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

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Mr. Vice President, Mr. Ambassador, Friends of Cyprus:

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are looking forward with great pleasure to our visit with you and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the hospitality that you have extended to us today.

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Vice President Johnson's arrival Nicosia resounding success. Airport ceremony reflected careful preparation by GOC and sincerity their wish give VP very best they know how.

Drive along flag-lined route from airport to hotel produced crowds of remarkable size and enthusiasm. Can be compared only with response and excitement of crowds that welcomed return of Archbishop Makarios and his EOKA fighters. For first time Cypriot flag in evidence in contrast to usual display of Turkish or Greek flags on special occasions. Driving down road strewn with laurel branches in accordance with Cypriot custom dating from biblical times, VP was showered with jasmine and other petals, was on many occasions presented large, beautiful bouquets by girls in colorful village attire. VP was welcomed with genuine warmth and enthusiasm. Touched by this, VP got out of car five times, conveying greetings to and shaking hands of increasingly large crowds of Cypriots shouting him a welcome and thanks for American interest. He penetrated into crowds at roadside repeatedly to contact those toward center and rear, and he walked most of last one-third mile to hotel, repeatedly expressing his and Mrs. Johnson's thanks for warmth of welcome and reiterating closeness of US-Cypriot friendship.

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Following is summary of conversation between Vice President and Makarios at Government House 6:45 p.m. August 30. Memorandum prepared by Ambassador Willins and Bowling and cleared by Vice President. Also present were Ambassador Rossides, Kocor and ~~Ambassador~~ Foreign Minister Kyprianou. Mrs. Johnson was present during latter part of conversation only.

In course greetings and exchange of compliments, Makarios referred to his visit to Washington as greatest event of his life, and expressed gratitude to and esteem for President Kennedy.

VP praised COG for way in which it was handling its development program, recalling how it had arranged for US group headed by Dr. Willard Thorp to come out here and formulate suggestions for a program and how this step had been followed by an International Bank survey group. VP continued that we continued to stand ready to help with technical assistance and development loans. He wished Cyprus well ~~in~~ visiting Makarios visit to US as Presidential Guest and VP's return visit to Cyprus. Vice President noted both US and Cyprus were new countries and thus had many similar problems.

Makarios said that Cyprus was greatly honored by Johnson's visit and that COG, although inexperienced in receiving state guests, in fact VP

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was first, was making every effort to make his short stay a happy and memorable one. Makarios continued that although they had perhaps set out in the right way on their development program he personally thought they were moving too slowly and that they must pick up speed. Makarios made no requests for any specific American aid.

Vice President noted danger of growing communist threat for next election in 1968, and suggested need for Makarios to organize a non-communist party, reminding Makarios of success communist tactics in other countries.

Makarios spoke at some length about political parties in Cyprus to the effect that only left was organized in AKEL, the communist party, and PEO, the left wing labor movement. The right wing, he said, was not organized, in fact each Greek was a political leader of his own political party as was case in Greece. Makarios said he could not lead a political party, in response to VP's question, because he was of the church and was President of Cyprus, and that he must be above politics - but added that his successor might well come from a political party. Makarios said that when John Clerides of the orthodox right had run for President against him in 1960 he had had communist support and had commanded 33 per cent of the vote in the Greek Cypriot community. At same time Makarios did not think that all of this 33 per cent were true communists but merely temporary followers of a well-organized party and that, in fact, communist strength was decreasing. What was important, Makarios said, was that the Cyprus

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development program move forward so that the general public would see the benefits flowing from the present regime.

Vice President commented that situation seemed to be one which should be watched with great care because, as had been the case in some other countries, the democratic leaders had awakened one morning and found that the communists had taken over. ^{VP said} ~~he~~ would regret such a development in countries which were our friends. Makarios closed his eyes, nodded, and said another party might be formed some day, but there was plenty of time before the next elections.

Vice President mentioned VCA negotiations now in progress, bringing out economic benefits accruing to Cyprus and value of permitting world to hear unbiased news and facts.

Makarios replied that matter would be considered by the Council of Ministers before he departed for Commonwealth Conference in London on Sept. 9 and a decision reached. He said he must consider this from two aspects: economic and political. He would not now discuss economic side in detail except to say that he understands that the U.S. cannot help ^{us} Cyprus as much as Cyprus would like. On political side he said he had doubts of effect which VCA station might have on Cyprus non-aligned policy. He described Cyprus as extreme "right wing" of neutralist states. Other neutral nations would no longer regard Cyprus as neutral, he remarked, and Cyprus feels that it can be more effective on the international scene and

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of help to the U.S. with whom its true bonds lie, than if it became merely another member of the western bloc. He asked if Vice President did not think that Cyprus should be non-aligned for this reason.

Vice President replied that U.S. wants only friendship and progress of Cyprus but failed to see how providing facilities for broadcasting the truth could damage Cypriot interests.

Makarios said definition of difference between truth and propaganda was matter individual interpretation. Said he himself doubted that VOA agreement would be consistent policy non-alignment.

Wilkins added that Ceylon, which was generally considered more neutral than many, had only last spring signed a new VOA agreement and also that a VOA station in Cyprus would be called an IBS or an International Broadcasting Service Station consisting of medium wave for Cyprus and short wave for U.S. which might be heard in Cyprus but could not be understood because it would be in Eastern European, Central Asian and South Asian languages and the programs would not indicate that the programs were coming from Cyprus but from Washington through an Eastern Mediterranean station. In this context, he said, a station in Cyprus will have no real effect on Cyprus non-aligned policy.

Vice President, seconded by Mr. Komer, emphasized decision could not be delayed for long, because U.S. had other opportunities obtain sites in the area, although we prefer Cyprus.

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Makarios said all points made by Vice President were of interest and assured Vice President he would give careful consideration to the matter during the coming week.

Robert Komer at suggestion Vice President briefly stated U.S. policy re Chinese representation urging support by Cyprus for continued seating of CRC and opposition to admission of Red China.

Makarios said he pleased state that Rossides as UN Representative had instructions follow U.S. lead on Chinese representation question.

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

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

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

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

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Kipling said that we should fill "The unforgiving minute with 60 seconds worth of distance of time---". Vice President and Mrs. Johnson did exactly that during their 24-hour visit to Cyprus. Into this brief period were crowded substantive talks, welcoming receptions, inauguration of American School Lunch Program, address to Cyprus House of Representatives and everywhere surging friendly crowds carrying American and Cyprus flags and photographs of Vice President.

"Only Makarios" one Cyprus official told me, "has previously brought out such crowds", estimated at 30,000 yesterday and more today during drive through heart of Ancient Nicosia. This number is significant in Nicosia which has only 80,000 people and describes as no words can do the real enthusiasm with which Greek and Turkish Cypriots alike welcomed the Johnsons.

Below these colorful human aspects the visit also had depth in that Vice President in his substantive statements stressed enduring values of democracy, liberty and independence which were not lost on Cyprus ears. In private talks Vice President greatly furthered U.S. objectives here in conversation with Makarios re need for Democratic Political Party, continued U.S. interest in Cyprus development program and ever present possibility commies might take over some midnight as well as such specific subjects as VOA and Chinese representation in UN.

Vice President's visit could not have been better timed taking place as it did so soon after President Kennedy's conversations with Makarios in Washington, between Vice President's visit to Commonwealth Conference in London.

Makarios and Kutchuk both said they had tried in every way to make visit success. Johnsons were their first official guests and they wanted to honor them and through them the U.S. mission was accomplished.

Vice President and Mrs. Johnson's visit here was accomplished.

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

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Mr. President:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Minister, Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. President, Excellencies, Gentlemen:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are working today for peace.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Following is summary record of conversation between Vice President and

leaders Turk Cypriot community August 31 at office Vice President KUTCHUK. Summary

prepared by Bowling under supervision of President. Also present were DENKTASH,

President Turkish communal chamber, Min Defense CREK, Min Health MAKERA, Min

Agriculture HUMAR, Ambassador Wilkins and Komer.

The Vice President expressed his pleasure at being in Cyprus and his
appreciation over welcome given him by Cypriot people.

KUTCHUK presented VP memorandum on position Turkish Cypriot minority (will be
forwarded by pouch), stating he felt VP was a real friend and that he would do
what he could for Turk Cypriot minority if he understood facts. He turned to other
Turk leaders present to present Turk Cypriot views orally.

Min Defense went over recent historical background Cyprus, pointing out Turk
Cypriots had given up their goal of partition and wanted make concept bi-communal
Cypriot nation work, while Greek Cypriots had apparently not given up their goal of
union with Greece. He said Turk and Greek communities had made agreement to work
together, and rules of their cooperation in Cypriot nation, agreed to by both,
were embodied in provisions Constitution. Turk Cypriots wanted apply those rules,
he claimed, but Greeks unfortunately refused implement vital elements Constitution

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to which they had agreed; this puts the Turkish community in very serious position. Min Defense said Constitution obviously gave Vice President important role in determining foreign policy, but Makarios proceeded make public declarations basic foreign policy of neutrality and non-alignment without consulting Vice President. He complained of interminable delays in formation Cypriot Army. Min Defense ended by saying Turk Cypriots wanted US to understand their position and assist them.

DENKTASH said Turk Cypriots agreed 100% with VP's remarks and speeches on ^{Cyprus} Turk importance of independence and integrity of ~~island~~. He stated solution communal problem necessary prevent further spread communism in Cyprus. He added that to his surprise and horror, he had just discovered that even Turk Cypriot community had been penetrated by communists. A vital Turk Cypriot community is an essential obstacle to the spread of communism in Cyprus, he said. The Greek majority, he claimed, keeps pushing constantly on rights of Turk Cypriots, who feel solves being gradually maneuvered into a corner. Denktash warned that if Turk Cypriots should find themselves hopelessly cornered and deprived their rights, they might react in blind desperation with unpredictable consequences. As years go by, said Denktash, the two communities will under good conditions slowly draw together in one Cypriot community. Until that time, he warned, basis of government in Cyprus must be bi-communal, not centralized in a Greek-dominated central regime. He complained of failure central government implement separate municipalities, 70-30 ratio in civil service, and alleged reduction central revenues to Turkish education,

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alleging Greek Cypriots wanted communal chambers to be forced levy heavier taxes in order reduce their standing and support. Denktash said Greek Cypriots refused entertain plan for national university. Wilkins said GOC had not yet made a decision on this subject.

Denktash also asked for US aid to be channeled through communal chambers rather than through central government. He claimed only such aid now was school food programs.

Vice President asked Ambassador Wilkins about this and Wilkins said it was true because education alone was officially in hands communal chambers instead of central regime.

VP said US cannot act like Russians and attempt impose our solutions on problems independent nation no matter how much we might sympathize or not sympathize with one side of a problem.

VP promised read Turk Cypriot memorandum and have responsible US officials study it carefully. VP promised that the US would continue to see that all US aid to Cyprus was utilized fairly and without communal discrimination. VP ended by saying "your kind of people are our friends".

Denktash returned this sentiment on behalf Turk Cypriot community and affirmed VP visit had given Turk Cypriots new heart and determination to make the Republic work and progress.

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Following is text of memorandum given EIP by Cypriot Vice President Kutchuk on August 31 embodying views, anxieties and recommendations of Turkish community in Cyprus.

1. Political Agitation

Although the Republic of Cyprus is now in its third year of existence as an independent state, the idea of enosis (union with Greece) is deliberately being kept in existence by the Greek side: It is being aired and persistently kept alive by campaigns in the Greek Cypriot press, by rightwing Cypriot Greek leaders, and not least by President Makarios himself.

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On the very eve of the second anniversary of independence, on August 15th 1962, President Makarios said during a sermon delivered at Kykko Monastery, south-west of Cyprus

"Greek Cypriots must continue to march forward to complete the work begun by the Eoka heroes of our liberation struggle.....the struggle is continuing a new form, and will go on until we achieve our goal".

Regrettably this is not the only instance in which President Makarios has uttered words of similar relevance. On another occasion he has reported to have made the following statement:

"We have acquired a bastion and starting point for peaceful campaigns. From these bastions we shall continue the struggle with view to consummating victory."

We believe that such public utterances on the part of Greek Cypriot leadership can only bring intrigue and confusion to Cyprus and are contrary to the spirit of partnership on which the republic is founded. It can reasonably be argued that such utterances by Greek Cypriot leaders could provoke disturbances and intercommunal clashes of a kind which could squash all hopes for progress and cooperation.

The Zurich and London agreements which were negotiated and agreed upon by all interested parties, was a compromise solution to the Cyprus question and was mainly based on balances and counter balances between the two communities of the island. Our constitution was drafted on the basis of these agreements after very long, arduous and protracted negotiations and indeed after some important concessions had been made

especially on the part of the Turkish community. Since then, unfortunately, the political situation within the new state has deteriorated on account of the persistent campaign by Greek Cypriot leaders for abrogation of these agreements and for enosis, despite repeated warnings by Turkish leaders that the survival and growth to the republic depends upon the cooperation of the two communities within the framework of the constitution. This agitation is being conducted by the leaders of the Greek community in spite of the solemn undertaking to abandon former aspirations which had been embodied as one of the basic articles of our constitution.

2. Constitution

Greeks taking undue advantage of the privilege of majority vote and of the fact that they retained to themselves all key and executive posts have refused to implement several of the fundamental provisions in the republic's constitution and there is a persistent tendency on the part of the Greek press, Greek leaders and President Makarios himself to seek ways and means to nullify the constitution. Turkish Cypriots on the other hand have accepted the constitution in good faith and consistently upheld its full implementation. Never have they demanded anything which is not provided for in the constitution.

Those provisions of the constitution which recognized for Turkish citizens of the republic certain safeguards and rights have been deliberately ignored or disregarded by the Greeks who have not only misrepresented and distorted facts but resorted to many intrigues and to the setting up of many artificial obstacles in order to make their implementation impracticable.

Amongst these provisions are those articles concerning the 70/30 Greek-Turk prelation in the Civil Service, the establishment of the Cyprus Army, the finalisation of the separation of five main towns' municipalities, and the veto rights of the Vice-President on questions of foreign affairs and internal security.

Repeated representations by Turkish leaders requesting the settlement of these matters within a reasonable time have not only found no response from the Greeks but have been met by false accusations that Turks have been creating obstacles in the way of smooth functioning of the republic; whereas in actual fact non-implementation of the constitutional provisions renders the position of the government and their actions unconstitutional.

3. Internal Security

The Turkish community is seriously perturbed by the failure of the government to insure security within the republic. There have been dozens of unexplained and undetected murders since the republic's birth and in each case guns of an unlawful nature and mysterious origin have been in evidence.

There have been instances of persecution of public figures, intimidation, threats and beatings;

Recently the police chief himself was threatened with death unless he quitted the island within one month; there has been an armed attack upon the police; and on several occasions police patrols came across to gunmen who refused to surrender their weapons. The proprietor of a cinema business has been threatened with death if he allowed his cinemas to screen the film "Exodus". Mr. Lagoudontis, the chief of the intelligence branch of the police, was summarily deported from the island on accusations never denied officially that he was conspiring against government of public personalities and was responsible for certain actions which were committed with the object of creating disturbances between the two communities. Moreover, information has leaked out that Lagoudontis was also

responsible for certain actions which were committed in order to create conflict between members of the Turkish community. It was stated that Lagoudontis was deported as a "matter of national necessity". It is significant that deaf ears have been turned to Turkish representations that full details of the case against Lagoudontis should also be made known to Turkish leaders. The suggestion that the case of Lagoudontis should be inquired into by a neutral commission has also been turned down.

4. Communist Danger.

It is our considered view that if the grievances of the Turkish community are not removed and if it proves impossible to get the two sides collaborate as provided for in the constitution, a most important issue will have to be faced: i.e. the growth of communism in Cyprus and a possible bid by communists to assume power in future elections.

The Turkish community has always been alive to this danger and vigorously opposed communist expansion here. In the 1960 Presidential elections, Akel (the communist party) was supported by about 35 percent of the Greek Cypriot community. It is quite possible at the next elections, Akel with outside help may attain authority and obtain a majority position in the House of Representatives and may dominate the Cabinet.

Repeatedly, the Turkish community leaders have expressed their fears of communist expansion to the Cyprus Government, as well as to Western diplomats in Cyprus. It is a regrettable fact that ever since he assumed power, President Makarios has made concessions to the communists instead of taking measures to combat this movement on positive lines. He offered seats in the House of Representatives to Akel members, and thus cooperated with Akel to secure his own position. Moreover, he approved against Turkish opposition an agreement for the importation of sugar from Russia through Akel and thus he has been instrumental in securing for this communist organisation a profit of more than 25,000 pounds as well as internal moral stature and influence. Recently, the President went as far as to declare publicly that there was no communist danger in Cyprus, but during his official visit to Washington earlier this year, he confided that if he is re-elected in 1965, he will combat communism.

Never in its 21 year history, has Akel been as powerful as today. Its membership exceed 30,000 active party men and women, its satellite organisations work unfettered, and at the recent annual congress the Secretary-General openly declared, for the first time, the only eventual aim of Akel is to create a socialist communist regime in Cyprus. It is significant that mainly because of the strong position of communists that Archbishop Makarios felt impelled not to proceed with the election of village and urban authorities, but to retain the system of appointment which was introduced during the emergency prior to independence.

Communist penetration into the new state of Cyprus has also been revealed in the sphere of trade: Russia and satellite states have succeeded in obtaining against Turkish opposition bilateral trade agreements with Cyprus, in a bid to tie the island's economy with that of communist countries. This tactic, together with offers of technical and financial help, plus "cultural" propaganda constitutes a familiar pattern of Soviet penetration into the state. Already, the construction of the enlarged Famagusta Harbour has been entrusted to a Polish firm.

The Communist danger is the principal issue confronting the free world today, and the Turkish community in Cyprus feels that a communist bid to take over the Cyprus administration is imminent.

5. Policy of "Non-alignment"

The Turkish Community has always opposed the adherence of Cyprus to the "non-aligned" group of nations. We have often complained to President Makarios over this and suggested that our state should endeavour to establish closer relations with the Western bloc. Indeed the Vice-President who under our constitution must be a Turk and who has the same power and authority as the President on foreign affairs, announced publicly that he was against the republic joining the "non-aligned" group of nations. Our efforts to get President Makarios to come to our viewpoint have failed, and he has continued to assert his intention to follow a "neutral" policy. It is noteworthy that President Makarios went to Belgrade conference and repeatedly made statements that Cyprus would begin non-aligned policy without a decision to this effect being taken by the Council of Ministers. The reason for not taking such a decision was obviously to prevent the Vice-President from exercising his right of veto.

Whereas the primary object of our foreign policy should be the consolidation of the independence of our state, the policy of non-alignment followed by President Makarios in complete disregard of the provisions of our constitution, can only serve ulterior motives. It is evident that President Makarios has adopted this policy solely for the purpose of securing the votes from other countries in this "group" in the event they succeed in raising the Cyprus question again in the United Nations Organization or other international Congresses.

It would not be out of place to mention here that the failure of the President to bring before the Council of Ministers the request of United States Government to establish a broadcasting station in Cyprus remain tied up with this absurd policy of non-alignment. The President has taken this attitude called non-aligned group of nations (mainly United Arab Republic) and in spite of the fact that the Vice President and Turkish Ministers favoured all along the establishment of such a station in Cyprus.

It will be recalled that the President stated during his visit to United States that "Cyprus will not have an army" for the reason that "Cyprus will remain neutral." This is no doubt one of the glaring examples of arbitrary action on the part of the Greek leaders, because under our constitution the establishment of a Cyprus army is a mandatory provision.

6. Separate Communities.

Racially, religiously, culturally, socially and politically the Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus have been two different entities. They speak different languages and adhere to different traditions. The two communities have always lived together harmoniously if Greeks did not press for political ends unacceptable to Turks such as enosis and precariously when they did so. The fact that they are two different entities is acknowledged and realistically accepted in the Zurich settlement, and that consequently provision has been made in our constitution for the establishment of Greek and Turkish Communal Chambers with legislative, executive and judicial powers, education and cooperative development and for separate majority in voting system on certain vital matters.

It is the partnership of two separate communities, rather than the fusion of both in one community, that the Zurich agreement recognised in the case of Cyprus.

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There is good reason to argue that an economically Turkish community would make an active and influential partner of this republic. Under the circumstances, we believe that it would be wrong to adopt a policy which assumed that the economic progress of both communities was possible through aids to the central Government. Experience has shown that the central Government works mainly in the interests of the Greek community. No matter what steps Turks take to see that development and other funds are evenly distributed, Greek authorities manage somehow that Turks get in actual fact even less than their numerical strength.

