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DEPARTURE STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON, D. C., October 27, 1967

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I think Americans can take heart in this important step forward.

This will be the first time that I have had the opportunity to visit Malaysia and Indonesia. I have followed developments in those two countries for many years, and I look forward to the opportunity of conferring with their leaders and peoples - and visiting not only their capitals, but their countrysides. The independence and security of both Malaysia and Indonesia have a good deal to do with the security and independence of the entire region.

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MR. PRIME MINISTER, EXCELLENCIES, AND MEN AND WOMEN OF
VIET-NAM:

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ME THE HIGH HONOR OF REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND
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- LIKE THE PEOPLE OF VIET-NAM, AMERICANS FORGED A GOVERNMENT
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REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

October 29, 1967

Thank you very much General Wells and Admiral Jones, Governor, and ladies and gentlemen of the armed services, their families, and the civilian population here on Guam.

I consider myself to be in rather exclusive company when I get a Top 3 Club Award and find that the only two predecessors I have -- at least mentioned here today -- are President Johnson and General Westmoreland. I am accustomed to being number 2, but I don't even mind being number 3, particularly when the company is as wonderful as that which you have already described.

As you know friends, and fellow Americans, we are on our way to a visit to Vietnam. I have been asked by President Johnson to represent your country and my country at the inauguration of the new president of the Republic of Vietnam, President Thieu. Then, following our visit in Vietnam -- which will last three or four days -- we will journey to Malaysia, an area that I have not visited before, a friendly country that has fine relationships with the United States and one that has made significant progress in terms of its own economic and social development and from Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia we will journey to Djakarta, Indonesia. I look forward to this journey very much.

I have traveled in most areas of the world, but strange as it may seem despite three other visits to Asia I have never been in either Indonesia or Malaysia.

Both of these countries are very important in terms of our relationships with free Asia, and I hope that I may be of some help in solidifying those friendly relations.

As you know, Indonesia is the fifth largest nation in the world, potentially one of the richest, presently one with many difficulties.

It is a nation which has only within the last two years been able to successfully purge itself of Communist influence.

The acting President of Indonesia, General Suharto, is a man that we regard very highly, a man of integrity and great courage. The foreign minister is a man I have known for many years, Mr. Adam Malik.

So I am looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new acquaintances and in all candor in learning -- learning as much as I possibly can in the few days that are allotted me about that vast expanse and that area that has well over 100 million people.

I might add that in my contacts with the leaders of that particular country of Indonesia, that I have received reassuring information and that they look upon our presence and our action in Vietnam as very critical to their own independence.

This last week in Washington the Prime Minister of Singapore was with us -- Prime Minister Lee. A very outspoken young man -- one who speaks eloquently and forcefully for his country, and he put it right to us at home.

He asked the question, "Do you have what it takes to stick it out? Do you have what it takes to persevere?"

And he said, as an Asian who has not always been our most enthusiastic booster, he said, "I came to Washington to find out if America had the stamina and the moral courage and fiber to stay with it -- to persevere -- and not to give up, and if you have," he said, "you will win. And if you have, you will have a host of friends in free Asia. If you decide to quit or to back away or to appease, then the hope of free Asia is gone."

Now that was his message.

I thought you dear friends and fellow Americans would like to know that our mission is not merely the quelling of aggression in Vietnam -- which you contribute to so much in terms of the success of that endeavor -- but it is larger.

We are in Vietnam about our security.

We are in Vietnam about the security of Guam.

We are in Vietnam about the security of another place I just left -- the Hawaiian Islands -- our 50th state in this union.

We are in Vietnam because of our own national security, because we believe it is in our national interest, because we believe that it is better to fight a limited war now than to be forced later on to meet a major enemy in a broader conflagration that could mean World War III. That is the statement of our intention, our purpose, and our rationale.

I can only say thank you to you men in the armed services, the officers, the men that are here in every service. I know that predominantly this area is the home of the Navy and the Air Force. But of the Army, the Marines, and Coast Guard and every single unit in our armed services, let me tell you we're very proud of you.

I know that you read the press from the mainland.

