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VERBATIM TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S SPEECH AT BEIRUT AIRPORT  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 1962

MR. MINISTER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I HOPE I CAN CONVEY TO YOU THE GREAT PRIDE AND PLEASURE MRS. JOHNSON AND I FEEL IN THIS ALL TOO BRIEF VISIT TO YOUR LOVELY CITY. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE WARMTH YOUR WELCOME AND THE STRENGTH YOUR FRIENDSHIP. I THINK I SHOULD SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT I BRING TO YOU, ALL OF YOU, THE WARMEST GOOD WISHES OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT OUR PRESIDENT, IF HE COULD HAVE HIS WISH, WOULD TAKE MY PLACE HERE TODAY IN YOUR CHARMING COUNTRY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR PRIME MINISTER, YOUR PRESIDENT, YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER, AND TO SEE THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND. TO YOU, AND THE COUNTRY, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO BRING YOU WORD OF THE ABIDING AND UNCHANGING INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF LEBANON. THE PEOPLE IN MY COUNTRY WILL HAVE ME EXPRESS TO YOU THEIR FEELINGS OF AFFECTION, ADMIRATION, AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON. IT HAS BEEN OUR GOOD FORTUNE IN THE UNITED STATES TO HAVE MANY OF YOUR PEOPLE COME LIVE AND WORK WITH US. THEY HAVE ENRICHED OUR NATIONAL LIFE, AND THEY HAVE MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO MAKING OUR COUNTRY A STRONGER COUNTRY: OUR DEVOTION TO THE LEBANESE PEOPLE, WHO ARE A VITAL PART OF AMERICA, ADDS TO OUR AFFECTION FOR THE LAND WHICH SENT THEM TO US.

OF ALL THE MANY TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US, NONE ARE MORE BINDING THAN OUR COMMON LOVE OF FREEDOM, OUR COMMON BELIEF IN HUMAN DIGNITY, OUR COMMON RESOLVE TO ASSURE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE TO ALL OUR CITIZENS.

WE WELCOME YOUR COUNSEL AS TO THE WAYS IN WHICH OUR COUNTRIES MAY BEST PURSUE OUR COMMON GOAL OF A WORLD IN WHICH NATIONS, BOTH BIG AND SMALL, MAY GO THEIR WAY IN PEACE, FULFILLING THE HOPES AND THE DREAMS OF THEIR CITIZENS. THIS IS A TROUBLED WORLD AND WE LIVE IN A CRITICAL TIME. BUT

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YOU DON'T KNOW HOW PLEASED I AM AND HOW HAPPY I FEEL WHEN I, AFTER A VERY LONG TRIP AT THE END OF A MOST EXHAUSTING DAY, I SHOULD GET OFF MY PLANE AND BE WELCOMED BY A LADY FROM MY HOME TOWN, MARGARET JOSEPH, WHO 25 YEARS AGO, WHEN I STARTED IN PUBLIC LIFE AND I NEEDED A FRIEND VERY MUCH, HER UNCLE EDDIE JOSEPH TOOK ME BY THE HAND AT SUN UP IN THE MORNING AND SPENT THE DAY GOING AROUND WITH ME INTRODUCING ME TO WHAT LATER TURNED OUT TO BE MY CONSTITUENTS. SO I HAVE TRAVELLED 15 HOURS TO GET PREPARED FOR THIS TRIP AND TO COME HERE TO SEE A PERSON FROM HOME WHO STARTED ME ON THIS JOURNEY 25 YEARS AGO.

I HOPE THAT IN THE DAYS TO COME THAT I CAN KNOW EACH OF YOU BETTER, AND THAT (DURING) MY ALL TOO BRIEF VISIT HERE I WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE YOUR CITIZENS, THE WAY THEY LIVE, THE WAY THEY WORK, AND TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR HOPES AND THEIR DESIRES, AND TO LEAVE STRONGER AND BETTER FRIENDS THAN WHEN I CAME.

WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR COURTESY AND YOUR COMING HERE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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VICE PRESIDENT PAID THIRTY MINUTE CALL ON PRESIDENT CHEHAB AT 6:30 P.M. AUGUST 23. CONVERSATION, WHICH WAS VERY WARM AND INFORMAL, TOOK PLACE IN PRESENCE AMERICAN AND LEBANESE JOURNALISTS AND MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT CHEHAB'S STAFF.

AFTER CONVEYING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S GREETINGS, VICE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR WARMTH OF WELCOME ACCORDED HIM AND FRIENDLINESS DEMONSTRATED BY LEBANESE WHO OFTEN APPLAUDED AND CHEERED AT SIGHT OF U. S. FLAG. CHEHAB REPLIED THIS WAS NO SURPRISE TO HIM SINCE LEBANESE PEOPLE FEEL DEEP AFFECTION FOR AMERICA.

VICE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY GREAT ECONOMIC PROGRESS LEBANON OBVIOUSLY MAKING, NUMBER OF BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN BEIRUT, AND BY GOVERNMENT RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND JOUNIEH SUPER HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION SITE HE HAD VISITED THAT AFTERNOON. WHEN PRESIDENT CHEHAB RESPONDED JOUNIEH HIGHWAY WAS BEGUN WITH AMERICAN AID AND WAS NOW BEING CONTINUED BY LEBANESE ON THEIR OWN, VICE PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED LEBANON FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT IN BEING ABLE TO CARRY ON WITHOUT U.S. ASSISTANCE.

IN CLOSING, VICE PRESIDENT STRESSED U.S. FRIENDSHIP FOR LEBANON AND ABIDING U. S. INTEREST IN LEBANON'S WELL BEING. VICE PRESIDENT ASSURED PRESIDENT CHEHAB LEBANON CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON U. S. FRIENDSHIP. PRESIDENT CHEHAB REPLIED FEELING OF FRIENDSHIP FOR U. S. WAS SOMETHING INBORN IN LEBANESE GROWING

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OUT OF HUMAN TIES ESTABLISHED BY LEBANESE IMMIGRANTS, GENEROUS HELP U.S. HAS ALWAYS GIVEN LEBANON IN TIME OF NEED SUCH AS DURING WORLD WAR I AS WELL AS IN BETTER TIMES.

AT CONCLUSION OF CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT FACT THAT LEBANESE CHIEF OF STATE AND U. S. VICE PRESIDENT COULD MEET AND EXCHANGE VIEWS UNDER EYES OF WORLD WAS STRIKING DEMONSTRATION OF SINCERITY, FRANKNESS AND OPENNESS OF U.S. LEBANESE RELATIONS. BOTH VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT CHEHAB AGREED, LATTER REMARKING THAT WARM CONVERSATION WHICH HAD JUST TAKEN PLACE WAS CHARACTERISTIC OF U.S. LEBANESE RELATIONS.

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VICE PRESIDENT PAID HALF HOUR CALL ON PRIME MINISTER KARAME AT 7:30 PM TWENTY THIRD. PRIMIN WELCOMED VICE PRESIDENT, EXPRESSED REGRET HIS VISIT SO SHORT AND HOPED HE HAD ENJOYED BRIEF VIEW OF LEBANESE PROSPERITY, WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR AHDAB. HE NOTED THAT LEBANESE WERE INTERESTED IN MAKING MOST OF THEIR POSSIBILITIES AND HAD MADE RESPECTABLE PROGRESS IN MANY FIELDS. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, MANY FIELDS IN WHICH THEY STILL LACKING AND AREAS OF THE COUNTRY SORELY IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. WHILE LEBANESE HAD GOOD POSSIBILITIES, MEANS INSUFFICIENT FOR THE TASK AT HAND. PEOPLE SAW WHAT LIFE WAS LIKE IN AMERICA AND WANTED IT FOR THEMSELVES TOMORROW. FAILURE TO SATISFY THEIR WANTS MADE THEM SUSCEPTIBLE TO COMMUNISM. ALTHOUGH HE SPOKE IN RATHER VAGUE TERMS, HE CLEARLY MAKING PLUG FOR FURTHER USG HELP TO LEBANON.

VICE PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT HE HAD INDEED BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE EVIDENCES OF ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT AND BY THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RECEPTION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM ALL SIDES. HE HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO NOTE TWO INSTANCES, THE INDUSTRY INSTITUTE AND THE JUNIEH AUTOSTRAD, IN WHICH SOMETHING WE HELPED START WITH OUR AID HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY THE LEBANESE AND WAS BEING PURSUED BY THEM. THIS WAS TRUE PROGRESS AND THE DIVIDENDS WOULD MORE THAN REPAY THE INVESTMENT THE LEBANESE WERE MAKING IN BOTH PROJECTS. PROGRESS SUCH

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AS THIS WAS A HEARTENING ANSWER TO CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER CRITICISM OF OUR FOREIGN AID PROGRAM. HE WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE FOUND SUCH USEFUL AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF THAT PROGRAM IN LEBANON.

VICE PRESIDENT CONTINUED THAT ALTHOUGH LEBANESE MEANS MIGHT BE LIMITED AND PROGRESS NOT AS RAPID AS THEY WOULD LIKE THEY WERE ADVANCING. HE POINTED TO THE PROGRESS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE IN THE UNITED STATES AS A RESULT OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND HIGHWAY PROGRAMS AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT LEBANESE WOULD REAP SIMILAR RETURNS FROM WHAT THEY WERE NOW DOING. USG HOPED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT PROGRESS AND WOULD LIKE TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO HELP WITH IT. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS PEACE CORPS COULD SUPPLY TECHNICIANS FOR ROAD PROGRAM AND MENTIONED THAT A NUMBER OF RETIRED ENGINEERS AND CONSTRUCTION FOREMEN WERE NOW WORKING ON PEACE CORPS PROJECTS FOR \$75 A MONTH. HE ASKED IF GOL HAD GIVEN ANY CONSIDERATION TO USING PEACE CORPS IN LEBANON.

I SAID NO REQUEST RECEIVED FROM GOL, WHICH FELT IT HAD PRETTY GOOD TECHNICIANS IN MOST FIELDS. WE ALL AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SOMETHING MIGHT PROFITABLY DISCUSS AT FURTHER LENGTH WITH KARAME.