7. Proportional Share of Aid.

The colonial administration in its desire to please the majority have worked for the prosperity of the Greek community and left Turkish land and villages in a comparatively undeveloped state. The Greeks are, therefore, now in a much better economic position than Turks in the new republic, and unfortunately the present tendency is to favour the build-up of Greek prosperity and overlook the Turks, even in such vital aspects as communal education. While expenditure for Turkish education during the colonial regime totalled 800,000 pounds a year, today the amount earmarked from Government funds is only half of this amount and when the question of supplementary aid came up for consideration, President Makarios himself suggested and insisted that Turks should be given only 75,000 pounds out of 600,000, i.e., only 12 and one-half percent.

We therefore, stress the importance of the fair apportionment of all financial aid given to Cyprus. The application of such aid should be in the hands of a coordinating committee including representatives of both Communities to ensure its fair distribution, and it should be stipulated that the less developed community should receive aid in a proportion greater than its numerical strength and according to its need for development.

We are no doubt very anxious that the Turkish community should get its fair share in economic aid so that it has a chance to develop its resources and raise its financial strength to the same level of Greek community. Only thus can economic stability be secured, political stability promoted and Communism be checked. As otherwise if Turks are left in poverty Communism may eventually find its way among this community also.

We feel it is essential that, just as in other countries where underdeveloped regions and zones are accorded special aid for development, the special position of the Turkish community in Cyprus calls for special attention. We, therefore, earnestly ask the United States authorities that, whenever projects of assistance to Cyprus are considered, the specialised apportionment should be stipulated to ensure meeting the needs of the Turkish community as well and such aid should be channelled to our community through the Turkish communal chamber rather than through the central Government.

8. Summary of Recommendations

(A) Political agitation for "enosis" must cease and rule of law must prevail. Enosis is specifically ruled out in the constitution and transgressions on this score shakes the very foundation of our young state.

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- (B) Stern measures should be taken against the organization and spread of communism; we feel that as a first step communism should be outlawed.
- (C) The foreign policy of Cyprus must be channelled into the early abandonment of the "non-aligned" states and must become firmly pro-western.
- (D) There must be strict observance of and adherence to all constitutional provisions. The organs of the state must never be allowed to abuse power or act illegally or unconstitutionally under any pretext.
- (E) The Government must take strong measures to restore security within the republic as a task of top priority.
- (F) In view of the evident intention of Greek Cypriot leaders to abrogate the London and Zurich agreements and to nullify the constitution we feel it is appropriate for the governments of the guaranteeing powers and of the United States of America as the leader of the Western world to exercise their influence in order to forestall a catastrophe which looms over this country.

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VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON ARRIVED ATHENS 1730 TODAY AND DELIVERED FOLLOWING ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT AIRPORT:
QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCY, FRIENDS OF GREECE: IT IS A HIGH PRIVILEGE TO COME TO YOUR GREAT LAND AGAIN.
WE OF AMERICAN HAVE NO FRIENDSHIP WE CHERISH MORE THAN OUR LONG FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF GREECE. OVER MANY DECADES, YOU HAVE MADE AMERICANS WELCOME IN YOUR HOMELAND. IN TURN, MANY OF YOUR RELATIVES HAVE HONORED US-AND ENRICHED OUR LIFE- BY COMING TO LIVE AS NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

IN OUR COUNTRY. HISTORY HAS NO HAPPIER STORY THAN THE LONG STORY OF GREEK-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. IT IS FITTING THAT OUR VISIT NOW SHOULD COME IN THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE MEMORABLE EVENTS BY WHICH THE UNITED STATES GAVE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE DEPTH OF OUR DEVOTION AND CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE OF GREECE. IT WAS FIFTEEN YEARS AGO WHEN THE FREEDOM AND INTEGRITY OF GREECE WAS IN PERIL THAT MY COUNTRY PROMULGATED THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE. OUR JOINT EFFORTS THEN HAVE BROUGHT THE PROUD REWARDS OF TODAY-THE REWARDS OF PEACE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GREECE, OF PROGRESS FOR THE GREEK ECONOMY, OF THE GROWING PROMISE OF GREATER PROSPERITY FOR ALL.
TODAY OUR TWO COUNTRIES STAND TOGETHER AS ALLIES IN NATO EACH HELPING HOLD ALOFT THE MIGHTY SHIELD OF THE FREE WORLD. WE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE GRATEFUL FOR -AND PROUD OF-THE IMPORTANT STRENGTH GREECE HAS SO COURAGEOUSLY COMMITTED TO THE WEST IN THE FACE OF EVER-PRESENT AND CLOSE-BY DANGER. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE STILL LIVE WITH THE CONVICTION THAT ANY THREAT TO THE FREEDOM OF GREECE IS A THREAT TO THE FREEDOM OF THE WEST. THE UNITED STATES WOULD REGARD ANY ATTACK UPON GREECE AS AN ATTACK UPON THE UNITED STATES ITSELF. WE STAND WITH YOU, WE STAND BESIDE YOU AGAINST ALL AGGRESSORS.

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DURING OUR VISIT, WE EXPECT TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR LEADERS ABOUT MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AMONG OLD ALLIES OF COMMON PURPOSE. THEIR MAJESTIES KING PAUL AND QUEEN FREDERIKA HAVE HONORED US WITH AN INVITATION TO VISIT THEM, WHICH MRS. JOHNSON AND I EXPECT TO DO. IN ADDITION, WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND VISITING WITH THE PEOPLE OF GREECE IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF YOUR COUNTRY AS WELL AS IN ATHENS. THESE ACTIVITIES WE ANTICIPATE WITH GREAT PLEASURE. YOUR GENEROUS WELCOME TODAY DOES HIGH HONOR TO MY COUNTRY- AND, ON BEHALF OF MY COUNTRYMEN, I THANK YOU AND EXTEND TO YOU THE WARM AND AFFECTIONATE GOOD WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. UNQUOTE TEXT STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS AT AIRPORT IN GREEK AND ENGLISH. LABOUISSÉ

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VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON ARRIVED ATHENS 1730 TODAY FROM NICOSIA AND WAS GREETED AT AIRPORT BY PRIME MINISTER AND MRS CARAMANLIS, FONMIN AVEROFF AND OTHER GREEK AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS. VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIMIN REVIEWED GREEK HONOR GUARD AND VP DELIVERED ARRIVAL STATEMENT (FULL TEXT BY SEPARATE MESSAGE) IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED SPECIAL BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT EXISTING BETWEEN GREECE AND US, DETERMINATION OF US TO STAND BY GREECE AND STATED QUOTE WE WOULD CONSIDER ANY ATTACK AGAINST GREECE AS ATTACK AGAINST US ITSELF UNQUOTE.

AS VICE PRESIDENT'S MOTORCADE STARTED ON SEVEN MILE TRIP FROM AIRPORT TO GRANDE BRETAGNE HOTEL ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS LINING HIGHWAY CHEERED AND WAVED GREEK AND AMERICAN FLAGS. BEFORE MOTORCADE HAD PROCEEDED MORE THAN FEW HUNDRED YARDS CROWD MOVED ONTO HIGHWAY AT SUBURB OF ALIMOS. VP ALIGHTED AND WAS GREETED BY MAYORS OF GLYFADHA AND KALAMAKI AND WAS SOON SUBMERGED IN CROWD SHAKING HANDS AND EXCHANGING GREETINGS. ALONG WITH COUNTLESS BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS FOR MRS JOHNSON VP WAS PRESENTED WITH METAL RELIEF PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. PRIMIN CARAMANLIS, RIDING IN OPEN CAR WITH VP AND NO STRANGER TO CROWDS HIMSELF, WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY DEMONSTRATION AND, ALTHOUGH HE LEFT CENTER OF STAGE TO VP, ALSO DID SOME VIGOROUS HAND SHAKING.

PROCEEDING ALONG HIGHWAY TO OLD PHALERON FLAGS AND BUNTING ABOUNDED

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AS WELL AS MANY SIGNS OF WELCOME, SOME OF WHICH WERE MORE NOTABLE FOR THEIR SPIRIT THAN THEIR SPELLING. AT PHALERON MOTORCADE STOPPED AGAIN AND VP WAS GREETED BY MAYOR AND CHEERING RESIDENTS. WHEN PROCESSION TURNED AWAY FROM SEA ON TO SYNGROU AVENUE CROWDS BECAME INCREASINGLY THICK. AT ASIA MINOR REFUGEE SUBURBS OF NEA SMYRNA AND KALLITHEA, WHICH REGISTERED HEAVY PRO-COMMUNIST VOTE IN LAST YEAR'S ELECTION, VP WAS ONCE AGAIN GREETED BY MAYORS AND CROWD BECAME REALLY HEAVY. TWO OLD LADIES WERE BEING BADLY JOSTLED BY CROWD AND VP SWEEPED THEM UP AND PLACED THEM BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SOMEWHAT STARTLED PRIMIN IN OPEN CAR FOR RIDE INTO ATHENS.

AFTER PASSAGE ALMOST AN HOUR MOTORCADE MANAGED TO REACH HADRIAN'S ARCH ON OUTSKIRTS METROPOLITAN ATHENS. AIR WAS FILLED WITH CONFETTI FROM NEARBY APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND PEOPLE WERE JAMMED INTO TRIANGLE LIKE ANIMATED SARDINES. VP WAS GREETED BY MAYOR OF ATHENS TSOUKALAS, CENTER OPPOSITION MEMBER WHO ASSUMED OFFICE IN 1959. MAYOR TSOUKALAS, FLANKED BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, GIRLS IN NATIVE DRESS, SHOUTING SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND THOUSANDS OF ENTHUSIASTIC CITIZENS, DELIVERED EXCEPTIONALLY WARM WELCOMING ADDRESS AND VP RESPONDED WITH SPEECH IN WHICH HE MIXED EXTEMPORANEOUS EXPRESSION OF PLEASURE AT RETURNING TO GREECE WITH SERIOUS PLEDGE OF US SUPPORT FOR GREECE. AT THIS POINT VP WALKED FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS WHILE CROWD SURGED AROUND HIM SHAKING HIS HAND AND CALLING WELCOME.

MOTORCADE, NOW THREADING ITS WAY SLOWLY THROUGH CROWDS WHICH HAD SPILLED ONTO STREET, PROCEEDED TO CENTRAL SYNTAGMA SQUARE AND G.B. HOTEL WHERE IT GATHERING DUSK THOUSANDS OF ONLOOKERS WERE WAITING FOR VP'S ARRIVAL. VP WALKED LAST HUNDRED YARDS TO HOTEL FROM WHERE, AFTER SAYING GOODBYE TO PRIMIN, HE, MRS JOHNSON AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS LABOUISSSE PROCEEDED TO ROYAL PALACE FOR SIGNING OF KING'S AND QUEEN'S BOOKS. VP, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, WENT FROM PALACE TO PRIMIN'S OFFICE, FOR INITIAL PROTOCOL CALL. UPON EMERGING FROM PRIMIN'S OFFICE, VP WAS APPROACHED BY PRESS TO WHOM HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO BUSINESS TALKS WITH PRIMIN TOMORROW. THUS ENDED OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR FIRST DAY OF VP'S VISIT TO GREECE.

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FOLLOWING TEXT VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT VILLAGE OF KOROP, GREECE
SEPTEMBER 1. QUOTE MR. MAYOR, FRIENDS OF KOROP (CO-ROP-EE): I BE-
LIEVE A LARGE PART OF ANY NATION'S STRENGTH COMES FROM ITS COUNTRY
PEOPLE. IN AMERICA, I WAS BORN ON A FARM - SPENT MY BOYHOOD
WORKING IN THE FIELDS - AND WENT TO SCHOOL IN A VILLAGE NOT NEARLY
SO LARGE AS YOURS. THAT IS WHY I WANTED TO COME HERE TO SEE YOU,
TALK WITH YOU, AND BRING YOU THE GOOD WISHES OF THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES, JOHN F. KENNEDY.

I KNOW THAT SOME VERY FINE YOUNG AMERICANS HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE ME.
I UNDERSTAND THAT LAST YEAR MARINES FROM THE SIXTH FLEET VISITED WITH
YOU AND GAVE UP SOME OF THEIR SHORE LEAVE TO PAINT TWO OF YOUR
SCHOOLHOUSES. THAT IS THE SPIRIT OF WARM AND GOOD FRIENDSHIP WHICH
PREVALES BETWEEN ALL AMERICANS AND GREEKS.

WE ARE VERY PROUD IN AMERICA THAT ABOUT TWO MILLION OF OUR CITIZENS
ARE OF GREEK ORIGINS. WE KNOW THEM AND LOVE THEM AS GOOD NEIGHBORS,
VALUABLE CITIZENS, AND HARD WORKERS WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE AMERICA
STRONGER. I WOULD SAY TO YOU THAT AMERICA'S STRENGTH IS YOUR STRENGTH,
TOO. AS YOUR ALLIES AND YOUR FRIENDS, WE STAND READY TO USE OUR
STRENGTH AGAINST ANY WHO WOULD TRANSGRESS THE SOIL OF GREECE OR
ATTACK THE FREEDOM AND INTEGRITY YOU HAVE WON.

I KNOW THE FAMILIES OF KOROP (CO-ROP-EE) HAVE KNOWN THE SORROWS
OF WAR. I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE AND CHERISH THE YEARS OF PEACE. WE OF
AMERICA WANT PEACE IN THE WORLD - FOR ALL MEN. WE ARE DOING EVERY-
THING WE CAN DO TO KEEP PEACE IN THIS WORLD.

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BUT I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IT IS THE WISH OF AMERICANS TO WORK WITH GREECE TO HELP BETTER THE LIVES OF ALL YOUR PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGES, THE FARMS, THE MOUNTAINS AND THE VALLEYS. THAT IS WHY I AM HERE: TO PLAN TOGETHER WITH YOUR LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE.

THE PART OF AMERICA FROM WHICH I COME IS LIKE MUCH OF YOUR COUNTRY. THE SUN IS BRIGHT, THE SKY IS BLUE, THE SOIL IS ROCKY AND DRY. BUT BY PLANNING, BY WORKING, BY BUILDING, WE HAVE - JUST SINCE I WAS A BOY - MADE LIFE BETTER THERE FOR ALL. WE HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND RUNNING WATER IN FARM HOMES - REFRIGERATORS TO PRESERVE OUR FOODS - MACHINES TO HELP THE MOTHERS WASH THE CLOTHES. THESE THINGS - AND MORE - WERE UNKNOWN WHEN I WAS YOUNG. WE WANT TO HELP DO WHAT IS NEEDED HERE SO THAT VILLAGERS ALL OVER GREECE WILL - WITHIN THE LIFETIME OF YOUR CHILDREN - BE ABLE TO HOPE FOR SUCH GAINS TOO.

LET NOBODY TELL YOU THAT THESE HOPES - THE HOPES IN YOUR HEARTS - ARE IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE FARM COUNTRY AND VILLAGES OF MY OWN BOYHOOD CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT WHEREVER MEN HAVE FREEDOM AND PEACE AND THE WILL TO WORK. I HAVE SEEN IT HAPPEN. I HAVE WORKED TO BRING IT ABOUT. I KNOW THAT IT CAN BE SO.

KEEP YOUR DREAMS ALIVE - AND THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR DREAMS WILL ADD NEW LIFE, NEW STRENGTH, NEW HOPE FOR YOU.

AND REMEMBER ALWAYS - IN EVERY HOUR, IN GOOD TIMES AND TIMES OF TRIAL - YOU HAVE GOOD AND STRONG FRIENDS STANDING WITH YOU IN AMERICA. END QUOTE.

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY RECORD CONVERSATION BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS AT PRIME MINISTRY FROM 1225 TO 2:05 P.M. SEPTEMBER 1. ALSO PRESENT WERE AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE, AVEROFF, MATSAS, PAPALIGOURAS, PALAMAS, PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, KOMER, BUSBY, BREWSTER AND BOWLING. THIS RECORD PREPARED BY BOWLING AND CLEARED WITH AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE. DURING MOST OF MEETING, PRIME MINISTER USED MATSAS AS INTERPRETER.

SUMMARY

KARAMANLIS PRESENTED GREEK POSITION RE TERMINATION SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE, MENTIONING LIKELIHOOD GREEK DEFENSE LEVEL MIGHT BE REDUCED. VP EXPLAINED CONGRESSIONAL DIFFICULTIES RE FOREIGN AID, US-GREEK COMMON AIMS, AND NECESSITY UTILIZE AVAILABLE FORMS AID IN WAY MAINTAIN BOTH DEFENSE AND DEVELOPMENT. KARAMANLIS SUGGESTED US CONTRIBUTE GREEK DEFENSE THROUGH NATO; VP EXPLAINED THIS IMPOSSIBLE. AGREED STUDY FURTHER AND DISCUSS MONDAY.

END SUMMARY.

THE MEETING BEGAN, FOLLOWING USUAL EXCHANGE GREETINGS, WITH QUERIES BY VP AS TO ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF GREECE RECENT YEARS. IN REPLY GREEKS MENTIONED TOURISM INCREASING AT 20-25 PER CENT ANNUALLY, AND RECEIPTS FOR LAST YEAR ABOUT \$60 MILLION.

VICE PRESIDENT REMARKED HE COULD UNDERSTAND TOURISM IF ALL FOREIGNERS RECEIVED HOSPITALITY ACCORDED HIM.

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KARAMANLIS MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: CERTAIN GREECE WILL BE SELF-SUFFICIENT AFTER 3-4 YEARS MORE DEVELOPMENT AND WILL HAVE MOMENTUM FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS. BUT NEXT FEW YEARS CRITICAL PERIOD; IF NO ADVANCE GREECE WILL FALL BACK, LOSE WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. MUST BUILD BASIC CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE; HE FACES ACUTE PROBLEMS CAUSING HIM MORE ANXIETY THAN WARRANTED 3 OR 4 YEARS AGO. FAILURE WILL MEAN VERY SERIOUS ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES, MILITARY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC. IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO GREECE SUFFERED INFLATION, CHAOS AND LACK CONFIDENCE AND THESE CONDITIONS COULD EASILY REAPPEAR. GOG SHOULD INVEST \$200 MILLION ANNUALLY IN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, OF WHICH ABOUT \$30 MILLION COVERED BY SURPLUS FROM ORDINARY BUDGET AND MUST BORROW \$170 MILLION FROM DOOR TO DOOR. PROBLEM IS DEVELOP POOR ECONOMY AND RETAIN SUFFICIENT DEFENSE CAPACITY. AT PRESENT CANNOT DO BOTH ADEQUATELY. FIFTY PER CENT POPULATION ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE; ONLY 24 PER CENT LAND ARABLE. IMPERATIVE CHANGE ENTIRE STRUCTURE GREEK ECONOMY, FROM ITS AGRICULTURAL BASE. NOT SIMPLY QUESTION DESIRABLE DEVELOPMENT BUT LIFE OR DEATH FOR GREECE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN ORDER GIVE EMPLOYMENT, PARTICULARLY TO MOUNTAIN PEASANTRY NUMBERING 1 1/2 MILLION OF BEST GREEKS. THEY POOREST BUT MOST NATIONALIST AND ANTI-COMMUNIST.

VP NOTED HE UNDERSTOOD, HAVING BACKGROUND POOR PEOPLE, POOR SOIL, LOW INCOME, HILL COUNTRY.

KARAMANLIS CONTINUED WITH FOLLOWING POINTS: MUST CHANGE BASIS THESE PEOPLE'S LIVES NEXT 3 OR 4 YEARS. WHEN OPPOSITION ASKS WHY GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES \$170 MILLION REVENUES DEFENSE AND ONLY \$30 MILLION DEVELOPMENT, THERE IS NO GOOD ANSWER. PROBLEM AND TRAGEDY LIVES IN TWO FIGURES, \$30 MILLION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND \$170 MILLION FOR NECESSARY DEFENSE, WHICH LESS THAN AMOUNT RECOMMENDED BY NATO.

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VICE PRESIDENT NOTED US HAD SIMILAR PROBLEM, BORROWING MAKE UP DIFFERENCE AS GREEKS DID, DEBT LIMIT INCREASE FROM \$300 TO \$308 BILLION, BORROWING TO FINANCE RECENT \$6 BILLION INCREASE DEFENSE INCREASE; US SPENDING ROUGHLY \$60 BILLION DEFENSE, \$20 BILLION PLUS FOR ALL ELSE. UNDERSTAND GENERAL GREEK PROBLEM AND SYMPATHIZE, SINCE US PROBLEM SIMILAR.

KARAMANLIS NOTED GREAT DIFFERENCE US AND GREEK ECONOMY, US WITH GREAT PRIVATE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE, WHILE GOG MUST FROM NECESSITY BUILD FOUNDATIONS ECONOMY PROVIDING INITIATIVE, CONFIDENCE, AND INCENTIVE PRIVATE SECTOR.

