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Office of the First Lady's Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

First Lady Rosalynn Carter will address the Council on Foreign Relations on Wednesday, December 12 in New York City.

Mrs. Carter will speak about her recent trip to refugee camps in Thailand.

The address will be closed
to press coverage.

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Trip Desk: N. Jordan

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TRIP OF MRS. CARTER TO
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

December 12-13, 1979

Jill Shuber
212-826-4580

Wednesday, December 12, 1979

1:30 pm Depart South Grounds, The White House
en route Andrews AFB

2:00 pm Depart Andrews AFB on Jet Star en
route New York, New York

(Flying time: 50 minutes)

2:50 pm Arrive New York/LaGuardia Airport

Press Comments?

2:55 pm Depart LaGuardia Airport en route
#3 Sutton Place

3:25 pm Arrive residence of Secretary-General
Kurt Waldheim, #3 Sutton Place

3:30 pm Private meeting with the Secretary-
General

4:00 pm Meeting concludes

4:05 pm Depart Waldheim residence en route
Regency Hotel (212/759-4100)

4:15 pm Arrive Regency Hotel, 61st & Park,
New York

4:20 pm Arrive suite

PERSONAL/STAFF TIME: 45 minutes

5:05 pm Depart suite en route motorcade

5:10 pm Depart Regency Hotel en route Headquarters
of Council on Foreign Relations

5:15 pm Arrive Council on Foreign Relations,
Harold Pratt House, 58 East 68th

212-466-4400

Margaret O'Connor - 734-0400

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5:30 pm	Speech to the Council on Foreign Relations Father Theodore Hesburg presiding (Attendance: 150-200)
5:40 pm	Remarks conclude Informal Questions & Answers NO PRESS COVERAGE (Opening Remarks will be released to the press)
5:50 pm	Greet members of the Council on Foreign Relations ?? Receiving line ??
6:10 pm	Depart Council meeting en route motorcade
6:15 pm	Depart Harold Pratt House en route Regency Hotel
6:25 pm	Arrive Regency Hotel
6:30 pm	Arrive Suite DINNER -- IN SUITE ??? or AT RESTAURANT ??? FREE EVENING / PERSONAL-STAFF TIME RON - REGENCY HOTEL

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New York City
December 13, 1979

Thursday, December 13, 1979

Depart Regency Hotel en route NBC Studios

Arrive NBC Studios, 30 Rockefeller Plaza

Taping of Today Show

(Details are being worked out
by Mary Hoyt)

Depart NBC Studios en route New York/
LaGuardia Airport

Arrive LaGuardia Airport and board
aircraft

11:00 am
approximation

Depart New York en route Andrews AFB

(Flying time: 50 minutes)

11:50 am

Arrive Andrews AFB

12:20 pm

Arrive The South Grounds, The White House

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DECEMBER 12, 1979

NEW YORK

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

RSC's REMARKS

I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY - TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE CAMBODIAN SITUATION. BUT FIRST I WOULD SAY THAT THESE ARE TRYING DAYS FOR ALL AMERICANS BECAUSE OF OUR HOSTAGES IN IRAN. THERE IS NO SINGLE ISSUE WHICH OCCUPIES MORE OF THE PRESIDENT'S WAKING HOURS.

BUT I'VE BEEN PROUD OF THE RESTRAINT AND GOOD JUDGMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN A SOURCE OF GREAT STRENGTH TO MY HUSBAND, AND I AM SURE THAT IT WILL PROVE TO BE A VITAL ELEMENT IN GAINING FREEDOM FOR THE HOSTAGES.

I HOPE THAT MY COMING HERE THIS AFTERNOON, HOWEVER, WILL HELP DEMONSTRATE THAT IN SPITE OF THE SITUATION IN IRAN, OUR EFFORTS IN OTHER AREAS ARE GOING FORWARD. WE ARE MOVING TO HELP BRING RELIEF TO THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE.

AS YOU KNOW, I RECENTLY VISITED THAILAND, WHICH WAS AN EXPERIENCE I WILL SHARE WITH YOU TODAY.

AND ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST ACTIONS UPON MY RETURN WAS TO APPOINT A TALENTED ADMINISTRATOR -- A MEMBER OF YOUR COUNCIL, IN FACT -- TO COORDINATE THIS COMPLEX TASK. HE IS THE NEW UNITED STATES COORDINATOR FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS, MR. VICTOR PALMIERI.

