertained by both sides to adhere to the fundamental principles of justice, freedom and human rights will strengthen these ties and the determination to work together for the preservation of these principles in this troubled world.

Your presence here, Mr. Vice President, as our distinguished guest and as the representative of a great peace-loving nation is in itself a most welcome sign of the interest, goodwill and friendship extended to Cyprus by your country, and will no doubt contribute to the further strengthening of the happy relations and cooperation existing between our two countries.

My countrymen are proud and happy that it has been possible for them, Mr. Vice President, to have you as their honored guest however short your visit might be. I hope that you will enjoy your short stay in Cyprus and that we shall be able to make your visit useful.

May I once more welcome you most warmly on behalf of the President, myself and all the citizens of the Republic of Cyprus and say that I am personally proud and happy to have the privilege of welcoming in your person the Vice President of the Great American Nation.

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SPEECH OF VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. JOHNSON
AT AIRPORT, NICOSIA, CYPRUS, AUGUST 30, 1962.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I moved this in because I didn't want to stay this far away from you people. I am honored beyond words, and I know that I speak for Mrs. Johnson and the members of my party, that you should demonstrate this interest by coming here to meet us today. We have an intense interest in your country. As I told you before, we too are a young country. We have an intense interest in your people. We share some of the problems that you have. We have the same goals that you have and we feel that by coming here and talking to you and visiting with you and meeting your young boys and girls and seeing your older men and women and going among them, we can make friends. We can understand each other better. We can resolve again to dedicate our lives to making this a peaceful world where the average man and woman can improve his standard of living; where he can get a better education and better health for his children; where he can get more recreation, and better food and clothes for his family and where he can live secure - without the fear and the horrors of war. That is our goal. That is our hope. That is our objective. That is what we work for from day to day. In the last fifteen years our people have taken from their pockets more than 80 billion dollars and sent it to friends. And, yes, even to some former foes in other wars - in order to make their economy come back; in order to improve working conditions for their people. So on this goodwill mission that we come here on - this peaceful and lovely afternoon - and meet so many happy and smiling faces, let us rededicate our efforts to peace - to plenty - to progress in the world for all the 3 billion people - regardless of the region in which they live, regardless of their nationality, regardless of their race - and I bring you the best wishes of not only the President of my country, Mr. Kennedy, but of all the people of my country, for whom I have been elected to speak. We thank you for your warm welcome. We are touched by your presence here. I would hope that Mrs. Johnson would say a word to you and tell you how she feels about it, too. She's really the accomplished speaker - she doesn't speak as long as I do. But here she is Lady Bird.

SPEECH OF MRS. JOHNSON

It makes us feel mighty good to have so many of you turn out to greet us and to get us off to such a wonderful start in seeing this country and it has been fun as we walked along to see faces from home, too. I feel sure we could have found plenty of Texans in the crowd if we had taken a poll. Thank you one and all.

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SPEECHES MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND MRS. JOHNSON
ENROUTE TO MINISTRY OF LABOR, CYPRUS, AUGUST 31, 1962.

Vice President: We thank you very much for your warm welcome. I bring you the warm greetings of the President of the United States, Mr. John F. Kennedy. It was not too many years ago that my country secured its independence. As a young country we faced many of the same problems that you face as a young country. The first and foremost was to maintain the independence we had won and to guard the integrity of our land. After talking to your President and your Vice President and your other leaders I have no doubt but that you will guard both your independence and your integrity. Mrs. Johnson and I came here to interfere with neither - we came here to extend the hand of friendship. We want the same thing you want. We want liberty and freedom and independence and integrity and so do you. We want to work harder on better jobs to produce more - to raise the standard of living of all of our people. We want better housing and better homes for our families and it should be the goal of every American family to have their own home - and that will be the goal of your families too. You want better schools for your children and so do we. And you want those children well fed and well clothed because hungry children do not learn well on a hungry stomach.

And finally, we will dedicate all of our energies, all of our resources and all of our lives - if a need be - in your country and in my country to see that we have peace in the world. Long live Cyprus! Long live America! Long live the friendship between Cyprus and America!

We appreciate seeing their friendly faces. We thank them very much. We appreciate your President and your Ambassador inviting us to come to visit you here and we hope we can come back again sometime. Thank you very much. You are good friends and wonderful hosts. Mrs. Johnson wants to thank you also - Lady Bird.

Mrs. Johnson: Friends, I wish we had time to go to see the olive groves and the lemons and the lace for which your country is so well known, but perhaps sometime we can come back and do it.

You know, in my country, at a football game or a big sport contest, we have college yells and I thought we invented them, but I get here and find that you all must have invented them.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON INAUGURATING
EXPANDED SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, CYPRUS, AUGUST 31, 1962.

Mr. Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen:

People sometimes ask - what is the secret of America's rapid development since the American Revolution? We give thanks to Divine Providence for our blessing. But there are specific reasons for that success.

1. We were fortunate that our people came together from many diverse heritages - each bringing old skills, old talents, and working together in unity and mutual goodwill for success of the entire nation.
2. After we won our independence, we guarded it zealously. We welcomed friendship of all nations - as we do now. But we permitted none others to subvert the development of American institutions. Vigilance is liberty's price.
3. Finally, most important of all, we made throughout our history a major investment in our young people: for their education, their health, their opportunity. We encouraged the young to assume responsibilities in peace - just as they do in war. We placed our faith in young men and women. They have repaid it manifold.

That is why I am especially proud to participate in these ceremonies today - and to make two announcements. As you know, last year my government - in cooperation with CARE - provided milk for 22,000 Cyprus school children. The program was a success.

I am happy to announce that when school opens here next month, the milk program will be extended to 85,000 elementary school children - four times more than last year. In addition, I am proud to announce that the United States - with CARE and the Communal Chambers - will begin providing 20,000 children with full lunches in schools which have lunchroom facilities.

This is an investment in youth. Children cannot learn well on empty stomachs. We may hope that these programs will mean both healthier bodies and better minds - minds and bodies that will someday serve the freedom and independence of Cyprus. We of the United States know from our own experience how valuable such programs can be. We know how valuable your young people can be to a free and independent Cyprus. We believe in your youth as we believe in the future of Cyprus. It is a pleasure for Americans to be able to help by this means - and many others - in the building of a stronger, more fully developed Republic of Cyprus.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
ADDRESS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AUGUST 31, 1962.

Mr. President, Excellencies, Gentlemen:

You do my country a great and gracious honor by inviting me to come here today as the first guest from another country to address this House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus.

You give me a rare personal privilege, for most of my public career has been served as a member of the Congress of the United States - first as a member of the House of Representatives, and then, under our bicameral system, as a member of the Senate.

I thank you for this opportunity to speak to one of the world's youngest parliamentary bodies in one of the world's oldest and most honored lands.

The high confidence that we in America have for the future of your land rests in no small measure upon the parliamentary forms that you have adopted. If a free society is to stand, there must be a forum in which the differences of the people can be composed and a consensus of harmony and moderation achieved. That is not always easy - nor does it always come quickly after independence.

