

Dec 30, 1967

IVORY COAST ~~and Embassy~~ ARRIVAL STATEMENT

↳ Mrs. Humphrey and I are honored to begin our first visit to  
Africa in the Republic of the Ivory Coast -- a nation which is a  
 living symbol of the new Africa.

↳ When President ~~Houphouet-Boigny~~ <sup>Who-Tway Bwanigie</sup> visited the United States <sup>this</sup>  
 last August, President Johnson rightly described him as "one of the  
most respected Chiefs of State of our epoch."

→ President Who-Tway-Bwanigie

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We look forward to renewing with your President the friendship  
 that began in our country.

↳ We look forward, too, to seeing the practical steps you are  
 taking to build a modern industry and agriculture, and to bring  
 concrete benefits to the widest possible number of your citizens.

↳ Here -- as elsewhere throughout the new Africa -- people  
 are building their nations by their own efforts, and determining  
 their own destiny.

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↳ They are striving to overcome age-old problems with the best  
 of 20th century technology, while at the same time preserving rich  
cultural heritages that are essential sources of national strength  
 and cohesion.

✓ The people of the United States share your aspirations. ✓ For over 200 years we have been deeply engaged in the difficult task of nation-building, and we are still at it today. ✓ Nor are our objectives very different from yours -- economic and social justice, a chance for every individual to develop his highest human capabilities, government that is fully responsive to the needs of the citizens.

We know well that building from the realities of today toward the hopes of tomorrow can be a slow and often frustrating process. But it is one that free men have no choice but to pursue.

We bring you the friendship and good wishes of President Johnson and the American people. We bring, too, our commitment to the future of Africa.

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## TOAST - AMBASSADOR'S BUFFET

## IVORY COAST

Mr. Minister, we are honored to have among us this evening many of the distinguished men and women who provide the leadership of this country.

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As we know from our own experience, no nation can grow and prosper unless -- from the beginning -- it is committed to the full development of its material and human resources, for the benefit of all.

Because of your personal commitment to that development, your nation stands as a beacon and example to others.

In your country, as in ours, there is still a great deal to be done in our search for a fullness of life for all people.

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But, as President Johnson said not long ago; "Whether nations are five years old or 190 years old, the striving for these goals never really ends. No nation ever completes the task of combining freedom with responsibility, liberty with order -- and applying these principles, day after day, to our new problems."

The important thing is that the commitment must remain . . . and that the striving must continue, day-by-day, so long as poverty . . . disease and ignorance remain in our midst.

Mr. Minister, may I propose a toast to your distinguished President. Under his leadership Ivory Coast is a voice of reason and responsibility . . . distinguished by the development of national conscience and character . . . and retaining the trust and cooperation of her friends throughout the world.

May I also propose a toast to Ivory Coast itself -- a proud and progressive nation which has produced people like yourselves, willing to give of themselves in the cause of all their people.

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Dec. 30, 1967

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

REPLY TO TOAST

IVORY COAST

Mr. President (~~Madame Houphouet Boigny~~ *Who - Fway Brewangee*) Ladies and

Gentlemen:

*and our Party*

It is an honor and privilege for Mrs. Humphrey and me to be the guests of one of Africa's great statesmen -- a man who is respected and admired not only in his own country but throughout the world.

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Under your leadership, Mr. President, Ivory Coast is making tangible progress within its own borders and is providing leadership toward social and economic betterment for the people of Africa.

Mr. President, the United States is grateful for the unbroken history of cordial and constructive friendship between our countries.

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It is friendship based not just on mutual self-interest, but on mutual beliefs in the dignity of man and in his capacity for human development.

Both our nations support, with deeds, those fundamental beliefs. And we shall continue to do so.

For you know in Ivory Coast, Mr. President, as we do in the United States, that our higher aspirations for man will only be achieved through the hard, practical, everyday work of nation-building --

of health, of education, of rural development, <sup>and</sup> of economic diversification.

