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Arrival statement by  
Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey  
The White House  
Jan 3, 1966

It was a privilege and high honor to represent the President of the U.S. at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the 6th President of the Philippine Republic. In the course of this journey our delegation visited not only the Philippine Islands but also Japan, the Republic of China and Korea.

I was impressed by the rich diversity of ~~backgrounds~~ ~~and~~ of the people, and ~~background~~ the vitality and restless strength of an awakened nationalism.

I was encouraged by the sense of purpose among the leadership of the nations we visited. I found the leaders and the people excited and dedicated to their programs of economic and social development.

Everywhere we were given a warm and friendly welcome. There is ~~an~~ affection and respect for the United States.

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