Had a visitor come to the United States only two years after our independence was won in the American Revolution, he might well have despaired of the future of the United States. There were deep divisions, there were deep suspicions dividing us. Many citizens were unwilling to acknowledge a national purpose - preferring to retain their loyalty to narrow interests foremost. But it was in and through the representative Congress that much was done to achieve the national unity which has been - and is - the very bedrock of America's strength and role in the world today.

I envy each of you the opportunity you have as members of this body to assure the success of your country by your labors.

We are living today in the springtime of independence for peoples of this earth. The seeds of liberty are flowering in a great profusion of new and independent nations. We of the United States take comfort from what is happening. It was in our land - less than two hundred years ago - that this movement began with our own American Revolution.

That is why the American people, I think, feel the kinship and the closeness toward the new nations of the world, which is manifest in the policies and the program of the government of the United States. We know the trials and tests of independence. We know also the rewards of independence.

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We believe that the high goal of this century must be the building of a strong community of free nations which can exercise the moral leadership required to end war, and aggression, and subversion, and in a climate of peace commit the world's resources to the betterment of the life on this earth of all humankind.

We are working today for peace.

We are working for peace among nations and peace in the lives of people everywhere. The refusal of others to participate in these efforts disappoints us, but does not deter us. If the world is to be denied the assurance of peace, I can assure you that denial will never come from the United States.

These continuing labors for peace are part of the common purpose we share with the people and with the leadership of the Republic of Cyprus.

We of the United States are proud of the associations growing between us and your country - associations which reflect our great confidence in your potential and great confidence and friendship for your people.

The United States has provided assistance to your country in many fields. Our program of grain aid - begun after your severe droughts - is near the half-way point. It is our hope that during the continuation of the program, the same wise procedures which brought forth the judgment of the villagers on their own economic development will again be utilized. This will assure the most useful application of funds to meet local development needs - the objectives of both of our governments.

We applaud your recognition of the need for prudent planning - and your desire to develop Cyprus by training your own people for the work in the days ahead. This is evidence of the maturity which buoys the confidence of all of your friends. We are pleased to be working with you in exploring programs to train Cypriots in many fields - from agriculture and water development to establishment of a development bank and a central bank.

I am especially pleased that a group of fine young volunteers in our Peace Corps will soon be arriving to work in your schools and in your villages where their experience in teaching, in agriculture and in geology should be most beneficial to your people.

These are only a few of the examples. Because we share the same moral values, because we have the same love of freedom, and because we have the same regard for the dignity of the individual, the same beliefs that the affairs of man are ordered by a Divine Providence above us - I am sure the friendship between our countries will find many rewarding expressions and associations through years to come.

For men who live in independence, this century has taught one great lesson: the most demanding challenge of independence is the challenge of keeping it.

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In the wake of the First World War, nearly half a century ago, there was a flowering of independent nations in Europe. But many of those young nations were doomed soon to lose what had been wrought at such great sacrifice. The hindsight of history permits us to see that freedom was lost for them because: first, they were not constantly vigilant against the subversion of their independence. Second, they were not diligent in perfecting the unity of their peoples. Third, they did not bring into being workable institutions and programs to serve the needs of all the people.

To keep our freedoms, we must be vigilant - we must be responsible - we must be responsive to the needs and aspirations of all the people. Only if we are, will today's flowering of independence make seed and perpetuate freedom on the earth for all generations to come after us.

I am pleased and I am gratified by what I have seen in your land of Cyprus. I am heartened by my conversations with your leaders and I am impressed anew by your President and your Vice President and your parliamentary leaders and your cabinet. Mrs. Johnson and I shall never forget the warmth and courtesy of the Cypriot people who have met us and whom we have met.

I leave convinced that you can - and we are confident that you will - move your young country forward in development and progress that will enrich the lives of all your people and bring for Cyprus a new era and leadership and influence in the efforts for peace and freedom in our times.

Thank you very much.

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In token of the respect that I hold for the function of the legislature and its role in the development of your nation, I would like to leave with you, Sir, as President of the House, this gavel from my country. This comes with the warmest wishes of the people of the United States and myself that this body will play a vital and creative role in these historic years in your new Republic and that it will take its place as one of the outstanding parliaments of free men - and now Mr. Johnson, your time has expired.

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TOAST BY HIS BEATITUDE THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC ARCHBISHOP NIKARIOS
AT A LUNCH GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND
MRS. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
August 31, 1962.

Mr. Vice President,

It is my great pleasure and privilege to have the opportunity to welcoming you most cordially to our country.

We are deeply appreciative of this visit as a token of the genuine concern on the part of the United States and of yourself personally, in our island. It is our common desire to render as close as possible the bonds of friendship that unite our two peoples. Your visit, Mr. Vice President, will be a great contribution in this direction.

In your person we wish to greet the whole American Nation to which the newly independent peoples and particularly the small countries look with confidence as the champion of freedom and democracy, justice and peace. These ideals form the common ground and the solid foundation on which the friendship and cooperation between our two countries is based.

The warm reception that the people of Cyprus have extended to you is the expression of its faith in these principles as well as of its sincere friendship towards yourself and your country, whose tradition and history has so much in common with the history of our country.

Cyprus now in the first steps of its independent life has to envisage internal problems of different kinds. We earnestly work for their solution, without forgetting however our international obligations in respect of world freedom and peace. We follow with great interest the efforts of the United States in this regard and we assure you that within the limits of our possibilities we shall make our contribution to the full, however, modest that contribution may be.

Please take back to President Kennedy our heartiest greetings and convey to Him my warm remembrances of my visit to the United States. The gracious hospitality with which I was received reflects the interest and goodwill of the American nation towards Cyprus and its peoples. I take this opportunity to express once more my thanks and gratitude.

I hope, Mr. Vice President, your short stay in Cyprus, as well as that of Mrs. Johnson, has been as pleasant as we wish it to be.

I raise this glass to the health and happiness of the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson and to the prosperity of the American people.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON REPLY TO
TOAST BY PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS AUGUST 31, 1962.

Mr. President:

In my country, we often quote the words of an early American patriot who said, "Show me the land where liberty dwells; there my home is."

Those words have new meaning for us all after these hours in Cyprus. We have sensed from all we have met the deep and abiding dedication to liberty. We know that it is upon that foundation of common devotion the people of Cyprus can - and will - build the sense of common commitment from which strong and enduring nations grow.

We of the United States know that these first years are the difficult years for new nations. Our own first years - after the American Revolution - were marked by many debates and many differences among us. We debated the structure of our system. We found it necessary to add the American "Bill of Rights". The early years were among our most fertile years because men were raised to new heights by their vision of what freedom could be.

These early years will be fertile years for Cyprus, too - and will bring forth the best of a people who have a long and proud heritage on which to call. It is this prospect and high promise that gives us profound confidence in your future.

Much has been accomplished since August 16, 1960. We have followed your efforts with keen interest and - as President Kennedy advised you during your visit to our country - we are prepared to assist your government in its efforts to enhance independence by achieving greater economic well-being for all.

As we feel this friendly interest in your efforts at home, we welcome our association with Cyprus in the United Nations - and in the labors for peace everywhere. We share with you your confidence that Cyprus will play an increasingly important role as a democracy committed to principles we hold in common. We know that the role of Cyprus on the broader stage will be made more effective by strengthening the base of freedom here at home.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to join me in a toast - to the Republic of Cyprus, to its success and to its glory in the community of free nations.