I know that you listen to the radio and the television. I get around your country a great deal. After all, the Vice President is not the Commander-in-Chief. The Vice President is not required to always be in the White House -- even though I might tell you that the President has asked him over a good deal, and I like that.

The Vice President of the United States is in a sense a national observer, and on occasion your international representative.

Since I have been your Vice President, I have been in four continents, and 28 countries, and I will be in many more before the next year. But I can tell you that I have been in over 500 cities in

the United States, towns and villages, in three years. I can tell you that much of my travel is done on weekends, much to the chagrin and disappointment of Mrs. Humphrey, for I like to get around. I want to see and hear and feel what's going on, and there is a very loud and very articulate and sometimes noisy and occasionally ugly protest in our country. I want you to know that those of us who are in public life expect this. I hope that you can understand it. The right of free speech, the right of dissent is a precious right. In fact, the reason that we have sacrificed hundreds of thousands of men in wars is for the right of the Americans to be free and others to be free and different, so I do not criticize those who in conscience and in sincerity have a different point of view. I can only say this, though -- that for the few among these that seem to hate us, for the few that seem to indulge in vulgarity and abuse, for the few that speak with utter disrespect for the flag, for the nation and all that it stands for, I have nothing but scorn.

In a sense I am sorry for them, because I really believe that they know not what they do.

Sometimes I wonder if they really know what goes on in this world.

Because no matter what it may be like at home, believe me, I have been enough places in the world to know that it is much better at home than anyplace else.

And that's a factual statement, not an emotional appeal.

So be of good faith and of good cheer. I know that it is very difficult for the wives and the families and the loved ones of our servicemen.

Just yesterday I left them at El Paso, and I am carrying with me, believe it or not, some mail to the boys in Vietnam.

I promised them prompt delivery. They were kind enough to put a 5¢ stamp on it so the government won't lose any money, but they didn't put a special delivery stamp on it -- they figured they were paying me enough that I ought to be able to deliver it. And as I said goodbye to these wives and their children, many of them had tears. They are terribly lonesome, understandably.

One young lady came to me and said, "My name is so-and-so. Would you inquire if you could about my husband. He is listed as missing in action."

I'm sure you know that I will make a determined effort to find out more about that case and about that man.

So I have had a chance to share in some of the pathos and the pain of this struggle and I have had a chance to see the men who are very courageous and the families who even have as much or more courage. I salute you for all that you do, and on behalf of a grateful country and a most appreciative government, and on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, the President of the United States, I want to thank each and every one of you. Thank you for your good citizenship. Thank you for doing what you are doing without complaint. Thank you for your understanding, and I wish that when you write home if it is your view, I wish that when you write back to your loved ones and to your friends that you would tell them that we might shorten this war

if America could give to the world a posture of unity -- if the enemy would but understand that the voices of dissent are only the voices of the minority. I really believe from the bottom of my heart that the greatest single contribution that we can make to peace and to a timely end of these struggles and of this war and of this violence -- I really believe that a United America, not in anger but in dignity -- an America that buckles down to the job and says that we're going to back the men that we have in the field, that we're going to back our air power -- that we're going to back our Air Force, our Navy, our Marines, our Army, our Coast Guard -- we're going to back them until the job is done. I really believe that this would save lives. I think this would save time, and I think that if Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi and the Communist leaders of the world got that message of a determined persevering, strong America, I think that the day of peace would be much sooner, the day that we pray for, that we long for, the day that we want.

If you feel as I do about that, and I can't tell you what your feelings are, that's your personal conviction, but if you do, speak out just as you pray for the safety of your loved ones.

May I ask that you speak up for this safety, too, because mark my words, America will not be defeated by the military power of the enemy.

They cannot win in Vietnam.

They do not have the strength or the power to win.

The only place that they can win is in Washington.

The only place they can win is back in a divided American opinion.

Their military power cannot win; their propaganda could if we let it, and I don't think you're going to let it. I assure you that I'm not going to. I'm going to do my job as best I can which is in a sense much less dangerous, much less significant many times than yours. But each of us in our own way can add to the strength of our country.

