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ARRIVAL STATEMENT
BRUSSELS

Mr. Prime Minister:

Mrs. Humphrey and I wish to thank you for your generous and moving welcome.

We value your gratitude and we value your loyalty and friendship. But what is more, Mr. Prime Minister, we welcome and value the efforts which you and your country, and the people of

Europe, are making to build a new and vital community within Europe.

In no way do we regard ~~a~~ strong *and* united uniting Europe ~~as being in conflict with~~ our *America - It deserves* own interests *and* ~~or~~ the interests of peace.

A strong and independent Europe is the first necessity for a strong Atlantic Partnership. For our partnership, if it is to be real and effective, must be a partnership of equals -- not of junior and

senior partners.

I thank you, Mr. Prime Minister,

for your kind words about myself. I will

do my best while I am here to make clear

the policies of my government.   And I

look forward to the opportunity to hear from

you, and the members of your government,

the views and concerns which are so

important to us.

When you say we are among friends,

we know that you are right.   Belgium and

America have always been friends and we

shall always remain so.

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Toast by Vice President Hubert Humphrey

Dinner by European Communities

Brussels -- April 8, 1967

Thank you, President Hallstein. Less than

two weeks ago you celebrated, and we celebrated,

the tenth anniversary of the Treaties of Rome.

Those treaties have been important documents

in the life of Europe as they have been in the

life of America. We supported the formulation

of those treaties ten years ago. And we support

today the European unity which has flowed

from them.

The Communities you lead are the hope of

the future and the new generation in Europe.

This new generation, God willing, will not have

to live through the experiences of our

generation. It will be able to build on the firm

foundation you and your colleagues have built.

I wish this evening to make it crystal

clear: My government has supported, and will

continue to support, the constructive work of

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European unity. And we shall continue to

support the building of a strong and lasting

Atlantic Partnership -- a partnership between

equals able to meet their responsibilities and

carry their burdens, each in his own way.

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The unity you have built -- and the unity

which is still to come -- have given strength to

Western values and to the movement which is

now under way toward ending the old wounds

and divisions in Europe.

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You have come a long way in ten years,

and we have come a long way with you.

If we maintain our resolve, our deter-

mination, and our partnership, who is to say

where the next ten years can lead?

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Mr. President, I propose a toast to you,

to your colleagues, and to the Atlantic

Partnership which can be such a force in the

world for security, for human well-being, and

for peace.

april 10, 1967

DEPARTURE STATEMENT
BRUSSELS

I would like to express my deep

gratitude and that of my wife for the

hospitality and kindness shown to us by

King Baudouin and his gracious Queen,

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by numerous officials of the Belgian

Government, by the commissioners of the

European Community, and by the people

of Belgium.

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I have found my talks with leaders

of the Belgian Government very helpful. My

visits here and to other Western European

capitals have confirmed my belief that the

enterprise and undertakings which unite

Europe and the United States are of vastly

greater importance than the minor differences

which sometimes distract us.   I leave Europe

heartened by what I have seen and heard

here and convinced that we must and that

we shall work together to meet the problems

and to realize the promise of the years

ahead.

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