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**THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....****DINNER TOAST****BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA****SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1975****- 1 -****MR. PRESIDENT, MADAM BROZ, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:****I AM DELIGHTED TO BE BACK IN YUGOSLAVIA.****TWELVE YEARS IS MUCH TOO LONG TO BE AWAY. MRS. FORD AND I****THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR THE WARM WELCOME OF YOUR PEOPLE AND****FOR YOUR OWN GRACIOUS REMARKS, MR. PRESIDENT.**

WHILE I AM DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE JUSTLY RENOWNED

YUGOSLAV HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO MRS. FORD AND ME PERSONALLY,

I AM MINDFUL THAT THIS KIND EXPRESSION REPRESENTS THE FRIENDSHIP

WHICH THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE FEEL FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. I CAN

ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THIS SENTIMENT IS FULLY

RECIPROCATED ON OUR PART.

WE AMERICANS HAVE LONG VALUED OUR TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH

YUGOSLAVIA. AMERICANS HAVE PARTICULARLY ADMIRERED YUGOSLAVIA'S

INDEPENDENT SPIRIT. WHENEVER INDEPENDENCE IS THREATENED, PEOPLE

EVERYWHERE LOOK TO THE EXAMPLE OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE

THROUGHOUT THEIR HISTORY. THEY TAKE STRENGTH AND INSPIRATION FROM

THAT EXAMPLE.

MR. PRESIDENT, THIS SPIRIT AND YOUR COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP  
BROUGHT THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH THE HARSH TRIALS  
OF WORLD WAR TWO AND ITS AFTERMATH INTO AN ERA OF PEACE,  
STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH.

YUGOSLAVIA IS CONFIDENT OF ITS PLACE IN THE WORLD AND  
OF ITS PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. I BELIEVE YOUR CONFIDENCE IS  
FULLY JUSTIFIED.

AMERICAN INTEREST IN YUGOSLAVIA'S CONTINUED INDEPENDENCE,  
INTEGRITY AND WELL-BEING, EXPRESSED OFTEN IN THE PAST, REMAINS  
UNDIMINISHED. TONIGHT I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO REASSERT  
MY NATION'S POSITIVE INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF YOUR NATION.

YUGOSLAVS AND AMERICANS HAVE BOTH BENEFITED FROM MANY  
JOINT EFFORTS TO SPEED THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA.  
OUR BILATERAL TRADE CONTINUES TO GROW. IT HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED  
IN FIVE YEARS. YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN ECONOMIC COUNCILS HAVE BEEN  
ESTABLISHED IN BELGRADE AND NEW YORK CITY.

MANY AMERICAN FIRMS ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES SUCH AS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF YOUR COUNTRY'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER FACILITY. OUR EXPORT-IMPORT BANK PLAYS A VERY POSITIVE ROLE IN SUPPLYING LOANS AND GUARANTEES. YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES ARE AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS.

BUT OUR MUTUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN DEALING WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS MUST BE VIEWED FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL NATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN DISTRESSED BY THE INTRANSIGENCE AND IRRESPONSIBILITY REFLECTED IN SOME OF THE DISCUSSIONS OF VITAL ECONOMIC ISSUES IN UNITED NATIONS FORUMS.

THE GROWING ALIENATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS  
CAN ONLY HARM THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH AND JEOPARDIZE THE SOLUTION  
OF UNIVERSAL PROBLEMS. I ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE  
UNITED STATES WILL PLAY ITS FULL PART IN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THESE  
ISSUES IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL PEOPLES.

YUGOSLAVIA HAS TAKEN A PROMINENT ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE, MR. PRESIDENT. THE UNITED STATES  
RECOGNIZES THAT YOUR COUNTRY'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT MAKES AN  
ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES.

YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE CONSISTENTLY WORKED FOR  
COOPERATION BASED ON THE EQUALITY OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER IN SETTLING OUTSTANDING  
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

OUR TWO COUNTRIES -- AS IN THE CASE OF ALL FRIENDS --  
HAVE HAD DIFFERENCES. BUT WE ARE ABLE TO DISCUSS THEM OPENLY,  
AS FRIENDS DO, AND TO RESOLVE THEM. THE MAIN POINT IS THAT  
WE ARE NEVER IN DOUBT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR COMMON GOALS  
OR ABOUT OUR DEEP COMMITMENT TO THE CONTINUITY OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS.



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AT THIS TIME, WITH THE AIMS OF THE CONFERENCE ON  
SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE SO CLEARLY IN OUR THOUGHTS,  
LET US EMPHASIZE THE MUTUALITY AND INTERDEPENDENCE OF OUR BASIC  
CONCERNS FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND HUMAN PROGRESS IN THE YEARS  
TO COME.

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IN THAT SPIRIT, I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST  
TO PRESIDENT TITO, WHOSE COURAGE, WISDOM AND LEADERSHIP  
HAVE MEANT SO MUCH FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND THE WORLD IN WHICH  
HIS COUNTRY HAS PLAYED SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART.

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