The purpose of our country is not conquest; the purpose is not to wage war; the purpose is peace and to build a nation -- to help build a world of peace and justice.

Speak up for it, not only by your actions as you do but by your words, and let the world know that this generation of Americans is as undaunted as any.

In fact, I think that this generation is the best that we've ever had.

So General and Admiral and Governor, Mr. Speaker and these wonderful young men and ladies that I have met here, thank you much, and I want to salute those three Minnesotans once again that I met. I was very pleased to see that you had such wonderful representation here, even though now as Vice President I must be totally impartial with a Minnesota point of view. Don't you say that I said that to a Texan.

Thank you very much.

Remarks by the Vice President
Arrival, Saigon Airport
October 29, 1967

People
Mr. Prime Minister, Excellencies, and ~~the~~
Men and Women of Viet-Nam:

∟ The President of the United States of America has accorded me the high honor of representing the American Government and

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people at the inauguration of the newly elected Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam. ∟ I take deep satisfaction in this solemn duty with the full realization of the historic significance this great occasion has for both of our peoples.

∟ I bring to you from the United States ~~and~~ the expression of America's highest esteem as your ~~people~~

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Government embarks on a fresh and more hopeful chapter in your nation's history, ~~and~~ also ~~I~~ bring a reaffirmation of the solemn pledge of American support for the Vietnamese people and its new Government.

∟ Like the people of Viet-Nam, ^{we} Americans forged a government in the midst of a long and bitter struggle.

Like the people of Viet-Nam, Americans have struggled to build a government based on law and reflecting the will of the people through a constitution and free elections ~~and represent~~

And finally, like the people of Viet-Nam, Americans have not hesitated to pay the hard price necessary to protect the principles and values

we both cherish.

I come as witness for those millions of Americans who trust in the steady progress being made in Viet-Nam as symbolized by this inauguration. Those Americans, like myself, are confident you will persevere in the face of aggression and subversion.

We stand with you.

~~We want to~~ ^{we} ~~on~~ ¹ more clearly affirm to you
and to the world our belief that your cause is just —
and that the new Government to be inaugurated
here will, with courage and renewed strength,
resolutely lead your nation to an honorable and
lasting peace and your people to the better life for
which they are so valiantly struggling.

Remarks by the Vice President

Upon Presentation of Credentials

Saigon - October 30, 1967

Your Excellency,

I have the honor to present my credentials and those of my colleagues of the United States delegation.

It is my proud duty to represent the President of the United States of America at the inauguration of your new Government.

I bring the President's personal good wishes. I bring, too, his conviction that this occasion marks a new and major step forward in the achievement of greater security, freedom, and prosperity for the people of South Vietnam.

We have pledged our support to political progress in Vietnam. The inauguration of your Government, which is the culmination of a free and open electoral process, is the symbol of that progress.

In firmness, in resolve, and in respect we shall be proud to represent our country at the historic ceremony tomorrow marking the inauguration of your new Government.

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Remarks
Vice President Humphrey
on Conclusion of Presentation of Credentials
Independence Palace
October 30, 1967

Your Excellency, I have the honor -- on behalf of the distinguished Chiefs and members of the official national delegations assembled here this afternoon -- to thank you for the courtesies and hospitality shown to us here today and planned for us during our time in Vietnam.

We are honored by the chance to represent our respective governments at the inauguration of Your Excellency as President and General Ky as Vice President of the Republic.

We recognize the importance to all of us of the work you are doing to build a responsive, constitutional government willing and able to serve the people of your nation.

I express my own best wishes and those of my delegation -- and of the other delegations -- for the well-being and future success of your government and your country.

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TOAST AT STATE DINNER
INDEPENDENCE PALACE
SAIGON

October 31, 1967

you & fellow men

President and Mrs. Thieu, Vice President and Mrs. Ky, ladies and gentlemen:

A century ago, in my country, ^{a quote} President Abraham Lincoln talked of "a new birth of freedom" in a wartorn land.

(2)

I cannot help but think that -- on the occasion of this ^{historic} inaugural -- that is what we are seeing ^{a new birth} in your country.

