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Mr. and Mrs. Churchill (Winston III)
Ambassador and Lady Dean
Ambassador Bruce
Governor Harriman
Friends of Sir Winston Churchill

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I think it is entirely appropriate that this magnificent head of Winston Churchill should have found its way to the White House.

First, because it is a fitting honor for one of America's greatest citizens.

And second, because this most certainly would have been Winston Churchill's home for several four-year terms if he had been born an American citizen. I sometimes wonder if that isn't why he at

first resisted the honorary citizenship when it was offered: he just couldn't see any point in being a citizen if he couldn't run the country.

So we are most grateful to all of you, his wartime friends, for this wonderful gift. It is a welcome addition to the White House treasures and works of art. It will remind every President to come of the honesty and the foresight and the dedication that Winston Churchill brought to the world.

It will also remind every President and every visitor that in this man was epitomized the strong ties that exist between our two great nations. As long as the Churchill spirit lives on, those ties will never weaken.

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Acceptance of Churchill Head
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