AS WE LEFT, KARAME EXPRESSED HOPE VICE PRESIDENT MIGHT HAVE OPPORTUNITY PAY MORE LEISURELY VISIT TO LEBANON IN FUTURE. ATMOSPHERE, LIKE THAT AT PRESIDENCY, MOST CORDIAL AND KARAME OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH OPPORTUNITY TALK TO VICE PRESIDENT. PRESS CORRESPONDENTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE IN ROOM IN FIRST HALF OF CALL; MOST OF DISCUSSION RE AID DESCRIBED ABOVE TOOK PLACE AFTER PRESS LEFT.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BEIRUT AUGUST 23 BEGAN WITH WARM WELCOME AT BEIRUT AIRPORT BY FOREIGN MINISTER TAKLA, GOL OFFICIALS AND LARGE CROWD SPECTATORS. AIRPORT CORDIALITY SET THE TONE FOR THE ENTIRE DAY'S ACTIVITIES. VICE PRESIDENT'S EVIDENT FRIENDSHIP FOR AND INTEREST IN LEBANESE, DEMONSTRATED BY HIS FREQUENT STOPS TO MINGLE WITH PEOPLE AND SHAKE HANDS, DREW ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE THROUGHOUT DAY. VICE PRESIDENT WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY MANNER IN WHICH FRIENDLY GROUPS OF WAVING AND APPLAUDING PEOPLE CONGREGATED AT CORNERS AND ALONG ROADSIDE, NEEDLESS TO SAY, IN THIS ATMOSPHERE THERE WERE NO UNTOWARD EVENTS AND TONE OF DAY WAS ONE OF ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATIONS OF LEBANESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

FOLLOWING BRIEF AFTERNOON RESPITE AT HOTEL VICE PRESIDENT DEPARTED AS SCHEDULED AT 5 PM FOR VISIT LEBANESE GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY INSTITUTE, A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH CENTER, WHERE HE WAS RECEIVED BY GOL MINISTER OF NATIONAL ECONOMY RAFIC NAJJA AND LARGE GATHERING OF EMPLOYEES. AFTER VIEWING DEMONSTRATION OF MACHINES, VICE PRESIDENT PROCEEDED TO JOUNIEH SUPERHIGHWAY PROJECT WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS PIERRE GEMAYEL AND LARGE CROWD OF WORKERS. VICE PRESIDENT'S KEEN INTEREST IN MACHINES AND KNOWLEDGE OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK DREW ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE WHICH WAS HEIGHTENED WHEN VICE PRESIDENT TOLD CROWD OF HIS EMPLOYMENT IN ROAD

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BUILDING FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL. FOLLOWING JOUNIEH HIGHWAY PROJECT VICE PRESIDENT PROCEEDED MAKE INFORMAL CALLS ON PRESIDENT CHEHAB AND PRIME MINISTER KARAME, WHICH REPORTED SEPARATELY. ALL ALONG THE WAY, LEBANESE OFFICIALS TIME AND AGAIN REPEATED WISH VICE PRESIDENT'S STAY COULD HAVE BEEN LONGER AND EXPRESSED HOPE HE WOULD COME AGAIN FOR MORE EXTENDED SOJURN.

DURING EARLY AFTERNOON, MRS. JOHNSON, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. MEYER, MADE TRIP TO HISTORIC RUINS OF BAALBECK.

COMMENT: WARMTH OF RECEPTION ACCORDED VICE PRESIDENT IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO ATTITUDES WHICH HAVE PREVAILED AT CERTAIN MOMENTS IN PAST, NOTABLY BOMBING OF EMBASSY IN 1947 AND STREET DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH OCCURRED DURING SECRETARY DULLES' VISIT TO BEIRUT IN 1953. SEEN FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, VISIT APPEARS BE STRIKING DEMONSTRATION EXTENT TO WHICH THERE HAS BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN REGARD IN WHICH UNITED STATES IS HELD IN MIDDLE EAST. VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED TO STRENGTHENING OF THIS TREND.

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Vice President and party departed Beirut for Tehran at 9:15 AM following visit to Aub Campus where student welcome was so warm party was delayed twenty minutes beyond its scheduled departure time. Vice President was greeted at Aub Gate by University President Normal Burns and during drive through campus twice got out of car to shake hands. In speaking to welcoming groups of student, Vice President emphasized his interest in Aub and its role in training Middle Eastern leaders of past, present and future.

While Beirut visit originally planned as rest stop, it was in fact filled with activity with Vice President allowing himself only a brief hour's post-lunch rest following his long trans-Atlantic trip. Front pages of Beirut papers morning August 24 blanketed with pictures of Vice President and Mrs. Johnson and carry as headlines excerpts from his arrival statement. Several papers highlight portion of arrival statement in which Vice President expressed "abiding and unchanging interest of United States of America in the independence and integrity of Lebanon." Newspapers report Lebanese were delighted by Vice President's "ready handshake" and frequent stops to mingle with crowds.

Perhaps of some significance is fact that Palestine issue was scarcely mentioned during entire visit. GOL officials did not once allude to Palestine and press with exception of small Communist paper (An Nida) also silent on matter. Vice President got friendly welcome from residents of small refugee settlement which happened to be on route from airport to town and where he made brief impromptu stop. Only as he was departing settlement did one of residents identify himself as refugee and in friendly manner express polite wish something could be done about Palestine problem.

In summation, Embassy feels visit was highly successful and has made significant contribution to strengthening US-Lebanese ties. We heartily concur with several Beirut newspapers which, reporting arrival of Vice President and departure of Patriarch Meouchi for visit to United States within hours of each other, term August 23 "a great day for Lebanon and the United States."

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VICE-PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT  
ISSUED MORNING AUGUST 24:

"OUR VISIT TO LEBANON HAS BEEN A REWARDING EXPERIENCE.  
I HAVE LIKED WHAT I HAVE SEEN AMONG YOUR PEOPLE AND WHAT  
I HAVE HEARD FROM YOUR LEADERS.

LEBANON STANDS STEADFASTLY ON THE SIDE OF FREEDOM AND I  
ASSURE YOU THE UNITED STATES STANDS STEADFASTLY FOR LEBANON'S  
INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY.

I THANK YOU FOR THE WELCOME YOU HAVE GIVEN US.

I LEAVE WITH ALL CONFIDENCE IN YOUR FUTURE AND WITH  
HEARTFELT GOOD WISHES FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN EVERY ENDEAVOR."

MESSAGE UNSIGNED

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ARRIVAL STATEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON ON  
AUGUST 24, 1962, AT TEHRAN, IRAN

YOUR HIGHNESS, YOUR EXCELLENCY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

YOU DO MY COUNTRY GREAT HONOR BY THE WARMTH OF YOUR WELCOME.

IT IS A HIGH PRIVILEGE FOR US TO BE IN YOUR PROUD AND HISTORIC  
LAND AND TO LOOK FORWARD TO A MEETING AGAIN WITH HIS IMPERIAL  
MAJESTY AND EMPRESS FARAH, WITH WHOM WE ENJOYED SUCH FRIENDLY  
ASSOCIATIONS DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

I COME BRINGING TO THE PEOPLE OF IRAN THE GREETINGS AND  
PERSONAL GOOD WISHES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,  
JOHN F. KENNEDY.

YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE STAND TOGETHER IN THE COMMON CAUSE OF  
FREEDOM. WE OF THE UNITED STATES KNOW THAT A FREE IRAN IS  
VITAL TO THE STRENGTH OF FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE  
KNOW THAT YOU ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER YOUR  
NATIONAL DESTINY. WE LIKEWISE, STAND DETERMINED WITH YOU  
THAT IRAN'S INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL DIGNITY SHALL NOT

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OUT OF THE CLOSE TIES OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US, WE OF THE UNITED STATES KNOW THE PROBLEMS FACING YOUR COUNTRY. WE RESPECT THE EFFORTS BEING MADE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS IMPERIAL MAJESTY TO MEET THOSE PROBLEMS BY THE PROGRAMS OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT AND REFORMS. WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE PEOPLE - EVEN AS WE IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE SOUGHT TO DO THE SAME FOR OUR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY.

THE DESIRE FOR GENUINE INDEPENDENCE - THE QUEST FOR A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING- ARE AMONG THE MOST NOBLE AND LEGITIMATE OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF MANKIND. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE PLEDGED OUR SUPPORT TO IRAN AND THAT IS WHY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE MAKING THE SACRIFICES NECESSARY TO ASSIST YOUR EFFORTS TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY.

MY VISIT IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR INTEREST AND OUR SUPPORT. AS WE HAVE STOOD WITH YOU AND BESIDE YOU IN THE PAST, WE OF THE UNITED STATES STAND WITH YOU AND BESIDE YOU IN THE FUTURE.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON - TEXT OF TOAST SHAH'S  
DINNER, TEHRAN, AUGUST 24, 1962

YOUR MAJESTY DOES GREAT HONOR TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO  
ME IN THE GRACIOUS REMARKS MADE HERE TONIGHT. WE OF THE  
UNITED STATES REGARD HIS MAJESTY AS A SPECIAL AND VALUED  
FRIEND.

FOR THE MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF HIS MAJESTY'S GUIDANCE OF  
THE AFFAIRS OF IRAN, THE SHAH HAS ENJOYED THE RESPECT AND  
CONFIDENCE OF MY GOVERNMENT. ON THE PERSONAL VISITS HIS  
MAJESTY HAS MADE TO OUR COUNTRY - MOST RECENTLY WITH HIS  
GRACIOUS CONSORT, EMPRESS FARAH - HE HAS WON ADDED  
AFFECTION FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

WE OF THE UNITED STATES FEEL A SENSE OF COMMON PURPOSE AND  
COMMON VALUES WITH YOUR MAJESTY AND THE PEOPLE OF IRAN.

YOUR MAJESTY IS STEADFAST AND UNSWERVING IN DEDICATION TO  
FREEDOM - AND SO ARE WE. YOUR MAJESTY IS COURAGEOUS AND  
UNCOMPROMISING IN DETERMINATION THAT AGGRESSORS SHALL NOT  
TRANSgress THE BORDERS OF FREE LANDS ANYWHERE ---AND SO ARE

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WE. IN THESE EVENTFUL AND CHALLENGING YEARS FOR THE  
FREE WORLD, IT IS GOOD TO HAVE AS A FRIEND --AND TO  
BE FRIENDS WITH - A LEADER SUCH AS HIS MAJESTY.

INVALUABLE AS HAS BEEN YOUR MAJESTY'S STRONG STAND FOR  
FREEDOM, WE FEEL THAT THE SHAH IS MOVING TOWARD FULFIL-  
MENT OF A HIGH PERSONAL DESTINY BY PUSHING FORWARD  
PROGRAMS OF REFORM AND MODERNIZATION TO BENEFIT THE  
LIVES OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF IRAN.

MEN DEFEND FREEDOM WITH FERVOR ONLY WHEN THEY SHARE IN  
THE FRUITS AND ABUNDANCE OF FREEDOM. IRAN PRESENTS ONE  
OF THE WORLD'S MOST PROMISING AND MOST IMPORTANT  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH A THRUST FORWARD TO BE MADE  
IN THE YEARS THAT REMAIN OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

BECAUSE WE OF AMERICA HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLES OF  
IRAN -- MAY AND IN THE ROLE OF YOUR MAJESTY'S LEADERSHIP --  
WE HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE OUR SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAMS  
OF PROGRESS YOUR MAJESTY HAS INITIATED.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I SHOULD LIKE YOU TO  
JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES, THE SHAH OF

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IRAN AND HIS GRACIOUS CONSORT, THE EMPRESS FARAH,  
WISHING PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO THEM AND THEIR PEOPLE.

