VICE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT AT DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT MARCOS: Supt. /6 1966

Mr. President and Mrs. Marcos:

The moment has come to say farewell.

You take with you our <u>fondest wishes</u>, for yourself, your <u>lovely lady</u>, the <u>Filipine people</u>, the great Republic of the Philippines. We speak from the heart when we say we have found in you a true friend, a kindred spirit,

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a comrade in struggle for the values we cherish.

As you travel through America, observe the breadth and depth of this land, the good motives of its people, their sincere sense of purpose, their effort to correct the bad and to enhance the good. Take their salute and that of their President and Vice President back to the people of the Philippines. Let

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them know that the United States is, as ever it has been, their friend and ally.

Let them know that across the Pacific we for their fortune, and share their tribulations, appreciate their help, we praise their fortitude, we esteem their leadership. The American people and their leaders will miss you. Good luck and Godspeed.

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