KARAMANLIS CONTINUED AS FOLLOWS:

A. HAPPY OVER VP VISIT, WILL BE RE-AFFIRMATION FRIENDSHIP; NO MATTER WHAT, GREEKS WILL REMAIN DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE US HELP, AS EVERY GREEK KNOWS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DUE US AID.

B. DUTY BOUND INFORM YOU CRITICALLY PRESENT PERIOD; POLICY OF AUSTERITY FORCED ON PEOPLE IN ORDER CREATE SOUND ECONOMY FOR STABILITY AND HOPE FOR FUTURE. PROCESS NOW IN CRITICAL MID PERIOD. MUST BE COMPLETED TO ASSURE FUTURE, BUT GREEK RESOURCES INSUFFICIENT. PROGRAM BASED ENTIRELY ON CERTAIN LOANS; PROGRESS WOULD BE MORE CERTAIN WITH GREATER GREEK ALLOCATIONS TO INVESTMENT BUDGET. BUT CAN ONLY PROVIDE 20 PER CENT FROM GREEK SOURCES.

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EVERY YEAR SECURING DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES IS SOURCE ANGUISH.

C. JUST WHEN HELP NEEDED MOST, INFORMED BY US OF CUT OFF SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE. SUM NOT GREAT, BUT OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FUTURE GREECE. OF \$170 MILLION SPENT ON DEFENSE, \$20 MILLION WAS FROM US. THEREFORE GOG MUST NOW EITHER CUT DEFENSE SPENDING OR CUT BY MORE THAN HALF GREEK RESOURCES GOING TO DEVELOPMENT BUDGET (ROUGHLY \$30 MILLION). REPERCUSSIONS IN EITHER CASE ARE FAR GREATER THAN WOULD BE INDICATED BY RELATIVELY SMALL SUM INVOLVED.

D. UNDERSTAND US POSITION AND CANNOT DICTATE HOW US TO DISPOSE ITS AID FUNDS, BUT MOMENT FOR TERMINATION OF GRANT AID WAS PARTICULARLY UNTIMELY FOR GREECE. WHEN PROSPECT OF CUT-OFF AROSE, PROBLEM WAS TAKEN TO NATO ALLIES. DURING ATHENS MEETING NATO COUNCIL MAY RESOLUTION WAS VOTED, ENDORSED BY US, RECOGNIZING NEED ASSISTANCE TO GREEK DEFENSE EFFORT.

AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE, IN RESPONSE QUESTION BY VP, SAID OUR ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION DID NOT NEGATE OUR EARLIER DECISION CUT OFF SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE;

RESOLUTION PROVIDED WORKING GROUP STUDY (1) COST MAINTAIN GREEK FORCES CURRENT LEVELS, (2) COST MAINTAIN AT NATO FORCE GOAL LEVELS, AND (3) DETERMINATION ON BASIS (1) AND (2) WAYS AND MEANS PROVISION ANY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. KARAMANLIS, AFTER DISCUSSION HIS MINISTERS IN GREEK, SAID NATO RESOLUTION RECOGNIZED BY IMPLICATION GREECE NEEDED HELP, STUDY SHOULD BE MADE, AND METHODS HELP

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CONSIDERED. AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE SAID DECISION STUDY PROBLEM WAS NOT AN ADMISSION HELP MUST BE PROVIDED. KARAMANLIS REPEATED THAT IT WAS AN IMPLICIT RECOGNITION. VP MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. HE WANTED LEARN BACKGROUND GREEK PROBLEMS AND EXPLAIN BACKGROUND US PROBLEMS. WISHES, HOPES, DESIRES SHOULD BE SET ASIDE, AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN WHAT CAN PRACTICALLY BE DONE.

B. AFTER WINNING WW II AND EXTENDING \$3 BILLION LOAN TO UK, WE SHIFTED PROCEDURES DRAMATICALLY WITH TRUMAN DOCTRINE AND GREEK-TURKISH AID, AFTER DIFFICULT CONGRESSIONAL FIGHT. MAJORITY US PEOPLE WOULD HAVE OPPOSED THEN. SUSPECT IN REFERENDUM TODAY MAJORITY PEOPLE WOULD SAY WE MADE MISTAKE WHEN WE BEGAN THIS TYPE AID. THEN CAME MARSHALL PLAN AND SUBSEQUENT AID, ADDING IN ALL TO \$100 BILLION FOREIGN AID OR 15 YEARS. PRESIDENT KENNEDY ELECTED WITH 50.2 PER CENT VOTE. NOT AS FORTUNATE AS PRIME MINISTER IN HAVING SAFE PARTY MAJORITY IN LEGISLATURE. CONGRESS HAS DEFEATED ADMINISTRATION ON MEDICARE, FARM BILL, URBAN AFFAIRS, AND OTHER, SAYING NO, NO, NO TO PRESIDENT, WITH MAJORITY REPUBLICANS JOINING CONSERVATIVE DEMOCRATS. THIS YEAR \$4.6 BILLION FOREIGN AID REQUESTED. US HAD TO INCREASE DEBT LIMIT TO \$8 BILLION TAKE CARE OF \$6 BILLION UNFORESEEN DEFENSE EXPENDITURE FOR BERLIN BUILD-UP, WHICH WAS FOR BENEFIT ALL FREE NATIONS. SHORTFALL MUST BE BORROWED AT 3 PERCENT OR 4 PERCENT INTEREST.

C. CONGRESS WILL NOT VOTE SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE OR BUDGET SUBSIDIES OTHER THAN IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS CURRENT FIGHTING AND LIMITED NUMBER SPECIAL CASES WHERE I BEING RAPIDLY PHASED OUT. UNLESS WE CAN GO BACK AND TALK "LOAN" TO CONGRESS AND PEOPLE, ENTIRE STRUCTURE FOREIGN AID CAN COLLAPSE. ONLY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF \$4.6 BILLION IS FOR BUDGETARY SUPPORT AND CONGRESS HAS BEEN TOLD EVEN THAT WILL SOON BE PHASED OUT.

D. REPRESENTATIVE PASSMAN HAS PUBLICLY DEMANDED THAT FOREIGN AID APPROPRIATION BE CUT FROM REQUESTED \$4.6 BILLION TO \$3 BILLION. PRESIDENT WILL FIGHT SUCH REDUCTION VIGOROUSLY, BUT IF APPLIED IT COULD HAVE SEVERE EFFECTS ON ALL OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

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THE PRESIDENT CANNOT DICTATE TO CONGRESS. VP WILL GO BACK TO WASHINGTON AND HELP TO GET AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE APPROVED. IF CONGRESS WON'T AUTHORIZE THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT LOANS WE NEED, PROSPECTS EVEN WORSE FOR BUDGET SUBSIDIES, WHICH ARE TRADITIONALLY UNPOPULAR.

E. KEY TO WHAT US DOES IS WHAT CONGRESS AUTHORIZES MONEY FOR. CONGRESS HAS SAID AND WILL SAY THAT BASIC ISSUE IS HOW FOREIGN AID FUNDS WILL BE USED. CONGRESS IS SAYING IF YOU WISH DEVELOPMENT LOANS WE HAVE THEM, BUT NO BUDGET SUBSIDIES. OUR PROBLEM IS TO DECIDE HOW TO SOLVE GREECE'S PROBLEMS WITH TYPE OF FUNDS CONGRESS WILL GIVE US. WE HAVE STOREROOM OF DEVELOPMENT LOAN DOLLARS BUT DEFENSE SUPPORT STOREROOM IS EMPTY. WE MUST DECIDE HOW BEST FORMER CAN MAKE UP FOR THE ABSENCE OF LATTER.

KARAMANLIS, AFTER DISCUSSION IN GREEK WITH HIS MINISTERS, SET FORTH FOLLOWING:

A. WE AWARE US PROBLEM AND REALIZE CANNOT DICTATE US ACTIONS, BUT OUR DUTY IN VIEW YOUR INTEREST IS TO GO OVER ALL ASPECTS PROBLEMS AND DANGERS FACING GREECE SO YOU CAN DECIDE WHAT COURSE TO TAKE.

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B. IF GRANT AID BEING CUT OFF EVERYWHERE WITHOUT EXCEPTION WE COULD NOT TALK ABOUT IT, BUT SINCE THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS AND GREECE IS NOT TREATED AS EXCEPTION, US APPRAISAL GREEK SITUATION MUST BE INCORRECT. THE SUM IS SMALL BUT POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS GREAT.

VP ASKED IF GREEK POLITICAL PROBLEM ANY GREATER THAN THAT OF US. KARAMANLIS REPLIED \$20 MILLION CANNOT BE IMPORTANT TO US. VP SAID US COULDN'T GET THE MONEY. KARAMANLIS SAID IT REQUIRED UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION FACING GREECE. VP REPLIED GREEK PARLIAMENT OBVIOUSLY NOT VOTING PRIME MIN DOWN AS US CONGRESS IS DOING TO PRESIDENT; WE KNEW IN JANUARY WE COULDN'T GET BUDGET MONEY FOR GREECE, ASKED FOR WHAT WE COULD GET, AND ARE THREATENED WITH A ONE-THIRD CUT OF THAT. VP ADDED EVEN SO US GOVERNMENT PREPARED PUT NEW MONEY INTO DEVELOPMENT LOANS AND THEN GREECE CAN SWITCH ITS OWN FUNDS FROM DEVELOPMENT TO DEFENSE. THIS, SAID VP, IS NOT WHAT WE WANT TO DO BUT IS BEST WE CAN DO.

KARAMANLIS HELD FORTH AS FOLLOWS: HE UNDERSTANDS US DIFFICULTIES, BUT GREECE IN DESPERATE SITUATION HERE. GREECE OF SMALL NATO POWERS SPENDS HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GNP FOR DEFENSE. THEREFORE NATO RECOGNIZED NECESSITY EXAMINING METHODS ALLEVIATING GREEK MILITARY BURDENS. WITH US APPROVAL GREECE SHIFTED PROBLEM THROUGH WORKING GROUP FROM US TO NATO. NATO NOW DISCUSSING METHODS FILLING GREEK GAP FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. IF US WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE, NEITHER WILL OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS. (AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE INTERJECTED THAT GAP NOT DETERMINED). THE GAP HAS BEEN SET AT ABOUT \$30 MILLION. IF IN FRAME NATO US CONTRIBUTED

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SOME, SAY \$10 MILLION, OTHERS WOULD COME IN FOR REMAINDER. IN THIS NEW FRAMEWORK PRINCIPLE DISCONTINUANCE DEFENSE SUPPORT WOULD BE PRESERVED, GREEK NEEDS MET, AND IN ACCORDANCE US POLICY OBJECTIVE, OTHER NATO ALLIES WOULD RECOGNIZE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY. IF US SAYS NO OTHERS WILL SAY NO. BUT SUCH NATO CHANNELLED AID WOULD ESTABLISH PRECEDENT AND PRINCIPLE BENEFICIAL TO NATO.

VP ASKED HOW TO GET FUNDS FROM CONGRESS, SINCE NATO ITSELF HAS NO MONEY.

KARAMANLIS SUGGESTED US COULD TAKE NEW INITIATIVE TO CONGRESS, POINTING OUT SMALL SUM WOULD PERSUADE OTHER NATO POWERS CONTRIBUTE, THUS ADVANCING ONE IMPORTANT US POLICY AND NOT NEGATING DISCONTINUANCE DEFENSE SUPPORT.

VP SAID CONGRESS WON'T VOTE NEW DEFENSE SUPPORT FUNDS IN ANY FRAMEWORK WITH ELECTIONS APPROACHING. NO NEED TO PERSUADE ME, IF I WERE DICTATOR YOU WOULD HAVE IT, BUT PASSMAN WOULD GIVE BUDGET SUPPORT MONEY TO KARAMANLIS BEFORE HE WOULD GIVE IT TO NATO.

KARAMANLIS SAID IF VP THINKS SUGGESTION HOPELESS, NO POINT DISCUSSING IT FURTHER; IT REPRESENTED EFFORT FIND SOLUTION; SEEMS FOOLISH RISK FRUITS GIGANTIC PAST US AID TO GREECE FOR MEASLY \$10 MILLION WITHOUT TRYING FIND SOLUTION.

VICE PRESIDENT REPLIED NO QUESTION OF FRIENDSHIP AT ISSUE; PERSONAL AFFECTION FOR GREECE, ALWAYS GREAT, EVEN GREATER SINCE HIS ARRIVAL ATHENS. WE WILL HAVE MONEY IN THE ACCOUNTS OF PL 480, DEVELOPMENT LOANS, MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMABLES. IF CONGRESS WILL NOT GIVE MONEY TO DEFENSE SUPPORT ACCOUNT, WE MUST DECIDE HOW WE CAN TAKE MONEY FROM ACCOUNT OF ANOTHER MEMBER OF FAMILY AND KEEP UP GREEK DEFENSE EFFORT CAN THINK OVER PROBLEM, TALK ABOUT IT LATER. NOT HERE TO BARGAIN OR TAKE AWAY ANY MONEY THAT CAN BE OBTAINED FOR GREECE. IF FRIEND HAS NOTHING ON HIS PLATE, CAN BORROW FROM OTHER PLATES SO

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FRIEND CAN EAT. GREECE AT TOP OF LIST WHAT CAN BE OBTAINED. MUST DO BEST WE CAN WITH WHAT WE HAVE TO HELP DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTAIN STABILITY BY PUTTING US MONEY INTO DEVELOPMENT SO GREECE CAN PUT ITS MONEY INTO DEFENSE.

KARAMANLIS SAID WOULD FACE SITUATION IN BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

VP SAID ADMINISTRATION HOPES CHANGE FEW SEATS IN CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER, GET EDGE IN CLOSE VOTES, AND WIN ON FOREIGN AID BILLS. NOW US AND GREECE AS PARTNERS MUST FIND OUT WHAT CAN BE DONE HELP GREECE DEVELOP AND GET OUR AID TO THE PRIME MINISTER WHO NEEDS IT.

REPLYING TO QUESTION FROM KARAMANLIS ON OTHER COUNTRIES STILL RECEIVING DEFENSE SUPPORT, VP SAID PHASE-OUT SLOWER IN TURKEY DUE BAD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THERE, AND WAR SITUATION REQUIRED CONTINUANCE IN SE ASIA. PERHAPS WITH A BETTER CONGRESS FOREIGN AID CAN BE IMPROVED. EVERY PRESIDENT FOR FOREIGN AID, EVERY CONGRESS AGAINST IT. KARAMANLIS SAID HE WISHED DISCUSS QUESTION LOANS FURTHER AT MONDAY MEETING, AS WELL AS BALKAN SITUATION. AID PROBLEM IS SERIOUS; THE WAY THINGS LOOK NATO PRESTIGE COULD SUFFER, SINCE GREEK DEFENSE LEVEL WILL PROBABLY DROP WITHOUT A SOLUTION.

VP ENDED MEETING BY AFFIRMING US AWARENESS PROBLEM POSED BY CUT-OFF DEFENSE SUPPORT, AND AWARENESS NATO PROBLEM. WILL THINK OVER TODAY'S DISCUSSION AND EXPECT HEAR MORE MONDAY; HOPE GREEKS WILL CONTEMPLATE PROBLEM FACED BY US.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
TOAST, KING PAUL AND QUEEN FREDERIKA LUNCH,
CORFU, SEPTEMBER 2, 1962

Your Majesties:

We are honored to be in your country and to have the privilege of meeting with Your Majesties again on this most beautiful island.

Our hearts were won in America nine years ago by Your Majesties' memorable visit to our country. It is a very happy coincidence now that while we are being received so warmly in Greece, Your Majesties' charming daughter and her husband are visiting in the United States—and paid a call on President Kennedy shortly before we reached Athens.

These visits are more than symbolic. They represent the natural and friendly affection between the peoples of our lands—people whose values derive from a common heritage and whose purposes unite from common determination to be free.

It is gratifying to us, on this visit, to come to a Greece that is free, a Greece that is at peace, a Greece at work developing a better economic and social life for all the people. We admire the qualities of the people of Greece which have made this remarkable recovery and advance possible. We, likewise, admire the inspiring leadership Your Majesties have provided so courageously and untiringly in periods of both war and peace. Through trying years for the democracies of the West, Your Majesties have filled an invaluable role of personal service to the great cause of freedom in the world.

Ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to join me in a toast to Their Majesties.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S TOAST PRIME MINISTER'S
DINNER SEPTEMBER 2:

"MR PRIME MINISTER, MR. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED
GUESTS:

" YOUR WELCOME AND THE WELCOME OF THE PEOPLE OF GREECE- MAKES OUR
HEARTS PROUD AND GRATEFUL. WE REALISE ANEW HOW DEEP IS THE SENSE OF
BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN GREEK AND AMERICAN. THIS SPIRIT REMINDS US THAT
THE PEOPLE OF BOTH OUR LANDS WANT AND EXPECT THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO
WORK TOGETHER IN FRATERNAL ACCORD ALWAYS.

"I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT OUR COUNTRIES ARE WORKING TOGETHER -WITH
GREATER MUTUAL RESPECT THAN EVER BEFORE. WE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE
GRATEFUL TO YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER, FOR THE FRANKNESS AND THE
FORCEFULNESS WITH WHICH YOU SO STEADFASTLY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS
OF YOUR COUNTRY- TO US AND TO ALL THE FORUMS OF THE FREE WORLD.

"IN THIS FIFTEENTH YEAR SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE,
IT IS INSPIRING TO US TO BE ABLE TO TALK TOGETHER OF THE FUTURE
FOR A STRONG AND FREE GREECE. WE STILL LIVE IN A WORLD OF DANGER.
BUT MUCH MORE NOW THAN 15 YEARS AGO, WE LIVE WITH FAITH- NOT WITH
FEAR.

AS WE HAVE PRESERVED FREEDOM BY BUILDING MILITARY STRENGTH,
NOW WE MUST TOGETHER GIVE FREEDOM ITS FULLEST MEANING BY BUILDING
ECONOMIC STRENGTH TO SUPPORT BETTER LIVES FOR ALL OUR PEOPLES.
WE ARE PLEASED BY THE SELF-RELIANT DETERMINATION OF GREECE TO MAKE
THE PLANE, SET THE GOALS, AND MANIFEST THE INITIATIVE WHICH WILL

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MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BE OF GREATER ASSISTANCE IN YOUR DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHER FREE NATIONS TO ASSIST AS WELL. WE ARE CONFIDENT A NEW GOLDEN AGE IS COMING FOR YOUR PEOPLE.

"THE PEOPLE OF GREECE TODAY ENJOY PEACE. IT IS OUR COMMON PURPOSES TO MAINTAIN THAT PEACE. IF ANY SHOULD ENTERTAIN DESIGNS AGAINST THE PEACE, LET THEM UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TOLERATE NO COMPROMISE OF THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY OF OUR ALLY AND FRIEND, GREECE. AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD HAVE THE PEOPLE OF GREECE KNOW WHETHER THEY LIVE IN CITIES OR VILLAGES LABOR AT CRAFTS OR TILL THE SOIL THAT AMERICA WILL BE WORKING WITH THEIR RESPONSIBLE LEADERS TO UNDERTAKE THE THINGS THAT WILL MAKE LIFE BETTER THROUGHOUT THIS PROUD AND HONORED LAND.

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST-- TO THEIR MAJESTIES, TO YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER, AND TO THE VALIANT PEOPLE OF GREECE."

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY RECORD CONVERSATION BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS SEPTEMBER 3 9:45 AM AT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. CONVERSATION SUMMARIZED HEREIN FOLLOWED 30 MINUTES PRIVATE TALK BETWEEN VP, PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, AMB LABOUISSSE AND KOMER. THIS SUMMARY PREPARED BY BOWLING AND CLEARED WITH AMB LABOUISSSE. ALSO PRESENT WERE AVEROFF, PAPALIGOURAS, MATSAS, PALAMAS, KOMER, BUSBY, BREWUTER, MCCOY AND CARAMANLIS' PRIVATE SECRETARY. PAPALIGOURAS ACTED AS PRINCIPAL INTERPRETER.

SUMMARY

DISCUSSION CENTERED ON ACCEPTANCE BY GREEKS DISCONTINUANCE SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE, AND METHODS BY WHICH US AID FOR FY 63 COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY MEET GREEK NEEDS. VP PROMISED STRONG SUPPORT FOR MOST EFFECTIVE POSSIBLE AID PROGRAM. CARAMANLIS ASKED US APPROACH OTHER NATO POWERS TO ENCOURAGE DEFENSE ASSISTANCE. VP SAID GREEKS MUST TAKE INITIATIVE HERE; US WOULD THEN SUPPORT.
END SUMMARY.

CARAMANLIS NOTED THAT IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS EACH SIDE PRESENTED ITS VIEWS AND EXPLAINED SITUATION IT FACES. GREEK PROBLEM. EXPLAINED NOW UP TO VP SEE WHAT US CAN DO TO PROVIDE ANSWER.