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THE SHAH'S DINNER FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT LAST NIGHT WAS SMALL  
AND INTIMATE AND AN AGREEABLE ATMOSPHERE OF INFORMALITY  
PREVAILED. IN ADDITION TO THE SHAH AND EMPRESS OTHER MEMBERS  
OF THE ROYAL FAMILY WERE PRINCESS SHAMS AND HER HUSBAND MR.  
PAHLBOD, PRINCE MAHMUD REZA, PRINCESS FATEMEH AND HER HUSBAND  
GENERAL AMIR-KHATEMI, CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN AIR FORCE.  
PRESENT ALSO WERE THE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. ALAM, THE  
FOREIGN MINISTER, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. GUDARZI, AND THE GRAND  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES MR. GHARAGOZLOU.

THE VICE PRESIDENT AND SHAH CARRIED ON AN INFORMAL AND INTER-  
ESTING CONVERSATION BEFORE DINNER. DURING THIS DISCUSSION,  
WHICH WAS IN GENERAL TERMS, A VERY GOOD COMMUNIQUE WAS ESTAB-  
LISHED WHICH THE SHAH EXPRESSED LATER IN MORE FORMAL REMARKS.  
AT THIS TIME THE VICE PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED THE SHAH ON  
LATTER'S EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN DISPUTE.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DINNER THE SHAH SPOKE FOR APPROXIMATELY  
FIFTEEN MINUTES. HIS REMARKS CONSISTED OF A TRIBUTE TO THE  
UNITED STATES AND ITS UNSELFISHNESS AND DEDICATION TO PEACE  
AND, ITS DETERMINATION TO STAND AS A BULWARK OF FREEDOM.  
HE ALSO PAID A GLOWING TRIBUTE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT AND HIS

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CONTRIBUTION NOT ONLY TO THE UNITED STATES BUT TO THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD AS WELL.

THE SHAH GAVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF PERSIAN HISTORY WITH EMPHASIS ON ITS EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF ESSENTIAL DEMOCRACY IN TERMS OF PROTECTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL. HE THEN SPOKE OF HIS PROGRAM FOR THE REFORMS AND DEVELOPMENT OF IRAN WHICH CONSISTED OF THE SIX POINTS WHICH HE HAD LAID DOWN AS A GUIDE FOR HIS GOVERNMENT LAST NOVEMBER. HE PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON HIS DETERMINATION TO PROCEED WITH VILLAGE, MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE FORMATION OF SELF-GOVERNING UNITS WHERE THE ESSENTIALS OF DEMOCRACY COULD BE LEARNED. THE SHAH ALSO GAVE MORE EMPHASIS ON THIS OCCASION THAN HE HAS HERETOFORE ON THE FORMATION OF WORK BATTALIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WORK AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, SUGGESTED THE USE OF TECHNICIANS FROM THE PEACE CORPS. THE VICE PRESIDENT RESPONDED TO THESE REMARKS BEGINNING WITH AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM THE WARMTH OF THE WELCOME HE HAD RECEIVED NOT ONLY FROM THE SHAH BUT FROM THE MAN IN THE STREET AS WELL. HE LAUDED THE PROGRAM OF DEVELOPMENT AND REFORM TO WHICH THE SHAH HAD COMMITTED HIS COUNTRY AND PROMISED U.S. MORAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THESE GOALS.

THE VICE PRESIDENT LAID GREAT STRESS ON THE PROPOSITION THAT THE ULTIMATE STRENGTH, PROSPERITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF IRAN WOULD LIE IN THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE POPULATION AND IN SOCIAL JUSTICE. IN THIS CONNECTION THE VICE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT THE GREAT DEMANDS BEING MADE ON THE RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THAT WE HAD THE DIFFICULT TASK OF ALLOCATING THESE RESOURCES IN A BALANCED MANNER AS BETWEEN THE COST OF DEFENSE OF THE FREE WORLD IN THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE ON THE ONE HAND AND THE USE OF SUCH RESOURCES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WELL-BEING OF THE NATION IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TERMS. HE CITED THE FACT THAT WE HAD RECENTLY DEMOBILIZED TWO DIVISIONS WHICH HAD BEEN CALLED UP FOLLOWING THE BERLIN EMERGENCY IN ORDER TO LESSEN DEFENSE COSTS. THIS POINT WAS NOT LOST ON THE SHAH.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY A STRONG REASSURANCE OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO STAND BY IRAN AS A FULL PARTNER IN THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM. HE MADE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT AMERICA NOT ONLY HAD THE STRENGTH TO DO JUST THAT BUT ALSO THE DETERMINATION.

THE SHAH'S REMARKS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY MODERATION AND SINCERITY. WHEN HE SAYS THESE THINGS ABOUT IRAN AND HIS DETERMINATION TO IMPROVE MATTERS HE VERY DEFINITELY MEANS THEM, EVEN THOUGH SUBSEQUENTLY THE EXECUTION MAY BE SPOTTY.

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS WERE MADE IN TONES OF CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE AND WERE EXPRESSIVE OF QUIET STRENGTH. THEY CONSTITUTED STRONG REASSURANCE TO THE SHAH, OF WHICH HE SEEMS TO BE IN NEED FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THE HIGH HONOR WHICH THE SHAH DESIRED TO ACCORD THE VICE PRESIDENT, ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT SHOWN PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

ALTHOUGH IT WAS A HOT SABBATH, CROWDS ALONG THE STREETS IN CITY WERE SURPRISINGLY LARGE. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S EFFECT ON THE PEOPLE WHOM HE GREETED ALONG THE WAY WITH HANDSHAKE AND A FRIENDLY WAVE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED EVEN THE HARD-BITTEN COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE IMPERIAL GUARD WHO OBVIOUSLY HAD NEVER SEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE IT.

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Following verbatim text Vice President's remarks  
at Iran-American Society, Tehran, August 25.

IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO MEET AND BE WITH MEN AND WOMEN WHO  
ARE ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND UNSELFISH WORKS -- AS ARE YOU  
OF THE IRAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY.

YOUR PROGRAM IS A MODEL OF SERIOUS AND USEFUL PURPOSE. I  
CONGRATULATE YOU -- AND THANK YOU -- FOR THE EFFORTS YOU ARE  
MAKING, ESPECIALLY IN YOUR WORK WITH YOUNG IRANIANS IN THE ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

IRAN -- LIKE AMERICA -- HAS NO RICHER RESOURCE THAN HER YOUNG  
PEOPLE. WE IN THE UNITED STATES KNOW THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD  
THE PRIVILEGE OF WELCOMING SO MANY FINE YOUNG IRANIANS TO OUR  
COUNTRY AS STUDENTS. MORE THAN 5,000 ARE STUDYING IN AMERICA NOW.

I MIGHT SAY HERE THAT WE ARE ALSO PROUD THAT YOU WILL SOON BE  
MEETING AND GETTING TO KNOW SOME OF AMERICA'S OWN OUTSTANDING  
YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL BE COMING TO IRAN TO WORK BESIDE AND WITH  
YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE AS MEMBERS OF OUR PEACE CORPS.

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THE EXCHANGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IS SYMBOLIC, I BELIEVE, OF THE FUTURE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE STOOD CLOSELY TOGETHER IN THE PAST. WE STAND TOGETHER IN COMMON PURPOSE TODAY. BUT IN BOTH LANDS THERE IS THE EXPECTATION AND DETERMINATION THAT THIS FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING WILL GROW STRONGER AND CLOSER IN THE FUTURE. THAT IS THE PURPOSE IN MY COMING.

WE OF THE UNITED STATES KNOW THAT A FREE AND INDEPENDENT IRAN IS A PILLAR TO THE STABILITY OF THE FREE COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE HAVE -- OVER A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS -- COMMITTED \$1.1 BILLION OF ASSISTANCE TO IRAN IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO IRAN'S INTEGRITY.

A GENUINE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOALS WE HAVE IN COMMON IS ESSENTIAL -- AND MEANS FOR REACHING THOSE GOALS MUST BE UNDERSTOOD AND VIGOROUSLY PURSUED.

BECAUSE OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST, WE ARE ABLE NOW TO PLAN TOGETHER -- AND WORK TOGETHER -- FOR THE FUTURE. OUR FRIENDSHIP MUST GROW STRONGER AND CLOSER AS WE PROCEED ON THIS COURSE.

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LET ME SAY THIS -- UNMISTAKABLY. YOU IN THIS AUDIENCE KNOW --  
THE WORLD KNOWS -- THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS PLEDGED  
ITSELF TO THE SUPPORT OF IRAN AND OTHER FREE PEOPLES. LET THERE  
BE NO DOUBT THAT WE CAN AND WILL MAKE GOOD THAT PLEDGE.

BECAUSE WE DO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR STRENGTH, THERE IS NO NEED  
TO ENGAGE IN BLUSTER. WE CAN PROCEED -- AND WE ARE PROCEEDING --  
TO PLAN TOGETHER RESPONSIBILITY FOR FULFILLMENT OF THE FREEDOM  
WHICH HAS BEEN PRESERVED AND THE PEACE WHICH HAS BEEN KEPT.

WE FACE THE FUTURE WITH QUIET ASSURANCE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE  
VERY NATURE OF MAN IS ON OUR SIDE. WE BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF IRAN  
WANT THE KIND OF WORLD RECENTLY DESCRIBED BY SECRETARY OF STATE  
RUSK AS:

"A WORLD FREE OF AGGRESSION -- AGGRESSION BY WHATEVER MEANS."

"A WORLD OF INDEPENDENT NATIONS, EACH WITH THE INSTITUTIONS OF ITS  
OWN CHOICE, BUT COOPERATING WITH ONE ANOTHER TO THEIR MUTUAL  
ADVANTAGE."

"A WORLD WHICH YIELDS CONTINUING PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
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WE BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA WANT THAT SAME WORLD OF FREE CHOICE. WE BELIEVE THE PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA, ASIA AND EUROPE WANT IT.

AND WHEN THE TRUTH IS KNOWN, THE AVERAGE MAN AND WOMAN BEHIND THE BARBED WIRE FENCES AND BACK OF THE STONE WALLS WANTS THE SAME FREEDOM TO EXPRESS HIS OR HER OWN CONVICTIONS, HIS OR HER OWN PERSONALITY.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE AMERICANS AND IRANIAN CAN DOZE IDLY, WAITING FOR THE NATURE OF MAN TO PROVIDE A LASTING VICTORY OVER TOTALITARIANISM. IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE WORKING AGAINST THE NATURE OF MAN THAT THE CONSPIRATORS AGAINST THE FREE MUST EMBARK ON DESPERATE PROGRAMS OF INSURRECTION, OF Fomenting STRIFE, OF PROVOCATION.

