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FOR ARA KUBISCH

FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TEXT MESSAGE:

"1. I HAVE LEARNED WITH GREAT CONCERN OF THE TORRENTIAL RAINS WHICH HAVE FALLEN ON RIO DE JANEIRO AND THE SURROUNDING AREA DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, AND AM FILLED WITH ADMIRATION BY REPORTS OF THE PROMPT AND HEROIC MEASURES TAKEN BY THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERINGS OF THOSE AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER.

2. I HAVE BEEN GRATIFIED THAT ELEMENTS OF OUR EMBASSY AND MILITARY MISSION IN BRAZIL HAVE ALREADY BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF FOOD, TRANSPORT AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. YOU MAY BE SURE THAT WE STAND READY TO HELP IN ANY OTHER WAY WITHIN OUR POWER.

3. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL WHO HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH THIS CASTASTROPHE."

RAINE

NOTE: ADVANCE COPY TO S/S-O 1/13/66, 10:13 a.m.
PASSED WHITE HOUSE 1/13/66, 10:20 a.m.

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