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DEPARTURE STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT DR. KUTCHUK

Your Excellency,

This is the second occasion on which I have the honor and the privilege of addressing you and stating once more, on behalf of His Beatitude the President, myself and the citizens of the Republic of Cyprus, that we were greatly honored to have you, Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and all other members of your party in our country. During the short space of time you have been with us, you have seen and talked to many of my countrymen who, I am sure, have testified my previous statement that we here in Cyprus believe in the same principles and ideals as your own countrymen. There is indeed much common and consequently affinity and deep-rooted friendship between the citizens of your country and mine. It is natural therefore, that we should always be behind you in all your pursuits to secure for the whole world a higher standard of living, a better understanding, a stronger sense of security, and a more universal conception for co-existence in peace and prosperity and in freedom.

Since the Independence of this Country we have been given by your country valuable assistance in many forms. We are most grateful for all the aids which have been and will be extended to us by the great American Nation, and I would like to seize this opportunity to request you, Mr. Vice President, to convey, particularly to your most esteemed President, to all those responsible for the extension of aid to this newly born state, and generally to all the peoples of the United States of America our boundless thanks and appreciation.

In bidding farewell to you, Mr. Vice President, I cannot help expressing a wish entertained by us all in Cyprus that you and your colleagues in America will make it possible to pay us visits from time to time. You will all be most welcome.

Thank you.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON STATE MT ON
DEPARTURE, CYPRUS, AUGUST 31, 1962.

Mr. Vice President:

Our visit to Cyprus has been brief. But where men and nations understand one another, discussions need not be long to be worthwhile.

Our discussions here have been most worthwhile - and I leave with the certainty that our two countries enjoy the understanding and mutual trust of friends dedicated to common goals.

It has been most profitable to meet with all the leadership of your government - with the President, and with you, Mr. Vice President. In both domestic and international affairs, we have broadened our appreciation of the solemn objectives and purposes common to our nations.

I cannot express too strongly my gratitude for the welcome we have received from the wonderful people of Cyprus - of all ages. All that we had heard about your legendary hospitality has proved true. I know that the American people would have me express their gratitude for the honor you have done our country by this showing of your friendship.

When I return to Washington, my report to President Kennedy on Cyprus will be a report of confidence and faith. My government views with admiration and respect the initiative, self-reliance and soundness of the approach you are taking to the development of Cyprus. It is our hope that we may be effectively associated with you - and with your other friends of the free community - in the promising works of these next years of independence.

I leave with the prayer that the God above us all will favor the people of Cyprus in all that they undertake.

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VP AND MRS. JOHNSON, ACCOMPANIED BY AMB AND MRS. LABOUISSSE, FONMIN AVEROFF AND AMB MATSAS, LEFT ATHENS FOR CORFU AT 11 AM SEPT 2. VP WAS RECEIVED AT CORFU AIRPORT BY NOMARCH, MAYOR AND OTHER GREEK DIGNITARIES AS WELL AS SIZEABLE CROWD ON HAND TO WELCOME VP. AFTER BAND PLAYED NATIONAL ANTHEMS VP REVIEWED HONOR GUARD. MOTORCADE THEN STARTED THROUGH STREETS OF CORFU TOWN EN ROUTE TO SUMMER PALACE. LARGE NUMBERS OF CORFIOTES LINED STREETS CHEERING AND WAVING AND EVERY MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OF CORFU MUST HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED TO OUTFIT THREE BANDS STATIONED AT DIFFERENT POINTS ON ROUTE. MAYOR OBSERVED TO AMB THAT IT WAS MOST UNUSUAL FOR CORFIOTES TO SHOW SUCH SPONTANEOUS ENTHUSIASM --PARTICULARLY SO MANY PEOPLE AT MIDDAY ON A SUNDAY. ALTOGETHER IT WAS A FINE DEMONSTRATION OF WELCOME FOR VP.

LUNCH WITH THEIR MAJESTIES AT MON REPOS WAS VERY INFORMAL. IN ADDITION TO KING PAUL AND QUEEN FREDERIKA AND VP AND MRS. JOHNSON, PARTY INCLUDED PRIMIN, FONMIN, AMB AND MRS. LABOUISSSE, AMB MATSAS AND KING'S MILITARY AIDE. ATMOSPHERE WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND RELAXED.

AFTER LUNCH QUEEN RAISED QUESTION OF AID WHICH LED TO FRIENDLY AND SYMPATHETIC DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT. VP SAID THERE WAS NO COUNTRY MORE LIKED AND ADMIRIED BY US THAN GREECE. HE ALSO COMPLIMENTED PRIMIN, SAYING HE THOUGHT HE WAS DOING FINE JOB AND EXHIBITED

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DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS FACING GREECE. VP WANTED TO FIND SOME WAY TO HELP AND HE WOULD TRY. OUR OBJECTIVE WAS THE SAME - A GREECE THAT WAS ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARILY STRONG. IT WAS MATTER OF FINDING PROPER ROAD TO THIS OBJECTIVE. ONE ROAD, DEFENSE SUPPORT, WAS CLOSED. WE MUST NOW LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO SAME OBJECTIVE.

VP AND MRS. JOHNSON, FONMIN AND AMB AND MRS. LABOUISSSE ALL RETURNED TO ATHENS WITH PRIMIN ON HIS AIRCRAFT, ARRIVING 1915. DURING TRIP CONVERSATION CONTINUED ALONG LINES OF LUNCHEON DISCUSSION. PRIMIN AND FONMIN ALSO RAISED MACEDONIAN ISSUE TO WHICH VP REPLIED THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT, WITH SENTENCE THAT ATTACK ON GREECE WOULD BE CONSIDERED ATTACK ON US, SHOULD REASSURE GREEKS RE US POSITION. HE ADVISED PRIMIN TO READ STATEMENT AGAIN AND SAID HE HOPED IMPLICATIONS OF STATEMENT WERE CLEAR.

LATER THAT EVENING VP AND MRS. JOHNSON AND RANKING MEMBERS OF EMBASSY AND OFFICIAL PARTY ATTENDED FORMAL DINNER AT GRANDE BRETAGNE HOTEL GIVEN BY PRIMIN. IN HIS TOAST PRIMIN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR US AID AND EXPRESSED DETERMINATION CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE FULL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF GREECE. IN REPLY VP PRAISED GREEK RECORD AND ASSERTED "AS WE HAVE PRESERVED FREEDOM BY BUILDING MILITARY STRENGTH NOW WE MUST TOGETHER GIVE FREEDOM ITS FULLEST MEANING BY BUILDING

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ECONOMIC STRENGTH TO SUPPORT BETTER LIVES FOR ALL OUR PEOPLES." HE ALSO SAID, "IF ANY SHOULD ENTERTAIN DESIGNS AGAINST PEACE, LET THEM UNDERSTAND THAT US WILL TOLERATE NO COMPROMISE OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY OF OUR ALLY AND FRIEND, GREECE." AT THIS POINT VP PAUSED AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT THIS SENTENCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF "ANYONE WHO MIGHT NOT BE WELCOME AT THIS TABLE," SO THAT IT WOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY ANTAGONISTS OF GREECE AS WELL AS FRIENDS. MEANING OF THIS INTERPOLATION WAS NOT LOST ON GREEKS.