THAT IS WHY OUR GOVERNMENT HAS WORKED TO INCREASE THE FREE WORLD CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH A VARIETY OF ASSAULTS ON THE WEAK OR THE NEW NATIONS WHOSE PEOPLE YEARN MOST TO REMAIN FREE AND INDEPENDENT.

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THAT IS ALSO WHY WE ARE STRIVING SO HARD TO ACHIEVE ABSOLUTE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN OUR OWN COUNTRY -- AND WHY WE SUPPORT THE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE IT IN OTHER LANDS.

OUR ENEMIES WOULD HAVE THE WORLD BELIEVE THAT ALL WHO OPPOSE THEIR BRAND OF TYRANNY ARE AGAINST CHANGE -- THAT ALL WHO OPPOSE THEIR BRAND OF SLAVERY ARE THE AGENTS OF GREED AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE. BUT YOU KNOW, AND I KNOW, THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE IN THE UNITED STATES. IT IS NOT TRUE IN IRAN. IT IS NOT TRUE IN THOSE COUNTRIES OF THE FREE WORLD WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM TO THE VAST MILLIONS IN ASIA AND AFRICA SINCE WORLD WAR II.

WE APPLAUD IRAN'S STEPS TOWARD LAND REFORM, TOWARD EDUCATING THE MASSES, TOWARD IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE, TOWARD PROVIDING GREATER RELIEF FROM THE RAVAGES OF HUNGER. YOUR KING HAS INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AS WE DO THAT THESE PROGRAMS, AS MUCH AS ANY OF OUR ARMIES, WILL STAND AS IMPREGNABLE SHIELDS TO PROTECT THE INSTITUTIONS OF FREEDOM.

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ANY COUNTRY, WHETHER IT BE THE UNITED STATES OR IRAN, MUST SEEK A PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED FOR EXTERNAL DEFENSE AGAINST POTENTIAL ENEMIES AND THE EQUALLY IMPORTANT NEED FOR INTERNAL MODERNIZATION AND GROWTH. BOTH ARE INDISPENSABLE TO A 20th CENTURY NATION.

MY FRIENDS, MAN STANDS TODAY AT THE THRESHOLD OF HIS GREATEST ERA OF PROGRESS. THE SCIENTIFIC AND OTHER TOOLS WITH WHICH TO ERASE THE SCOURGES OF POVERTY AND ILLNESS ARE ALL BUT IN OUR HANDS. THE STARS ARE LITERALLY WITHIN OUR GRASP. WE CAN BELIEVE AND HOPE THAT WE ARE WISE ENOUGH, HUMBLE ENOUGH, GODLY ENOUGH, TO TURN THE AMAZING ADVANCEMENTS OF SCIENCE TO THE BETTERMENT OF MEN EVERYWHERE.

I KNOW THAT LONG BEFORE MY COUNTRY WAS BORN -- AS LONG AGO AS THE TIMES OF CYRUS THE GREAT -- THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA WERE ESPOUSING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GOLDEN RULE.

ONE WOULD THINK THAT BY NOW THE PRINCIPLES OF CHARITY AND TOLERANCE AND FAIRNESS WOULD BE BINDING TENETS THE WORLD OVER. UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ALL MEN HAVE LEARNED TO DO UNTO OTHERS AS THEY WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO THEM.

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BUT LET US KEEP HOPE IN OUR HEARTS. LET US SAY THAT THROUGH SUCH GROUPS AS THE IRAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY, THAT THROUGH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE UNITED NATIONS, WE CAN WIN THE WORLD TO THIS PRINCIPLE.

THAT WILL BE THE REAL VICTORY THAT IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES SEEK. THAT WILL BE A REAL VICTORY FOR HUMANITY -- SERVICE TO HUMAN BEINGS IS AFTER ALL THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF 20th CENTURY GOVERNMENT.

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TOAST, PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1962

YOUR EXCELLENCY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THIS HAS BEEN A DAY OF HIGH INSPIRATION FOR ME. WE OF THE UNITED STATES COME FROM ONE OF HISTORY'S YOUNG COUNTRIES AND CULTURES. YET HERE IN IRAN WE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO WALK THE GROUND WHICH CRADLED MODERN CIVILIZATION THOUSANDS OF CENTURIES AGO.

THIS CLOSING TO HISTORY HAS BEEN INSPIRING TODAY. BUT, FAR MORE, IT HAS BEEN HEARTENING TO REALIZE THAT WE OF NATIONS OLD AND YOUNG ARE DRAWN TOGETHER BY OUR NATURAL CONCERNS FOR THE FUTURE.

IN YOUR COUNTRY AND IN MY OWN COUNTRY, THE YEARS SINCE WORLD WAR II HAVE REQUIRED US AND ALL OTHERS WHO CHERISH FREEDOM TO GIVE OF OUR ENERGY AND RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN STABILITY AGAINST THE CONTINUING THREATS OF AGGRESSION. WE HAVE DONE SO REALIZING THAT THE WOULD-BE AGGRESSORS DESIRE TO CREATE CHAOS, TO FOMENT DIVISIONS AND TO PERPETUATE INSTABILITY SO THAT THEY MIGHT MORE EASILY MAKE OUR LIBERTY THEIR VICTIM.

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WE HAVE MADE THE SACRIFICES VIGILANCE REQUIRES. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN MINDFUL THAT INTEGRITY OF FREE NATIONS AGAINST EXTERNAL DANGERS RESTS FINALLY ON MEETING INTERNAL DUTIES RESPONSIBLY. WE OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE COMMITTED OUR RESOURCES HEAVILY TO BUILDING STRENGTH TO SHIELD FREEDOM FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS. BUT WE HAVE NO LESS CONTINUED OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATION, THE HOUSING, THE HEALTH, THE HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY OF OUR OWN PEOPLE. A NATION IS NEVER SO STRONG THAT IT CAN NEGLECT SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES -- AND A NATION IS NEVER SO YOUNG THAT IT CANNOT BEGIN TO TAKE UP SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES.

IRAN IS BLESSED THAT HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY IS SO KEENLY AWARE OF AND INTERESTED IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH PROGRESS NOW IN YOUR COUNTRY. YOUR EXCELLENCY'S OWN ABIDING INTEREST IN SEEING THESE PROGRAMS PUSHED FORWARD SUCCESSFULLY STRENGTHENS OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

WE OF THE UNITED STATES -- LIKE YOU OF IRAN -- DO WHAT WE DO IN THE BELIEF THAT THE MOVEMENT OF HUMANITY TOWARD FREEDOM IS DESTINED TO CONTINUE AND TO PREVAIL. BECAUSE OF OUR CONFIDENCE, WE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE WILLINGLY ASSUMING HEAVY BURDENS.

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OUR GOAL IS A COMMUNITY OF FREEDOM WHICH KNOWS NO WEST,  
NO EAST -- BUT IS FINALLY A PROUD AND STRONG COMMUNITY OF  
DIGNITY AND DECENCY AND EQUALITY IN WHICH DIVERSE HERITAGE  
SERVE NOT TO DIVIDE BUT TO UNITE ALL MANKIND IN COMMON  
TRADITION.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I SHOULD LIKE YOU TO JOIN ME NOW IN  
A TOAST TO HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, THE SHAHNAH, AND TO HIS  
EXCELLENCY, THE PRIME MINISTER -- AND TO THE  
SUCCESS OF THEIR LABORS FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAN.

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Following is approved memo of Vice Presidents conversation with Shah. In addition to principals, participants included Ambassador and Komer. Begin.

After an exchange of amenities, the Shah began by saying that twenty years ago when he first assumed the throne, people called him a Communist. This was because he said that without reform from above Iran would have a revolution from below. The Shah went on to describe his reform programs. He had given away the crown lands inherited from his father. Last year he gave away irrevocably 90 percent of his wealth, to a foundation set up entirely independently, worth 125 million dollars. In the Shahs view Iran had to move fast in the direction of modernization and reform. He couldn't wait for Parliament or let it hamstring him. Iran had perhaps 20 years in which to become a modern state. The situation was pretty stable now, but much had to be done in this period. Nothing could wait.

He emphasized the importance of land reform as a program which must move ahead. For example, the existing land reform decree, which provided that the peasants should pay for their land in 15 years had called for paying off the landlords in 10 years. This was financially unsound so the Shah was instructing the Alam Government to increase the repayment period to the landlords to 15 years. The landlords would be paid with shares in state-owned factories. Furthermore, the present reform law limiting a landlord to one village was not good enough. In time all feudal landlord/peasant relationships must be ended; a man could own land, but that was all.

The Vice President complimented the Shah on his reform programs, and praised his speech at dinner the previous night. He wished the whole American

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people could have heard it. The Vice President assured the Shah that the American people and Government from President Kennedy on down were solid in their affection and friendship for Iran. The Vice President went on to describe the new basis of our aid policy. Except in a few cases we were trying to end programs of direct budgetary support. We were shifting to development loans designed to improve the lot of the people. Although the American people paid high taxes for support of such programs, the Vice President was sure that they would continue to shoulder the burden. He cited the current aid battle in the House of Representatives, however, as typifying the constant need to justify our aid programs. In this connection, we faced one big problem all over the world; countries we wished to help lacked adequate plans for development and for specific projects. This was a serious matter in the alliance for progress, for example, where the U.S. had appropriated \$600 million but potential recipients could not come up with enough well thought out projects on which to spend it.

The Vice President stressed President Kennedy's remark recently that the important thing was not how much money- we would find what was necessary- but how to spend it. The big thing was to find the most effective way to use our resources. We had no trouble in getting an extra billion dollars for space programs in the first few months of the Kennedy administration. But we didn't want to spend money foolishly. When the Congress voted \$400 million extra for bombers we didn't need, the administration refused to spend it.

The Shah indicated that he understood U.S. aid policies. Iran was grateful for U.S. help and support. Moreover, the Shah himself recognized why the U.S. couldn't continue to give forms of aid as defense support. He thought our withdrawal of such aid "perfectly proper", and had decided that Iran should not ask for it again in contrast, he noted, to what certain other countries like Greece were doing. The Vice President responded that it was difficult to see why countries like Greece, with rapidly growing economies should make such an issue of defense support.

However, the Shah continued, Iran did need continued aid for its development programs. Sometime the United States seemed too slow in



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responding to Iranian requests. The Vice President asked what projects the U.S. was now considering. Ambassador Holmes and Mr. Komer mentioned several projects (e.g., the Bandar Abbas Port development, the Kozman Coal Survey, the National Electric Survey, several road projects) totalling some \$40 million. One of the difficulties was that of getting adequately worked out project statements from the Iranian Government. The Vice President stressed the importance of planning ahead. Even in the U.S. we were repeatedly victims of poor planning. When President Roosevelt came into office in 1933 and wanted to overcome our depression he found that there were totally inadequate plans to do so. Today, as well, we were behind in our planning for enough schools, housing for low income families, medical care for our aged.

