

ARRIVAL STATEMENT - SEOUL, KOREA June 29

On behalf of all the members of the American delegation, I would like to express our deep and sincere pleasure at being able to accept the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea to be present in Seoul on the occasion of President

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Chung Hee Park's inauguration. I have looked forward to returning to Korea ever since my two visits early last year of which I have the happiest memories. Since that time I have been reminded of your beautiful and vital country by reports of the valor of Korean fighting men in Vietnam, by accounts

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of Korean economic progress, and by the opportunity of receiving distinguished and congenial Korean visitors to the United States.

I look forward to representing my country at the inauguration of President Park. President Park has led the Korean people during a period of unprecedented

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economic progress and greatly increased Korean participation in international affairs. On behalf of President Johnson and the American people, I bring to President Park best wishes for a successful and fruitful term of office. To the Korean people,

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I offer our fervent hope for a peaceful and prosperous future in which the Republic of Korea will continue to hold an honored place in the community of nations.

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The members of the American delegation, Mrs. Humphrey and I, are deeply appreciative of the warmth and sincerity of the reception which we have been accorded by President Park, the Government of the Republic of Korea, and the Korean people. We are honored to have been guests at the inauguration of President Park, and by our presence to bear witness to the ties of friendship and common objectives which unite the American and the Korean peoples.

What we have seen confirms what we have heard, that Korea is making economic progress at a rate to inspire all of us. We

have seen a people overcoming with vigor  
and pride, the handicaps imposed by geography  
and by the somber events of history. As we  
leave Korea, we wish President Park and the  
Korean people all good fortune in their efforts,  
in common with their allies, to build the kind  
of world community in which all of us may live  
in peace and prosperity.

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