

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
THE TOAST - PRESIDENT SARAGAT LUNCHEON
Tuesday, 9/19/67

Department of State

Mr. President, Mr. Foreign Minister, Ladies and
Gentlemen:

It is a great pleasure, Mr. President for
Mrs. Humphrey and for me to return in some measure the
warm and cordial hospitality that you extended to
us when we visited Rome last spring. We left Rome
impressed with the great economic and social progress
of Italian democracy -- in no small measure due to
your leadership.

All civilized men are indebted to Italy.

We Americans are doubly indebted. All of us share
the benefits of Italian achievement in so many fields of
human endeavor. Millions of our citizens are bound to
Italy by ties of blood. From 1656, with the arrival of
a group of settlers from your native Piedmont, until
today, Americans of Italian origin have made tremendous
contributions to our nation. Some of those Americans
honor us by their presence today.

But there are deeper ties that bind us.

It was the Italian writer Varchi who first stated
that: "He who determines the end, must provide the means."

We have long agreed on our objective -- our end,
that end is a just and peaceful world.

Our means: working together as close friends, as
partners, and as allies in a strong and responsive
Atlantic Alliance -- an alliance which looks beyond its
own problems to those of the world at large.

None of us here today, Mr. President, needs to be
reminded of your constant efforts to strengthen the bonds
which unite us. We are equally aware, Mr. President,
of your contributions to Italian democracy and of your
devotion to the ideals of Western European unity.

I very much hope, Mr. President, that during your
visit here . . . that in your conversations with President
Johnson . . . and in your meetings with officials of our
government and private American citizens, you have sensed
the feeling of kinship and affection which we in this
country hold for the Italian nation.

We welcome you, too, Mr. President, not only because
you permit us to reaffirm that friendship, but because
it allows us to express our esteem for you as a most
distinguished Chief of State and citizen of the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I ask you to raise your
glasses to His Excellency, Giuseppe Saragat, President
of the Italian Republic, who today celebrates his 69th
birthday, and to request you to join with me in wishing
him "Tanti Auguri", a long and happy future.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1967
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Pres. Saragat
Ambassador Ortona
For. Minister Tanfani

Giovanni
Orlando
Pastor
John
Valpi

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WE VISITED ROME LAST SPRING. WE LEFT ROME

IMPRESSED WITH THE GREAT ECONOMIC AND

SOCIAL PROGRESS OF ITALIAN DEMOCRACY.

BUT MOST OF ALL, WE WERE IMPRESSED WITH

THE SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL VITALITY OF THE

ITALIAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH

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TO THE CIVILIZATION OF THE OLD WORLD AND
HAVE CARRIED IT FORTH TO THE NEW.

ALL CIVILIZED MEN ARE INDEBTED TO
ITALY, BUT NO NATION MORE THAN THE UNITED
STATES. AN ESTIMATED 8-10 MILLION OF OUR
CITIZENS ARE BOUND TO ITALY BY TIES OF BLOOD.
FROM 1656, WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A GROUP OF

MR. PRESIDENT, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE, MR. PRESIDENT,
FOR MRS. HUMPHREY AND FOR ME TO RETURN IN
SOME MEASURE THE WARM AND CORDIAL
HOSPITALITY THAT YOU EXTENDED TO US WHEN

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SETTLERS FROM YOUR NATIVE PIEDMONT, UNTIL
TODAY, AMERICANS OF ITALIAN ORIGIN HAVE
CONTRIBUTED TO THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL LIFE OF OUR COUNTRY.
L THE NAMES OF LA GUARDIA AND PASTORE IN
GOVERNMENT, FERMI AND SEGRE IN SCIENCE,

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L BUT THERE ARE DEEPER TIES THAT BIND US.
IT WAS THE ITALIAN WRITER VARKEY (VAR-key)
WHO FIRST STATED THAT: "HE WHO DETERMINES
THE END, MUST PROVIDE THE MEANS."

WE HAVE LONG AGREED ON OUR OBJECTIVE--
OUR END.

THAT END IS A JUST AND PEACEFUL WORLD.

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MENOTTI AND Marini IN MUSIC, DI MAGGIO
AND Marzucchi IN SPORTS, AND GIANNINI IN
Garofalo
BANKING ARE BUT A FEW OF THE SONS AND
DAUGHTERS OF ITALY WHO HAVE COME TO RANK
AS FIRST CITIZENS OF THIS LAND. L SOME OF THOSE
AMERICANS HONOR US BY THEIR PRESENCE TODAY.

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L OUR MEANS: WORKING TOGETHER AS CLOSE
FRIENDS, AS PARTNERS, AND AS ALLIES IN A STRONG
AND RESPONSIVE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE -- AN
ALLIANCE WHICH LOOKS BEYOND ITS OWN
PROBLEMS TO THOSE OF THE WORLD AT LARGE.

L WE ARE EQUALLY AWARE, MR. PRESIDENT,
OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITALIAN DEMOCRACY.

WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE BOLD LEADERSHIP
YOU GAVE DURING A PERIOD OF POLITICAL
REALIGNMENT IN ITALY. SOONER THAN MANY
RECOGNIZED AND SOONER THAN SOME WOULD
CARE TO REMEMBER, YOU LED YOUR PARTY IN
STAUNCHLY OPPOSING THE THREAT OF

TOTALITARIANISM FROM THE EAST. YOU WERE
AMONG THOSE EARLY FARSIGHTED LEADERS WHO
CONVINCINGLY PROVED THAT A COMMITMENT TO
SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IN NO WAY COMPROMISED A
FIRM ADHERENCE TO FREE DEMOCRATIC
INSTITUTIONS. THANKS TO THESE EFFORTS
SOCIAL DEMOCRACY IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED

A DEVIATION FROM WESTERN CIVILIZATION -- BUT
AN EXPRESSION OF SOME OF ITS HIGHEST VALUES.

I HOPE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT DURING
YOUR VISIT HERE... THAT IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS
WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON... OFFICIALS OF OUR
GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS,
YOU HAVE SENSED THE FEELING OF KINSHIP AND

AFFECTION WHICH WE IN THIS COUNTRY HOLD
FOR THE ITALIAN NATION AND THE ITALIAN PEOPLE.
WE WELCOME YOU, TOO, MR. PRESIDENT,
NOT ONLY BECAUSE YOU PERMIT US TO REAFFIRM
THAT FRIENDSHIP, BUT BECAUSE IT ALLOWS US TO
EXPRESS OUR ESTEEM FOR YOU AS A DISTINGUISHED
CHIEF OF STATE, AND AS AN EMINENT LEADER OF

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EUROPE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I ASK YOU TO
RAISE YOUR GLASSES TO HIS EXCELLENCY,
GIUSEPPE SARAGAT, PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN
REPUBLIC, WHO TODAY CELEBRATES HIS 69TH
BIRTHDAY, AND TO REQUEST YOU TO JOIN WITH
ME IN WISHING HIM TANTI AUGURI *Tahn tee aw goo ree.*

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(TAHN-tee aw-GOO-ree), A LONG AND HAPPY
FUTURE.

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