VP REPLIED UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE GREEK PROBLEM AND HOPE /CARAMANLIS

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CARAMANLIS UNDERSTANDS OUR PROBLEM IN GREECE AND ELSEWHERE ON DEFENSE SUPPORT. WANT DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WITHIN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY CONGRESS STRENGTHEN CARAMANLIS AND STRENGTHEN GREECE. WILL CONTINUE DO SO THIS YEAR JUST AS EFFECTIVELY AS IN PAST. DETAILS CAN'T BE SPELLED OUT NOW BUT WE DO KNOW WE CAN'T GIVE DEFENSE SUPPORT. NO LESSENING OF INTEREST ON PART US; ON CONTRARY MY PRESENCE SHOWS US INTEREST INCREASING. US INTENDS PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE IN PL480, MAP, DEVELOPMENT LOANS; SHOULD BE AS EFFECTIVE NEXT YEAR AS LAST YEAR. DEFENSE SUPPORT IMPOSSIBLE.

CARAMANLIS SAID HE WISHED DISCUSS DETAILS. TERMINATION DEFENSE SUPPORT UNDERSTOOD, THOUGH STILL FEEL BOTH SIDES DO NOT HAVE SAME APPRECIATION THIS PROBLEM. IN ANY CASE NO FURTHER POINT IN DISCUSSING DEFENSE SUPPORT, NOW MUST DISCUSS WHAT CAN BE DONE IN TERMS FORMS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE.

VP SAID WILL TRY UTILIZE OTHER FORMS TO DO JOB, IN TERMS SELF-HELP PRINCIPLE REQUIRING RECIPIENT COUNTRIES DO THEIR PART. FOR INSTANCE, IF GREECE WILL GET ITS DEVELOPMENT LOAN APPLICATIONS IN ORDER AND PRESENT THEM TO AMB LABOUISSSE WE WILL ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT LOANS.

PRIMIN DESCRIBED GREEK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, POINTING OUT OF \$200 MILLION ANNUALLY, ONLY ABOUT \$30 FROM GREEK BUDGET, REST OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL LOANS. NEED FOR LOCAL CURRENCY MUCH MORE ACUTE THAN NEED FOREIGN EXCHANGE, AND IS LIMITING FACTOR IN PACE OF DEVELOPMENT. HEREIN IS IMPORTANCE DEFENSE SUPPORT. TWENTY PERCENT OR LESS STATE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR FOREIGN CURRENCY. NEED LOCAL CURRENCY-GENERATING FORM OF AID IF DEFENSE SUPPORT TERMINATED. IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS REQUIRING LARGE PROPORTION FOREIGN CURRENCY, SUCH AS (#) FOR GOOD PROJECTS. NOW WORKING WITH US EMBASSY. ON THREE YEAR PROJECT PROVIDE LOAN FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE SUCH MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AS TELEPHONE SYSTEM FROM US. THIS UNFORTUNATELY WILL NOT BE HELPFUL UNLESS PRIVATE GREEK PURCHASES FROM US ALSO INCLUDED IN ORDER OBTAIN MORE LOCAL CURRENCY FOR STATE INVESTMENT PROGRAM.

AMB LABOUISSSE NOTED SUCH PROCEDURE WOULD IN EFFECT MERELY CHANGE BUDGETARY SUPPORT FROM GRANT TO LOAN BASIS.

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CARAMANLIS REPLIED HE WAS THINKING OF GENERAL PROGRAM LOAN, NOT TIED SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

AT VP'S REQUEST, AMB LABOUISSSE EXPLAINED US POLICY DEVELOPMENT LENDING IS ORIENTED TOWARD PROJECTS, NOT PROGRAMS. AS YOU KNOW, US STANDS READY WITH \$10 MILLION PROGRAM LOAN. QUESTION IS APPLICATION SUCH LOANS TO PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR US.

PRIMIN NOTED NEED LOCAL CURRENCY ONLY ONE OF PROBLEMS GREEK DEVELOPMENT. ANOTHER IS THAT CURRENT PROGRAM HALF-FINISHED, WHICH RAISES SEVERAL PROBLEMS INCOMPLETE PROJECTS SUCH AS DAMS, ROAD, AND IRRIGATION SYSTEMS REQUIRING LARGE AMOUNTS LOCAL CURRENCY. THUS \$10 MILLION PROGRAM LOAN IMPORTANT.

VP SAID US GOING TO GIVE \$10 MILLION PROGRAM LOAN THIS YEAR.

VP THEN SAID WE INTEND CONTINUE MAJOR MAP DELIVERIES, PROBABLY INCREASED THIS YEAR. GREECE WILL RECEIVE 57 M47 TANKS, 263 OAPC'S, 24 8-INCH HOWITZERS, 120-SS-ELEVEN MISSILES, ONE LST, THREE MINE-SWEEPERS, AND TWO SQUADRONS F104G'S. THIS IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE KIND OF MAP WE HOPE PROVIDE IF WE GET WHAT WE ASK FOR FROM CONGRESS. WE ALSO PLEASED OVER RATE DEVELOPMENT GREECE; MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE; WE INTEND HELP GREECE DO IT. IN ADDITION \$10 MILLION PROGRAM LOAN, WE WANT ACT FAVORABLY ON DEVELOPMENT LOANS AND URGE GREECE EXPEDITE PRESENTATION ADDITIONAL PROJECT LOANS. US WILL CONTINUE PL 480 IF WE CAN END STERILE TALK ABOUT DEFENSE SUPPORT. PERHAPS WAYS COULD BE FOUND THROUGH PL 480 GIVE GREECE OTHER SURPLUS PRODUCTS TO GENERATE LOCAL CURRENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT.

VP WARNED HE COULD NOT MAKE COMMITMENTS, AND CAREFUL STUDY NECESSARY, BUT POSSIBILITY EXISTS USING FOR INSTANCE SUPPLY US SURPLUS DAIRY PRODUCTS TO GENERATE MORE LOCAL CURRENCY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. PRIMIN REMARKED HE NOW PAYING PRICE FOR MAKING GREECE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN MOST AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS US HAS IN SURPLUS.

PAPALIGOURAS SAID EFFORT MUST BE MADE SEE WHAT SURPLUS US
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PRODUCTS GREECE COULD ABSORB UNDER PL 480.

CARAMANLIS ASKED IF TRIANGULAR TRADE ARRANGEMENT FOR PL 480 COULD BE WORKED OUT.

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VICE PRESIDENT REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, MUST BE BILATERAL. PRIME MINISTER HAS EFFECTIVELY PRESENTED GREEK CASE AND WE HAVE EXPLAINED OUR SITUATION. WE TRYING FIND WAYS MAKE OUR AID MORE EFFECTIVE FY 63 THAN FY 62 AND DESIRE SAY SO TO PRESS.

CARAMANLIS NOTED ONE PROBLEM IS REAL. OTHER IS HOW TO PRESENT THINGS TO THE PUBLIC, AND REQUESTED DISCUSS FORMER FIRST. UNDERSTAND VICE PRESIDENT CANNOT MAKE COMMITMENTS. PROJECT LOANS SOLVED FOREIGN EXCHANGE BUT NOT LOCAL CURRENCY PROBLEM. US HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS HELP GREEK DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE PERHAPS TENDED ACT WITH DEFENSE SUPPORT STILL IN MIND. NOW NO FURTHER QUESTION DEFENSE SUPPORT. WE THEREFORE WILL SUBMIT TO EMBASSY WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS EVERYTHING WE HAVE IN VARIOUS PROJECTS AND IDEAS FOR DEVELOPMENT LENDING. HOPE VICE PRESIDENT WILL EXERCISE HIS INFLUENCE SEE THEY ACCEPTED TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT, AND DO WHATEVER HE CAN TO SUPPORT GREEK PROPOSALS.

VICE PRESIDENT SAID THIS WAS CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION, FAR BETTER THAN BUMPING HEAD AGAINST BRICK WALL OF DEFENSE SUPPORT. US GOAL IS A PEACEFUL, STRONG GREECE. WE CAN GO THIS WAY BY SEVERAL ROADS. LAST YEAR GREECE GOT \$90-100 MILLION FY 62 MAP; IF PRESIDENT HAS HIS WAY ON FOREIGN AID BILL GREECE SHOULD GET \$80-100 MILLION

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FY 63, INCLUDING AS BEFORE SOME COMMERCIAL CONSUMMABLES. DEVELOPMENT LENDING IS ANOTHER ROAD IN FY 62 WE PROVIDED \$10 MILLION, IN FY 63 WE ARE ASSUMING \$20 TO \$40 MILLION, ASSUMING OUR CONGRESS COMES THROUGH AND YOU FIND ACCEPTABLE PROJECTS; THIS WOULD BE MORE THAN YOU ARE GETTING NOW.

PAPALIGOURIS NOTED GREECE HAS EDFO AND NATIONAL BANK LOANS ALREADY APPROVED, AND HOPES FOR ACHELDOS PROJECT LOANS; WILL SEE WHAT OTHER PROJECTS CAN BE SUBMITTED.

VICE PRESIDENT WENT ON TO NOTE THAT ROUGHLY \$100 MILLION MAP, \$40 MILLION DEVELOPMENT LENDING \$20 MILLION PL 480 WOULD MAKE \$160 MILLION IN US AID FY 63. CONGRESS MAY CUT, BUT ADMINISTRATION SHOOTING FOR THIS SIZE ASSISTANCE TO GREECE. WE CAN'T WORK OUT DETAILS AND SHOULD PEG OUR ACTIONS ON PRIME MINISTER'S CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTION. I CAN'T SAY PUBLICLY YOU'LL GET THIS MUCH OR THAT MUCH. REALIZE PRIME MINISTER'S OPPONENTS ALLEGE HE DOES NOT PRESENT GREEK CASE; WE REALIZE HIS INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND WANT HELP HIM. DON'T WANT COMMIT US TO CERTAIN FIGURE AND THEN HAVE IT FALL ON HIM IF WE DON'T DELIVER AT DAY OF RECKONING. I SHOULD TELL PUBLIC HOW HOUR AFTER HOUR HE TOLD ME HIS NEEDS VARIOUS TYPES US ASSISTANCE AND THAT I AM CONVINCED IF CONGRESS GIVES ADMINISTRATION A GOOD BILL OUR AID FOR FY 63 WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN FOR FY 62. HAVE PREPARED SUCH A STATEMENT WHICH WOULD AVOID COMMITMENTS, AVOID TROUBLE FROM COUNTRIES LIKE IRAN AND PAKISTAN WHERE DEFENSE SUPPORT ALSO TERMINATED, AND HELP CARAMANLIS.

CARAMANLIS ASKED FOR ASSURANCE OF BROAD-MINDED US CONSIDERATION GREEK LOAN APPLICATIONS.

VICE PRESIDENT REPLIED IN AFFIRMATIVE. ADDING PRIME MINISTER'S FUTURE IS OUR FUTURE. VICE PRESIDENT THEN READ HIS SUGGESTED STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, COMMENTING THAT LIKE A MOTHER HUBBARD IT CONCEALS EVERYTHING AND TOUCHED ON NOTHING, BUT STILL, LIKE A BIKINI, COVERED THE ESSENTIAL POINTS.

CARAMANLIS SUGGESTED

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CARAMANLIS SUGGESTED AND HE AND VP DISCUSSED CHANGES IN STATEMENT TO:

(A) EMPHASIZE TERMINATION SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE IS GENERAL POLICY NOT DIRECTED AT GREECE;

(B) PROMISE MAGNITUDE FUTURE AID WOULD BE GREATER THAN IN PAST.

VICE PRESIDENT SAID DOMESTIC GREEK PUBLIC MUST UNDERSTAND PRIME MINISTER POUNDED TABLE ON ALL ISSUES AND WE UNDERSTAND GREEK PROBLEMS WELL. BUT US CONGRESS MUST NOT (REPEAT NOT) GET IMPRESSION VICE PRESIDENT HANDING OUT COMMITMENTS BEFORE APPROPRIATION VOTED, ALSO GREEKS MUST REALIZE WE LOVE GREECE MORE THAN EVER. DON'T SAY I PROMISED YOU A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OF AID, BUT I WILL REALLY WORK TO MAKE OUR AID MORE EFFECTIVE FOR YOUR NEEDS.

CARAMANLIS REQUESTED THAT U.S. SUPPORT GREECE IN CONTEXT NATO AID TO GREEK DEFENSE, MATERIALLY IF POSSIBLE, OTHERWISE MORALLY.

AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE POINTED OUT THAT US CANNOT BACK CREATION SPECIAL NATO FUND, BUT WITHIN FRAMEWORK RECENT NATO RESOLUTIONS WILL SUPPORT GREEK EFFORTS OBTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

VICE PRESIDENT SAID GREECE SHOULD EXERT ITS EFFORTS SUBMIT SPEEDY AND ADEQUATE DATA TO OECD CONSORTIUM. IF YOU WANT ME TO APPROACH THE ITALIANS ON ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION NATO DEFENSE STUDY OR CONSORTIUM, WILL DO SO PROVIDED YOU TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH ITALIANS. SO FAR AS I KNOW YOU'VE TAKEN NO INITIATIVE.

CARAMANLIS SAID THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OTHER NATO COUNTRIES WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON US CONTRIBUTIONS. IF US AND EACH OF THE THREE OTHERS WOULD EACH GIVE \$5 MILLION. PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED.

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AMBASSADOR LABOUISSSE POINTED OUT THAT US MAP WAS ALREADY
HEAVY SUPPORT FOR GREEK DEFENSE.

VICE PRESIDENT DECLARED US WOULD TRY TO HELP WITH
ITALIANS AND OTHERS IF GREEKS TOOK INITIATIVE.

CARAMANLIS SAID GREECE WOULD APPROACH OTHER COUNTRIES
THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS.

REMAINDER OF THE MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO DETAILED REVIEW OF
TWO PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENTS.

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AMB-2 Vice President Johnson accompanied by Ambassador Labouisse and senior staff
MIN attended second business meeting with Prime Minister Caramanlis and other
POL Greek officials 0930 Septeember 3. Following meeting, which lasted approx-
EC-3 imately three hours, Vice President made following statement:
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PHOTO "These compreeptive and thorough talks with Prime Minister Caramanlis have
VMA been most useful, and represent another milestone on the ever closer cooperation
(alters) and understanding between our two countries. I come away from them with a
FY full understanding of the problems which the Government of Greece faces
SN-2 in its efforts to improve the welfare of the greek people, to adjust the
XO-2 Greek economy to meet the opportunities which will flow from association
EU with the European Common Market, and to provide an adequate defense
establishment within the framework of the NATO Alliance. I have great
confidence that our partnership will be even more productive in the
coming years.

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I have informed the Prime Minister that the United States will continue
at a high level its assistance aimed at the enhancement of the Greek
National Security and Greek Economic Development. While the general policy
of the United States is to shift the assistance from defense support to
development loan -- except in a very few cases where exceptional reasions
prevail -- the form of our other aid to Greece will be consonant to the
highest possible degree with Greece's particular environment and its basis
needs. I reviewed with the Prime Minister our plans for aiding the Greek
armed forces and the Greek development program over the next few years.
As you yknow, the United States has in the past few years provided aid to
Greece in an amount equivalent to approximately \$150 million per year.
It is impossible for me to forecast at this time the precise form of
the assistance that can be provided in the future. However: We have
every hope that through our normal Governmental processes our program will
be even more effective in the future than it has been in the past in
strengthening Greece.

I have confirmed to the Prime Minister our determination to protect and
support Greece in the future as in the past against any threats from any
quarter. I congratulated the Prime Minister on the remarkable economic

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progress of Greece and on its development program. Our talks have been marked by the highest degree of cordiality and sincerity, and I will remember them always with pleasure."

Prime Minister then made following statement, which was translated into English by Foreign Minister for benefit non-Greek newsmen:

"The conversations have been particularly useful. Once more freindship and collaboration between the two countries have been reaffirmed as well as the warm interest and cooperation of the United States on all basic problems which Greece is facing.

We presented with sincerity and in complete magnitude the Greek economic problem which has met with understanding. Apart from the huge assistance which the United States has provided to Greece in the past, and despite the general termination of defense support, the United States continues to provide today very considerable assistance. Moreover, these talks the eminent Vice President declared that his government will contribute actively to the further promotion of Greece's economy in an even more effective way.

I thank the Vice President for the sincere interest with which he considered the questions, and I asked him to convey to the American people and to President Kennedy the feelings of friendship and gratitude of the Greek people for all that the United States has done and it continues to do in support of Greece."

From Parliament building Vice President returned breifly to hotel and then proceeded to airport stopping off to deliver greetings and handshakes at American Labor Day picnic at Aghios Kosmas. Vice President, Mr.s Johnson and Miss Johnson, Ambassador and Mrs. Labouisse, and other members of party, departed by air for Thessaloniki at 1330.

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON
FARMER'S MARKET, ATHENS
SEPTEMBER 4, 1962

Your Excellency:

I am very glad we could come here this morning -- to meet the people who have greeted us so warmly and to see this fine example of what Greeks and Americans can build together for the future.

As you have noted so generously, Mr. Minister, my own countrymen have been working with your countrymen for more than a decade -- in many ways. We hope now that these efforts will continue with even greater effectiveness in developing your economy and helping our friends -- the Greek people -- enjoy a better life year by year.

Your city is one of history's great cities. Athens stood here proud and strong long before there was an America. But today there is a new and modern age for Athens. Like many of the cities in America, metropolitan Athens is experiencing rapid growth with a population now of nearly two million.

The concentration of population in metropolitan centers makes all the more important the necessity for prudent planning in the agricultural sector. Fifty percent of your people are farmers -- and the farmers feed the city. This new market will provide the means for your farmers to get their produce to their city customers quickly and efficiently -- and this should reduce the costs to your housewives who do the shopping.

This is a good example of the effective use of cooperatives. Our own experience in the United States has proved what co-ops can do for farmers and for consumers and for the economy of the country.

I am delighted that the United States has been able to make this contribution to the continuing progress of Greece. I know that the new market will be of great benefit. I congratulate, you, Mr. Minister, on the leadership provided by your Ministry in meeting the agricultural challenges of your country. My best wishes to you -- and to our wonderful good friends, the people of Greece.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT VP'S SPEECH THESSALONIKI TRADE FAIR SEPTEMBER 5.

"WE ARE HONORED AND INSPIRED TO BE IN YOUR ANCIENT CITY--HERE IN NORTHERN GREECE. STANDING IN SIGHT OF MT OLYMPUS, WE FEEL CLOSE TO THE GREATNESS OF YOUR NATION'S PAST. BUT WE ALSO FEEL CLOSE TO THE GREATNESS OF YOUR NATION'S FUTURE.

"GREECE IS MOVING FORWARD TO A NEW DAY OF PROMISE AND PROSPERITY. ONE REASON WE CAN HAVE SUCH CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE IS THE FACT THAT NORTHERN GREECE IS MAKING SUCH A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION BY YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN MANY FIELDS--AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMERCE.

"WE IN AMERICA KNOW FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE--HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR A NATION TO DEVELOP THE RESOURCES OF ALL REGIONS. WE WELCOME THE EFFORTS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ASSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL REGIONS AND VILLAGES OF YOUR COUNTRY.

"IT IS A HIGH PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE THE FIRST AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT TO VISIT YOUR CITY AND YOUR REGION. BUT I KNOW THAT AMERICANS ARE NOT STRANGERS TO YOU HERE. IN TIMES OF BOTH WAR AND PEACE, AMERICANS HAVE COME TO WORK WITH YOU AND BESIDE YOU.

"FIFTEEN YEARS AGO AMERICANS CAME HERE TO HELP YOU DRIVE OFF THOSE WHO THREATENED YOUR FREEDOM. IN THE YEARS OF PEACE, AMERICANS HAVE COME TO TEACH IN THE FARM SCHOOL, TO HELP WITH YOUR RICE FARMING, TO WORK WITH YOU IN MANY WAYS. LIKEWISE, I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT MANY OF THE TWO MILLION GREEK AMERICANS IN MY COUNTRY ORIGINALLY

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CAME FROM YOUR REGION.

"THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US ARE MANY AND CLOSE--AND IT IS A FRIENDSHIP BACKED UP BY DEEDS, NOT JUST WORDS.

"WHEN THE FREEDOM, SECURITY, AND INTEGRITY OF GREECE WAS IN DANGER, AMERICA TOOK ITS STAND BESIDE YOU - AND THERE WE STILL STAND FIRMLY AND STEADFASTLY TODAY. ANY AGGRESSION IN ANY FORM AGAINST THE FREEDOM OF THE GREEK PEOPLE, AGAINST THE INTEGRITY OF THE GREEK BORDERS, OR AGAINST THE SECURITY OF THE GREEK NATION WOULD BE REGARDED BY THE UNITED STATES AS AN ATTACK UPON THE FREEDOM, INTEGRITY, AND SECURITY OF AMERICA ITSELF.

"WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS STRATEGIC AND HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT AREA OF NORTHERN GREECE IS VITAL TO GREECE'S SECURITY. IN MY AIRPORT STATEMENT AT ATHENS I SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE FACT THAT ANY ATTACK ON GREECE WOULD BE REGARDED AS AN ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES TODAY. THE UNITED STATES STEADFASTLY SUPPORTS GREECE'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND INVIOABILITY.

"THIS IS A SOLEMN POLICY AND SOLEMN PLEDGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

"YOU HAVE PEACE. WE KNOW YOU WANT PEACE- AS WE WANT PEACE. TOGETHER WE ARE DETERMINED TO KEEP PEACE WITH HONOR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

"TO KEEP PEACE WE MUST MAINTAIN OUR MILITARY STRENGTH AND ADD TO IT THE SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC STRENGTH. THE SOLID FOUNDATION OF THE FREE WORLD MUST BE FREE TRADE AMONG FREE PEOPLE. MEN AND NATIONS WHO BARGAIN TOGETHER ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE-AND FREEDOM. "THIS TRADE FAIR IS SYMBOLIC OF THE INTEREST OF YOUR COUNTRY IN DEVELOPING A STRONGER ECONOMIC FOUNDATION FOR GREECE THROUGH TRADE. LIKEWISE, THIS AMERICAN PAVILION IS SYMBOLIC OF MY COUNTRY'S OWN GREAT INTEREST IN THESE SAME OBJECTIVES.

"WE WELCOME GREECE'S ENTRY INTO THE COMMON MARKET OF EUROPE. PRESIDENT KENNEDY IS WORKING NOW FOR MEASURES WHICH WILL MAKE POSSIBLE CLOSE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE COMMON MARKET OF OUR OWN

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UNITED STATES AND THE COMMON MARKET OF THE EUROPEAN STATES. WE BELIEVE THAT MANKIND'S HOPES FOR PEACE GO UP IN PROPORTION AS BARRIERS TO TRADE COME DOWN.

"THE FAILURE OF THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM IS ADMITTED BEFORE THE WORLD BY THE WALLS AND BARRIERS AND ARMED GUARDS COMMUNISTS MUST USE TO KEEP THE VICTIMS OF THEIR TYRANNY FROM ESCAPING.

"IT IS OUR DUTY AND OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM THE SUCCESS OF FREEDOM BY BUILDING TOWARD A FREE COMMUNITY WHICH HAS NO WALLS AGAINST THE TRADE BETWEEN FREE MEN.

"FIFTEEN YEARS AGO YOU LOOKED INTO THE EYE OF THE DANGER OF COMMUNISM'S ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD. YOU DID NOT BLINK, YOU DID NOT WAVER, YOU DID NOT FLINCH. BECAUSE OF YOUR COURAGE, COMMUNISM WAS STOPPED HERE-- AND THE LINE DRAWN AGAINST THE AGGRESSOR HAS NEVER BEEN CROSSED. GREEK AND AMERICAN-- AND FREE MEN EVERYWHERE-- ARE UNITED NOW IN DETERMINATION THAT LINE SHALL NEVER BE CROSSED. WE ARE UNITED IN DETERMINATION THAT THE PEACE SHALL BE KEPT AND THAT A BETTER LIFE WILL BE CREATED FOR ALL FREE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE".

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

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VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON SEPTEMBER 4 MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT 1600 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR ROME FROM ATHENS:

"MR. PRIME MINISTER, FRIENDS OF GREECE:

"WE CAME TO YOUR COUNTRY AS GOOD FRIENDS AND ALLIES. WE LEAVE KNOWING THAT THE FRIENDSHIP IS W. VER# THE ALLIANCE STRONGER, AND THE FUTURE MORE CONFIDENT. THE HOSPITALITY OF YOUR WELCOME WILL HEARTEN ALL WHO STAND WITH US AND DISCOURAGE ALL WHO WOULD DIVIDE US.

"THE GREATNESS OF GREECE IS THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF HER PEOPLE. WE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF GREECE HAVE NEVER BEEN UNCOMMITTED IN THE LONG STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM. WE WHO HAVE COMMITTED OUR RESOURCES AND OUR STRENGTH SO FULLY TO FREEDOM SHALL NEVER FORGET YOUR STEADFASTNESS WHICH IS -- AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE -- ONE OF THE CORNERSTONES OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE.

"I AM GRATEFUL PERSONALLY THAT THIS VISIT HAS PERMITTED US TO MEET WITH YOUR PEOPLE AND YOUR LEADERS FROM OVER A BROAD AREA OF GREECE. OUR VISIT TO THESSALONIKI WAS AN OCCASION WE SHALL ALWAYS REMEMBER. WE WERE GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE VIGOR OF NORTHERN GREECE AND BY THE SPIRIT OF THAT REGION EXPRESSED SO WELL BY THE DISTINGUISHED MINISTER OF NORTHERN GREECE WHO WAS OUR HOST. IT HAS ALSO BEEN INSPIRING TO SEE THE DRIVE AND MOMENTUM OF MODERN ATHENS--AND WE

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APPRECIATE THE WELCOME AND MANY COURTESIES OF THE MAYOR OF ATHENS. I ONLY WISH THAT OUR STAY COULD HAVE BEEN LONGER SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE VISITED IN EVERY REGION.

" WE WERE INSPIRED ANEW BY OUR MEETINGS WITH THEIR MAJESTIES, KING PAUL AND QUEEN FREDERICKA, WHO ARE HELD IN SUCH AFFECTION BY THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA. IT WAS GRATIFYING ALSO TO MEET WITH AND WORK WITH YOU, MR. PRIME MINISTER. WE KNOW THAT BECAUSE OF YOUR GREAT DETERMINATION--WHICH YOU EXPRESS SO ABLY AND SO EFFECTIVELY GREECE'S DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTINUE AT AN EVEN HIGHER RATE TOWARD THE FULFILLMENT OF THE GOALS BY THE GREEK PEOPLE. MRS. JOHNSON AND I ARE BOTH GRATEFUL TO YOU AND TO MRS. CARAMANLIS FOR YOUR PERSONAL HOSPITALITY TO US.

"THIS VISIT AND THE MEETINGS WE HAVE HAD TOGETHER HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. WE HAVE STOOD TOGETHER STAUNCHLY THROUGH YEARS OF TRIAL. WE SHALL WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF THESE YEARS OF HOPE."

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Following is the text of the statement by Vice President Johnson, on arriving in Rome September 4:

QUOTE.. It is a high privilege to come to your great country to bring the greetings and good wishes of your friends in America.

The United States has no closer or more personal ties with any land - or any people - than with Italy and the warm and wonderful Italian people. Our two countries share a common heritage with common ideals, common purposes, common goals, and common values. In addition, we have the great treasure of common understanding which has come because so many sons and daughters of Italy have enriched America by coming to live with us and among us as friends, neighbors and leaders of our life.

We are grateful and proud to stand today side by side and shoulder to shoulder with Italy in the defense of human freedom. We welcome the outstanding growth and progress Italy is making. We are impressed with the objectives of your government's new program of reform. We know that the strength of Italy is strength for the cause of freedom everywhere.

As our two countries have stood together for freedom, we stand together now in common efforts to remove from this earth the tragic causes of war. We are bound together in dedicated labor to eradicate human want, injustice, inequality and ignorance. We believe that life on this earth can be made better for all mankind and we are mutually determined to fulfill this promise.

The United States has one purpose in all our policies and programs. We are dedicated to keeping the peace in the world and to winning those agreements among nations which will guarantee lasting peace among men. We are grateful that in these efforts for peace we have the support, the strength, the steadfastness of our old friend and ally, Italy.

We look forward to constructive and important meetings with your leaders - and we look forward with enthusiasm to meeting the people of Italy in all walks of life during our visit here.

This is a meeting of friends with friends to plan with confidence and enthusiasm for the future.....UNQUOTE

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Vice President Johnson and party arriving at Fiumicino airport late afternoon September 4 was welcomed by top Italian officialdom led by Prime Minister FANFANI (who arrived few minutes late) and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister PICCIONI. To applause of onlookers, the Vice President reviewed honor guard of Italian airmen and delivered arrival statement (text sent separately) which emphasized close ties between U.S. and Italy. PICCIONI replied briefly for Italian government, expressing certainty Vice President's visit would bring two countries even closer together.

As party led by motorcycle outriders moved along 12-mile route into heart of city, people waved to Vice President and Mrs. Johnson, who had changed into open car near Caracalla Baths. Traffic piled up along Via Veneto as official party drew up before Embassy, where congregated hundreds of American and Italian staff members and families, including many children waving American flags. Here, Vice President and Mrs. Johnson were surrounded as they personally greeted and shook hands, before Vice President in extemporaneous remarks emphasized U.S. diplomacy depended not only on Ambassadors but on all Americans serving Government overseas in all capacities. Then, in company of Ambassador and Mrs. Reinhardt, the Vice President and Mrs. Johnson walked up street to their quarters in Hotel Excelsior.

Italian press this morning carried lengthy detailed stories on program of visit. Rome daily POPOLO, which is organ Christian Democratic government party, dedicated front-page editorial to Vice President's trip, which it defined as "mission of peace." Recalling this was third of missions "entrusted to undeniable political and diplomatic abilities of Vice President," paper said "today he arrives in Rome after fruitful meetings in Lebanon, Iran, Cyprus, Turkey and Greece." Socialist daily AVANTI noted that this was first time anyone so highly placed in new U.S. administration had officially visited Italy, and it continued: "This fact lends particular significance to visit." While bulk of press speculated that Vice President would be discussing such subjects as European political union and Common Market, outer space, Geneva disarmament conference, Communist daily L'UNITA theorized that another subject would be added to talks: State Department aims to pressure various countries to divert commercial ships en route to Cuba. According to rightist NAZIONE of Florence, Vice President might be bearing letter from President expressing unfavorable views on Italy's Center-Left government. IL GIORNO of Milan also predicted Vice President would deliver Presidential letter to FANFANI, but did not hazard guess on contents. Number of papers carried lengthy biographies of Vice President.

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Transcript of remarks by Vice-President Johnson at a luncheon given by President Segni at Quirinale Palace, September 5, 1962:

"Mr. President, Mr. Prime Minister, Mr. Foreign Minister, distinguished members of the Government, press and photographers.

This has been a very pleasant and productive 18 hours that I have spent in this historic land. I have profited greatly from listening and learning from the distinguished Prime Minister who is most highly regarded in our country, and your very able Foreign Minister whom I enjoyed lengthy discussions with this morning. I have been stimulated and inspired by the reception received from the people of Italy and by observing the fruits of the leadership, the progressive leadership of the people's government.

I was here some 17 years ago and I can observe with thankfulness the blessings that have come to this wonderful land. Activity, vitality, development on the right and on the left. Below you and above you, it is a show case of what leadership and progressive attitude and social reform can do. It is an achievement that the rest of the world would like to emulate. We share in common many problems, the defence of freedom, the preservation of peace, the exploration of the skies, the increase in our standard of living for our people, in all of these we know whether we have a substantial, a dependable, an enlightened companion, in the government and in the people of Italy.

I bring to the government and the country the best wishes of our great President, John F. Kennedy and I thank His Excellency, the President, for the most cordial and unforgettable welcome that his courteous and cordial people have given me.

(Not audible)

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And one of the things that we are especially proud of is the fact that one out of every seven people in the 180 million population have Italian blood in their veins. That may in part account for some of our success. Some of our most outstanding leaders, like Senator Pastore and Congressman Anfuso and others... We have just recently reached down to get a very able man who was born in Southern Italy to head up all of our cabinet for secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. And we are waiting announcement of when he is going to (not audible). He is the first Cabinet Officer of Italian descent.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: Prime Minister Fanfani
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The Vice President requested me to put the arm on Fanfani for some help to the Greek defense budget to follow up his own discussion with Fanfani earlier in the day.

I started out by telling Fanfani how impressive Italy's economic growth had been since I was here last in 1957 and above all, since my prior sojourns in 1943-45 or 1953. Fanfani responded that he was indeed pleased with Italy's recovery and hoped that there would be still further improvement.

I then asked whether we could expect Italy to help us out more with the general problem of technical and development aid to the less-developed countries. He said that they were already doing more every day, and he had hopes of being able to provide even further assistance. I then reminded him of the Vice President's remarks about the special Greek defense budget problem and asked him if the Greeks had been in touch with Italy for help, as we understood they would be.

Fanfani replied with a shrug that he had heard nothing. My comment was that this was typical of the Greeks but we were sure they were hopeful of Italian as well as French and German support. I pointed out that Italy was already a member of the Greek consortium. He said that Italy stood ready to help Greece and had given Greece considerable aid already in the form of reparations, in the opening of the auto-ferry from Brindisi to Patras, and in other ways. He recognized that Greece had a defense budget as well as an economic aid requirement and said that it was only "a question of form" as to how Italian aid should be given - (I was later told by Marchiori, Diplomatic Advisor to President Segni, that Italy had earmarked 3 million dollars for aid to Greece). Fanfani said that Italy recognized Greece as a special problem and would see what it could do to help.

Since Fanfani still wanted to talk, I told him that his "opening to the left" had aroused considerable interest in the United States. He said that he was very pleased with progress to date with the new center-left cabinet and hoped that he would have a chance to continue. Fanfani then

remarked that DeGaulle had told him at Turin "vous-avez raison" about the opening to the left. If I understood Fanfani correctly, he said that DeGaulle remarked he too would like to include the socialists in his government.

Fanfani said he looked forward to having us all to dinner that evening, and that many interesting people would be there. I commented that I understood Mattel would be present. He said that we really misunderstood Mattel; he was not a pro-Communist, and we had treated him rather badly. We really ought to have him to the United States. I said that Mattel seemed to be bidding rather high on the terms of a visit. Fanfani reiterated that it would be wise to give him the red carpet treatment.

(N.B. -- After the first few minutes, when Colonel Walters deserted me to go with the Vice President, the above conversation had to be conducted in French. I believe I can attest to the above points, but I may have missed various nuances.)

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Vice President delivered following toast at dinner given by Prime Minister Fanfani on September 5:

"Your expressions toward my country are most gracious and most generous. The warmth of the sentiments you have expressed are reciprocated -- in fullest measure -- by the people of America toward your own country and the Italian people. If all peoples could feel toward each other the mutual affection Americans and Italians enjoy, we would live in the world of perpetual peace which is the goal of both our nations.

"We come to Italy at a time when there is in America a growing spirit of admiration for your country's achievements and confidence in your country's future.

"In the 15 years since the start of the Marshall Plan we have seen Europe recover and rebuild from the devastation of war. We have seen new levels of well-being increasingly spread among the people, without distinction of class. We have seen a spirit of unity pervade the continent making it possible to raise the shield of NATO, and to pursue new opportunities for progress of the Common Market. In these endeavors, Italy is living testimony to the vitality of the West -- and to the Western will to unity. As your allies, as your friends, as your brothers in the search for lasting peace, we of America recognize what you are doing to share with the rest of the free world the burden and challenge of these times.

"Our burden is vigilance against the pressures Communism brings upon our freedom, upon the ethics and morality of our civilization, and upon our efforts to improve the lives of all our people.

"Our challenge is to meet these pressures with courage and steadfastness and to do together in the world the work we are doing at home--to help others overcome poverty, frustration and despair, so that they may develop and stand stronger and straighter as free nations and free men.

"We of America applaud you for what you achieved and for the objectives you have set as the goals of your progress. Your strength is strength for all free men. As your ideals have enriched the whole history of democracy--as your people have enriched the stream of life in my country--so we are sure now that Italy will enrich the future of freedom's success in this country.

"Mr. Prime Minister, I bring the warmest greetings from President Kennedy and I lift my glass to you and to the Italian people whose exceptional progress is an inspiring example to free men everywhere."

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VICE PRESIDENT AND FANFANI AGREED AFTER DINNER LAST NIGHT ON RELEASE OF COMMUNIQUE BY ITALIANS AND OURSELVES. ENGLISH TEXT RELEASED AT MIDNIGHT FOLLOWS:

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"THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE HONORABLE LYNDON B. JOHNSON, WHO ARRIVED IN ROME YESTERDAY, VISITED THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC THIS MORNING AT THE QUIRINALE PALACE AND HAD A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON OFFERED IN HONOR OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. SEGNI.

EARLIER IN THE MORNING, VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON VISITED PRIME MINISTER FANFANI AT PALAZZO CHIGI AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PICCIONI AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE DISCUSSIONS COVERED THE MAIN PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST AND CONCERN, AND WERE CARRIED OUT IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF GREAT FRANKNESS AND CORDIALITY. SPECIFICALLY, THERE WERE EXAMINED AND REVIEWED THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FACING NOT ONLY THE GOVERNMENTS OF NATO BUT OF THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE BY EACH TO THE FULFILLMENT OF COMMON OBLIGATIONS AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE STEPS BEING PLANNED OR ALREADY PUT INTO EFFECT FOR THE CONSOLIDATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPE.

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DURING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THERE WAS A FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR EVEN GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. THERE WAS MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF THE BOUNDLESS BENEFITS TO MANKIND FLOWING FROM SUCH COOPERATIVE VENTURES. LATER THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONFIRMING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SIGNED AT GENEVA ON MAY 31, 1962 BETWEEN THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AND THE ITALIAN COMMISSION FOR SPACE RESEARCH OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.

THIS EXCHANGE OF NOTES BRINGS INTO OPERATION THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH FORMS THE BASIS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THE "SAN MARCO" PROJECT. UNDER THIS PROJECT AN ITALIAN SCIENTIFIC SATELLITE WILL BE PLACED INTO AN EQUATORIAL ORBIT FROM AN ITALIAN FLOATING PLATFORM, USING A UNITED STATES SCOUT LAUNCH VEHICLE FURNISHED BY THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

THE VICE PRESIDENT ALSO COMMUNICATED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE SATISFACTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OVER THE FACT THAT ITALY IS PARTICIPATING IN THE FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL MANPOWER CONFERENCE, BEING ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS, AND FULLY RECOGNIZES ITS FAR-REACHING SIGNIFICANCE. THE VICE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO THIS CONFERENCE BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET WILL ATTEND. THE VICE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT DURING HIS PRESENT JOURNEY, AS WELL AS IN PREVIOUS TRIPS TO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD, HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED IN COUNTRIES STRUGGLING TO MAINTAIN THEIR FREEDOM AND INTEGRITY BY THE ACUTE NEED FOR WELL-TRAINED MIDDLE GRADE PERSONNEL WHO CAN DO THE PLANNING AND OTHER WORK ESSENTIAL TO ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT.

IN THE EVENING THE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. FANFANI GAVE A DINNER AT VILLA MADAMA IN HONOR OF VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON."

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VICE PRESIDENT HAD SERIES OF VERY USEFUL WORKING MEETINGS WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS TODAY. HE MET FIRST WITH PRIMIN FANFANI AT CHIGI PALACE.

1. AFTER RECOUNTING BRIEFLY HIS EXPERIENCES IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN MIDDLE EAST WHICH HE HAD JUST VISITED, VICE PRESIDENT CONCENTRATED ON GREEK SITUATION, EXPLAINING PROBLEM POSED FOR GREEK GOVERNMENT BY REFUSAL OF UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE ANY FURTHER DEFENSE SUPPORT FOR THAT COUNTRY'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. HE EXPLAINED IMPLICATIONS OF FORCED REDUCTION OF GREEK FORCES, BOTH INTERNALLY IN GREECE AND THROUGHOUT NATO, AND SAID HE BELIEVED THAT IF IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR ITALY TOGETHER WITH GERMANY AND POSSIBLY FRANCE TO HELP IN THIS SITUATION, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR UNITED STATES TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. HE PLANNED TO MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. FANFANI EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR DIFFICULTIES OF GREEK GOVERNMENT AND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ENDEAVORED TO BE OF HELP BY VIGOROUSLY SUPPORTING ASSOCIATION OF GREECE WITH COMMON MARKET. THIS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AND WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ABOUT NOVEMBER FIRST, BUT ALTHOUGH IT WOULD OF COURSE BE HELPFUL TO ECONOMIC SITUATION IN GREECE IN GENERAL, IT WOULD NOT MEET SPECIFIC PROBLEM VICE PRESIDENT WAS RAISING. HE WENT ON TO ASSURE VICE PRESIDENT THAT ALTHOUGH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY REQUEST FOR /ASSISTANCE

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ASSISTANCE FROM GREEK GOVERNMENT, IT WOULD GIVE MOST SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO SUCH REQUEST AND WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD WITHIN ITS MEANS.