FOLLOWING DINNER VP AND MRS. JOHNSON WERE GUESTS OF HONOR AT LARGE FORMAL RECEPTION BY PRIMIN AND MRS. CARAMANLIS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND DISTINGUISHED GREEK GUESTS FROM MANY SECTORS GREEK LIFE. LEAVING RECEPTION AT MIDNIGHT VP CALLED MEETING WITH AMB AND MEMBERS OF STAFF TO DISCUSS SECOND BUSINESS MEETING WITH PRIMIN NEXT MORNING. IT WAS A LONG DAY AND A PRODUCTIVE ONE.

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4. IT WAS CERTAINLY LATTER WHICH EXPLAINS EFFECTIVENESS OF VP'S PRONOUNCEMENTS ON AID AND FOREIGN POLICY. REASSURANCES GIVEN REGARDING GREECE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INVIOABILITY OF GREEK BORDERS WERE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE-VP CONVINCED GREEKS WE MEANT WHAT WE SAID. ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THAT GREEK ANXIETIES ABOUT SITUATION ALONG NORTHERN FRONTIER ARE NOT GENUINE, OR ARE COOKED UP FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS, OVERLOOKS FACT THAT GREECE HAS FOUGHT FIVE WARS IN NORTH IN FIFTY YEARS AND LAST MAJOR ENGAGEMENT WAS ONLY 13 YEARS AGO. GOVT AND CENTER OPPOSITION SHARE THIS ANXIETY, AS INDICATED IN CENTER UNION LEADER PAPANDREOU'S VOLOS SPEECH SEPTEMBER 3 IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED HIMSELF ON MACEDONIAN SITUATION IN WORDS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF CARAMANLIS. VP'S STATEMENT AT PRIMIN'S FORMAL DINNER SAME EVENING, AND MORE ESPECIALLY HIS SPEECH NEXT DAY IN THESSALONIKA, HAVE, I BELIEVE, CALMED IMMEDIATE GREEK ANXIETIES AND HELPED PREVENT FURTHER DETERIORATION GREEK-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. TONOFF NOTE HANDED TO VP IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE (AND SUBJECT OF SEPARATE EMBASSY COMMUNICATION) SHOWS CONSIDERABLE MODERATION AND REASONABLENESS.

5. IN SIMILAR FASHION, I AM PERSUADED THAT VP'S GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO OUR LONG DIALOGUE WITH GREEKS ON AID QUESTION WAS

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WAS TO CONVINCE THEM THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT HELPING THEM FIND ALTERNATIVES TO DEFENSE SUPPORT WHICH WILL BE EQUALLY OR MORE EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT OF GREEK ECONOMY. THIS EMBASSY HAS OFTEN REPORTED THAT PROCESS OF WEANING GREEKS AWAY FROM DEFENSE SUPPORT WAS COMPLICATED BY PSYCHO-LOGICAL FACTORS. IN ESSENCE WHAT VP GAVE THEM WAS PSYCHOLOGICAL REASSURANCE. PRIMIN AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE CONVINCED THAT VP UNDERSTANDS BASIC PROBLEMS POSED BY HEAVY DEFENSE BURDEN AND NEED FOR ACCELERATED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; THEY UNDERSTAND THAT, AS VP PUT IT, BANK ACCOUNT LABLED "DEFENSE SUPPORT" IS OVER-DRAWN, AND OTHER ACCOUNTS MUST BE DRAWN ON MORE EFFECTIVELY; LASTLY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT IN VP GREECE HAS REAL FRIEND WHO IS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON READY TO HELP THEM MAKE NECESSARY TRANSITION. IN THIS CONNECTION, I WOULD NOT INFLATE VALUABLE CURRENCY OF VP'S VISIT, AND HIS TALKS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS, BY IMPLYING THAT IN FOUR DAYS ALL THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE AID TURN-AROUND HAVE BEEN SOLVED. ON CONTRARY, MANY PROBLEMS REMAIN AND THERE MAY BE A FEW DISAPPOINTMENTS AND LET-DOWNS. VP HAS, HOWEVER, STRENGTHENED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE GREEKS IN OUR GOODWILL AND READINESS TO HELP. PRESENT ATMOSPHERE IS EXCEPTIONALLY FAVORABLE AND WE MUST MAKE MOST OF IT. I HAVE DISCUSSED LINES OF APPROACH WITH VP AND SHALL HAVE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE IN NEAR FUTURE.

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1. VP JOHNSON'S FOUR DAY VISIT TO GREECE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED US-GREEK RELATIONS IN THREE ESSENTIAL AREAS: FIRST, BY EMPHASIZING BOTH IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH GOVT OFFICIALS AND IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS US DETERMINATION TO DEFEND GREECE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AGAINST ANY THREAT OF AGGRESSION, VP HAS CALMED RECENTLY AROUSED GREEK ANXIETIES OVER MACEDONIAN QUESTION AND HAS MADE CLEAR THAT SPIRIT THAT PROMPTED TRUMAN DOCTRINE STILL ANIMATES OUR RELATIONS WITH GREECE; SECOND, BY COMBINATION LOGIC, PATIENCE AND PRESTIGE VP HAS, I BELIEVE, PRODUCED SUCCESSFUL CLIMAX OUR LONG AND OFTEN FRUSTRATING EFFORTS TO CONVINCE GREEKS THAT US AID TO GREECE IN FORM OF DEFENSE SUPPORT IS DEAD AS THE DODO, THAT ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE BUT WILL REQUIRE MORE EFFORT FROM GREEKS IN WAY OF PLANNING AND JUSTIFICATION, AND THAT WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH GREEK GOVT TO ASSURE, IN VP'S WORDS, THAT "OUR PROGRAM WILL BE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE IN FUTURE THAN IT HAS IN PAST IN STRENGTHENING GREECE"; THIRD, VICE PRESIDENT'S AND MRS JOHNSON'S WIDE-RANGING DIRECT CONTACT WITH THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS OF GREEK PUBLIC (QUITE LITERALLY WITH MAN-IN-THE-STREET), AND THE GENUINE INTEREST THEY SHOWED IN PROBLEMS AND WELFARE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WORKER OR FARMER OR HOUSEWIFE, BROADENED IMPACT OF VISIT IMMEASURABLY AND DEMONSTRATED DRAMATICALLY THAT CLOSE RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN US AND GREECE ON OFFICIAL LEVEL REFLECT OUR FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND OUR DESIRE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION HIS NEEDS AND POINT OF VIEW WHEN WE FORMULATE OUR

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POLICIES TOWARD GREECE.