The Shah raised Iran's desire to build a pipeline from the new oil field at Qum to Tehran, and to put in a small refinery to meet the growing need for cheap fuels. The Germans and French together had offered to finance this project but on every steep commercial credit terms with quick repayment and high interest rates. Why couldn't the U.S. help on this project, or at least get the French and Germans to offer better terms? It was explained that we were constantly pressing our European Allies, in the OECD and elsewhere, to liberalize their credit terms. Where feasible, moreover, we preferred to reserve our aid for projects that could not be easily financed otherwise.

The discussion turned to Iran's desire for greater oil revenues, as the Shah put it, he could not understand why Iran's share could not be increased at least 10 percent, especially because all of Iran's revenues were being used for development purposes, whereas Kuwait for example already had 500 million pounds sterling banked in London. The Vice President pointed out that Iran's off-take was up nine percent over last year. Ambassador Holmes added that Kuwait oil was about three cents a barrel cheaper. He and the Shah agreed that the new Kharg Island refinery should help reduce the cost of Iranian oil. Both the Vice President and the Ambassador emphasized that we had talked to the U.S. oil companies since we had promised the Shah we would do so during his visit last April, and had had a generally favorable response.

In discussing his frustrations in attempting to achieve reforms, the Shah

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said that if he ever thought he could not serve his people he would leave Iran. He got nothing in any material way from all of his activities. Often he felt that he should retire and go someplace like Florida to live. The Vice President responded that after thirty years of public service (there were only nine men with longer service in the Congress,) he too occasionally felt like going back to Texas. But each time he did so, he couldn't stay away long from Washington. The same thing kept him in public life that kept the Shah there-- a deep sense of public duty. The Vice President was certain that the Shah could not and would not leave. He must stand by his people, who needed him.

The Shah raised in general terms the subject of Iran's security needs, without making any specific requests whatsoever. He described Iran's key geographic location as the hub of the entire area between the Mediterranean and India. If the Soviets got control of Iran and its warm water ports, they would be only three days sail from Africa. The U.S. could not afford to let Iran become an area of weakness.

Therefore the Shah hoped that U.S. would decide shortly on its new military program.

The Vice President responded that he was not a military man like the Shah, so would not attempt to discuss military matters. However, he knew that U.S. power, which was being greatly strengthened by the Kennedy administration, was sufficient to stop Khrushchev from any rash adventures. As to cuts in the size of the Iranian force, he recalled that the U.S. itself was just demobilizing two divisions, including one from Texas, so the boys could get back to work.

The Shah expressed his confidence in overall U.S. strength, but mentioned the problems created by Soviet arms supplies to neighboring Iraq and Afghanistan. He detailed the numbers of jet fighters and bombers these countries possessed; Iran needed enough strength to meet these threats without calling on U.S. assistance. Kasmir in Iraq was capable of anything; at a time when he couldn't even control his own country, and "was afraid to go out of his own house in Baghdad", he was getting in a scrape with the Turks. The Afghans too were coming under increasing Soviet influence. They were sending 100 cadets a year to the U.S.S.R.; in time these could become a real subversive influence. Nasser, too,



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was a problem. What's he going to do with a billion dollars worth of Soviet arms, especially when Egypt was under such population pressure? The High Aswan Dam when completed would only help feed the increase in Egypt's population up to that point.

Reiterating that he was not a military man, the Vice President shifted the discussion to the way the Army could be used for peaceful purposes too. He mentioned our experience with the COC in the thirties as a means of getting unemployed youth off the streets and into constructive work. The Shah agreed that much could be done along these lines and added that he wanted the Iranian Army to develop labor battalions for this purpose. They could be of great help in building roads, schools, etc. Telling the Shah how he had encouraged Prime Minister Alam to ask for more Peace Corps technicians if needed, the Vice President emphasized their value in a situation like that of Iran. He was sure that Mr. Shriver would be happy to look favorably on any new Iranian request.

In parting, the Vice President again assured the Shah of the deep and lasting US interest in Iran, of our strong desire to help in Iran's development program, and of our conviction that if Iran moved fast enough under the Shah's progressive leadership it would become the strong and stable influence in the area the Shah wished it to be. The Vice President stressed that the US and the free world were on the move. We were confident about the future and didn't think the Soviets were going to beat us. Mr. Komer added that at the same time the Soviets were having considerable trouble, as with China.

The Vice President cordially invited the Shah to come to his ranch in Texas the next time he was in the U.S. The Shah expressed his great appreciation for the Vice President's visit and his regret that the Vice President couldn't stay longer in Iran. End Memo.

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Following is memo conversation prepared by Bowling and cleared with Ambassador but not repeat not with Vice President. Participants were Vice President, Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, Ambassador, Komar, Bowling.

Following a few minutes of press photography and introductions, the Vice President told the Prime Minister of the pleasure he felt over his stay in Iran and the evidence of sincere friendship which he had encountered. He said that the United States knows its friends, that Iran is among them, and that the United States remains determined to support Iran's independence and national integrity.

The Prime Minister, after apologizing for his poor English, made the following points:

A. Iran and the United States are the best of friends. There are no serious misunderstandings between the two countries. Any misunderstandings which have occurred in the past or may occur in the future have been and will be susceptible to adjustment through frank interchanges of views. He therefore, wished to continue this tradition by speaking frankly to the Vice President.

B. Iranians are a peculiar people. Their character is personified by an excessive cynicism and emotionalism. They do not even share the general characteristics of Muslim peoples, Shiism having been "invented in order to get rid of the Arabs". Iranians are therefore extremely sensitive. Specifically, they attach great weight to the opinions and attitudes displayed by the press in friendly countries such as the United States. These opinions have wide repercussions in Iran. Similarly, Iranians through bitter experience are constantly concerned lest their independence or vital interests be sacrificed in the course of a big-power rapprochement. They become unsure of their positions during such events as the Kennedy-Khrushchev talks in Vienna.

C. The Prime Minister intends to follow an internal political policy

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marked by absolute frankness by the government toward the people. If the Iranian people know the facts, they can be depended upon to support wise policies. For example, he intends this year to completely eliminate the indirect government subsidy on the internal marketing of petroleum products by NIOC, and he is certain that this action will be accepted by the people.

D. The Prime Minister also intends to be as gentle as possible toward the rather ineffective internal political opposition. For example, persons under detention as a result of non-Communist opposition activities either have been or soon will be released from prison. While he intends to use the government's "fingers, not its fists", he will nevertheless not hesitate to adopt as strong measures as may be necessary if Iran's national security is threatened.

E. The prime importance of the Shah to Iran is an axiom of Iranian political life and is recognized by all. Even Mosadeq, when the Shah left the country in 1953, was unmoved and wanted the Shah to return. The anti-Shah statements made by Foreign Minister Fatahi at that time were without Mosadeq's knowledge or approval.

F. Iran must have an adequate military establishment if it is to maintain its independence. Iran must depend on the West to take care of hostile military action by the USSR, and Iran is completely confident and without worries in this score. Nevertheless, in view of the confused and dangerous situation in Iraq and problems implicit in the Kurdish rebellion there, and in view of Afghanistan's dangerous policy of dependence on the USSR, the Iranian military must be capable of handling problems arising from adverse developments in either of these countries. We read foreign press criticism to the effect that Iran squanders its money for military purposes. We feel that such criticism is uninformed, despite the cutoff of US defense support, we have held the increase in our military budget this year to a bare minimum. It is noteworthy that the Iranian Armed Forces, unlike those of several of Iran's neighbors, have not occupied themselves with coup-making or dabbling in internal politics.

G. Our foreign policy is civil. We seek peace, we intend to respect our commitment, and we trust our friends and allies. We are always willing to attempt to improve our relations with our northern neighbor within this framework. Fortunately, we know quite well that the new ingratiating posture of the USSR in the past few weeks has been accompanied by renewed Soviet efforts to establish centers of subversion in Iran. We recognize this Soviet attitude for what it really is.

The Vice President, in reply, made the following points:

A. Iran should not misinterpret US diplomatic negotiations with the USSR or high level US-USSR talks. The US will under no circumstances participate in the liquidation of freedom anywhere in the world, and will under no circumstances



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abandon its friends. The US has the military power to deter aggression and intends to keep that power.

B. It is important that the US and Iran are like members of a family who can talk out differences sincerely and frankly. This attitude should continue to mark our relations.

C. The Shah's interest in utilizing military battalions for civic action seems very promising. Such units could be of military value despite an abbreviated training program, and could also be of great value in the battle against poverty and backwardness. The size and equipment of the Iranian Armed Forces in terms of adequacy for Iran's needs can best be decided by Iranian and American military experts, and a discussion here of these technical matters would be of little value to any of us.

D. The US is confident it can contain Communism on the military front. But is aware that Khrushchev's main hope now is for a failure on the part of free men to provide for the crying needs of billions of hungry and deprived people for a better life. If their needs are not met by a peaceful and progressive revolution, they will be met by a violent revolution, to Khrushchev's benefit. People will not wait outside the gates forever looking through the bars at a better life within. All over the world little Khrushchev's and little Hitler's are trying to persuade them to storm the gates.

E. It is disappointing to learn that Iran is unable to tap available development lending because it is unable to prepare sound and detailed plans for its development program and projects. This planning function is essential for forward progress. Even in the US in my own state, we need better planning of local development and improvement projects.

F. Our Peace Corps is a very promising avenue for improvement in the ground-level planning and execution of development projects. Peace Corps volunteers are soldiers in the battle against poverty all over the world. I believe that Mr. Shriver would be happy to receive a letter from you which I can take which will set forth your needs for experts along these lines.

The meeting concluded after another exchange of greetings and best wishes. End memo.

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Vice President's visit to Iran unqualified success. In his public appearances and private conversations he put across image of world statesman who had come to Iran to assure GOI and Iranian people of enduring friendship and support of US and compassionate concern of Vice President and American people for lot of common man in this underdeveloped country.

Vice President impressed upon Shah and GOI that US has both great strength and determination to use it if necessary. He also made clear to leaders and to Shah himself criteria of US aid policies. He impressed again and again need for good planning on part of Iranians. In talks with GOI he kept focus of conversations on economic rather than military assistance and made plain that our resources for these purposes were not unlimited. On other hand he expressed general recognition -- saying he was not military man -- requirement for balance between economic and military strength. Vice President included following two sentences in departure statement: "Nor do we intend to neglect Iran's legitimate defense needs. Our new comprehensive and effective military aid proposals will be presented to the Iranian government shortly." The Vice President's handling of this subject was such as to presage a good beginning of the negotiations with the Shah on military aid and the size of his armed forces.