2. VICE PRESIDENT THEN RAISED OUR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEM AND RELATED OUTFLOW OF GOLD AND SAID THAT WE SOON WOULD BE OPENING DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITH OBJECTIVE OF ENCOURAGING THEM TO INCREASE THEIR PURCHASES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN UNITED STATES TO THE END OF OFFSETTING APPROXIMATELY \$100,000,000 A YEAR WE SPEND IN ITALY SUPPORTING UNITED STATES FORCES, AND THAT WE WOULD BE EXPLORING WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT POSSIBILITY OF ASSUMPTION BY ITALIAN MILITARY OF SOME OF MISSIONS NOW BEING PERFORMED BY UNITED STATES FORCES IN ITALY. HE MADE VERY CLEAR THAT UNITED STATES WAS FIRMLY DETERMINED NOT TO ABANDON ANY OF ITS DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT PROBLEM DID NOT RESULT FROM ANY WEAKNESS IN AMERICAN ECONOMY. GIVEN EXCELLENT ECONOMIC PROGRESS THAT MOST OF OUR ALLIES, INCLUDING ITALY, WERE NOW MAKING, WE FELT TIME HAD COME HOWEVER WHEN WE COULD LOOK TO OUR MAJOR ALLIES TO MAKE CONTRIBUTION IN GENERAL INTEREST OF FREE WORLD SO THAT WE COULD CONTINUE OUR WORLDWIDE MILITARY AND ECONOMIC UNDERTAKINGS WITH LESS ADVERSE EFFECT ON OUR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS AND GOLD POSITION. AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS OF MASSIVE FOREIGN AID WHICH WERE HEAVY BURDEN ON AMERICAN TAXPAYER, CONGRESS WAS UNDERSTANDABLY BECOMING INCREASINGLY RELUCTANT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS SOUGHT FOR THIS PURPOSE BY PRESIDENT. GROWING PARTICIPATION BY OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES WOULD DO MUCH TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR UNITED STATES TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN EFFORTS AT REQUIRED LEVEL.

3. PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS PROBLEM AND HAD BEEN ANTICIPATING ITS BEING RAISED. HE SAID HE WISHED TO ASSURE VICE PRESIDENT THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ENTER SUCH DISCUSSIONS WITH FIRM INTENTION OF BEING AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. AS MATTER OF FACT, MINISTER OF DEFENSE ANDREOTTI WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH AND WAS ALREADY GIVING ATTENTION TO QUESTION OF INCREASING ITALIAN MILITARY
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PURCHASES IN UNITED STATES. HE SAID ALSO THAT ON MATTER OF POSSIBLE ASSUMPTION OF MILITARY MISSIONS BY ITALIAN FORCES, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD. HE ADDED THAT HE WISHED VICE PRESIDENT TO UNDERSTAND THAT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ITALY, MOST IMPORTANT MISSILE IN ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY WAS THE DOLLAR, AND THAT ITALY WAS DEVOTED TO POLICY OF ITS DEFENSE AND OF COOPERATION IN THESE MATTERS, EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT NOT PUBLICIZE THE FACT.

4. VICE PRESIDENT THEN DISCUSSED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THAT WAS BEING MADE IN SPACE DEVELOPMENTS AND DESCRIBED MAGNITUDE OF AMERICAN EFFORT. HE PRAISED ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS WORK IN THIS FIELD, POINTING OUT INCALCULABLE BENEFITS THAT WOULD ACCRUE TO MANKIND THEREFROM AND SAID THAT IT WAS SOURCE OF GRATIFICATION TO HIM THAT HE WAS SHORTLY TO SIGN SAN MARCO AGREEMENT WITH FONMIN.

5. VICE PRESIDENT IMPRESSED UPON PRIMIN THE IMPORTANCE PRESIDENT KENNEDY ATTACHES TO MIDDLE LEVEL MANPOWER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH IN PUERTO RICO. HE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT TO CHAIR CONFERENCE AND THAT THREE MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES CABINET WOULD BE IN UNITED STATES DELEGATION. HE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES AS HE KNEW THEY COULD MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO WORK OF CONFERENCE. PRIMIN SAID HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF FAR REACHING IMPORTANCE OF PROBLEM OF MIDDLE LEVEL MANPOWER IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THAT ITALY HAD EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD AND WOULD WISH TO BE APPROPRIATELY REPRESENTED.

6. FANFANI SPOKE OF ITALIAN CONCERN AT SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPE THAT LAY IN DEVELOPMENT OF EXCLUSIVE PARIS-BONN AXIS AND REFERRED TO CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE BY GEN DE GAULLE YESTERDAY. HE SAID THAT ITALY HAD DONE AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO ITS BEST

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TO AVOID DEVELOPMENT OF INNER EUROPE OF THREE AND TO ENSURE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPE OF SIX PLUS GREAT BRITAIN. VICE PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS AWARE OF IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE WORK OF PRIMIN AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO THIS END, FOR WHICH HE WISHED TO COMPLIMENT HIM AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, SINCE IT WAS AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF UNITED STATES POLICY.

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7. VICE PRESIDENT TOLD FANFANI THAT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WATCHED WITH INTEREST DOMESTIC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REFORM PROGRAMS THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ENDEAVORING TO BRING INTO EFFECT, AS IT FULLY APPRECIATED CONTRIBUTION THEY COULD MAKE TO CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT IN THIS COUNTRY, AND HE ASKED HOW THEY WERE COMING ALONG. FANFANI REPLIED THAT IT WAS TOO SOON TO EXPECT ANY CONCRETE RESULTS BUT FUNDAMENTALLY THE OBJECTIVE OF HIS GOVERNMENT WAS TO DEVELOP A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF ECONOMIC PLANNING WHICH WOULD NOT BE COMPULSIVE BUT WOULD SEEK TO ORIENT RESOURCES OF THE NATION IN MOST PRODUCTIVE AND PROGRESSIVE DIRECTION. HE SAID ITALY WAS A COUNTRY OF ANTIQUATED LAWS AND HE GAVE VICE PRESIDENT SOME EXAMPLES OF PROBLEMS THEY POSED. HE SAID THAT COMMISSIONS OF BEST PEOPLE OBTAINABLE WERE WORKING ON PREPARATION OF IMPORTANT LEGISLATION, INCLUDING LEGISLATION FOR REFORM OF ADMINISTRATION, BUT THAT IT COULD NOT BE EXPECTED THAT THEY WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT BEFORE NEXT SPRING.

8. FANFANI REFERRED TO CONVENING IN OCTOBER OF ECUMENICAL COUNCIL WHICH HE SAID HE BELIEVED WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT POLITICAL AS WELL AS RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE AND WHICH HE SAID HE THOUGHT WOULD SURPRISE WORLD BY ITS MAGNITUDE. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH SECRETARY RUSK WHEN LATTER WAS HERE DURING MONTH OF JUNE, AND ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT THERE BE HIGH LEVEL WESTERN REPRESENTATION AT INAUGURATION CEREMONY. HE HAD UNCONFIRMED INDICATIONS

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THAT GENERAL DE GAULLE MIGHT HAVE PLANS TO ATTEND. HE KNEW IT WAS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT PRESIDENT HIMSELF TO COME, BUT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FINE THING IF VICE PRESIDENT COULD BE HERE ON THAT OCCASION. VICE PRESIDENT SAID HE WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE TO COMMENT BUT ASSURED PRIME MINISTER THAT HIS VIEWS WOULD BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON.

FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH FANFANI, VICE PRESIDENT PROCEEDED TO FARNESINA FOR MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PICCIONI, DURING THEIR CONVERSATION, VICE PRESIDENT COVERED ESSENTIALLY SAME GROUND WITH EXCEPTION OF PARAGRAPHS 7 AND 8 AS IN HIS TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER, AND RECEIVED AN EQUALLY SYMPATHETIC HEARING FROM FOREIGN MINISTER. THEY THEN PROCEEDED TO SIGN AND EXCHANGE NOTES ON SAN MARCO PROJECT AS AUTHORIZED IN DEPTTEL 427.

THEREUPON VICE PRESIDENT PROCEEDED TO QUIRINALE FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SEGNI PRIOR TO LUNCHEON WITH PRESIDENT. MEETING WAS ATTENDED IN ADDITION ON ITALIAN SIDE BY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND THEIR CHIEFS OF CABINET. PRESIDENT SEGNI ASKED VICE PRESIDENT FOR LATEST AMERICAN VIEWS ON BERLIN SITUATION, TO WHICH VICE PRESIDENT RESPONDED ALONG LINES OF DEPTTEL JODEL 481. SUBSEQUENTLY, VICE PRESIDENT REVIEWED WITH PRESIDENT SEGNI ESSENTIAL POINTS HE HAD MADE IN HIS PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS OF THIS MORNING.

THERE FOLLOWED A DISCUSSION OF GREAT ISSUE WHICH CONFRONTED FREE WORLD, NAMELY WHETHER IT CAN MEET CHALLENGE OF GIVING A DECENT LIFE TO THREE BILLIONS OF PEOPLE. IF IT FAILED, THEY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY TRY THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE OPEN TO THEM. THE VICE PRESIDENT POINTEDLY QUOTED PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S STATEMENTS THAT GOVERNMENTS WHO COULD NOT PROTECT THE WELFARE OF THE MANY COULD NOT PROTECT THE RICHES OF THE FEW AND THAT THE OBSTRUCTION OF PEACEFUL EVOLUTION COULD ONLY LEAD TO VIOLENT REVOLUTION.

ALL THREE CONVERSATIONS WERE HELD IN MOST AGREEABLE AND FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. ITALIANS RESPONDED WELL TO VICE

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PRESIDENT'S PRAISE OF ITALIAN VITALITY AND PROGRESS SINCE WAR AND HIS SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPACE RESEARCH, AND THEIR IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. PRIME MINISTER WENT VERY FAR IN INDICATING ITALIAN WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL IN CONNECTION WITH GREEK PROBLEM, AND I BELIEVE VERY BEST FOUNDATION POSSIBLE HAS BEEN LAID FOR OUR FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON PROBLEM OF MILITARY OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS.

THIS EVENING VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. JOHNSON WILL ATTEND A DINNER AT VILLA MADAMA IN THEIR HONOR TO BE GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER, TO WHICH HE HAS INVITED IN ADDITION TO GOVERNMENT LEADERS OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN INDUSTRY AND PRESS.

ITALIN RADIO/TV AND PRESS ARE GIVING VISIT AMPLE AND OVER WELMINGLY FAVORABLE COVERAGE, WHICH BEING REPORTED IN DETAIL SEPARATELY. WHILE CYNICAL ROMANS MAY NOT BE GIVEN TO STREET DEMONSTRATIONS, ALL NEWS MEDIA REFLECT SENSE OF ITALIAN SATISFACTION AND PLEASURE AT VICE PRESIDENT'S PRESENCE IN ITALY.

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S
STATEMENT UPON ARRIVAL IN NAPLES ON SEPTEMBER 6:

"WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO COME TO BEAUTIFUL NAPLES. YOUR CITY --
LIKE YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR PEOPLE -- IS LOVED BY AMERICANS.
IT HAS BEEN A GATEWAY FOR AMERICANS COMING TO ITALY AND EUROPE
-- AND THE GATEWAY FOR ITALIANS GOING TO AMERICA.

BEFORE WE LEFT THE UNITED STATES TWO WEEKS AGO, WE WERE
DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE DAMAGE WROUGHT BY THE RECENT EARTH-
QUAKES. WE ARE GLAD YOUR CITY WAS SPARED SERIOUS DAMAGE AND
HOPE THAT RECONSTRUCTION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED SWIFTLY.

WE IN AMERICA ARE IMPRESSED BY THE VIGOR OF YOUR NATION'S
PROGRESS SINCE THE TRAGIC DAYS OF WAR. PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE
IS THE PROGRESS BEING MADE UNDER THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN ITALY. IT IS GOOD TO SEE ITALY MOVING
FORWARD UNDER FREEDOM. OUR OWN PRESIDENT HAS ONLY RECENTLY
RECOGNIZED THE FRUITS THAT FLOW FROM SOUTHERN ITALY AND HAS
SEEN FIT TO APPOINT ONE OF ITS NATIVE SONS, ANTHONY CELEBREZZE,
TO A CABINET POSITION.

WE ARE PROUD TO STAND AS YOUR PARTNERS, ALLIES AND FRIENDS --
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE, AS IN
THE PAST, TO KEEP THE PEACE AND TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR ALL
THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT LAND.

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I AM HAPPY TO BE ACCOMPANIED ON MY VISIT BY AN AMBASSADOR OF WHOM WE ARE VERY PROUD, AMBASSADOR REINHARDT AND MRS. REINHARDT, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE GREAT ADMIRATION FOR ITALY.

WE KNOW WE SHALL ENJOY OUR VISIT AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING TO THE SHIPYARD AND ALSO TO VISIT THE CONSULATE GENERAL TO SEE THE CONSUL GENERAL'S OFFICE AND SEE SOME OF YOUR PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO AMERICA AND, IN THE COOL OF THE EVENING, TO VISIT ADMIRAL RUSSELL AND NATO HEADQUARTERS.

I HAD AN ADVANCE AGENT WHO GAVE A PRELIMINARY INSPECTION OF THE SIXTH FLEET, AT LEAST PART OF IT; SHE WAS MY DAUGHTER, LYNDIA BIRD, AND I HOPE WE SHALL FIND THE FLEET IN THE SAME FINE SHAPE THAT SHE DID".

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Transcription of remarks by Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson
at Naples shipyard, September 6, 1962.

.. Tell him that I accept this with great pleasure. We in America have great faith in the Italian nation, great affection for the Italian people and as long as I see and enjoy these flowers it will remind me of a most pleasant vacation. Mighty fine looking fellow..

Mr. Chairman, friends of Italy:

I'm glad I came, I am enjoying what I see, I like what I hear, I wish I could stay longer. It's the most stimulating experience. I was last in Naples at the end of World War II, I came here in June 1945. Those were distressing days. It took a real optimist to envision an Italy as it exists today. But then, like now, your people could not be deterred, they did not waver in the face of adversity, they, like our early American statesman, Benjamin Franklin, once said, 'we must resolve to do what we ought to do, and then we must do what we resolved, without fail.'

A people who love freedom as the Italian people do, a people possessed with their imagination and their ingenuity, a people dedicated as they are to hard work, and who progress, will inevitably and invariably be one of the leaders of the world. We stand here on the deck of a product of father and son and competent planners and imaginative draftsmen, what the welders and the laborers, and the sweat of the brows of many that have gone into this wonderful product, have produced for us to see, something that employers and employees, and all the Italian nation, can look at with pride. I appreciate their asking me here, I like their country, I love their people, together America and Italy will stand side by side, shoulder to shoulder, as we march up the long road of progress protecting our freedom together, preserving our liberty and helping others preserve theirs, following the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as we would have them do unto us," until the last call comes. And when that bell is sounded, we should all be able to look into our own hearts, and ask ourselves, have we been worthy of the Creator's trust, have we been true to our obligations. That obligation to

to each and every one of us, whether Italian or American, whether Greek or Frenchmen, whether Turk or German, or any of the other hundred nations, is to leave this world a better place than we found it. I have no doubt when the final roll is called and that question is asked of the Italian people, if they follow in the tradition of this management and the men who have built this wonderful exhibition here, that their answer will be an unqualified, yes this is a better world, than when I discovered it!

I want to thank you very much for the medal, I'll take it home and I'll treasure it. It will be a memory for my daughters, and it will always remind my daughters of the friendship of the Italian people.

Down in my country we had a little boy, who said that if he didn't get an invitation to the dance, he would just sit down and write himself one. So I want to say to the people of Naples that I'm coming back, and if you don't send me an invitation I'm just going to sit and write myself one.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S
REMARKS AT AFSOUTH, HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, ON SEPTEMBER 6:

"IT IS ALWAYS AN INSPIRATION TO ME TO VISIT A NATO COMMAND.
I AM STRENGTHENED BY THE SENSE OF PURPOSE AND DEDICATION --
AND I AM HEARTENED BY THE VISIBLE SENSE OF UNITY AMONG MEN
FROM MANY NATIONS.

"THE FREE WORLD HAS DEMONSTRATED A GREAT CAPACITY FOR RAISING
AND MAINTAINING MILITARY STRENGTH NECESSARY TO PRESERVE PEACE.
BUT THE HIGHER TRIBUTE TO OUR FREE PEOPLES IS THEIR CAPACITY
TO UNITE TOGETHER IN COMMON CAUSE. THIS ABILITY TO UNIFY AND
ALLY WITH EACH OTHER HAS BEEN THE SALVATION OF THE PEOPLES
OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION -- AND IT IS THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE AS
WE UNITE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OBJECTIVES.

"THE MISSION WHICH BRINGS ME HERE HAS CARRIED ME TO TURKEY AND
GREECE AS WELL AS ITALY. I BELIEVE WE CAN SAY, OBJECTIVELY,
THAT THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF NATO STANDS NOW AT A NEW HIGH
LEVEL OF STRENGTH, STABILITY AND READINESS.

"WE ARE PARTICULARLY GRATIFIED AT THE PROSPECTS PERMITTING US
TO ANTICIPATE NEW STRENGTH FOR THE ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS ON WHICH
THE MILITARY POSTURE STANDS IN THIS AREA. EVERYTHING WE
HAVE SEEN AND HEARD CONFIRMS ANEW OUR BELIEF THAT THE FREE
COMMUNITY -- THROUGHOUT THE WORLD -- IS MAKING DECISIVE STRIDES
FORWARD NOW TOWARD A SOLIDARITY, FLEXIBILITY AND STRENGTH

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THAT NO AGGRESSOR CAN DOUBT OR DISREGARD.

"THE VERY FACT OF THIS GROWING MOMENTUM MEANS WE MUST BE ALERT TO RESPONSES BY THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK TO DISRUPT OUR PROGRESS BY TACTICS OF DIVISION OR FEAR. OUR RESPONSE CAN BE THE UNITY AND STEADFASTNESS OF MEN WHO KNOW THEIR OWN STRENGTH -- AND ARE READY TO UNITE.

"IT IS VERY KIND OF YOUR FAMILIES TO MEET US TODAY. TO THEM, TO MY OWN COUNTRYMEN, TO OUR ALLIES FROM EACH LAND, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU -- AND WISH GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR YOU IN YOUR GREAT WORK OF HELPING TO KEEP THE PEACE OF THE WORLD.

"..THERE COULD BE NO MORE NOBLE CALLING. I HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT BUT WHAT YOU WILL BE TRUE TO YOUR TRUST AND EQUAL TO ANY TASK THAT MAY COME YOUR WAY. THANK YOU."

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Transcript of remarks by Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson following formal address at NATO base, Naples, September 6, 1962:

.. There could be no more noble calling. I have not the slightest doubt but what you will be true to your ^{trust} and equal to any task that may come your way. Thank you. //

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Mr. Johnson: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask your indulgence just another minute; I want to present to you two people that I think a great deal of, and that I would like for you to know and for them to know you. First Mrs. Johnson, Lady Bird."

Mrs. Johnson: "Friends, I came to Naples knowing it only as a city of song, a city of gaiety and a city of beautiful scenery. And this is an extra bonus to get to see the headquarters of NATO, the evidence of ^{united} strength of so many countries. It's also fun to see a lot of faces that I recognize as those from my own home land. Thank you for turning out to give us such a sweet welcome".

Mr. Johnson: "Now, my daughter has been down here, got here before I did. She's already reviewed the fleet, or at least part of it, and come back and made her report. I want to present to you my daughter, Linda Bird Johnson who has some interest in the Navy that I won't discuss here."

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Miss Johnson: "My first chance to meet NATO was in Norfolk, Virginia, when each country, each one of the NATO countries, sent a representative to the International Azalia Festival, in which I participated. At that moment I fell in love with NATO, and ever since I've wanted to go to every one of the countries; this summer, my wishes have been granted, for a few, and there are many more I want to go to and I'm so glad to be here in Italy seeing so many of your wonderful people. Thank you."

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Mr. Johnson: "Now I want you to meet our most able and distinguished and popular Ambassador, Ambassador Reinhardt, the American Ambassador to Italy, and his charming wife."

Ambassador Reinhardt: "Thank you Mr. Vice-President. I suppose I should confess to you that I'm a rather regular visitor to this headquarters and it's always a great privilege to come here, and I look forward to the many occasions that I hope I will come in the future. But it's a particular privilege to be here with you today. Thank you."

Mr. Johnson: "Now I want you to know the Queen, the one that we really think a lot of. Mrs. Reinhardt."

Mrs. Reinhardt: "Thank you very much."

