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TOAST

MR. PRESIDENT, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
OUR TWO PEOPLES WAS FIRST FORMALIZED AS LONG AGO AS
MAY 22, 1882. THE PREAMBLE TO THAT TREATY SPOKE OF
PERMANENT RELATIONS BASED UPON AMITY AND FRIENDSHIP.
WE HAVE PROVEN THAT BY MORE THAN DIPLOMATIC PHRASES.

OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS ENDURED THROUGH WAR AND PEACE.

THE WELCOME YOU ACCORDED ME TODAY IS SYMBOLIC OF OUR

CLOSE TIES. IT DEMONSTRATED THE GREAT STRENGTH OF THE

FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES.

I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE OUTPOURING OF GOODWILL FROM THE COUNTLESS PEOPLE WHO GREETED ME SO WARMLY. THEIR CHEERS, I AM SURE, WERE NOT FOR ME AS AN INDIVIDUAL BUT FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH I REPRESENT. I WANT TO THANK EVERY KOREAN I SAW TODAY ON BEHALF OF ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE .

TODAY I VISITED THE BEAUTIFUL CEMETARY AND THE MONUMENT
TO THE BRAVE KOREANS WHO FELL IN BATTLE. THEY FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE
WITH AMERICANS. LET THE CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP OF OUR TWO
NATIONS PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THE SUPREME SACRIFICE OF
YOUR COURAGEOUS MEN AND OUR OWN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU TO RISE AND JOIN
ME IN A TOAST TO MY DISTINGUISHED HOST, PRESIDENT PARK,
AND TO THE GREAT PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

END OF TOAST

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THEN DRINK TOAST