GOI was obviously comforted by reassurance of US commitment to Iran's defense personified by Vice President's coming to this country. They got the unmistakable message from the Vice President, however, that our common planning for Iran's economic and military development must henceforth be carried out in a more businesslike manner; GOI could not escape fact that Iranians had much work to do to hold up their side of task.

Vice President's public appearances, especially his mingling with man on street, showed to throngs of Tehran citizens and outlying village a man who likes people, who is democratic, and who has a deepfelt conviction that hopes

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and fears of underprivileged millions must be taken into account at highest level of government.

The Prime Minister and other GOI officials who witnessed enthusiastic response of the population appeared to be at first startled and then came to be impressed by Vice President's man-to-man techniques in meeting population, somewhat awed and, let us hope, equally inspired by implications of such a technique. The lasting effect on these leaders can only be judged by future events. The Prime Minister seemed to enjoy his day with the common people in company of Vice President as they rubbed shoulders with countless thousands. His motives joining Vice President were probably a mixture of courtesy and hope some of crowd's enthusiasm would rub off on him. Aram kept his head in an unfamiliar situation and improvised responses to spontaneous petitions and approaches, which might easily have unnerved many of his GOI colleagues.

Initial reaction of Tehran "elite" at this point seems to be one of uneasy bemusement at Vice President's public appearance techniques. Lower classes on the other hand have experienced real exhilaration at attention paid to them by such a distinguished visitor.

Finally, I should add that visit was timely in squelching rumors, originally started by Amini's resignation-day statement to effect US had suddenly cut off aid to Iran. Prime Minister told me this morning that he had just seen Shah, that both had expressed their pleasure over "wonderful" visit, and that they hoped Vice President was equally pleased.

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Following text Vice President's departure statement from  
Tehran, August 26.

Mr. Prime Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen. We shall never  
forget this visit. We have been overwhelmed by the warm and  
gracious welcome given to us everywhere we have gone -- from the  
palace of your distinguished ruler to the streets of your cities  
and villages.

We of the United States know that a free Iran is vital to  
freedom everywhere, and that as long as freedom stands, Iran's  
independence and Iran's control over its own destiny will not be  
compromised. We shall walk beside you toward the new horizons  
of human dignity. Let me assure you that as long as you walk  
this road, you'll never walk alone.

Our talks in Iran have been fruitful beyond our expectations.

We have re-examined and reaffirmed our unity of purpose as  
we seek to maintain the independence and territorial integrity  
of free nations.

We comprehend the depth of Iran's devotion to its own  
institutions, its own national spirit, its own freedom of choice.

And we are sure that the leaders of this valiant nation can  
have no doubt of the fidelity of our devotion <sup>to</sup> Iran's cause.

We realize the extent to which our views and those of ~~many~~  
~~many~~ your farsighted leaders are parallel. We all agree on  
the necessity for programs of responsible change. We all have  
seen that the status quo alone provides no real safeguard for  
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freedom.

We have discussed areas of possible United States assistance to Iran in a variety of fields such as education, public health and transportation.

~~REXX~~ QUOTE why this assistance? UNQUOTE some may ask. Because, as President Kennedy said in his Inaugural Address: QUOTE To those peoples ....of half the globe, struggling to break the bonds of mass misery, we pledge our best efforts to help them help themselves, for whatever period is required -- not because the communists may be doing it, not because we seek their votes, but because it is right. If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich UNQUOTE.

Nor do we intend to neglect Iran's legitimate defense needs. Our new comprehensive and effective military aid proposals will be presented to the Iranian government shortly.

Last night your Prime Minister reminded me of the transcendent devotion to humanity of Howard W. Skerville, who died for all of us that bright spring morning in Tabriz in 1909. I promise that we will keep the vision of his sacrifice before us as a beacon to our actions in the years ahead. And I trust, sons and daughters of Rostam, that you too will keep his memory bright.

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1. Vice President Johnson and party landed Nsomboga 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 began thicken. Car stopped many times for VP shake hands and talk with those along side and about six or seven 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

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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 VP's car. In ULUS, old part Ankara, and downtown section around VP's hotel (BALIK) crowds were composed largely of distinctly younger ~~than~~ people.

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~~~~~ 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 Pono, asserted "Now I understand how your politicians reach the people. This is a very important lesson for Turkey."

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Following is verbatim text of Vice President's toast at President Gursel's luncheon August 27.

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 fifteen 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~~ 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/all the Turkish people. We welcome the interest  
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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.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

TOAST, PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER  
ANKARA, TURKEY

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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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 throng 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 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 anthems 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 were his visits and treats to children in slum areas. His advise 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.

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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 do not mean change in its commitments to her allies.

After VP's departure and while walking to his car (small back Opel) Prime Minister told reporters clustering around him, "Vice President's visit to our country has been very successful. 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 (?) 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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1. FOLLOWING IS RECORD OF CONVERSTAIION BETWEEN VP AND PRESIDENT GURSEL IN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, ANKARA, ON AUGUST 27. ALSO PRESENT WERE FONMIN ERKIN, AMBASSADOR HARE, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOURTH EPARTMENT, HAMIT BATU, ROBERT KOMER, WHITE HOUSE STAFK, AVWL CONSUL ASHFORD, ADANA.

GURSEL OPENED CONVERSATION BY EXTENDING HIS WELCOME TO VP, ADDING HE HOPED HIS TRIP WOULD BE HAPPY AND USEFUL ONE. ASSERTED THAT VP'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT WAS SOURCE GREAT PLEASURE TO HIM AND WANTED EXPRESS HIS OWN SPECIAL THANKS FOR IT. SAID US -- TURKEY RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT AND CONTINUE WITH EVER GREATER DEGREE OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. WANTED VP KNOW TURKEY WILL BE FAITHFUL TO HER OBLIGATIONS AND WILL DO WHAT IS NECESSARY, AND THAT HE AND TURKISH PEOPLE EXPRESS THANKS FOR AID GIVEN THEM.

WHILE FONMIN AND OTHER OFFICIALS WOULD BRING OUT OTHER POINTS, GURSEL CONTINUED, THERE WERE FEW POINTS WHICH HE WISHED RAISE HIMSELF. FIRST OF ALL, CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM FOR SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT TO TURK ARMED FORCES HAVE MOVED SLOWLY. TURKISH AIR FORCE HAS OLD PLANES AND NEEDS MORE MODERN EQUIPMENT; THE SUPPLY D SPARE PARTS INVENTORY HAS BEEN SLOW AND SITUATION HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED BY FACT IRAQ AND SYRIA HAVE SOVIET-MADE AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE FASTER AND BETTER THAN THOSE POSSESSED BY TURKEY. VP RESPONDED SAYING HE WISHED COMPLIMENT TURKISH ABIL TY USE OLD "INFERIOR" B AIRCRAFT TO MANAGE SHOOT DOWN MORE "MODERN SOVIET-MADE AIRCRAFT. GURSEL LAUGHED HEARTILY, SAID SITUATION NOT TYPICAL ND WENT ON RELATE CIRCUMSTANCE OF TURKISH FIGHTER SURPRISING IRAQI CRAFT FROM ABOVE, CATCHING LATTER COMPLETELY UNAWARES.

GURSEL NOTED THAT TURKISH AIR FORCE PERSONNEL ARE TRAINED AND READY TO USE NEW EQUIPMENT IF IT MADE AVAILABLE, AS ARE MEMBERS OF TURKEY'S LAND FORCE AND NAVY. NONETHELESS HE WANTED ASSURE VP THAT WHATEVER THE SITUATION, TURKEY IS PREPARED FIGHT WITH WHATEVER IT HAS. HE WANTED EMPHASIZE THAT MUCH OF FOREGOING MAY NOT BE US GOVERNMENT'S FAULT BUT RATHER HAS STEMMED FROM WAY IN WHICH AID HAS BEEN EXTENDED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. HOWEVER, IN TERMS COUNTRY'S NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS, UNFORESEEN EVENTS DO NOT FORECAST THEMSELVES. MOREOVER, AS NATION, TURKEY IS MAKING NEW JUMP FORWARD IN SEARCH FGR BETTER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

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LIFE. TURKISH CITIZENS MUST GIVE MUCH TO MEET MILITARY COSTS AND THIS THEY DO GLADLY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY MUST SAVE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. DESPITE ALL THIS, TURKISH PEOPLE LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE. TURKISH PEOPLE AND THEIR MORAL STRENGTH REMAIN SOLID AS A ROCK. SUMMEDUP BY SAYING HE HOPED VP WOULD NOT THINK FOREGOING REMARKS UNSEEMLY.

VP IN REPLY SAID THAT IT QUITE PROPER FOR PRESIDENT DISCUSS THISWITH HIM AND BRING FORWARD ANY OTHER PROBLEMS HE MIGHT HAVE ON HIS MIND. GURSEL SAID MOST PRESSING PROBLEM WOULD SEEM BE MODERNIZATION OF TURKISH MILITARY EFFORT. COMMENTED AS AN EXAMPLE AMERICAN SPECIALISTS HAVE REPEATEDLY NOTED TURKISH AIRCRAFT WERE BEYOND USE, NEVERTHELESS HAVE EXTENDED PERIOD OF SERVICE SUCH AIRCRAFT. ADDED AT THIS POINT HE WANTED EMPHASIZE TURKEY IS ENTERING NEW ERA OF PLANNING.

IN RESPONSE, VP SAID HE FOUND TURKEY A PROUD COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE HAVE RIGHT BE PROUD OF IT. TURKEY HAS NEVER WAIVERED, NEVER FALTERED UNDER GREAT PRESSURE.//40/42222/2+3/1424/2/

VP ADDED THAT FROM DISPUTES IN UN TO BATTLEFIELDS KOREA, TURKEY HAS, TOGETHER WITH U.S., NOT HESITATED OR FALTERED. SAID HE WANTED REITERATE THAT US RESPECTS ITS OBLIGATIONS TO ITS FRIENDS, THAT WE KNOW TURKS AS WELL AS OURSELVES WILL ALWAYS HONOR OUR OBLIGATIONS. THE US WANTS SEE TURKEY MOVE FORWARD IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FIELD. WE ALSO CONGRATULATE TURKEY ON RESUMPTION PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT.

VP WENT ON SAY THAT DEFICIENCIES IN MODERNIZATION OF MILITARY COULD BE EXPLAINED BY A FEW POINTS. FIRST, NO MILITARY MAN IS EVER SATISFIED WITH NEWNESS OF HIS EQUIPMENT AND MOST EQUIPMENT IS OLD BY TIME IT IS DELIVERED. SINCE WW II THE US HAS HAD BORROW EXTENSIVELY OVER AND ABOVE TAX REVENUE TO HELP OTHERS IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FIELDS. WE HAVE ALSO HAD ADVANCE OUR OWN DEBT LIMIT TO ABOUT \$300 BILLION. ADDED WE STILL DO NOT HAVE THE MOST MODERN HAVY BOMBERS THAT SOME MILITARY LEADERS SAY ARE NEEDED. TO FINANCE ALL OUR EFFORTS NEW TAX BILL IS BEFORE THE CONGRESS NOW AND THERE ARE PLANS INTRODUCE A SECOND ONE IN JANUARY.