When men and women -- ordinary people -- have a real stake in their country and its institutions of government, that ^{nation} moves forward with a fierce and free vitality.

(3)

^{my president} Many of your citizens, ^{through many years of war} -- and citizens of my country and of other countries represented here -- have given their lives so that this new birth of freedom might take place.

The story of human history has always been one of man's struggle for his own free voice . . . for his own equal chance . . . for the right to govern himself.

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against ~~the forces~~ of those who would rule him by *force or* totalitarian means. (4)

I, for one, have no doubt that the struggle ultimately will be decided on the side of *free* ~~man~~ -- and against the side of totalitarianism -- here and in the world.

I ask my fellow guests to join in a toast to:

- (5)
- The health and prosperity of the President of the Republic of Vietnam;
 - The health and prosperity of the Vice President of the Republic of Vietnam;
 - The independence, in peace, democracy, and justice, of the Republic of Vietnam.

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Vice President Humphrey
Toast at State Dinner
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9⁰⁰ pm

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Notes
Vice President Humphrey
U. S. Mission Staff
Saigon
October 31, 1967

I bring to the American military and civilian community in the Republic of Vietnam the gratitude of your President, your Vice President, and your fellow Americans.

Whatever you may read about disagreements at home concerning our effort here, I think you should know that the American people in the vast majority are proud of you and of what you are doing.

I think you also should know that your President and Vice President are fully committed to you -- and to our commitment to peace and security in Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

We are committed to lasting it out.

Let me assure you that the sacrifices you are making for your country -- and I know full well the pain of separation from family, and the ever-present physical danger for many of you -- are recognized.

You are not just working and fighting for our allies, the people of the Republic of Vietnam -- although that is a worthy cause.

You are working to protect the ultimate security of the people of the United States.

There are those who cannot remember the threatening days of the 1930's when the democracies failed to act, and the seeds were sown for World War II.

I remember. And your President remembers.

There are those who cannot remember how many times since then we have had to face up to subversion and aggression -- in Europe, in Asia, in the Caribbean -- and, by so doing, how we have maintained the peace and prevented World War III.

I remember. And your President remembers.

There are those who cannot understand that the American commitment to the people of Southeast Asia is no less firm than our commitment to the people of Europe.

There are those who do not understand that, in this nuclear age, aggression unchecked in one place can threaten the peace of nations in many places.

I understand it. You understand it. That is why you are here.

And I believe most Americans understand it. The innate good sense and the fundamental courage of the American people are the strongest weapons we have.

Once more, let me make this clear: Your President, and your Vice President, recognize the stakes here. And, despite any temporary popularity polls . . . despite criticism . . . despite understandable impatience, we mean to stick it out until aggression is turned back . . . until a just and honorable peace can be achieved . . . until the job is done.

I think you should know that. And I think our adversaries should know that.

Notes, Vice President Humphrey
U. S. Mission Staff, Saigon
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So have faith. Be of good cheer. Stick to your task. If the task is hard, if the going is rough, you should know that we are with you.

We are going to build.

We are going to protect.

We are going to help the people of this land create strong and responsive democratic institutions.

We are going to be steadfast in the work of nation-building -- the work of health, of agriculture, of education, of economic development.

We are going to make our stand for the people -- for ordinary people, farmers and workers -- and for programs to help them get their honest chance in life.

And we are going to succeed.

Finally, let me leave you with this:

I believe that, when the histories of this period are written, Vietnam may well be marked as the time and place where men finally learned the lessons of the past . . . where the peace was preserved . . . where the family of man gained the time it needed to finally break through to a new era of hope and human development and justice.

That is the chance we have.

You are the Americans making that history.

God bless you.

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REMARKS - VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY
DEPARTURE FROM SAIGON
November 1, 1967

Less than two years ago I visited the Republic of Vietnam. It was a time of pessimism among many who had concern for the struggle here.

Yet, on my return to America, I said that we had reason for cautious optimism and that progress was being made.

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Today, as I leave your capital, I am encouraged and inspired by what has been done in so short a time.