2. IT IS CLEAR THAT THESE ARE SUBSTANTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS. VP STRESSED FROM THE START THAT HE WAS HERE TO WORK AND WORK HE DID, NOT ONLY THROUGH LONG DAYS OF NEGOTIATING, FORMAL AND INFORMAL ADDRESSES AND TIRELESS CONTACT WITH PUBLIC, BUT OFTEN LATE AT NIGHT WORKING OUT POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN NEXT DAY IN OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND EXACT WORDING OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS. SUCCESS OF VISIT WAS THEREFORE RESULT OF HARD WORK AND CAREFUL PREPARATION. NO LESS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, WAS EXCELLENT TEAM WORK THAT VP ENCOURAGED BETWEEN HIS STAFF AND THIS EMBASSY BOTH ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS AND ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE SEEN SIMILAR VISITS MARRED BY IMPERFECT COOPERATION, AND IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT PACE AND INTENSITY VISITS OF THIS KIND IMPOSE SEVERE STRAINS, AGGRAVATED BY FATIGUE, ON OTHERWISE IMPERTURBABLE TEMPERMENTS. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT FROM EMBASSY'S STANDPOINT COOPERATION WE RECEIVED WAS ABSOLUTELY FIRST-RATE. IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS DURING COURSE OF VISIT VP MADE CLEAR HE WANTED TO STRENGTHEN, NOT DETRACT FROM, EMBASSY'S CONTINUING ROLE IN CONDUCT US-GREEK RELATIONS. I MIGHT ADD IN THIS CONNECTION, COURTESY AND CONSIDERATION WHICH VP SHOWED TO ME PERSONALLY IN OUR MANY HOURS OF MEETINGS AND CONSULTATIONS, AND IN ALL OUR DEALINGS WITH GOVT AND PUBLIC, HAS HELPED MAKE MY TASK EASIER.

3. I REPEAT THAT THIS WAS WORKING VISIT. FOR THAT REASON I SHALL NOT ATTEMPT IN THIS COMMUNICATION TO DESCRIBE AGAIN THE MANY EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM WHICH VP AND MRS JOHNSON EVOKED BY THEIR PERSONAL WARMTH AND INDEFATIGABLE INTEREST AND RESPONSIVENESS. WE HAVE TRIED TO CAPTURE THE FLAVOR OF THIS ASPECT OF VISIT IN DAILY REPORTS TRANSMITTED DURING COURSE OF VISIT. MY OWN MEMORY LINGERS OVER VISITS TO VILLAGE OF KOROPI AND TRIP TO NORTHERN GREECE AS PARTICULARLY STRIKING INSTANCES OF RAPPORT WHICH VP AND MRS JOHNSON SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING WITH GREEK PUBLIC. IT IS VERY SPECIAL FORM OF COMMUNICATION WHICH MUST BE SEEN IN OPERATION TO BE BELIEVED. GREEK PRESS RECOGNIZED IT AND ONE NEWSPAPERMAN CALLED IT THE ABILITY TO TRANSMIT A PERSONALITY. I WOULD MYSELF CALL IT ABILITY TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE.

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VP Johnson and party received enthusiastic welcome on arrival Thessaloniki airport 2:30 p.m. September 3 despite heat, siesta hour and distance from city. All local officials including Minister Northern Greece and Minister Commerce Pipinellis as well as crowd of several hundred persons on hand to greet VP in short speech at airport, VP expressed pleasure to be in Northern Greece and praised Greek American friendship. Speech interrupted by frequent cheers from crowd which also obviously pleased by informal manner of VP who moved among them shaking hands and exchanging friendly greetings.

Following departure airport VP made unscheduled stop nearby flower farm where he chatted amicably with farmer and family to delight of accompanying reporters who photographed VP wife and daughter together with farmers family. Motorcade continued to American farm school where large crowd composed of Greek students at school and farmers from surrounding villages turned out to give rousing welcome to VP. Party made tour of school on farm wagons then attended program of typical Northern Greek folk dances and songs in which VP and family joined to joy of on-lookers. VP's speech praised Greek American cooperation work of the farm school and noted his own rural origins. VP presented tractor and lathe to farm school while director in turn gave

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small donkey to Mr. Johnson. Entire atmosphere characterized by warm informality.

From farm school motorcade moved to recently completed major government housing project for refugees and homeless workers. VP expressed enthusiasm for governments efforts to meet pressing problem of housing and observed that Greece and US partners in concern for welfare of peoples.

Following rest at CONGEN group proceeded to Thessaloniki to international trade fair where enthusiastic and flag-waving persons warmly welcomed party. VP, Mrs. Johnson and daughter Lynda moved among crowds shaking hundreds of outstretched hands and exchanging greetings. All local officials as well as deputies and Mayors from outlying areas of Northern Greece attended as did most leaders of opposition party CJ.

In welcoming address Minister Northern Greece Manentis spoke movingly of friendship Greek and American peoples expressed heartfelt thanks for American aid and closed with pledge of loyalty Greek people to "STAR SPANGLED BANNER". VP informally introduced Mrs. Johnson, Lynda, Ambassador and Mrs. Labouisse giving each opportunity to speak to crowd from platform. In stirring formal address VP reaffirmed determination US to consider any attack on Greece as attack on US. He also stressed importance of trade fair in developing Greek economy and said US welcomed Greece's entry into Common Market. In final message VP paid tribute to courage of Greeks during Communist bandit war in which they stopped advance of Communism and underlined determination of both countries to preserve peace. Speech was enthusiastically applauded especially statements referring to US support Greek territorial integrity.

Following address VP toured American pavilion where he shook hands with Greek fair employees stoped at various exhibits to ask questions and then made automobile tour of fair grounds before proceeding to airport. All local officials led by Minister Northern Greece were on hand to see VP and party off.

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Vice President's trip to northern Greece was significant success. Mr. Johnson impressed public with informal democratic manner and fact that entire family participated in activities pleased family-conscious Greeks. Speech by Vice President expressing determination to support Greece's territorial integrity with specific reference to strategic importance of north Greece, was particularly gratifying to those who had been uneasy over recent discussion so-called Macedonia question. For north Greece visit of Vice President both deeply reassuring and highly flattering since no other Vice President had ever visited area. Visit added immensely to prestige Thessaloniki International Fair which so dear to the hearts of northern Greeks. In sum, visit of Vice President Johnson north Greece had effect of further strengthening already close US-Greek ties this area.

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IN IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF VICE PRESIDENT'S BUSY STAY IN ITALY FROM SEPTEMBER 4 TO 7, THIS TELEGRAM SEEKS TO SUM UP AND EVALUATE ALONG LINES OUTLINED IN DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM 337 TOTAL OF ITS IMPACT AS OF TODAY. BENEFICIAL REPERCUSSIONS HOWEVER WILL CONTINUE TO BE FELT HERE AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE REFLECTED IN OTHER REPORTING OVER LONG TERM.

