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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT: BRAZIL

1. BOTH AT THE CREDENTIALS CEREMONY AND IN PRESENTING CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO, THE VICE PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE PASSING THROUGH A RECEIVING LINE TO SHAKE HANDS WITH THE OUTGOING AND THE INCOMING PRESIDENTS. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE BOTH STILL PICTURES AND TV. GIVEN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED, THESE WILL BE RATHER HURRIED MOMENTS IN WHICH THE CHIEF OF DELEGATIONS MAY HAVE A MINUTE OR SO IN WHICH TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO THE PRESIDENT. THE REMAINDER OF THE DELEGATION WILL PASS THROUGH SHAKING HANDS WITH BRIEF EXPRESSION OF BEST WISHED OR CONGRATULATIONS.

2. THIS CABLE PROVIDES PROPOSED POINTS FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT TO MAKE TO THE PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL IN EACH OF THESE CEREMONIES.

A. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS (TO PRESIDENT GEISEL).
 --PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS LETTER AND TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY YOU EXTENDED TO HIM LAST YEAR.

--HE HAS BEEN AWARE OF THE COURAGEOUS ACTIONS YOU HAVE TAKEN SINCE THEN TO PLACE BRAZIL ON THE PATH TOWARD FULL DEMOCRACY.

--MAY I EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, HIS ADMIRATION AND MY OWN, AND TO WISH YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY WELL IN THE YEARS AHEAD AS THE PROCESS YOU HAVE BEGUN GOES FORWARD.

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B. CEREMONY OF CONGRATULATIONS (TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO).

--PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS CONGRATULATIONS AND HIS BEST WISHES TO YOU.

--YOU WILL PRESIDE OVER A BRAZIL EVOLVING TOWARD WIDER POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT FOR ALL YOUR PEOPLE AND FULFILLING IT DESTINY AS A GREAT NATION. THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THIS AND IS CONFIDENT THAT THE TIES BETWEEN US WILL GROW EVEN STRONGER IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

--ALLOW ME, MR. PRESIDENT, TO OFFER OUR HEATTEST CONGRATUALTIONS AND VERY BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENCY.

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