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THE NETHERLANDS

I know of no place where an American feels more at home than in the Netherlands.

Our pilgrim fathers lived in Laiden (Layden) for eleven years before sailing for America in 1620. Dutch immigrants helped build our country and America is filled with Dutch names and places.

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During World War II -- and since World War II -- we have worked together to build closer ties between the United States and Europe and to move forward our common ideals of freedom, tolerance and law.

The people of the Netherlands look outward. They are a people of courage and honesty and idealism. And we as Americans count ourselves fortunate in having such friends.

To the health of the Queen of the
Netherlands.

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DEPARTURE STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY

THE HAGUE ---- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1967

Mrs. Humphrey and I wish to thank the people of the Netherlands for the hospitality that has been shown us during our visit.

We have been here only a short time, yet it has been a visit of warm friendship and of mutual understanding.

Yesterday we had the honor to receive an audience with Her ^{majesty} ~~Highness~~ Queen Juliana. I also met with officers of the Dutch Government.

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My talks here were frank and open. I discussed with officials of the Dutch Government not only relations between the Netherlands and the United States, but among all the Atlantic partners. For Holland, among all nations, has understood that no nation can go it alone and that all of us along the great Atlantic basis share problems of common security and of common destiny.

Here in the Netherlands the Dutch people have long since overcome the narrow view of nationalism that for so long has led to war and struggle in the world, and have come to recognize that all nations on this planet face a common destiny. We share that view. And I am confident that in the days ahead the close relations which have always tied our two countries together will be even stronger and more secure than they are today.



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