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Vice-President Johnson's remarks at the NATO enlisted Men's Club
Naples - September 6, 1962

I want to thank you very much for giving me a chance to come and meet you and giving my family the chance to see the people who are protecting liberty and freedom throughout the world. You know, down in my country, they say, sometimes they have an expression: "that's what makes the mare go" and when I get out here and have a ~~chance~~ chance to come to this enlisted men's club and I see the fine faces of the men in uniform, their wives and their families, I realize that this is what makes the mare go. This is what keeps our country strong. This is what keeps our country free, and those of us back home, owe all of you a great debt; sometimes I know that when you're far away you don't think we appreciate it, but we do. And I'm just speaking for some of the many millions of Americans and Turks and Greeks and Italians, and Frenchmen and Englishmen and Germans and all those who love freedom and who want to preserve the free world, when I say that there is no more important activity under the sun than the one you're engaged in. Because if you don't have liberty and if you don't have freedom, life is not worth much. Those that survived the concentration camps can tell you about what it means when you lose your freedom and when you lose your liberty. Now you're the custodians of it, you are the trustees of it and you've done a mighty good job, and that little girl by your side and that little boy, and little daughter that you're raising up over here have every right to be proud of you men. And as your Vice President, those of you that are Americans, I want you to know that everybody in America is proud of you. And those of you that are not, everybody in NATO and the free world are proud of you. And I salute you, I congratulate you. You may not be the richest men in the world, and you may not leave the greatest estate, and you may not have the biggest marble tomb stone but you'll satisfy yourself and your loved ones by rendering the kind of services you are rendering now. And you'll get a greater sense of satisfaction, out of preserving freedom and liberty, making this a better world than you'd ever get out of a bank deposit, anyway. So thank all of you and accept the thanks of all Americans for a job well done.

This is my daughter Linda Bird. She got particularly interested in NATO when she got particularly interested in an ensign/^{who}graduated from the Naval Academy the other day. So she came up here a week or so ago and kind of did my advance work on this party and visited a destroyer, or two out here, en route. I want to introduce her. Don't you want to say something to these nice people?

Miss Johnson: "It is very nice to be here with you all. I can sympathize with all of you who are away from home or away from your loved ones because quite frequently, I've known the same feeling. In fact my father said, I'm his advance man. Every time I think of our President's phrase "winning the peace is a lonely battle." I think it is lonely, and I know you all are over here giving your heart to something, to winning the peace. I know you all feel that you are doing something for your country and you are, and we appreciate it at home."

Mr. Johnson: "Anybody seen Mrs. Johnson out there? She usually kind of hides around. She's been hard to get for several years. This is my wife, Lady Bird."

Mrs. Johnson: "Friends, this is the last of six countries that we've gone through and I think the welcome that we have received in all of these six countries - and it's been a marvellous one - must be due in great part to the good work that the armed forces, the men and the wives too, have done to make the people of those lands like Americans because they have welcomed us, very ^{warmly} ~~much~~, with smiling faces and open hearts, and so that's another thing that we think we have to thank all of you for. It's good to see faces from home and it's good to see this evidence of united strength with our friends and neighbours from other countries. I'm glad I got a chance to be here."

Mr. Johnson: "We're going to run along now and thank you very much. Remember whether you are an American, or Italian or Greek or Turk, that you are in a battle for freedom and that you are preserving the freedom. And It's been seventeen years now since we had a war, and we want to remain strong enough to defend ourselves. But the only thing in the world we want is a world at peace, and the only way we can have it is to be prepared to protect ourselves, and you are our protectors, you are guardians, you are trustees, and we're proud of you, and we salute you and we salute those little women and children that back you up and keep you going.
Thank you.

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S
REMARKS TO A GROUP OF PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS AT THE AMERICAN
CONSULATE GENERAL IN NAPLES ON SEPTEMBER 8:

"THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST GENUINE AND THRILLING EXPERIENCES
OF MY LIFE. YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HAPPY - OR HOW HUMBLE - I FEEL TO
COME HERE TO NAPLES TO MEET YOU WHO WORK FOR OUR GOVERNMENT AND TO
GREET YOU HAVE DONE AMERICANS THE HONOR OF CHOOSING TO LIVE IN
OUR COUNTRY.

I ASSURE YOU THAT AMERICANS WILL WELCOME YOU WITH WARMTH AND
AFFECTION. OUR NATION HAS BEEN GREATLY ENRICHED BY THE CONTRI-
BUTION OF YOUR MANY FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN WHO HAVE ALREADY COME TO LIVE
AMONG US.

ITALIAN-AMERICANS HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL SECTIONS
OF AMERICAN LIFE - FROM THE FIELDS OF SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
TO THE FIELDS OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE. ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S CABINET-SECRETARY ANTHONY CELEBREZZE -- WAS
BORN IN SOUTHERN ITALY, AND ONE OF OUR ABLEST SENATORS, JOHN
PASTORE OF RHODE ISLAND, IS OF ITALIAN AMERICAN PARENTS. ONE
OF MY STRONG SUPPORTERS AND ONE OF THE LEGISLATIVE CRAFTSMEN OF
OUR GREAT SPACE ACT IS VICTOR ANFUSO, WHOSE FOLKS COME FROM THIS
COUNTRY. YOU WILL FIND OTHER SONS OF ITALIAN PARENTS AS CONGRESS-
MEN, GOVERNORS, MAYORS AND AS LEADERS ALL OVER AMERICA.

REMEMBER, TOO, THAT ONLY TWO OR THREE GENERATIONS AGO, THE GRAND-
PARENTS OF OUR PRESIDENT KENNEDY LEFT FROM IRELAND FOR AMERICA AS
YOU WILL BE LEAVING FROM ITALY.

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WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR LAND AND TO OUR WAY OF LIFE. WE HOPE THAT YOU FIND FULFILLMENT OF YOUR HIGHEST DREAMS AND WE KNOW YOU WILL LIVE ALWAYS WITH PROUD MEMORIES OF THE HAPPY AND HISTORIC LAND YOU LEAVE BEHIND.

TO EACH OF YOU GOING TO AMERICA I WISH GOOD LUCK -- AND GOD BLESS YOU!"

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Transcription of Vice-President Johnson's remarks on departure
from Naples airport

Tell him I'm very grateful and that the American people think a lot of the Italian people. We're together in peace, we're together for progress, we want to build a better world, we have the same goals the same hopes, the same aspirations they have; together we are going to achieve those goals.

His people want peace and so do mine. His people want a high standard of living and so do mine. His people want to be friends of the rest of the world and so do mine. Together we'll go down the road.

Tell him his people are very warm, very friendly. I'm rather tired tonight, I've seen so many, shaken so many hands.. With my daughter, my wife, all our family, we've had a wonderful day here today. It's a great land a good and friendly people;

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ON FINAL DAY ROME VISIT VICE PRESIDENT HAD 40-MINUTE PRIVATE TALK WITH POPE WHICH HE LATER DESCRIBED AS INSPIRING AND INTENSELY SATISFACTORY. MRS. JOHNSON AND DAUGHTER WERE THEN INTRODUCED AND POPE LATER GREETED MEMBERS OF VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY. HE CALLED BRIEFLY ON VATICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, CARDINAL CICOGNANI, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. JOHNSON AND DAUGHTER.

VICE PRESIDENT VISITED ITALIAN AEROSPACE RESEARCH CENTER, DIRECTOR OF CENTER, PROFESSOR BROGLIO, WITH AID OF CHARTS AND WORKING MODELS, OUTLINED SAN MARCO PROJECT TO PLACE ITALIAN SCIENTIFIC SATELLITE INTO EQUATORIAL ORBIT WITH US SCOUT LAUNCHING VEHICLE EARLY IN 1964. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A QUICK TOUR OF ELECTRONICS LABORATORY OF CENTER, IN COURSE OF WHICH VICE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY GREETED MANY OF STAFF MEMBERS AND WHICH WAS ENDED WITH AN ADDRESS BY VICE PRESIDENT TO HIS HOSTS, ALLUDING TO COMMON AIMS FOR A FREE AND PEACEFUL WORLD AND CLOSING WITH GRACEFUL TRIBUTE TO ITALY'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE AND CULTURE IN US.

VICE PRESIDENT ATTENDED JOINT LUNCHEON MEETING IN HIS HONOR BY AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB OF ROME AND AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ITALY. SPEECH (TEXT BEING TELEGRAPHED SEPARATELY) EMPHASIZED CONTINUING REVOLUTION OF INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM THROUGHOUT WORLD AND NECESSITY OF WESTERN COUNTRIES WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHER NATIONS TO A BETTER LIFE. SPEECH VERY WELL RECEIVED AND CARRIED STILL FURTHER THEME WHICH VICE PRESIDENT HAS EFFECTIVELY MADE ON NUMBER OCCASIONS OF NECESSITY OF MORE ADVANCED COUNTRIES SHARING COMMON BURDENS.

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FOLLOWING LUNCH VICE PRESIDENT VISITED BOYS TOWN OF ITALY NEAR ROME, A TRADE SCHOOL FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED ITALIAN BOYS LARGELY FINANCED BY PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS IN US. STAR SPANGLED BANNER WAS PLAYED, AMERICAN FLAG RAISED, VICE PRESIDENT ADDRESSED BOYS BRIEFLY, CHATTED WITH THEM, AND PRESENTED GIFT OF PHONOGRAPH. MAIN SQUARE OF BOYS TOWN WAS FORMALLY NAMED "PIAZZA TEXAS".

VICE PRESIDENT THEN PROCEEDED TO AIRPORT FOR DEPARTURE, WHERE FANFANI, PICCIONI AND OTHER OFFICIALS WERE GATHERED FOR BRIEF FAREWELL CEREMONY. VICE PRESIDENT MADE DEPARTURE STATEMENT (TEXT BEING TELEGRAPHED) EXPRESSING ADMIRATION FOR SPIRIT OF VIGOR AND PURPOSE OF ITALY AND CONFIDENCE THAT VISIT WOULD HELP TWO COUNTRIES WORK TOGETHER IN DEVELOPING STRENGTH FOR NATO AND FREE WORLD.

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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM ROME TODAY

QUOTE...YOUR EXCELLENCY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

OUR STAY IN ITALY HAS BEEN BRIEF, BUT OUR MEMORY OF THIS VISIT WILL BE LONG. IN ROME, IN NAPLES, EVERYWHERE WE HAVE GONE, WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED AND INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT OF VIGOR AND PURPOSE WHICH IS SO MUCH A PART OF YOUR COUNTRY TODAY.

REMEMBERING THE DAYS OF DOUBT AND UNCERTAINTY 15 YEARS AGO, IT IS A GENUINE THRILL TO SEE MODERN ITALY NOW AND TO REALIZE HOW FAR THIS GREAT COUNTRY HAS COME IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD ALONG THE WAY OF RECOVERY, RECONSTRUCTION AND PROGRESS. WE REALIZE ANEW HOW VALUABLE AND INDISPENSABLE FREEDOM IS AS THE CLIMATE IN WHICH SELF-RELIANT PEOPLES CAN FLOURISH AND BUILD A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL.

OUR COUNTRIES HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE PAST FOR THE MUTUAL GAIN OF BOTH. OUR VISITS TOGETHER ON THIS MISSION WILL HELP US TO WORK TOGETHER WITH GREATER SUCCESS AND PROFIT FOR OUR PEOPLES IN THE FUTURE. THE UNITED STATES AND ITALY EACH HAVE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE TO THE GOOD OF MANKIND--NEVER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY BEEN GREATER FOR BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS AND OUR CITIZENS TO WORK SIDE BY SIDE IN DEVELOPING STRENGTH FOR THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND ALL THE COMMUNITY OF FREE MEN.

IT WAS A PRIVILEGE FOR MRS. JOHNSON AND MYSELF TO MEET WITH HIS

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HOLINESS, POPE JOHN, AND TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT THE COMMON DEVOTION TO PEACE ON EARTH WHICH BINDS MEN OF THE FREE NATIONS IN COMMON CAUSE. OUR VISITS WITH YOUR PRESIDENT, YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WERE MOST TIMELY AND CONSTRUCTIVE FOR ALL CONCERNED. IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO KNOW THEM AND TO TALK WITH THEM. I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY TOUCHED BY ALL THE HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDSHIP EXTENDED TO US.

I WISH TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF ITALY FOR THE HONOR THEY HAVE DONE MY COUNTRY WITH THE WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME ACCORDED TO US DURING OUR STAY. IT IS GRATIFYING THAT AMERICANS CAN FEEL SO MUCH AT HOME IN ITALY--AND THAT ITALIANS CAN FEEL AT HOME IN AMERICA. THIS IS THE WAY RELATIONS SHOULD BE BETWEEN ALL NATIONS AND ALL PEOPLES. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD THE DAY WHEN THE DREAM OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING IS A FIRM REALITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...UNQUOTE

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TEXT OF VICE-PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR
BY AMERICAN MEN'S CLUB AND AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: OUR STAY IN THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY - AND THIS GREAT CITY -
HAS BEEN ALL-TOO-BRIEF. BUT IT IS NOT DIFFICULT FOR ME TO UNDER-
STAND WHY THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN ROME IS SO LARGE - OR SO
OBVIOUSLY HAPPY TO BE HERE.

FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES, IT IS A VERY WELCOME - AND SIGNIFICANT-
OMEN FOR THE FUTURE THAT THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN ROME
SHOULD BE SO LARGE AND GROWING. THIS REFLECTS THE HIGH LEVEL OF
IMPORTANCE WHICH MODERN ITALY HAS ATTAINED IN THE INDUSTRIAL
COMMUNITY OF THE WORLD. IT ALSO REFLECTS THE HEALTHY EMPHASIS
AMERICAN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IS PLACING NOW ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE
AND INVESTMENT. THIS IS WELCOME BECAUSE THERE IS NO MORE SOLID
FOUNDATION FOR PEACE AMONG NATIONS THAN PEACEFUL TRADE AND EXCHANGE
AND COOPERATION IN THE CHANNELS OF COMMERCE.

ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, 186 YEARS AGO, THE MEN WHO BROUGHT FORTH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MET AT PHILADELPHIA TO DECLARE THEIR
INDEPENDENCE. THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION -
THE GREAT REVOLUTION OF INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM WHICH IS STILL
CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TODAY.

ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, THIS YEAR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES - JOHN F. KENNEDY - RETURNED TO PHILADELPHIA AND TO

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INDEPENDENCE HALL TO MAKE FROM HIS HEART AND THE HEART OF HIS COUNTRY-MEN A NEW DECLARATION - A DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

IF THERE BE ONE FACT UPON WHICH FREE MEN CAN AGREE, IT IS THE FACT THAT FREEDOM HAS SURVIVED - AND WILL CONTINUE TO SURVIVE - BECAUSE OF THE WILL OF WESTERN NATIONS AND WESTERN PEOPLES TO ALLY THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN THE BONDS OF GENUINE INTERDEPENDENCE.

BUT WE HAVE NOT YET REALLY BEGUN TO REALIZE THE POTENTIAL THIS CAPACITY AFFORDS US. WHERE WE OF THE WEST STAND AS ALLIES IN ARMS TODAY, WE CAN BE - AND WE MUST BE - ALLIES OF THE HEART TOMORROW. IT IS OUR OPPORTUNITY AND OUR PRIVILEGE TO WORK MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER IN CONTINUING TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF ALL OUR PEOPLE - AND IN SHARING THE PROUD BURDENS OF HELPING OTHERS TO TAKE THOSE CRUCIAL FIRST STEPS TOWARD A BETTER LIFE THEMSELVES.

I BELIEVE IT IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE TO SPEAK OF THESE THINGS HERE TODAY BECAUSE I COME FROM A NATION WHICH IN THE LAST FIFTEEN YEARS HAS TAKEN APPROXIMATELY 100 BILLION DOLLARS FROM ITS TAXPAYERS AND DISTRIBUTED IT TO SOME OF THE VICTORS AND SOME OF THE VANQUISHED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN ORDER TO HELP ALL REGAIN THEIR SPIRITUAL, MATERIAL AND INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH.

WE HAVE NOT DONE THIS ONLY BECAUSE WE ARE GOOD SAMARITANS OR SIMPLY BECAUSE WE WANT TO PRACTICE CHARITY. WE HAVE DONE THIS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THE GOLDEN RULE OF DOING UNTO OTHERS AS WE WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO US. WE HAVE DONE IT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE OUR LIFE IS A LITTLE SAFER IN A WORLD THAT IS AS FREE AS POSSIBLE FROM IGNORANCE AND POVERTY. WE HAVE NOT CEASED THIS EFFORT, NOR HAVE WE REDUCED IT.

OUR FIRST VENTURE INTO THE FIELD OF ASSISTANCE TO OTHERS WAS A BRITISH LOAN OF SOME 3 BILLION-ODD DOLLARS. OUR REQUEST THIS YEAR TO THE CONGRESS IS ALMOST FIVE-BILLION DOLLARS.

IF WE ARE ASKING OUR FRIENDS TO TAKE ON A GREATER SHARE OF THIS TASK, IT IS NOT THAT WE HAVE BECOME ISOLATIONISTS OR THAT WE ARE

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TURNING OUR BACK UPON A COMMON RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS SIMPLY THAT WE HAVE COMMITMENTS IN THE FAR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE--IN WESTERN EUROPE, IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, IN MANY VITAL AND STRATEGIC SPOTS. THESE COMMITMENTS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY MEN AND MATERIALS AND THESE INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL EXPENDITURE.

I HAVE JUST VISITED SIX NATIONS WHERE WE HAVE DISCUSSED OUR MUTUAL PROBLEMS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE FUTURE.

I ASSUME THERE IS NOT A MAN HERE WHO HAS NOT, ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, BEEN CALLED UPON TO EXTEND THE HAND OF COUNSEL AND GUIDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SOME MEMBER OF HIS FAMILY.

I REMEMBER ONE TIME WHEN I TOLD A FRIEND OF MINE OF A PROBLEM I HAD WITH MY BROTHER WHO WAS THEN IN SCHOOL. I TOLD HIM IN GREAT CONFIDENCE. BUT HE SAID: "YOU NEED NOT WHISPER, SON, I HAVE GOT SEVEN OF THEM" FIVE OF THEM YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT."

SO WE ALL UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS, FOR WE HAVE ALL BEEN CALLED ON TO WORK WITH THE FAMILY, AND THAT IS WHAT THE UNITED STATES OF.....

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...OF AMERICA HAS TRIED TO DO: TO WORK WITH THE FAMILY.

I HAD A LARGE FAMILY. I SWEPT MY WAY THROUGH COLLEGE, AND DURING THE TWO OR THREE HOURS AFTER MIDNIGHT WHICH WERE LEFT I ADDRESSED ENVELOPES FOR 25 CENTS PER THOUSAND SO THAT MY SISTER MIGHT GET AN EXTRA 50 CENTS TO HELP HER THROUGH SCHOOL. WELL, SHE GREW UP AND GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE, TOO. AND THE TWO OF US HELPED THE OTHER THREE TO GET THROUGH COLLEGE-- AT LEAST, TO TRY TO GET THROUGH. ONE OF THEM DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT.

NOW THAT'S THE SITUATION IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES TODAY. SOME OF US HAVE MADE PROGRESS, WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED AND WE ARE FORTUNATE. WE ARE THANKFUL. WE HAVE HAD THE MEANS OF DISTRIBUTING ONE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE. NOW, SOME OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILIES ALSO ARE COMING OUT OF COLLEGE, AND WE ARE ASKING THEM TO HELP US, NOT TO DECREASE OUR EFFORTS BUT TO EXTEND THEM. IF THERE IS ONE THING IN THE WORLD I BELIEVE IN, IT IS THE CONCEPT THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY PUT FORTH NOT LONG AGO--THAT A LEADERSHIP INCAPABLE OF ATTACKING THE PROBLEMS OF DISEASE AND ILLITERACY AND POVERTY, A LEADERSHIP INCAPABLE OF IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE POOR, WILL CERTAINLY BE INCAPABLE OF PROTECTING THE FEW WHO ARE RICH.

I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THIS STATEMENT. TIME IS RUNNING OUT. THE CLOCK IS TICKING. THERE ARE THREE BILLION PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD, ALL OF THEM NOT AS FORTUNATE AS WE ARE, ALL OF THEM NOT AS BLESSED AS WE ARE, ALL OF THEM NOT AS

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HEALTHY AS WE ARE, ALL OF THEM HAVE NOT RECOVERED FROM DEPRESSION OF WAR AS ITALY HAS, AS GERMANY HAS AND ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

THREE BILLION PEOPLE, YET ONLY SIX NATIONS OF 196, HAVE A PER CAPITA INCOME OF AS MUCH AS DLR 1,000 PER YEAR, THE UNITED STATES HAS A PER CAPITA INCOME DLR 2880 PER YEAR BUT MOST OTHER NATIONS HAVE A PER CAPITA ANNUAL INCOME OF UNDER DLR 100.

