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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

LUNCHEON TOAST

WARSAW, POLAND

JULY 20, 1975

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MR. FIRST SECRETARY, MRS. GI¹EREK (GEH-REK),

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MRS. FORD AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE YOUR GUESTS.

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO RETURN TO THIS
GREAT COUNTRY IN THE VERY CENTER OF EUROPE, A COUNTRY WHICH
IS SO RICH IN TRADITION AND SO IMPORTANT IN THE
CONTEMPORARY WORLD.

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I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM THE
UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO FRIENDSHIP WITH POLAND.

I AM DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN THIS RELATIONSHIP.

WHEN WE MET IN WASHINGTON LAST OCTOBER, FIRST
SECRETARY GIEREK AND I PLEDGED OUR COUNTRIES . . . 'TO ACQUIRE
A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND VALUES.'
BOTH NATIONS CAN TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION IN OUR PROGRESS
TOWARD THAT GOAL.

WE HAVE MADE IMPORTANT ADVANCES IN OUR BILATERAL
RELATIONSHIP. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE
DOCUMENTS WE SIGNED DURING THE FIRST SECRETARY'S VISIT.

I AM PLEASED TO CITE:

-- THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF BOTH SIDES TO INCREASE
TRADE AND COMMERCE;

-- THE VISITS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR
SCIENTISTS, INDUSTRIAL AND MINING SPECIALISTS AND
AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS; AND

-- THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS WHICH
EACH YEAR ENABLE MORE POLES AND AMERICANS TO KNOW EACH OTHER
AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS.

THE UNITED STATES RECENTLY PRESENTED 'THE WORLD OF
FRANKLIN AND JEFFERSON" BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION IN WARSAW.
IT VIVIDLY DEPICTED AMERICA'S PAST AND POLAND'S LONG AND
CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH US.

YOU MAY REMEMBER ONE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S

REMARKS FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION. ACCORDING TO FRANKLIN,

"HUMAN FELICITY IS PRODUCED NOT SO MUCH BY GREAT PIECES OF

GOOD FORTUNE THAT SELDOM HAPPEN, AS BY LITTLE ADVANTAGES

THAT OCCUR EVERY DAY."

WE HAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF GREAT VISION IN POLAND
AND AMERICA. BUT WE REALIZE THAT REAL PROGRESS IN THE
RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES REALLY COMES FROM THE MILLIONS
WHO GIVE FORM AND SUBSTANCE TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THEIR
GOVERNMENTS.

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DISTINGUISHED HOST, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK
YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO ALL POLISH AND AMERICAN CITIZENS
-- SCHOLARS, SCIENTISTS, WORKERS, FARMERS, WRITERS,
MUSICIANS AND OTHERS -- WHO DAY BY DAY ARE STRIVING TO
DEVELOP THE "LITTLE ADVANTAGES" SO IMPORTANT TO THE GROWING
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. END OF TEXT