~~MR. PALMIERI COMES TO THIS WORK WITH SUPERB QUALIFICATIONS IN CORPORATE MANAGEMENT, EXPERIENCE IN A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES, AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION.~~ ^{and} HE WILL HAVE THE PRESIDENT'S FULL SUPPORT IN HIS NEW WORK.

^{situation in Cambodia} THE PLIGHT OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE IS ~~TRULY~~ ONE OF THE GRAVEST HUMANITARIAN ISSUES THAT THE WORLD HAS EVER WITNESSED. LIKE THE HOLOCAUST, IT IS A TRAGEDY OF ^{untold} ~~INDESCRIBABLE~~ DIMENSION. THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID, "THE HUMAN FAMILY, THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN BLESSED SO HIGHLY WITH FOOD AND A RELATIVE ABSENCE OF SUFFERING, MUST NOT BE FOUND WANTING IN OUR RESPONSE TO ALLEVIATE THIS ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED MASS HUMAN SUFFERING." THE WORLD CANNOT STAND BY -- SILENTLY -- IN A MORAL LAPSE, AS WE DID 37 YEARS AGO.

FOR MANY MONTHS OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AGENCIES AND THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO HELP THE SUFFERING CAMBODIANS. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS LATE LAST WINTER ^{gave us} ~~PROVIDED~~ ^{warning of} AN EARLY FAMINE WARNING. IN MARCH, WE BEGAN ALERTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE PROSPECT OF MASS STARVATION IN CAMBODIA. WE URGED CONTINGENCY PLANNING TO MEET THE EMERGENCY.

OUR FIRST CONTRIBUTIONS TO RELIEF EFFORTS FOR REFUGEES ON THE THAILAND BORDER WERE MADE IN JUNE. AND IN EARLY JULY, SECRETARY VANCE CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL RELIEF EFFORT FOR THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE.

NOT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26 DID THE HENG SAMRIN GOVERNMENT ALLOW UNICEF AND THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO BEGIN RELIEF OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA ~~[AND EVEN TODAY THERE ARE ONLY 11~~ INTERNATIONAL RELIEF WORKERS IN PHNOM PEHN.]

[NOW WE COULD ACT!] AND WHEN THE FIRST UNICEF/ICRC APPEAL FOR RELIEF FUNDS WAS MADE ON OCTOBER 19, THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED ^{immediately} IN ~~5 DAYS~~ -- PLEDGING ^{funds that} A TOTAL OF ~~\$39 MILLION IN FOOD AND CASH~~ -- 1/3RD OF THE TOTAL APPEAL. AT A MEETING WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE THAT DAY, HE ALSO CALLED UPON ALL AMERICANS TO HELP.

Religious leaders pledged ^{to match} an equal

this amt.

~~I WANTED TO DO MY PART.~~ AND AT A LUNCH SEVERAL DAYS LATER, JIMMY AND I TALKED ABOUT THIS CRISIS. WHAT COULD I DO? I ASKED. [HOW COULD I USE MY INFLUENCE TO HELP? I DID NOT KNOW AT THE TIME, BUT THESE QUESTIONS WOULD TAKE ME HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD -- AND WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT MY OUTLOOK ON GLOBAL AFFAIRS].

Little did I know that

~~I WAS ON MY WAY~~, IN LESS THAN 5 DAYS. AFTER LUNCH THAT

it was on my way, I took with me

AFTERNOON, I CALLED MEMBERS OF MY STAFF TO THE FAMILY QUARTERS AND ASKED THEM TO SPEND THE WEEKEND STUDYING WHAT -- IF ANYTHING -- I MIGHT DO AS FIRST LADY TO HELP. THEN JIMMY AND I WENT TO CAMP DAVID. BY SUNDAY AFTERNOON, I HAD

TALKED WITH NSC AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. AND BY THE NEXT DAY, ~~I WAS DETERMINED TO GO TO THAILAND AT ONCE WITH~~

We had decided that I would

THE SURGEON GENERAL, DR. JULIUS RICHMOND, DICK HOLBROOKE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS;