I HAVE VISITED MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. I CAME AND I SAW AND I HEARD, AND I DIDN'T LIKE WHAT I SAW AND I DIDN'T LIKE WHAT I HEARD. I SAW IN THE DESERTS OF AFRICA MILLIONS OF HUMAN BEINGS, MOTHERS WITH THE BABY IN THEIR BELLY AND ONE ON THEIR BREAST AND ANOTHER ON THEIR BACK AND A DOZEN ON A MUD FLOOR. I SAW IN THE STEAMING HEAT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, INDIA, AND PAKISTAN HUNDREDS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE LIVING OFF OF A PER CAPITA INCOME OF LESS THAN DLR 75 PER YEAR. THOSE MOTHERS AND THOSE FATHERS AND THOSE LEADERS, WANT FOR THEIR PEOPLE WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE FOR OURS.

THERE ARE TWO PHILOSOPHIES AT WORK IN THE WORLD: OUR PHILOSOPHY AND THE SOVIET PHILOSOPHY.

EITHER WE ARE GOING TO BE WORTHY OF OUR GUARDIANSHIP AND OUR TRUST AND MEASURE UP TO IT AND PRODUCE RESULTS AND, AS WE SAY IN MY COUNTRY "PUT THE COONSKINS ON THE WALL," OR WE ARE GOING TO BE FAILURES. AND PEOPLE ARE GOING TO TURN ELSEWHERE.

IN THAT CASE, THEY WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND ITALY LIKE THEY TALKED ABOUT THE GLORY OF GREECE AND THE GRANDEUR OF ROME.

SO THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND MOST PROFITABLE EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE.

I REALIZE THAT 15 YEARS AGO WE COMMITTED THE UNITED STATES, ITS INTEGRITY AND ITS NATIONAL RESOURCES AGAINST THE AGGRESSION OF COMMUNIST IMPERIALISM.

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AS A YOUNG MAN, I STOOD IN THE WELL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TOLD MY COLLEAGUES THAT I WOULD RATHER DRAW A LINE AT THE BORDERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY THAN AT THE POTOMAC AND THAT I WAS CONVINCED THAT IF A BULLY TRIED TO MAKE YOU GO HOME DOWN THE BACK ALLEY AND GOT AWAY WITH IT ONE DAY, HE WOULD COME BACK THE NEXT DAY AND RUN YOU OFF YOUR OWN FRONT PORCH.

WE DREW THAT LINE.

WE COMMITTED OUR RESOURCES AND YOU KNOW THE RESULTS.

GREECE, FROM WHERE I HAVE JUST COME, HAD AN 11 PERCENT INCREASE IN HER GROSS NATIONAL INCOME LAST YEAR. SHE NOW MAINTAINS 11 1/2 DIVISIONS IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM. BUT THE NEED FOR VIGILANCE AND THE NEED FOR STRENGTH AND THE NEED FOR CONSTANT ATTENTION PERSISTS. AND THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING HERE DURING MY CONFERENCE WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

WHEN WE LOOK AT ITALY--WHEN WE SEE WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED HERE BY THE ITALIAN PEOPLE--WE KNOW THAT THE LABORS OF THOSE YEARS HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE.

IN LESS THAN A GENERATION, ITALY HAS RISEN FROM THE DEVASTATION AND DESPAIR OF WAR TO STAND AS A SELF-RELIANT PILLAR OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY--ABLE TO HELP HERSELF AND ABLE NOW TO ASSUME THE HONORABLE ROLE OF HELPING OTHERS STAND STRONGER AS FREE NATIONS AND FREE MEN.

WE KNOW WHAT CAN BE DONE WHEN FREE MEN ARE BOUND TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF INTERDEPENDENCE. IT IS NOW OUR DUTY AND CHALLENGE TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS SPIRIT TO EXPAND AND ACCELERATE OUR EFFORTS ELSEWHERE.

OUR FIRST DUTY IS TO CONTINUE THE QUEST FOR PEACE. WE OF THE UNITED STATES DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE CAN BE PASSIVE. WE BELIEVE PEACE-MAKING OUGHT TO BE AN ACTIVE AND CONSTANT LABOR OF THE STRONG. WE ARE NOT CYNICAL AND DOUBTFUL THAT SUCH LABOR IS IN VAIN. NOR ARE WE SO WEAK-HEARTED

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AS TO BELIEVE THAT ONE NATION CAN SAY "NO" TO AGREEMENTS THAT WOULD KEEP THE PEACE WHEN THE REST OF MANKIND IS SAYING "YES".

WE ARE MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THOSE AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL GUARANTEE PEACE ON THIS EFFORT, AND WE WELCOME THE SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP WHICH ITALY IS PROVIDING.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE HOPES OF THE WORLD AT GENEVA ARE ANSWERED BY THE SHOTS AT THE BERLIN WALL. WE WILL STAND THE GROUND OF FREEDOM AS MEN OF HONOR AND COURAGE, BUT WE WILL PURSUE THE SEARCH FOR THE GROUNDS OF PEACE AS MEN OF HONOR, AND.....

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...AND COURAGE, ALSO.

OUR INTENSE SEARCH FOR PEACE IS MOTIVATED BY OUR BELIEF THAT WE ARE ENTERING A NEW AGE IN THE EXPERIENCE OF MANKIND - AN AGE OF EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY SUCH AS THIS EARTH HAS NOT SEEN SINCE SONS OF ITALY EMBARKED UPON THE GREAT ERA OF VOYAGE AND VENTURE THAT LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NEW WORLD 500 YEARS AGO.

I REFER, OF COURSE, TO THE PROMISE THAT LIES BEFORE US IN THE AGE OF SPACE THAT IS NOW JUST BEGINNING.

IT HAS BEEN MY PARTICULAR PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE ON THIS VISIT TO ITALY TO PARTICIPATE ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT IN THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BRING THE TALENTS OF OUR TWO NATIONS CLOSER TOGETHER IN COOPERATIVE VENTURES FOR EXPLORING THE REALMS OF OUTER SPACE. WE HAVE FORMALIZED A PARTNERSHIP WHICH ON THE BASIS OF PAST EXPERIENCE SHOULD HASTEN OUR PROGRESS - AND THE PROGRESS OF THE FREE WORLD - IN FULFILLING THE PROMISE OF PEACEFUL USES OF THE UNIVERSE OF WHICH WE ARE A PART.

NEARLY TWO DECADES AGO, MANKIND'S GREAT BREAKTHROUGH IN THE REALMS OF ATOMIC POWER WAS DIRECTLY THE RESULT OF JOINT ENTERPRISE BY SCIENTISTS FROM BOTH AMERICA AND ITALY, AS WELL AS OTHER NATIONS. WE ANTICIPATE THE SAME FRUITFUL RESULTS TO FOLLOW FROM THE AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN REACHED BETWEEN US IN REGARD TO OUTER SPACE. WE'LL FURNISH THE ROCKET AND THEY'RE FURNISHING THE SATELLITE, AND THEY NOW HAVE 75 PHD'S WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK IN THOSE LABORATORIES, SO THAT THE UNKNOWN MAY BECOME KNOWN.

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WE OF THE UNITED STATES BELIEVE THAT THE QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP IS NOT DETERMINED MERELY BY OCCASIONAL DRAMATIC EXPERIMENTS OR ACHIEVEMENTS. LEADERSHIP MUST BE MEASURED, FIRST, IN TERMS OF A NATION'S PURPOSE - SECOND, IN TERMS OF A NATION'S WILLINGNESS TO SHARE BOTH ITS EFFORTS AND ITS ACHIEVEMENTS WITH OTHER MEN, AND - THIRDLY, BY A NATION'S ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO HOLD TO A PURPOSEFUL COURSE.

WE OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE DEDICATED OUR EFFORTS IN SPACE TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES. WE ARE EXPLORING SPACE WITH NO OBJECTIVE OF CONQUEST ON EARTH BUT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF HELPING ALL MANKIND CONQUER THOSE THINGS WHICH HAVE HISTORICALLY CAUSED WARS ON THIS EARTH.

WE DO NOT CONDUCT OUR SPACE EXPERIMENTS BEHIND A WALL OF SECRECY. AS WE PROCEED ON A PURPOSEFUL COURSE, WE PERMIT A WATCHFUL WORLD TO OBSERVE OUR DISAPPOINTMENTS AS WELL AS OUR SUCCESSES.

FROM THE BEGINNING, WE OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE SOUGHT TO BRING ALL NATIONS TOGETHER IN THIS GREAT ADVENTURE.

FOUR YEARS AGO, AS A SPOKESMAN FOR PRESIDENT EISENHOWER, AT HIS REQUEST AND FOR MY GOVERNMENT, I PRESENTED THE UNITED STATES APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR A PROGRAM OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AMONG ALL NATIONS FOR EXPLORATION OF THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE. WHILE WE REGRET THAT OTHER NATIONS HAVE REFUSED TO PERMIT THIS GREAT ADVANCE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO BECOME A REALITY, THE UNITED STATES IS WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY AND OTHER FREE NATIONS TO ACHIEVE A NEW MEASURE OF COOPERATION ON SPACE ADVENTURES.

WE OF AMERICA HAVE IN THE YEARS SINCE WORLD WAR II HELPED THE WESTERN WORLD TO RAISE THE SHIELD OF FREEDOM. OUR PEOPLE HAVE MADE GREAT SACRIFICES OF THEIR RESOURCES, AND THEIR WEALTH TO HELP OTHERS HOLD OFF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AND TO BUILD STRENGTH FOR THEMSELVES. WE INTEND TO HELP HOLD THAT SHIELD FIRMLY AND STRONGLY SO LONG AS IT SHALL BE NECESSARY.

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BUT I THINK THAT THE WORLD CAN SEE THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE PURPOSE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNISM. IN THE FIFTEEN YEARS OF THE POST-WAR PERIOD, IT HAS BEEN THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNISM TO DIRECT PRESSURES AGAINST THE UNITY AND STRENGTH AND ECONOMIC REVIVAL OF EUROPE. COMMUNISM HAS SOUGHT-AND IS STILL SEEKING - TO DIVIDE EUROPE, TO PREVENT EUROPEAN NATIONS FROM GROWING STRONG, AND TO STAND IN THE WAY OF THE EFFORTS OF EUROPEANS THEMSELVES TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF LIVING AND OPPORTUNITY. AT THE SAME TIME AND OVER THE SAME PERIOD IT HAS BEEN THE PURPOSE OF THE UNITED STATES TO HELP EUROPEAN NATIONS UNIFY AND TO HELP CREATE A CLIMATE OF COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

TODAY, EUROPE IS VASTLY STRONGER THAN IT WAS 15 YEARS AGO. COMMUNISM, SEEING THIS STRENGTH, MAKES KNOWN ITS PURPOSE TO UNDO ALL THAT HAS BEEN DONE THROUGH THESE YEARS AND RETURN EUROPE TO THE STATUS OF THE PAST.

WHEN I WAS IN NAPLES YESTERDAY, I SAW A PRIEST ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, SHEPHERDING A LITTLE FLOCK OF CHILDREN. HE STOPPED MY CAR AND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE VICE PRESIDENT BUT HE DID KNOW THE AMERICAN FLAG. HE SHOOK MY HAND AND SAID, " I WANT TO SALUTE THE NATION WHICH HAS TAKEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND SENT THEM ALL OVER THE WORLD, NOT TO DESTROY BUT TO PRESERVE. I WANT TO SALUTE THE NATION THAT HAS GONE TO THE PEOPLE IT DEFEATED AND PROVIDED THEM WITH BREAD AND MILK AND FOOD IN THEIR HOUR OF DEFEAT AND DESPAIR."

WE OF THE UNITED STATES ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO BRING OUR ECONOMY AND THE ECONOMY OF THE COMMON MARKET INTO CLOSEST COOPERATION. UNLIKE OTHERS WE DO NOT FEAR THE COMMON MARKET - WE WELCOME IT AS A FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS.

IN NATO, IN THE COMMON MARKET, IN THE EXPLORATION OF OUTER SPACE, IN TRADE AND COMMERCE, IN ENDEAVORS OF MANY FIELDS, WE ARE ALL DRAWING CLOSER TOGETHER. INTERDEPENDENCE IS PERMITTING US TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES INTERDEPENDENTLY IN THE WORKS OF FREEDOM AND

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PROGRESS, AND WE CAN SEE IN THIS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW AGE OF GREATNESS FOR ALL THE WEST.

THE TIDE OF HISTORY IS RUNNING WITH US. THE TIDE IS RUNNING AGAINST THOSE WHO MUST IMPRISON THEIR PEOPLE BEHIND HASTILY BUILT BRICK WALLS, AND MUST HOLD THEM BEHIND BARRICADES AND THE BARBED WIRE...

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...WIRE FENCES, SHACKLED AND CHAINED. THE VITAL SOCIETY TODAY IS THE FREE WESTERN SOCIETY. TO SEE IT, SIMPLY DRIVE INTO ROME FROM THE AIRPORT. VITALITY ON THE RIGHT AND LEFT, AND OVER AND UNDER. AND WHAT WE SEE HERE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE EVERYWHERE IN THE WORLD IN THE DAYS TO COME. BELIEVING THIS, AS WE DO, ABOUT ITALY, ABOUT THE WEST, ABOUT OUR COMMON CAUSE, WE CAN HAVE AND DO HAVE THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE, AND IN THE ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OF THE FREE WAY OF LIFE.

I WANT TO CONCLUDE BY GIVING YOU SOME OF MY IMPRESSIONS FROM THIS TRIP WHICH HAS CARRIED ME TO THE NATIONS THAT ARE ON THE RIM OF THE SOVIET UNION - NATIONS WITH NEW GOVERNMENTS - A NEW PRIME MINISTER IN TURKEY, A NEW PRIME MINISTER IN IRAN - A RELATIVELY YOUNG GOVERNMENT IN CYPRUS.

I SHOULD LIKE TO MENTION FIRST THE LONG MEETING I HAD THIS MORNING WITH HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN XXIII. IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRING DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS AFFECTING HUMANKIND THAT I HAVE EXPERIENCED IN MY 54 YEARS, AND MY WORK HAS BEEN IN THE FIELD OF HUMANITY. OUR DISCUSSION INCLUDED THE NEED TODAY FOR ZEALOUS EFFORT, AND I EMPHASIZE ZEALOUS AND IMMEDIATE, TO RID THE WORLD OF THE SCOURGE OF HUNGER AND ILLNESS AND ILLITERACY. HIS HOLINESS AND I ALSO DISCUSSED THE NECESSITY FOR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PRODUCE THE STABLE PEACE IN FREEDOM WHICH IS THE GOAL OF ALL MANKIND. SOME 2,500 TO 3,000 LEADERS WILL COME TO ROME IN OCTOBER TO MEET WITH HIS HOLINESS, AND THE FAR-REACHING RESULTS THAT WILL FLOW FROM THOSE MEETINGS CANNOT BE ENVISIONED NOW.

IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL WE ARE DEBATING THE APPROPRIATION OF AN

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ADDITIONAL FIVE BILLION DOLLARS FOR NEXT YEAR FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THOSE WHO WANT TO HELP THEMSELVES.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE OBLIGATIONS IN GERMANY, WE HAVE OBLIGATIONS IN ITALY, WE HAVE OBLIGATIONS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND MANY OTHER PLACES. THEY INCLUDE MEN IN UNIFORM AND THEIR HARDWARE. WE INTEND TO LIVE UP TO OUR COMMITMENTS AND TO KEEP THE FAITH.

THIS MEANS THAT OUR PEOPLE MUST EXPEND HEAVILY. IT MEANS THAT THE DRAIN ON OUR RESOURCES IS SUBSTANTIAL. WE DO NOT ASK FOR SYMPATHY OR ANY UNDUE CONSIDERATION. BUT WE DO SAY THAT OTHER FREE NATIONS WHO ARE ABLE WILL WANT TO DO THEIR PART. AND AS WE MEET OUR COMMITMENTS, THEY CAN MAKE IT SOMEWHAT EASIER BY MAKING PURCHASES FROM US. AND AS WE EXTEND OUR HAND THEY CAN COME ALONG SIDE-BY-SIDE AND EXTEND THEIRS TO NATIONS THAT ARE LESS FORTUNATE, TO MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY WHO ARE NOT DOING SO WELL.

WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE ANYWHERE UNDER THE SUN WANT WAR, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IF THE CHOICE WERE THEIRS ALONE THERE EVER WOULD BE WAR. WE BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE MEANS AND THE DEFENSE POSTURE AND THE STRENGTH SO THAT NO THINKING MAN WOULD DARE ATTACK US. AND WE INTEND TO PRESERVE THAT STRENGTH TO PROTECT FREEDOM. BUT WE DO APPEAL TO ALL OUR BROTHERS IN THE FAMILY TO HELP US REMOVE THE SORE OF POVERTY AND DISEASE AND ILLITERACY BEFORE IT SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE BODY.

OF COURSE, OF THE POPULATION OF THE WORLD, WE 180 MILLION AMERICANS AND 50 MILLION ITALIANS ARE COMPARATIVELY FEW. WE ARE LESS THAN ONE-TWELFTH OF A WORLD POPULATION OF THREE BILLION. BUT, TOGETHER WITH OUR ALLIES, WE MUST EVER BE MINDFUL OF WHAT OUR PRIVILEGES ARE AND WHAT OUR OBLIGATIONS ARE.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY SAID IN A RECENT TALK WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE THAT IF A PEACEFUL EVOLUTION IS IMPOSSIBLE VIOLENT REVOLUTION IS INEVITABLE, BECAUSE IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM HUNGER, DISEASE, ILLITERACY AND POVERTY.

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EACH OF US HAS CONSTANTLY TO ASK HIMSELF WHETHER HE HAS FULFILLED HIS OBLIGATIONS TO OTHERS WHO ARE IN NEED. IF WE JUST SIT BACK, THE TIDES OF THE FUTURE WILL ENVELOPE US, AND WE WILL SIMPLY BE ANOTHER CIVILIZATION THAT CAME AND WENT. BUT IF WE HAVE THE PATIENCE AND THE IMAGINATION AND THE COURAGE TO ACT SOUNDLY AND WISELY WITHIN A SYSTEM OF FREE ENTERPRISE, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO APPLY THE FRUITS OF THAT SYSTEM TO PROTECT THE WEAK AND HELP THEM TOWARDS A BETTER LIFE. END QUOTE.

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

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

2. AS REPORTED IN DETAIL IN EMBASSY TELEGRAM 541, WORKING
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MEETINGS OF VICE PRESIDENT WITH PRIME MINISTER FANFANI, FOREIGN MINISTER PICIONI AND PRESIDENT SEGNI (IN THAT ORDER) WERE INDEED VERY USEFUL. THERE COULD HAVE BEEN NO MORE FORCEFUL, PERSUASIVE AND AUTHORITATIVE PRESENTATION OF U.S. POSITION ON WHAT IS BECOMING OUR MAJOR BI-LATERAL ISSUE WITH ITALY, THAT OF MILITARY OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS. IN THESE AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS IN SOME OF HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, VICE PRESIDENT ELOQUENTLY RAISED QUESTION OF ITALY'S PICKING UP GREATER SHARE OF COMMON WESTERN BURDEN NOT ONLY FOR ARMED DEFENSE BUT ALSO FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO UNDERDEVELOPED HAVE-NOT NATIONS. FANFANI'S ASSURANCES OF FULL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEM AND RELATED OUTFLOW OF GOLD WILL UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE EMBASSY NEGOTIATING TASK EASIER ON RELATED QUESTIONS IN FUTURE. IN ADDITION TO HEARING FANFANI BRIEF REVIEW OF ITALIAN POLITICAL SITUATION, VICE PRESIDENT DEVOTED BALANCE OF HIS HIGH-LEVEL TALKS TO BROADER SUBJECTS OF OUTER SPACE, MIDDLE LEVEL MANPOWER CONFERENCE, COMMON MARKET, EUROPEAN POLITICAL INTEGRATION, AND BERLIN. IN THE CONTEXT OF REPORT OF HIS IMPRESSIONS IN OTHER COUNTRIES VISITED ON CURRENT TRIP, THE VICE PRESIDENT CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON GREEK SITUATION, WITH RESULT THAT FANFANI SAID ITALY WOULD GIVE MOST SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO ANY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GREECE TO HELP MEET ITS NATO MILITARY REQUIREMENTS.

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

4. DETAILED SUMMARIES OF PRESS REACTION HAVE BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY. WILL SUFFICE HERE TO SAY THAT IN TERMS OF MASS

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

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

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

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

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

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