IN ANSWER TO VP'S QUERY AS TO APPROXIMATE AMOUNT TURKISH BUDGET GOING FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT, GURSEL THOUGHT MILITARY BUDGET CLAIMED 30 TO 35 PERCENT OF TOTAL. VP SAID DEBATE ON MILITARY EQUIPMNT WOULD BE HELD IN CONGRESS THIS WEEK WHICH MIGHT PRODUCE BETWEEN \$150-175 MILLION MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY NEXT FISCAL YEAR. GURSEL INTERJECTED THAT TURKEY ITSELF HOPES ADD TO ITS TAX REVENUES BY AS MUCH AS TL 1.5 BILLION (ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT US \$167 MILLION) WITH NEW TAX PROGRAM.

VP SAID US WAS UNABLE RESPOND SHAH'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MODERN AIRCRAFT, BUT US PLANS DELIVER TWO SQUADRONS F-104 G AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS 25,000 M-1 RIFLES TO TURKEY. PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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HAD ASKED HIM SAY THAT US WAS IMPRESSED WITH TURKISH FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND HOPED IT WOULD SMON BE IMPLEMENTED. SAID WE ALSO HAVE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE \$33 MILLION LOAN FOR ETIBANK FOR MULT - PURPOSE DAM PROJECT NORTHEASTERN TURKEY (KEBAN). IN SUMMARY WE HAVE TENTATIVELY PROJECTED FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IN NEIGHBORHOOD \$185 MILLION IN MILITARY AID; \$140 MILLION IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE; AND DEFENSE SUPPORT OF \$50-60 MILLION. SOME MEMBERS CONGRESS ARE SEEKING CUT FOREIGN AID BY AS MUCH AS 25 PERCENT, BUT PRESIDENT AND HE FEEL STRONGLY NEED DEFEND FOREIGN AID PROGRAM AGAINST OUTSIDE PRESSURES AND WILL PERSEVERE IN MOVING IT FORWARD. ADDED WE HAVE SPENT THIS YEAR ADDITIONAL \$1 BILLION ON OUR SPACE PROGRAM OVER PREVIOUS ESTIMATES. THIS WILL GIVE US BY 1964 A MOST POWERFUL SPACE ROCKET, WHICH WILL ENABLE US MOVE RAPIDLY FORWARD. VP SAID THIS PROPULSION EFFORT WOULD ENHANCE SECURITY NOT ONLY OF US BUT TURKEY AND OTHER ALLIES. HOWEVER, NOTHING PUBLIC IS BEING SAID ON THIS SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

GURSEL REITERATED HIS THANKS FOR VP'S KIND REMARKS AS VP MOVED TAKE HIS LEAVE.

2. FOLLOWING IS RECORD OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIMIN INONU IN LATTER'S OFFICE AUGUST 27. ALSO PRESENT WERE FONMIN ERKIN, AMBASSADOR HARE, ASST. SECRETARY ROWAN, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL EREZ, KOMER AND ASHFORD.

VP VOICED HIS HAPPINESS AT BEING IN TURKEY, AND GREAT PLEASURE WHICH VISIT HAD AFFORDED HIM. SAID HE HAD JUST BEEN IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GURSEL IN WHICH GURSEL HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SLOWNESS MODERNIZATION TURKISH ARMED FORCES.

VP OBSERVED THAT EVEN IN US, MILITARY CANNOT GET ALL THINGS IT FEELS IT NEEDS. AWARE THERE IS CONCERN IN TURKEY OVER TYPE AIRCRAFT POSSESSED BY TURKEY AS AGAINST THOSE WHICH IRAQ HAS RECEIVED FROM USSR. NOTEWORTHY, HOWEVER, THAT MODERN IRAQI PLANE HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY WHAT TURKS DESCRIBE AS OLD AMERICAN SUPPLIED AIRCRAFT, SHOWING WHAT GREAT FIGHTERS TURKS ARE.

VP SAID OUR PRESENT MILITARY ASSISTANCE PLANS, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN MORE DETAIL LATER, PROVIDE FOR DELIVERY TWO SQUADRONS F-104 G'S TO TURKEY. PRIMIN ASKED WHEN THESE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE DELIVERED.

VP REPLIED US OFFICIALS WOULD BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT DETAILS LATER. FOREIGN AID BILL ITSELF IS STILL UNDER DEBATE IN CONGRESS; TURKEY WOULD ALSO RECEIVE 225,000 M-1 RIFLES.

VP NOTED THESE ARE DIFFICULT YEARS FOR U.S. GNP AND GOVERNMENT REVENUES HAVE BEEN LESS THAN WERE ANTICIPATED. NATION DEBT LIMIT MUST BE RAISED BY STATUTE FROM \$300 BILLION TO \$308 BILLION. THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE DEFICIT THIS YEAR AND NEXT. NEW TAX MEASURE WILL BE ACTED ON IN CONGRESS THIS WEEK, AND PRESIDENT WILL

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SEND BROAD TAX REFORM MEASURE TO CONGRESS IN JANUARY. WE MUST SPEND IN AREA OF \$60 BILLION IN COMING YEAR FOR MILITARY AND SPACE PROGRAMS. WE ALSO HAVE COMMITMENTS TO PROVIDE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS FORMS, ECONOMIC, MILITARY, OR DEFENSE SUPPORT IN A FEW INSTANCES.

SINCE WORLD WAR II WE HAVE ALREADY SPENT MORE THAN \$80 BILLION IN VARIOUS FOREIGN PROGRAMS. WE HAD POLITICAL PROBLEM MUCH LIKE ONE THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD FACE IF HE WISHED TO MAKE LARGE TURKISH GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE IN SOME FAR AWAY PLACE LIKE TEXAS.

IN NO ONE WITH WHOM WE WORK DO WE HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE THAN WE HAVE IN TURKISH PEOPLE. VP SAID HE WAS PROUD OF POSITION HE TOOK AS YOUNG CONGRESSMAN ON GREEK-TURKISH AID 15 YEARS AGO WHEN FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT WALLACE WAS OPPOSING. HIS PHILOSOPHY WAS THAT IF YOU ALLOW A BULLY TO FORCE YOU OFF THE STREET AND MAKE YOU GO HOME DOWN AN ALLEY, HE WILL COME UP THE NEXT DAY AND KICK YOU OFF YOUR FRONT PORCH. WE VERY PROUD OF PERFORMANCE OF TURKISH PEOPLE. SINCE PASSAGE OF ORIGINAL FOREIGN AID BILL, WE HAVE PUT ALMOST \$4 BILLION INTO AID TO TURKEY. THIS IS ALMOST AS MUCH AS TOTAL ANNUAL FEDERAL BUDGET WHEN VP FIRST CAME TO WASHINGTON. TIMES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN; IN FY '63 WE ARE TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO PROVIDE TURKEY IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$185 MILLION IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND \$140 TO \$150 IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AS WELL AND \$50 TO \$60 MILLION IN DEFENSE SUPPORT. ALL INFORMATION ON PROJECTED LEVELS OF AID FOR TURKEY IS HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AND SHOULD IT BECOME KNOWN IN OTHER COUNTRIES EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE DOING IN TURKEY, THERE COULD BE UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES. THESE FIGURES HAVE BEEN CITED TO INDICATE OUR GREAT CONFIDENCE AND INTEREST IN TURKEY. "THEY ARE NOT JUST CONVERSATION; WE PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS."

VP CONCLUDED BY ASKING PRIME MINISTER FOR ANY THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN BACK TO WASHINGTON BUT AT THIS POINT THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED HIS INTERPRETER TO TAKE NOTES ON THE AID FIGURES MENTIONED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT).

VP REPEATED FIGURES AND ADDED THAT US HAD APPROVED \$33 MILLION DOLLAR DEVELOPMENT LOAN TO ETIBANK FOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC DAM PROJECT, THOUGH WE DID NOT WANT TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOAN AT THIS TIME. MOREOVER ALL PROJECTED AID FIGURES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY CONGRESS. THESE FIGURES REPRESENTED OUR THINKING AT TIME AID REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS, AND AMOUNT PROJECTED FOR TURKEY IS ABOUT \$400 MILLION. THIS INFORMATION EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL. WITH REGARD DEVELOPMENT LOANS, CASH FLOW MAY VARY FROM YEAR TO YEAR DEPENDING ON MANY FACTORS, BUT THIS INDICATES RANGE OF OUR THINKING. DYNRSRDSVDVDFJKUFUCC US AID TO TURKEY DOES NOT CONSTITUTE COMMITMENT. WE ARE SAYING TO IRAN, GREECE AND TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES THAT WE CANNOT GIVE THEM DEFENSE SUPPORT, BUT WE ARE NOT SAYING THIS

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TO TURKEY.

PRIMIN INONU SAID VP HAD BROUGHT TO TURKEY AN ATMOSPHERE OF SECURITY. FACT THAT GREETINGS OF FRIENDSHIP FROM PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD BEEN BROUGHT BY SUCH A DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE CONSTITUTE CAUSE GREAT HAPPINESS FOR ALL TURKISH PEOPLE. VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS SHOW US IF FOLLOWING TURKEY'S PROBLEMS CLOSELY. AFTER PASSING THROUGH SEVERE CRISIS, TURKEY HAS REACHED SOLID DECISION TO ADOPT DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND STICK WITH IT. VP KNEW THAT OTHER COUNTRIES PASSING THROUGH SIMILAR CRISES WERE UNABLE RECOVER IN SUCH SHORT TIME. RESULTS OF PAST YEAR ARE VERY PROMISING.

A SECOND PROBLEM OCCUPYING TURKEY, SAID PRIME MINISTER, IS INSTITUTION OF PLANNED DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR A YEAR TO SECURE THE AGREEMENT AMONG OUR FRIENDS WHICH IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PLANS WILL REQUIRE. WE HAVE FOUND US A HELPFUL FRIEND IN THESE MATTERS IN NATO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. SECURING THE REQUIRED LEGISLATION IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENT PLANS IS NOT EASY; JUST THIS MORNING HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH HIS COLLEAGUES AND HAD TALKED TO PRESIDENT GURSEL ABOUT IT.

PRIME MINISTER INONU SAID PRESIDENT GURSEL WAS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENCE OF SO DISTINGUISHED A VISITOR TO EXPLAIN TURKEY'S MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. THEY HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THESE REQUIREMENTS SEVERAL TIMES WITH DISTINGUISHED MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES AND WITH AMBASSADOR HARE. THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING. THEY ARE ASKING SEVERAL THINGS FROM U.S; AND US IS DOING ITS BEST TO MEET THESE DEMANDS. OF COURSE, US IS TRYING TO MEET DEMANDS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND HAS HEARD EACH ONE CLAIM THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS.