DR. WILLIAM FOEGE, DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL;

1. GENERAL JOSEPH HEISER, U.S. ARMY RETIRED, WHO WAS A

LOGISTICS EXPERT IN THE ARMY; AND MRS. JEAN YOUNG, CHAIRPERSON

OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD. WE WOULD LOOK AT

different

~~VARIOUS~~ ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM AND REPORT BACK TO THE

PRESIDENT. MY ROLE WOULD BE TO EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF ALL

AMERICANS OVER THE TRAGEDY UNFOLDING IN CAMBODIA;

focus world attention -

^{② express appreciation}
TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE THAI GOVERNMENT ^{their great help} FOR THE ACTIONS IT
HAD TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES, ^③ AND TO
CONSIDER WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER
NATIONS MIGHT TAKE TO PROVIDE FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE TO
THOSE WHO HAD FLED CAMBODIA AS WELL AS THOSE WHO REMAINED
THERE.

AT THE REFUGEE CAMPS, I WITNESSED INCREDIBLE STARVATION,
DISEASE, DISLOCATION AND SUFFERING. AT THE SAKEO HOLDING
CENTER FOR CAMBODIANS, I SAW MANY CHILDREN SEPARATED FROM
THEIR PARENTS, AFFLICTED WITH MALARIA AND MALNUTRITION.
SAW FEW CHILDREN UNDER 5 -- AND VIRTUALLY NO TODDLERS.

DR. FOEGE ORGANIZED A POPULATION SURVEY DURING OUR
BRIEF VISIT AND DISCOVERED THERE WERE ONLY 1/7TH THE EXPECTED
^{few} NUMBER OF CHILDREN BETWEEN 1-5 YEARS OLD. [INFANT MORTALITY
RATES WERE 25 TIMES THOSE IN MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.] IN
A LATER SURVEY AT ANOTHER CAMP, THE PICTURE WAS MORE HOPEFUL,
BUT A WHOLE GENERATION OF CAMBODIAN CHILDREN MAY BE IN DANGER
OF BEING LOST.

IN THE LAO REFUGEE CAMP AT UBON, CONDITIONS WERE
SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER, YET MANY OF THE CAMP'S INHABITANTS
HAD WAITED THREE OR FOUR YEARS FOR APPROVAL TO RESETTLE
ABROAD. THEY STILL WAIT, HOPING NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN BY THE
WORLD.

particularly distressing

AT THE REFUGEE TRANSIT CENTER IN BANGKOK, I OBSERVED OVERCROWDED AND HUMILIATING CONDITIONS ENDURED BY REFUGEES AWAITING FINAL PROCESSING FOR EMIGRATION. THERE WERE SCENES I SHALL NEVER FORGET.

AS BLEAK AS THESE CONDITIONS WERE, HOWEVER, THE STORIES ABOUT CONDITIONS INSIDE CAMBODIA WERE EVEN MORE APPALLING. THE STATISTICS ARE STAGGERING. OVER A HALF MILLION PEOPLE HAVE FLED TO THE THAI BORDER IN SEARCH OF FOOD -- INNOCENT CIVILIANS, SEEKING ESCAPE FROM THE RAVAGES OF WAR.

THE THAI GOVERNMENT IS DEALING WITH ^{these} ~~THE MASSIVE INFLUX~~ ^{with compassion} ~~OF REFUGEES WITH COMPASSION.~~ THEY HAVE OPENED THEIR BORDERS TO FLEEING LAO AND VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND NOW ARE TAKING ^{open-door policy Oct 19} ~~THE CAMBODIANS AS WELL.~~ THESE DECISIONS HAVE POSED RISKS AND PRESSURES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK. ^{we -} ~~FAILURE BY~~ THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ^{must} ~~TO~~ CONTINUE TO GIVE VISIBLE AND DEMONSTRABLE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY SUPPORT TO THE THAIS ^{or} ~~COULD UNDERCUT~~ THEIR CURRENT HUMANITARIAN ^{could be undercut} APPROACH. WE MUST GIVE THAILAND OUR FULL SUPPORT AND UNDER- STANDING.