1. AS DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY AWARE, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS LONG BEEN HOPEFUL OF STATE VISIT BY PRESIDENT AND IT THEREFORE FIRST LOOKED UPON PROPOSED VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT WITH SOMETHING LESS THAN KEEN ENTHUSIASM FEARING IT MIGHT BE INTENDED AS SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR. PERHAPS, REFLECTING THIS OFFICIAL ATTITUDE, ADVANCE COVERAGE OF THE JOHNSON TOUR IN THE ITALIAN PRESS WAS ONLY MODERATE. BUT WHATEVER BASIS OF THIS UNJUSTIFIED COOLNESS, IT MELTED AWAY FROM VERY MOMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL AT FIUMICINO AIRPORT SEPTEMBER 4. HIS WARM PRESENCE AND OBVIOUSLY SINCERE PRAISE FOR ITALY AND ITALIANS IN GENERAL AND OBJECTIVES AND LEADERSHIP OF ITS PRESENT GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR WERE RECEIVED WITH NOTICE-ABLE DELIGHT AND SATISFACTION. FROM THIS AUSPICIOUS START, VISIT BUILT UP TO HIGH LEVEL OF MUTUAL CORDIALITY AND CONFIDENCE WHICH MARKED ENSUING WORKING MEETINGS, INFORMAL PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND VARIOUS KINDS OF CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS. AND THIS MORE FRIENDLY AND PLEASED TONE OF ITALIAN OFFICIAL- DOM WAS CORRESPONDINGLY REFLECTED IN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF NATION'S PRESS AND IN GOVERNMENT-RUN RADIO AND TV NET- WORKS WHICH BLANKET COUNTRY.

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MEETINGS OF VICE PRESIDENT WITH PRIME MINISTER FANFANI, FOREIGN MINISTER PICIONI AND PRESIDENT SEGNI (IN THAT ORDER) WERE INDEED VERY USEFUL. THERE COULD HAVE BEEN NO MORE FORCEFUL, PERSUASIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE PRESENTATION OF U.S. POSITION ON WHAT IS BECOMING OUR MAJOR BI-LATERAL ISSUE WITH ITALY, THAT OF MILITARY OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS. IN THESE AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS IN SOME OF HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, VICE PRESIDENT ELOQUENTLY RAISED QUESTION OF ITALY'S PICKING UP GREATER SHARE OF COMMON WESTERN BURDEN NOT ONLY FOR ARMED DEFENSE BUT ALSO FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO UNDERDEVELOPED HAVE-NOT NATIONS. FANFANI'S ASSURANCES OF FULL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEM AND RELATED OUTFLOW OF GOLD WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE EMBASSY NEGOTIATING TASK EASIER ON RELATED QUESTIONS IN FUTURE. IN ADDITION TO HEARING FANFANI BRIEF REVIEW OF ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION, VICE PRESIDENT DEVOTED BALANCE OF HIS HIGH-LEVEL TALKS TO BROADER SUBJECTS OF OUTER SPACE, MIDDLE LEVEL MANPOWER CONFERENCE, COMMON MARKET, EUROPEAN POLITICAL INTEGRATION, AND BERLIN. IN THE CONTEXT OF REPORT OF HIS IMPRESSIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES VISITED ON CURRENT TRIP, THE VICE PRESIDENT CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON GREEK SITUATION, WITH RESULT THAT FANFANI SAID ITALY WOULD GIVE MOST SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ANY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GREECE TO HELP MEET ITS NATO MILITARY REQUIREMENTS.

3. VICE PRESIDENT HAD PRIVATE AUDIENCE (OF UNUSUAL LENGTHY DURATION OF 40 MINUTES) WITH POPE JOHN. VATICAN CIRCLES, ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS, LATER INFORMED PRESS OF TENOR OF CONVERSATION, WHICH REPORTED IN L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO. POPE WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN PLEASED WITH MEETING AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SIX-NATION TRIP OF VICE PRESIDENT DEDICATED TO REINFORCEMENT PEACE EFFORTS OF U.S. IN PHOTOGRAPHED CEREMONY, VICE PRESIDENT EXCHANGED GIFTS WITH HOLY FATHER, PRESENTING HIM WITH SILVER MODEL OF TELSTAR SATELLITE, WHICH MUCH APPRECIATED BY POPE.

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MEDIA, VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAD A CLEARLY FAVORABLE AND BROAD EFFECT. FILMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON AND THEIR DAUGHTER LYNDY WERE FEATURED ON TV AND IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES; NEWS STORIES WERE HEADLINED ON FRONTPAGES AND THERE WAS EXTENSIVE EDITORIAL COMMENT, ALMOST ALL OF IT FRIENDLY AND BASICALLY PRO-AMERICAN.

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5. AS FOR PUBLIC REACTION, DAY-BY-DAY REPORTS FROM HERE AND NAPLES HAVE COVERED MOVEMENTS OF VICE PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY AROUND ROME AND IN NAPLES, AND DEPARTMENT HAS CERTAINLY NOTICED DIFFERENCE IN ATMOSPHERE. WE WOULD HAZARD GUESS THAT ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT ROMANS ARE CYNICAL WHILE NEAPOLITANS ARE SPONTANEOUS, BUT LIKE ALL ITALIANS, THEY SHARE SAME BASIC STRONG AFFECTION FOR U.S. AND ITS LEADERS, WHICH CHARACTERIZES POPULATION ENTIRE COUNTRY. AS VERY HUMAN AND ANIMATED PEOPLE, ITALIANS NATURALLY TAKE TO WORLD LEADER WHO SO CLEARLY PREFERS PERSONAL ENCOUNTER TO PROTOCOL GESTURE, AND THIS WAS UNDERLINED DAY OF VICE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE IN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC) NEWSPAPER POPOLO (WHICH EXPRESSES OPINIONS OF TOP DC LEADERSHIP, PARTICULARLY PARTY SECRETARY MORO). LEAD EDITORIAL ON VISIT WAS VISIBLY PLEASED BECAUSE VICE PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC REFERENCES TO ITALY AND ITS LEADERSHIP "CERTAINLY WENT BEYOND PROTOCOL LIMITS."

6. FEW WORDS NEED BE ADDED ON REACTION OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF. FOR INSTANCE, WE HAVE IT ON VERY GOOD AUTHORITY THAT SEGNI, FANFANI AND PICCIONI WERE THEMSELVES HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THEIR MEETINGS WITH VICE PRESIDENT AND WITH HIS VISIT AS A WHOLE TO ITALY. IT WAS NO ACCIDENT (WE HAVE BEEN TOLD CONFIDENTIALLY BY SEGNI'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISER) THAT FOR PERHAPS FIRST TIME AT QUIRINALE, A BATTERY OF CAMERAMEN AND MICROPHONES WAS PREPARED TO RECORD ITALIAN PRESIDENT MAKING RARE PUBLIC STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO NON-CHIEF OF STATE VISITOR. SEGNI WANTED TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHED TO VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESENCE IN ITALY AS PART OF OVERALL U.S./ITALIAN RELATIONS. SO-CALLED CAVALLETTI INCIDENT

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AT GENEVA, WHICH INSPIRED A NY TIMES EDITORIAL IN EFFECT CHARGING ITALY WITH BEGINNINGS OF NEUTRALISM, HAD BEEN GLEEFULLY USED IN ITALY BY OPPOSITION LEADERS AND PRESS TO WARN THAT "HIGH AMERICAN CIRCLES" REALLY DIDN'T TRUST THE FANFANI CENTER-LEFT GOVERNMENT. NO WONDER, THEN, THAT DC LEADERS WERE EQUALLY PLEASED BY VICE PRESIDENT'S PRAISE FOR FANFANI GOVERNMENT (EVEN THOUGH HIS WORDS WERE CAREFULLY CHOSEN TO EMPHASIZE ITS "OBJECTIVES" RATHER THAN ITS SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER PROGRAMS). POPOLO EDITORIAL, NOTED ABOVE, IN FACT CITED VICE PRESIDENT'S WORDS TO REPROACH "THOSE, WHO FOR PARTY'S INTERESTS, CAST SHADOWS AND SUSPICION ON ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY." THIS POINT WAS WRITTEN IN AT LAST MOMENT BY MORO HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY INFORMANT.

