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TALKING POINTS:

DROP BY: DELEGATION TO NATO

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1975

- AMB. BRUCE
 - U.S. MISSION to NATO
 - U.S. MILITARY DELEGATION
 - MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFFS
-

U.S. COMMITMENT TO NATO

IMPORTANCE OF NATO

- CORNERSTONE OF Am. FOR. POLICY
- CENTRAL GUARANTOR OF PEACE

RESTATE OUR PLEDGE TO COLLECTIVE
SELF DEFENSE

YOU ARE SMALL IN NUMBERS BUT
GREAT IN TERMS OF WORLD
PEACE

(NIXON)

GREETINGS TO AMBASSADOR BRUCE AND MEMBERS
OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO NATO.

~~I WISH TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF U.S. REPRESENTATION
AT THE COUNCIL AND IN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEES.~~

YOUR WORK IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TODAY BECAUSE OF
QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO NATO AND ABOUT
THE CONTINUED RELEVANCE AND IMPORTANCE OF NATO. NATO
REMAINS THE CORNERSTONE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND
THE CENTRAL GUARANTOR OF PEACE. I AM HERE TODAY TO REAFFIRM

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE. I JOIN WITH OTHER NATO
LEADERS IN REASSERTING THE STRENGTH AND STABILITY OF THE
TRANSATLANTIC TIES THAT UNITE US AND IN RESTATING OUR PLEDGE
TO COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE.

THE UNITED STATES, UNCONDITIONALLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY,
REMAINS TRUE TO THE COMMITMENTS ASSUMED WHEN WE SIGNED THE
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. THIS INCLUDES THE OBLIGATION IN
ARTICLE FIVE TO COME TO THE ASSISTANCE OF ANY NATO NATION
SUBJECT TO ARMED ATTACK.

ALTHOUGH THE U.S. DELEGATION TO NATO IS SMALL IN NUMBERS,
IT IS GREAT IN IMPORTANCE TO OUR NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND TO WORLD
PEACE. YOU ARE SPECIALISTS DEALING WITH THE SPECIALIZED PROBLEMS
OF OUR TIMES. YOUR GOVERNMENT RELIES UPON YOUR SKILLS. I
COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND DETERMINATION TO GIVE EVEN
GREATER MEANING TO AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP IN NATO.

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