The election of a new government, with the participation of the overwhelming majority of the people of the Republic of Vietnam, has been, in the most dramatic sense, the greatest victory so far in the history of Vietnam's struggle against subversion and aggression.

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We who stand with the government and the people of Vietnam expect much from this new government so freely and openly chosen. _____

This government is the expression of the will of the people of Vietnam to be free . . . to be given the opportunity to grow . . . to learn and above all to serve, to participate and to achieve.

It must and will succeed.

I hope you will permit me to read a few lines of verse -- simple and direct -- yet written from the heart of an American soldier who came to respect and love this nation during his service here:

"I see a nation growing,
growing out of a war,

fighting for its freedom . . .
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a nation born of grief,
a nation that I'll be proud to say
tomorrow
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RESPONSE TO TOAST BY PRIME MINISTER
VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

I am Mr. P. 1967
Mr. Prime Minister, ~~we~~ are honored by this opportunity to respond to ~~one of~~ the great leaders of Southeast Asia.

∟ President Johnson, who visited Malaysia one year ago, has told me how deeply impressed he was by your

wisdom and vision . . . the warm friendship and hospitality of your people . . . the success of your parliamentary democracy . . . and the harmony which exists between your different communities.

∟ In particular, he was impressed by your determination that your government could serve the Malaysian people best by promoting as its major goal the economic and social development of your nation.

∟ You, Mr. Prime Minister, led your country to independence, celebrated so recently on the Tenth Anniversary of Merdeka.

∟ Even while fighting the Communist terrorists, you brought to a successful conclusion two development plans.

∟ Today the prosperity of your people is among the highest in all of Asia.

∠ Your government devised the brilliant idea of turning successful techniques of fighting Communists to a new "war" on the basic problems of rural poverty.

∠ You have recognized that in the end it is the quality of the men and women of Malaysia -- of ordinary people -- which counts the most.

∠ You have invested in programs of education and training . . . of public health . . . of agricultural

development . . . of social progress.

∠ Results have been your watchword. Results have been your achievement.

∠ You, Mr. Prime Minister, foresaw the opportunity, too, to build new cooperation among Southeast Asian countries.

∠ The Association of Southeast Asia was founded largely at your initiative.

Now there has evolved the larger Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

∠ You also recognized the need for all developing countries to share their experiences.

∠ Most nations can obtain a certain degree of strength, freedom and security in their own right. But, as you have recognized, in this modern world many have found

that greater strength, greater freedom and greater security can best be reached by cooperation among constructive neighbors.

∠ President Johnson has pledged his support to cooperative efforts for development in Southeast Asia.

∠ We have not sought to prescribe any specific form by which this cooperation could be organized.

∠ We have only asked that Southeast Asian countries themselves take the initiative in a regional attack on priority economic and social problems -- as you have done.

∠ Mr. Prime Minister, we Americans admire you and your nation for what you are and what you have done.

∠ Through your devotion to democracy . . . your wise and practical approach to the problems that surround us, you give us inspiration.

∠ You have helped make the world a better and safer place in which to live -- and that is the highest cause of all.

To His Majesty — *T. K. 7 Malaysia*

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY
RESPONSE TO TOAST BY PRIME MINISTER

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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Mr. Prime Minister, we are honored by this opportunity to respond to one of the great leaders of Southeast Asia.

President Johnson, who visited Malaysia one year ago, has told me how deeply impressed he was by your wisdom and vision . . . the warm friendship and hospitality of your people . . . the success of your parliamentary democracy . . . and the harmony which exists between your different communities.

In particular, he was impressed by your determination that your government could serve the Malaysian people best by promoting as its major goal the economic and social development of your nation.

You, Mr. Prime Minister, led your country to independence, celebrated so recently on the Tenth Anniversary of Merdeka.

Even while fighting the Communist terrorists, you brought to a successful conclusion two development plans.

Today the prosperity of your people is among the highest in all of Asia.

Your government devised the brilliant idea of turning successful techniques of fighting Communists to a new "war" on the basic problems of rural poverty.

You have recognized that in the end it is the quality of the men and women of Malaysia -- of ordinary people -- which counts the most.