PRIMIN SAID HE HAD ONE SPECIFIC POINT TO MAKE IN THIS CONNECTION, WHICH IS NECESSITY OF ACCELERATING DELIVERY OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO TURKEY. IN CURRENT ATTITUDES OF IRAQ HE PERCEIVED A DANGEROUS SITUATION WHICH ORIGINATED WITH THE IDEAS OF THE IRAQI HEAD OF STATE. NATO DEFENSE IS A BIG PROBLEM, CONCERNING AGGRESSION BY MAJOR POWERS, AND WITH THE EXTENSIVE PLANNING REQUIRED LEFT IN HANDS OF NATO COMMANDER. THE AREA OF IRAQ, HOWEVER, IS THEORETICALLY OUT OF NATO, AND IRAQ IS ENGAGED IN ARMS RACE WITH TURKEY AS CONCERNS MILITARY AIRCRAFT. THEY HAVE DONE WELL IN FIRST LAV OF THIS RACE. IT SHOULD BE EXPECTED THAT TURKEY'S SMALL NEIGHBORS MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SMALL INCIDENTS WHICH AFFECT ADVERSELY THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH TURKEY. WE HAVE PLANS FOR MODERNIZING OUR ARMED FORCES, AND SOME MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THESE PLANS, HOWEVER, WE BADLY NEED ACCELERATION OF DELIVERIES TO PROVIDE OUR REQUIREMENTS IN MILITARY AIRCRAFT. WE TOUCHED BY VP'S APPRECIATION OF SKILL OF OUR ARMED FORCES, BUT STRENGTH OF OUR MILITARY AVIATION IS CLOSELY TIED TO QUALITY OF OUR EQUIPMENT. ACCELERATION OF DELIVERY OF M-1 RIFLES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND WE EXPECT THE TWO SQUADRONS OF F 104 G-S TO ARRIVE AS SOON

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AS POSSIBLE. IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE ADD ANOTHER SQUADRON THESE AIRCRAFT.

WITH REGARD TO ECONOMIC PLAN, PRIMIN INONU SAID SITUATION HAS NOT MATURED SUFFICIENTLY TO EXPLAIN LATEST DEVELOPMENTS EVEN TO AMBASSADOR HARE. GOT BELIEVES STRONGLY, HOWEVER, THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PLANS WILL REQUIRE CLOSEST INTEREST AND PROBABLY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE ON PART OF US. ONE OF RESULTS OF OUR DETERMINATION TO ADOPT A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM FOLLOWING REVOLUTION IS THAT OUR SOCIAL PROBLEMS HAVE BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AND MORE HEATED, AND SUCCESS OF OUR SYSTEM WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR DEVELOPMENT PLANS. WE FEEL OUR POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES WILL BE RESOLVED IF OUR PLANNED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS SUCCESSFUL.

PRIMIN INONU SAID U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS WERE BEST POSSIBLE. AMBASSADOR HARE BEING REGULARLY INFORMED OF OUR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLITICS. WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE. TWO COUNTRIES WITH MUTUAL DESTINIES REQUIRE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. VP'S VISIT HAS STRENGTHENED OUR CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA. EVERY WORD OF VP'S HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT TO US. WE REQUEST HIM TAKE BACK TO PRESIDENT WORD OF OUR CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP, OUR HEARTFELT GREETINGS, AND OUR WARMEST REGARDS. GRADUALLY, AS OUR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY PLANS ARE IMPLEMENTED, OUR POSITION WILL BE BETTER UNDERSTOOD. WE HOPE VICE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE WITH HIM PLEASANT MEMORIES OF TURKEY.

THE VP REPLIED THAT HE WOULD TAKE AWAY BEST OF MEMORIES, PARTICULARLY OF PRIMIN.

PRIMIN REMARKED HE WANTED FIND OUT FROM AMBASSADOR HARE JUST WHEN NEW AIRCRAFT WOULD ARRIVE. TURK MILITARY ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THESE AIRCRAFT.

VP SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE US MILITARY TALK TO AMBASSADOR HARE ABOUT IT. WE WILL HAVE PROBLEMS ON DELIVERY TIME BUT AMBASSADOR HARE WILL FIND OUT WHAT IS BEST THAT CAN BE DONE. SUCH AIRCRAFT ARE OF COURSE A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE ITEM. MY AUTHORITY TO CONVEY NEWS OF THEIR PROGRAMMING INDICATES IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO TURKEY.

IN SUBSEQUENT BRIEF PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER INONU AND FOREIGN MINISTER ERKIN, VP REEMPHASIZED THAT THE AID FIGURES HE HAD MENTIONED TO PRESIDENT AND PRIMIN SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS THOSE BEING CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND STILL SUBJECT TO CUTTING BY THE CONGRESS. HE CITED DIFFICULTIES THAT WE ARE HAVING WITH THE PASSMAN COMMITTEE, INDICATION IT MIGHT CUT AS MUCH AS \$900 MILLION FROM NEW AID APPROPRIATION. HE TOLD FORMIN ERKIN THAT, AS A FORMER TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, HE WOULD REMEMBER COMPLICATIONS OF OUR APPROPRIATIONS PROCEDURE AND AS A RESULT NO AID FIGURES COULD BE TAKEN AS FINAL.

FORMIN ERKIN SAID THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS PROBLEM.

MR. KOMER ADDED THAT VP HAD DELIBERATELY CHOSEN TO MENTION SPECIFIC AID PLANNING FIGURES FOR TURKEY IN FY \$63 AS UNPRECEDENTED

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MARK OF CONFIDENCE IN TURKISH GOVERNMENT. TURKISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT: (1) AS INDICATED BY VP, THESE ARE PLANNING FIGURES OF WHAT WE HOPE TO DO, NOT WHAT WE NECESSARILY COULD DO; (2) IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT THAT TURKS REGARD SUCH FIGURES AS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL; IF OTHER ALLIES BECAME AWARE OF HOW MUCH AID WE PLAN TO PROVIDE TURKEY AND WHICH WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO PROVIDE TO THESE OTHER COUNTRIES, IT COULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING FOR US.

FONMIN ERKIN ASSURED THOSE PRESENT THAT FULLSECURITY WOULD BE OBSERVED AND THAT TURKS WELL UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM SUCH PUBLICITY WOULD CREATE. MR. KOMER MENTIONED AGAIN TO FORMIN ERKIN AS VP WAS LEAVING THAT WE HAD REALLY LEVELED WITH TURKS AND THEY SHOULD REALIZE THAT OUR FINAL AID FIGURES MIGHT PERFORCE COME OUT SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY.

3. ABOVE MEMORANDA HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY VP AND AMBASSADOR HARE.

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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 EN ROUTE 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

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Following is verbatim text Vice President's arrival statement Izmir. However, it was actually delivered at

Governor's office and not at airport

QUOTE 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 thank you for ~~thank~~ 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.

QUOTE 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 fig and tobacco, raisins and cotton, your agricultural base is strong but it is symbolic of modern Turkey that the emphasis of Izmir Fair should be upon industrial products which can contribute so much furthering the developments and enrichment of Turkey ahead.

QUOTE We of the United States believe there is no limit on Turkey's future. We welcome determination of your government to move forward on programs which ~~it~~ will 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

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brighter for the Turkish people.

QUOTE We are able to think together and talk together of much 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.

QUOTE Americans are proud to be allied -- 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 other people of Izmir the warmest of greetings from your friends and allies, the people of the United States UNQUOTE

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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 US. Press reported Vice President's activities in detail and commented on unusual warmth and enthusiasm shown Vice President by people.

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Following is Vice President's (verbatim) arrival statement Istanbul. Due to the late hour it was not delivered but issued in <sup>FORM</sup> written form to the press

QUOTE Your ~~Exxe~~ Excellency, Citizens of Istanbul: We have arrived after dark -- but there is lightness in our hearts as we come to your ~~mxix~~ magnificent and historic city which is the sparkling buckle on the belt linking two great continents.

<sup>VISI</sup>QUOTE It is especially gratifying that we can make our ~~vitis~~ 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 to them the good wishes of the people of America.

QUOTE We of the United States feel a deep and abiding gratitude for Turkey's role in <sup>the</sup> 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.

QUOTE 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.

QUOTE It was here fifteen years ago that your people --

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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.

QUOTE 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.

QUOTE 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 UNQUOTE

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VP's arrival on first day <sup>21</sup> 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 visitor, expounded at some length on his 2½ 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 people help themselves achieve a

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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 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 oriented and dedicated. High point of VP's first day was trip to Istanbul's world famous covered ~~stat~~ 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 man 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 12,000

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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 enroute were climaxed by stop before Istanbul Technical University where VP questioned several students on their studies. One, Mustafa Dalmas, turned out be Turkey's only graduate meteorological engineer. He informed VP he was doing research on NATO fellowship, and hopes thereafter go to US for further study. VP told these young men that Turkey's 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 Mustafa 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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VP remained in suite for private lunch and dinner August 29. August 30 he also remained in his suite until departure for airport. At 2:45 PM, VP and Mrs. Johnson, Chief of Protocol and Ambassador and Mrs. HARE departed for airport and proceeded thereto without stops.

In farewell ceremony at airport Vice President expressed his appreciation for the Turkish hospitality during his visit and stated materalia "Fifteen years ago we 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 to stand together as allies under NATO and Friends together in all the endeavors of the free world.

"As your proud allies, we on 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. 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 corner stone 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 the decade of development."

Response by Governor AKI included farewell to "The Vice President of the United States, the great friend and ally of Turkey." He advised the Vice President "your assurance that the United States will consider an attack on Turkey as an aggression on the United States carries a deep meaning in the hearts of our nation."

In conclusion he asked the Vice President to "please convey from Istanbul our heartfelt greetings and affection to the noble American nation and

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its distinguished President Kennedy, In your person, on behalf of our province, I greet the great American nation."

The VP and Mrs. Johnson, after saying goodbye to Turkish and American representatives proceeded to their plane which took off for Nicosia at 15:42.

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Following is verbatim text of Vice President's departure statement,  
Istanbul, August 30.

Quote 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 welcome 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  
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United States. We want peace. Because of the growing strength and capabilities of the free World, we expect peace with sizing 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~~ 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 ~~movement~~ 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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From Ambassador Hare in Istanbul

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. 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 but created much good feeling. The role played here and in other activities by Mrs. Johnson was also important.

Secondly 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

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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 were made to evaluate the Turkish reaction to this approach I believe it would be scorching 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 of democracy were seriously intended. I believe that this combination of encouragement and admonition hit just the right note at this particular time.

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 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.

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In sum, I believe that the Vice President made a fine contribution, both conventional and unconventional, to Turco-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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