∟ We know, too, that men achieve most when they are free -- when they have the chance to develop their unique creative capacities in their own way.

∟ If the people of this continent, Mr. President, are able to one day achieve the human dignity and liberation which all men should share, they will owe a debt to you . . . to your country . . .

and to the example you have set.

∟ You have been a builder not only of dreams, but of tangible progress in the everyday lives of men. ∟ And we salute you for it.

I do not want this occasion to pass without special mention of Mrs. ~~Houphouët-Boigny~~ <sup>who-Feoy Bwanje</sup> whose presence at your side,

Mr. President, is, I know, of such valuable help. ~~Madame, it is~~

~~a pleasure to be received by you in your home~~ <sup>we all deeply</sup> Regret her illness and wish for her a full and ~~fast~~ <sup>quick</sup> recovery.

May I ask you all to join me in a toast to His Excellency, the President, ~~and to Madame Houphouët-Boigny.~~ <sup>of the Republic of The Ivory Coast</sup>

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and Madame who-Feoy-Bwanje

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY  
IVORY COAST DEPARTURE STATEMENT

*Dec 31, 1967*

To President and Madame Houphouet-Boigny -- and to the people of Ivory Coast -- Mrs. Humphrey and I, and our party, wish to express our thanks for making our stay a memorable one.

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Your hospitality and friendship have been warm. But, perhaps, even more important to us, we have met leaders and people dedicated to constructive nation-building and peaceful progress both at home and in their wider human neighborhood of Africa.

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We have also met, here in Abidjan, with officials of the young but promising African Development Bank . . . strongly supported by your President and by others who look to Africa's future.

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What is perhaps most encouraging is that these efforts are being made ~~in the~~

~~in some of the best countries in the world~~ but on behalf of individual African men and women and their basic human rights.

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*a respected & famous*  
American committed to the growth of new nations as well as to individual human freedom -- my friend, Adlai Stevenson -- said not long before he died that "true patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

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That is the kind of patriotism which we have seen in Ivory Coast. It is a patriotism which is building a strong and free society in which all -- and not just a chosen few -- may ~~by~~ prosper.

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You are building a society of tomorrow in the Africa of tomorrow. We wish you well. ~~to be on behalf of ourselves and of the~~ American people *stand with you as friends and partners in freedom.*

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY  
ARRIVAL STATEMENT - LIBERIA

*Dec. 31, 1967*

It is a great honor for me and for my fellow delegates to represent President Johnson and the people of the United States on the occasion of the sixth inauguration of President Tubman.

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On the occasion of his first inaugural, President Tubman made this promise to Liberia: "I shall endeavor to stand up as a man and a leader." He has kept that promise. President Tubman set forth tasks of national unification and economic progress.

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His policy of unification extended the rights, duties, and benefits of citizenship to all the people of Liberia.

His Open Door policy encouraged foreign investors, many of them my fellow countrymen, rapidly to increase Liberia's economic growth and, therefore, benefit Liberia's people.

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Now Liberia looks with hope toward the future of a new, vital and prosperous Africa.

A great American President -- and close personal friend of President Tubman's -- Franklin Roosevelt -- once said on the occasion of his own inaugural that "the life of a Nation is the fullness of the measure of its will to live."

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Liberia, facing great obstacles, has had a strong will to live. And it has had the leadership of a man of dedication and talent.

We bring to Liberia, and to President Tubman, the friendship and good wishes of the American people.

*Toast to President W.V.S. Tubman and the people of Liberia. Next Page*

Program No. 3 - Presentation of Credentials to President Tubman

Sunday, December 31

2:00 pm VP and Tolbert and party arrive Executive Mansion greeted by President Tubman in main parlor. Champagne will be served. Tubman welcoming remarks and toast. VP makes arrival statement ending with toast to Tubman.

*TOAST*

"I ask you now to join me in a toast to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Liberia, William V.S. Tubman, and to the Liberian people."



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