You have invested in programs of education and training . . . of public health . . . of agricultural development . . . of social progress.

Results have been your watchword. Results have been your achievement.

You, Mr. Prime Minister, foresaw the opportunity, too, to build new cooperation among Southeast Asian countries.

The Association of Southeast Asia was founded largely at your initiative.

Now there has evolved the larger Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

You also recognized the need for all developing countries to share their experiences.

Most nations can obtain a certain degree of strength, freedom and security in their own right. But, as you have recognized, in this

modern world many have found that greater strength, greater freedom and greater security can best be reached by cooperation among constructive neighbors.

President Johnson has pledged his support to cooperative efforts for development in Southeast Asia. We have not sought to prescribe any specific form by which this cooperation could be organized.

We have only asked that Southeast Asian countries themselves take the initiative in a regional attack on priority economic and social problems -- as you have done.

Mr. Prime Minister, we Americans admire you and your nation for what you are and what you have done.

Through your devotion to democracy . . . your wise and practical approach to the problems that surround us, you give us inspiration.

You have helped make the world a better and safer place in which to live -- and that is the highest cause of all.

To His Majesty

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Dr Ungku Omar

School Public Health Nurses

Graduation Ceremony

Public Health

Nov. 3, 1967

Inspector

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am now completing the second day of my brief visit to Malaysia and I think I can join my friends, the Peace Corps volunteers and staff, in expressing a great sense of appreciation for Malaysia and its people. This brief visit has given me a partial understanding of the achievements of the Malaysian people as they work together to build their independent country. This Health Institute is a symbol of those achievements.

Certainly no country can possibly go forward without the health of all its citizens.

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I find myself doubly grateful to be here on this occasion since it allows me to participate with these fine young volunteers as they enter Peace Corps service for the Malaysian Government Ministry of Health.

You may know that the United States Peace Corps has always been a matter of great interest to me and I am very proud to be able to say that ^{when} the legislation that created the Peace Corps was submitted to the United States Senate, it was submitted under my name.

I have been privileged to work with former President Kennedy and President Johnson in developing the Peace Corps

program

program throughout the world. The Peace Corps, six years after its creation, has fulfilled all of our expectations, and we are most pleased to note that we are being joined by many other nations in the formation of similar Peace Corps-type programs which will serve to bring the people of the world together in peaceful understanding.

↳ This time may I say to you, Dr. Din, and to all the officials of the Ministry of Health that I am deeply appreciative that you have invited me to participate in this ceremony today and may I offer my congratulations to all the volunteers present, new and old, for the fine job that they are doing in representing. . .

representing our ideals. Well done.

For Release
Upon Delivery

Vice President Humphrey
Arrival Statement
Djakarta, Indonesia
November 7, 1967

I bring you the good wishes of President Johnson and of the American people.

We have followed closely the course of events in Indonesia.

We admire the courageous initiative your government has shown in planning the stabilization, rehabilitation and development of your nation.

We admire the judgment and determination with which you have challenged big problems.

Indonesia is known around the world, Mr. President, as a country where the spirit of mutual cooperation is so much a part of the life of its people that even its name - Gotong Rojong - is part of the name of your Parliament.

I hope to learn more about this spirit while I am here -- and I am looking forward to seeing some of the projects it has inspired.

It is our belief that mutual cooperation offers the modern world its most important tool in building a peaceful, just and prosperous society. We wish to play our part in fostering multi-national Gotong Rojong in Asia and elsewhere in the world.

Although I have closely followed events in Indonesia for many years -- and have many Indonesian friends -- this is the first time I have ever set foot in this beautiful land.

We know your high hopes for your people -- and we share them. I look forward to meeting with you -- and learning from you and from the Indonesian people -- over these next few days.

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FOR RELEASE
UPON DELIVERY

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY
REMARKS - DEMAK PROJECT
INDONESIA
November 6, 1967

I am honored to join you in this project of nation-building.

For years you suffered from alternating flood and drought. Now, by your own efforts, you have begun to transform the inequities of nature to the service of man. This is the essence of modernization.