* 160,000
refugees
already in
Thailand
before this
Oct 19

THE RELIEF EFFORTS OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS IN BANGKOK IS IMPRESSIVE. OUR GROUP MET WITH THEM TO DISCUSS EVERYTHING FROM THE SELECTION OF SITES FOR HOLDING CAMPS TO TRANSPORTATION -- LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS -- MEDICAL NEEDS -- AVAILABLE FOOD -- BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS -- INADEQUATE PERSONNEL, AND -- MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL -- THE NEED FOR COORDINATION OF MATERIAL, FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES.

THE NEED FOR COORDINATION FOR SUCH A MASSIVE EFFORT CANNOT BE OVER EMPHASIZED. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS ALL THE WAY HOME AS WE PREPARED OUR REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT. AND IT WAS THE MAIN TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT A CONFERENCE IN THE WHITE HOUSE THREE DAYS AFTER WE RETURNED. AT THAT TIME, NEARLY 40 U.S. REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS GATHERED TO HEAR OUR REPORT AND TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS ABOUT OUR FINDINGS. FATHER HESBURGH WAS THE MODERATOR FOR THAT MEETING, TOO. AND EVEN THOUGH THE SESSION WAS CALLED FROM 10-4, HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE STILL WORKING IN TASK FORCES AT 6 O'CLOCK AT NIGHT IN THE GREEN ROOM AND THE RED ROOM AND ALL AROUND THE WHITE HOUSE STATE FLOOR. THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER EVER SINCE.

*and let us
know
what they
were
doing*

(2) now 2 persons in Refugee office
in State Dept. -
to coordinate private efforts
= governmental efforts

American
Council
Voluntary
Agencies

(1) ONE AGENCY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO COORDINATE ALL
PRIVATE RELIEF EFFORTS IN THAILAND AND CAMBODIA. (3) PLANS
FOR A NATIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO SAVE CAMBODIA ARE
UNDERWAY, AND A CLEARINGHOUSE IS BEING SET UP TO HANDLE
ALL THE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND OFFERS OF HELP THAT
ARE POURING IN. I AM PROUD OF ALL THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED
IN SUCH A SHORT TIME.

I AM ALSO VERY PROUD OF THE SWIFT AND EFFECTIVE ACTION
by Administration MY HUSBAND TOOK AFTER HEARING MY REPORT FROM THAILAND. OUR

GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION
TO UNICEF FOR THE PURCHASE OF RICE FOR THE REFUGEES AND
ALSO AIRLIFTED A SPECIAL SHIPMENT OF VITAL BABY FOOD. SINCE
THEN, WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE
THEM TO MEET THE URGENT CASH NEEDS OF UNICEF AND THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS.

UNHCR WE ALSO INCREASED OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNITED
NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FROM \$9 TO \$15 MILLION
TO HELP OPERATE REFUGEE CAMPS IN THAILAND.

ON NOVEMBER 20, A SPECIAL AIRLIFT DEPARTED FOR BANGKOK
CARRYING MEDICINES, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, WATER PURIFICATION
UNITS AND OTHER URGENTLY-NEEDED ITEMS. WE ARE ALSO BUYING
AND SHIPPING A VARIETY OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

this
we've
made
funds
available
immediately

funds
needed
immediately
made available

cl spoke in
Tokyo on way
home with
the new
foreign
minister
about
this -

THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED A SITE FOR AN ADDITIONAL HOLDING CAMP THAT CAN SHELTER UP TO 400,000 PEOPLE. IT HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR THE EXPECTED INFUX OF NEW REFUGEES.

el spoke with PM & King

[TO HELP RELIEVE THE MOUNTING PRESSURES ON THE THAI GOVERNMENT] WE HAVE INCREASED THEIR SHARE OF THE MONTHLY ALLOCATION OF 14,000 REFUGEE ADMISSIONS FROM INDOCHINA. THIS WILL CONSIDERABLY REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN THE THAI REFUGEE CAMPS.