7. IN BRIEF, VICE PRESIDENT BY HIS PRESENCE, HIS MANNER, AND HIS WORDS CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY NOT ONLY TO ADVANCEMENT OVERALL U.S. POLICY INTERESTS INVOLVING ITALY ON WORLD SCENE, BUT ALSO ASSISTED EMBASSY MATERIALLY IN MOVING TOWARDS SOLUTION PARTICULAR U.S./ITALIAN PROBLEM SUCH AS THAT OF MILITARY OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS.

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AN UNUSUAL PHENOMENA AT SOLFATARA VOLCANO NEAR POZZUOLI OCCURS WHEN A GUIDE PLACES FLAMING TORCH OVER A CRACK IN GROUND. AT THAT MOMENT SMOKE ISSUES FROM FISSURES AND CRACKS IN HUNDREDS OF SPOTS THROUGHOUT VAST CRATER. VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S VISIT PRODUCED THAT EFFECT ON NEAPOLITAN POPULACE. I HAVE SEEN MANY DEMONSTRATIONS IN NAPLES BUT NONE COULD EQUAL SPONTANEITY FERVOR AND WILD ENTHUSIASM WHICH THE VICE PRESIDENT KINDLED AMONGST HUGE CROWDS WHICH ATTENDED HIS MOVEMENTS THOUGHOUT CITY.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES HAD BEDECKED NAPLES WITH FLAGS AND POSTERS WELCOMING VICE PRESIDENT. HIS MORNING JOURNEY FROM CAPODICHINO AIRPORT TO THE CONSULATE WAS CORDIALLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY ATTENDED BY STREETS LINED WITH APPLAUDING NEAPOLITANS. VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECHES AT AIRPORT AND AT CONSULATE WERE WELL RECEIVED. PARTICULARLY MOVED WERE DEPARTING IMMIGRANTS ASSEMBLED TO GREET HIM AT CONSULATE. VISIT TO SHIPYARD WAS JUST AS SUCCESSFUL AND VICE PRESIDENT'S EXTEMPORANEOUS ADDRESS WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY ALL THOSE PRESENT. CLIMAX OF DAY HOWEVER WAS DEPARTURE FOLLOWING HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO NATO IN AFTERNOON. NO EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO ASSEMBLE CROWDS AT THAT TIME AND THIS ROUTE HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY DECORATED AS HAD ROUTE FROM CAPODICHINO TO CONSULATE GENERAL. APPARENTLY BY WORD OF MOUTH NEWS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S CORDIALITY HAD SPREAD THROUGHOUT CITY AND ROUTE WAS THICKLY LINED WITH THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF CHEERING NEAPOLITANS. EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS HERE SAY THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT NOR DO THEY EXPECT TO AGAIN.

TENOR OF COMMENT IS THAT NO WORLD POLITICAL FIGURE HERETOFORE HAS EVER EXPOSED HIMSELF TO NEAPOLITAN POPULACE IN SUCH FORTHRIGHT

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AND FRIENDLY MANNER. THIS TOUCHED OFF BASIC STRONG AFFECTION WHICH PEOPLE OF NAPLES HAVE FOR UNITED STATES AND CREATED EXTRAORDINARY DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH WE WITNESSED.

PRESS COMMENT FAVORABLE AND WILL BE REPORTED BY DESPATCH.

ALL COMMENT WHICH CONSULATE GENERAL HAS RECEIVED FROM OFFICIALS AND OTHERS IS THAT VISIT WAS SPECTACULAR SUCCESS.

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Vice President Johnson and the United States Special Mission arrived at the International Airport at Punta Caucedo at 2:25 p.m. on February 26. In addition to Vice President and Mrs. Johnson, the party included Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Edwin M. Martin, Coordinator for the Alliance for Progress and Mrs. Teodoro Moscoso, Ambassador and Mrs. John Bartlow Martin, Mr. and Mrs. George Backer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. Martin David Jenkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Lumund F. Wilcox. The party was greeted by the First Vice President of the Council of State, Dr. Nicolás Estéban Pichardo, Member of the Council of State Msgr. Eliseo Pérez Sánchez, the Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, Major General Victor Elby Viñas Román, Minister of Agriculture Dr. José Selig Hernández, Chief of Protocol Alvaro Logroño, and other dignitaries and wives. The Vice President received military honors which included a 19-gun salute, the playing of the United States and Dominican anthems and a review of the honor guard. Dr. Pichardo then briefly welcomed Vice President Johnson, who followed with an arrival statement.

The Vice President's arrival statement was well received by those assembled at the airport and was the subject of unusually favorable comment from many other Dominicans who heard it on radio and television or read it in the press. Individual Dominicans, in conversations with Embassy officers, have dwelt at some length on the Vice President's remarks concerning "partnership" and "equality of nations".

For security reasons, the airport and the access road had been closed to the public and were cleared except for officials and members of the Diplomatic Corps on hand to greet President Betancourt of Venezuela, who landed shortly after the Vice President and his party departed. As the Vice President's motorcade approached the city, however, it was met

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by concentrations of people awaiting the distinguished visitors and, as it crossed the bridge and traversed the narrow streets, it proceeded through unprecedented crowds. The throngs were extremely cordial and surprisingly demonstrative for Dominicans. On two occasions, the Vice President descended from his car and was immediately surrounded by cheering crowds. The Ambassador heard only two men (out of thousands) shouting anti-American slogans. Everyone else was applauding and shouting pro-American or welcoming slogans. The motorcade finally arrived at the Hotel Embajador at approximately 4:15, some 45 minutes later than had been anticipated due to the slowness with which it was necessary to pass through the downtown area.

Six or seven months ago, it would have been beyond belief that the Vice President of the United States could drive through the part of the city traversed by the Vice President's motorcade at all, much less without there being serious incidents and demonstrations of hostility. What happened on February 26 attests to the basic friendliness of the Dominican people to the United States today, but it also constitutes a tribute to the person of Vice President Johnson. For one high in public life to descend from his vehicle and mix with the people is rare here; that the Vice President of the United States did it had a tremendous effect on the public.

Shortly after the Vice President reached his quarters in the hotel, the President of Bosch's PRD, Angel Miolán, and his wife paid a courtesy call at the request of President-elect Bosch. Miolán subsequently indicated his pleasure at the cordiality with which he and his wife were received.

Because of an unexpected delay in the arrival of President Betancourt, the 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. reception offered by President Bonnelly and the Council of State was shifted at the last minute to 7:00 to 9:00. About all that can be said for the reception is that it was a disorganized shambles, with little food and drink in evidence and no satisfactory arrangement for a receiving line. Vice President Johnson and his party met as many of the distinguished guests as possible and returned to their hotel.

