

ASTRONAUTS ARRIVAL - STATEMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT
JANUARY 8, 1969

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Col. Frank Borman, Capt. Jim Lovell and Lt. Col. Bill Anders --
welcome to Washington.

I am honored to greet you tonight. There are not too many
honors for an outgoing Vice President and a defeated political
candidate -- but as Chairman of the National Aeronautics and Space
Council I am honored to give you the recognition you deserve.

I doubt that there is any living American who saw your reports
and the pictures which you transmitted from space who did not
share with you the deep pride and sense of achievement which
I know you feel.

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There are those who ask: why should man explore space? And
I answer, as I know you did, as Columbus did in his time:
"because it is there... because there is new knowledge to be found."

Welcome. Your mission is well done. Your country is proud of
you.

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ARRIVAL STATEMENT - COPENHAGEN

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January 8, 1969

MRS. HUMPHREY, MRS. DANIEL AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO SPEND THESE FEW HOURS WITH YOU IN DENMARK. AS YOU KNOW, THIS WILL BE MY LAST OVERSEAS VISIT AS VICE PRESIDENT. I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER PLACE TO MAKE SUCH A VISIT.

FOR THE NEXT FEW HOURS WE INTEND TO ENJOY OURSELVES, TO MEET AND TALK WITH OUR FRIENDS HERE, AND TO BE ORDINARY AMERICAN TOURISTS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE TO WELCOME US. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW WE HAVE SUCH FRIENDS.

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