As a representative of the people of America, I am proud and pleased that we have been able to help.

Our aid to the Demak project, extended through the Food-for-Peace program, totaled 675 metric tons of corn and 54 metric tons of vegetable oil for use as payment in kind to the 4,000 workers engaged in removing 230 thousand cubic meters of sludge from the ancient canal system, neglected since the second World War.

You did it. We helped. We can be proud together.

And now, I would like to present to the people of Demak, in the name of the people of the United States of America, a token of friendship, in testimony of the lasting impression your project has made on me.

May this small gift serve as an enduring symbol of the progress that you have achieved and of continued cooperation between our two nations.

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We are impressed, Mr. President, with your personal honesty, determination and courage.

My own country is still a relatively young country. We are still striving in our own nation to provide "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" --

as our Declaration of Independence puts it --
to every one of our citizens.

But we do not believe that "life, liberty and
the pursuit of happiness" should be the property of the
fortunate few -- or of our own country alone.

We believe these things should be the inalienable
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That is why we will welcome you to America *whenever*
you can visit us,
~~next year~~, Mr. President, in honor and friendship,
as a friend of freedom and human dignity.

↳ We wish you well in your ^{great} task. We look to
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Mr. President, as I rode through the streets ^{and cities} ^{warmly} ^{villages} of your nation I was greeted by young people, by old people, by workers and farmers.

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To His Excellency, the Acting President,
General Suharto.

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I have been impressed during my short stay in your beautiful country, Mr. President, not only by this hospitality but by the spirit of hope and progress which I sensed wherever I went.

I have consequently come to understand better the aspirations embodied in the term "New Order."

I believe I am correct when I define the "New Order" as an idea based on representative institutions, imbued with respect for just and impartial law, and responsive to the needs of the people.

Your patient and wise leadership, Mr. President, has helped give this term its meaning.

You have laid the foundations for lasting institutions which will endure to serve future generations in Indonesia.

We in America believe that these are the most solid foundations a nation can possess.

We and all other nations seeking in our separate ways to build democracy are watching your efforts in Indonesia.

Part of leadership is the sharing of authority with those most capable of serving their nation.

I have had the opportunity, Mr. President, to meet many of your colleagues and associates in government.

I have been impressed with the ability and determination of your Ministers, and with the expertise and dedication of your advisors.

Few young nations have assembled a government with so much talent and energy.

If the "New Order" is burdened with unusually heavy and complex problems, it is also blessed with unusually capable and dedicated problem-solvers.

The proof is in the courageous and sound policies which your government has espoused and implemented both at home and abroad.

Your progress -- which is perhaps being more closely watched than that of almost any other developing nation -- will be an important determinant and gauge of Mankind's general progress toward the building of a responsible and prosperous world community.

Mr. President, your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen: I propose a toast to Indonesia, to its Acting President, to the "New Order" and to all those working to achieve it.

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DEPARTURE STATEMENT
INDONESIA
November 7, 1967

I have had a busy and full time in my four days here, and I wish to thank President Suharto, the members of his government, and the people of Indonesia for making my visit so useful, pleasant and memorable.

I have had the opportunity to visit a number of places in this short time -- Bali and Central Java as well as Djakarta -- and to see some of the beauty and the cultural attractions for which Indonesia is so well known.

I have been most impressed during my visit by the spirit of determination of the government and the people of Indonesia to move ahead with the stabilization, rehabilitation and development.

At the village of Demak in Central Java I have seen the enthusiasm with which the people, by their own efforts and with the support of their government, have restored an irrigation and drainage system which permits a vast increase in the rice crop produced in that area.

I am proud that America has been able to help in this effort. And I hope that there will be other places where we can help the Indonesian people to help themselves.

I have learned much of the spirit of the New Order and of its promise for a fuller life for all the people of Indonesia.

On my return to Washington I shall report to President Johnson and the American people on what I have seen and heard. I shall report the new spirit of progress in Indonesia and the achievements which Indonesia has made and is continuing to make every day.

Terima Kasih, sampai bertemu lagi.

(Translation: Thank you, until we meet again.)

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