The Vice President engaged in no scheduled activities on the morning of February 27, Inauguration Day. Mrs. Johnson, however, accompanied by Mrs. Edwin Martin, Mrs. Teodoro Moscoso, Mrs. Harry Shlaudeman (wife of the Embassy's Political Officer), and Mr. and Mrs. Andrés Hernandez (Peace Corps Director), visited a small school for blind children, at which a blind PCV is working, and a maternity hospital. Mrs. Johnson presented gifts to each institution, which was exceptionally well reported in the local press.

Members of the Special Mission did some sight-seeing that morning, relaxed, and then gathered in the garden of the Ambassador's residence

for a meeting with United States Government employees and American business and community leaders. Brief addresses were made by Ambassador Martin, Assistant Secretary Martin, Coordinator for Alliance for Progress Moscoso, Senator Javits, and Congressman Brademas. The delegates then departed for the 12:00 noon inauguration ceremony, to which the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson went directly from the hotel. Although the inauguration was also somewhat disorganized, it did begin on time and President Bosch's speech was relatively short. Considerable public interest in Vice President Johnson's presence was apparent. The press made much of the fact that the Vice President embraced the new President in the Latin manner.

Shortly after the Vice President returned to the hotel, President Bosch sent word that he would like to pay a courtesy call at 3:00. He arrived some ten minutes early, accompanied by Vice President González Tamayo, and was joined shortly by Ambassador Martin. The conversation was friendly but avoided substantive matters.

The 4:00 military parade was the only scheduled event which did not begin on time. President Bosch was approximately 40 minutes late. While Dominican, Venezuelan, and Mexican naval vessels steamed past the reviewing stand and fired 21-gun salutes (in which they were joined by the USS "Boxer" anchored out to sea), units of the Dominican Armed Forces paraded through packed streets and two squadrons of the Dominican Air Force flew past low over the water. A group of Venezuelan Marines also marched, as did a United States Air Force band.

The United States element in the parade was well received on the whole, although some catcalls were reported near the end of the parade route. The reporting officer, who mingled with the crowd rather than taking a place in the stands, heard numerous favorable comments about the presence of the Air Force band and the USS "Boxer", which, as previously indicated, remained anchored some distance from the shore. Unfortunately, three B-52 aircraft from Ramey Field in Puerto Rico, scheduled to overfly the parade route, did not appear. It was later ascertained that they had been seen flying over a different part of the city.

A minor incident occurred during the parade not far from the reviewing stand when a group of perhaps 25 or 30 agitators threw sand in the eyes of the marching Venezuelans and attempted to break through police lines. They carried small MIR and FALN placards denouncing Betancourt. The demonstrators were contained by police using batons and rifle butts. One Dominican was seriously injured by beating around the head and shoulders and six of the agitators, all Venezuelans, were detained. They were later released without prosecution.

Somewhat surprisingly, no anti-American signs or demonstrations were reported at any time during the Vice President's visit. Such ire as was vented was aimed at Betancourt. It is true, however, that on the morning

of February 26 the police rounded up 35 agitators suspected of planning to incite the crowds against the distinguished visitors and, specifically, to throw eggs and tomatoes at them. The agitators were released on February 28 after the departure of Vice President Johnson and President Betancourt.

The reception given by President Bosch from 8:00 to 10:00 the evening of February 27 was one of the largest remembered here. It was scarcely better organized or provisioned than the Council of State's reception the night before. It was notable primarily because of the complete change of faces from one night to the next. In accordance with President Bosch's pronouncements, this one was "for the people".

At 8:30 on the morning of February 28, Vice President Johnson, accompanied by Ambassador Martin, Assistant Secretary Martin, and Coordinator for Alliance for Progress Moscoso, went to the National Palace for a meeting with President Bosch. (Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. John Bartlow Martin, Mrs. Edwin Martin, and Mrs. Moscoso simultaneously met with Mrs. Bosch at the Palace for coffee.) The Vice President met privately with President Bosch for approximately twenty minutes and then presented gifts. Vice President Johnson gave President Bosch a desk set on behalf of President Kennedy; Vice President Johnson gave President Bosch an inscribed wrist watch and Vice President González Tamayo a portable shortwave radio receiver. The party then went to the Palace grounds, where Vice President Johnson, in the name of the American people, donated an ambulance to the people of the Dominican Republic. This presentation received good newspaper coverage. Meanwhile, Mrs. Bosch had given Mrs. Johnson and the other ladies pieces of amber.

The Vice President then proceeded to the airport in the company of those of his Special Mission who had been with him at the Palace and, of course, their respective wives. It had been previously arranged that Vice President González Tamayo and his wife would accompany the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson to the airport to extend the official farewell. President Bosch insisted on accompanying the Vice President to the airport also, however, rejecting all suggestions that he should not do so. He argued that he could do no less in view of the warm welcome and gracious reception he himself had received in Washington.

The remainder of the Vice President's party had preceded him to the airport. When the Vice President arrived, he was again accorded military honors, consisting of a 19-gun salute, the two national anthems, and a review of the honor guard. He made a brief departure statement; conversed briefly with President Bosch, Vice President González Tamayo, and Ambassador Martin; shook hands with members of the high command of the Dominican Armed Forces; and departed at approximately 10:30 a.m., February 28.

Throughout the Vice President's visit, he received considerable attention from the two Santo Domingo dailies, the morning "El Caribe" and the

evening "La Nación". For example, "La Nación" on February 26 featured on its front page a three-column photograph of the Vice President on his arrival. Betancourt's arrival was reported in a two-column box in the lower left-hand corner. Similarly, "La Nación" on February 28 carried three front-page pictures of the Vice President's departure and of the presentation of the ambulance. Story and picturewise, the Vice President almost blanketed the first page. There were no pictures of Betancourt's departure. "El Caribe" of March 1 carried a front-page picture of the Vice President with President Bosch at the airport prior to departure and a front-page story on the departure, with the full text of the Vice President's departure statement. "El Caribe" on March 1 also carried a story and two pictures of the ambulance presentation. On Inauguration Day, "La Nación" gave front-page play to Mrs. Johnson's visits to the School for the Blind and the maternity hospital and carried four pictures of the visits on page 3. Since the departure of the Vice President, his visit has continued to receive good coverage on local television as have Mrs. Johnson's visits to the two charitable organizations. A complete file of clippings is enclosed.

With the departure of the many important guests who came to observe Juan Bosch's inauguration and with some semblance of order beginning to emerge from the efforts to form a new government, it is becoming more and more evident that the visit of Vice President Johnson must be termed an outstanding success from the local point of view. He succeeded in projecting his personality to the Dominican people, through his presence making them aware of the friendship of the United States and of the desire of the United States to do what it can to support and assist the new Dominican democracy. There is no doubt that the Vice President also had a personal impact on President Bosch, who perhaps is now better convinced of the sincerity of the protestations of American officials. In general, reaction has been positive and good. President Bosch himself has observed that more visits by top-ranking persons such as the Vice President would do much to correct the United States image in the Dominican Republic.

John Bartlow Martin

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