OUR GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SENT A FIVE-MEMBER MEDICAL TEAM TO THAILAND TO ASSESS POSSIBLE NEEDS THAT MIGHT ARISE IF HOSTILITIES BREAK OUT AND THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

Some of things - between being done

IN WASHINGTON, THROUGH AN INITIATIVE OF DR. RICHMOND, THE SURGEON GENERAL, A CAMBODIAN REFUGEE HEALTH CLEARINGHOUSE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE U.S. NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH TO LOCATE U.S. MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR THE RELIEF EFFORT. WE HAVE ALSO INFORMED THE UNHCR THAT MEDICALLY-TRAINED FORMER PEACE CORPS MEMBERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE IN THAILAND.

not send them but v on standby

TO DATE, WE HAVE PLEDGED A TOTAL OF \$105 MILLION FOR THE RELIEF EFFORT AND HAVE ALREADY SPENT \$45 MILLION OF THAT TOTAL.

WE HAVE, OF COURSE, CONTINUED TO PRESS THROUGH EVERY
AVAILABLE CHANNEL FOR AN INCREASE IN THE DISTRIBUTION
OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES WITHIN CAMBODIA ITSELF. THERE ARE
NOT ENOUGH INTERNATIONAL RELIEF WORKERS TO EFFECTIVELY
MONITOR DISTRIBUTION. AND, AS YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN
DISQUIETING REPORTS THAT FOOD IS SIMPLY NOT REACHING THE
PEOPLE. WE MUST CONTINUE TO FOCUS WORLD ATTENTION ON THE
SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH.

only
12 - inside
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THERE ARE NOW FOUR FLIGHTS DAILY INTO THAT CITY AND
LAST MONTH UNICEF AND THE ICRC GOT 20,000 TONS OF FOOD
INTO IT. BUT THE QUESTIONS REMAINS -- WHAT HAPPENS AFTER
IT GETS THERE?

we must continue pressure without being Antares can contribute
we are beginning to see some evidence of movement inside the country.

JUST LAST WEEK THE PRESIDENT AGAIN CALLED FOR THE
LEADERS IN HANOI AND MOSCOW TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO OPEN ALL ROUTES FOR SUPPLIES
TO CAMBODIA. HE URGED THEM TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO
SPEED THE DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE STARVING
PEOPLE.

A NEWS REPORT JUST YESTERDAY INDICATED THAT THE MOUNTING INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ^{MAY} BE HAVING SOME HOPEFUL RESULTS.

IT SEEMS QUITE POSSIBLE, FOR INSTANCE, THAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO REPAIR A KEY RAILROAD AND THAT DIRECT FLIGHTS WILL SOON BE ALLOWED FROM BANGKOK TO PHNOM PENH.
(BUT WE CANNOT LET THESE REPORTS DETER OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THE EYES OF THE WORLD ON CAMBODIA.)

*French
have not
been able
to get
mess to
repair
RR*

EARLIER TODAY I MET WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM TO DISCUSS THE BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES RELATING TO INDOCHINA -- THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM.

*of distribution
& possible
diversion*

AND, OF COURSE, WE ARE ALL AWARE OF EFFORTS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES HERE AT HOME. (I AM SIMPLY OVERWHELMED BY THE OUTPOURING OF CONCERN BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. (OUR RELIGIOUS LEADERS ^{responded in an overwhelming way} RESPONDED WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO MY HUSBAND'S REQUEST FOR ^{much the} SPECIAL APPEALS IN CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES OF COLORADO AND IOWA HAVE STARTED STATEWIDE FUND RAISING EFFORTS. AND THERE HAVE BEEN EXTRAORDINARY GRASS-ROOTS CAMPAIGNS, AS THE ONE INITIATED BY CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL BARNES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND. NEARLY 2,000 VOLUNTEERS TRUDGED -- DOOR-TO-DOOR -- AND RAISED OVER \$55,000 OVER A LONG WEEKEND.

MAJOR CORPORATIONS, SMALL FAMILY BUSINESSES, LABOR UNIONS, PROFESSIONALS AND LAY PEOPLE ALIKE HAVE ALL RALLIED TO HELP. AND THE CHILDREN -- I ~~HAVE BEEN MOST TOUCHED BY~~ THEIR CONCERN. *are helping*

*¹ This is a unique situation — but
there are so many others in the world
who are hungry — We r an obligation
to them all —

my husband feels this obligation
& since he has been Pres *²

IN THE NATION'S GRADE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS -- IN ILLINOIS -- NEW YORK -- AND WISCONSIN -- STUDENTS ARE SELLING CANDY, SELLING BREAKFASTS TO ONE ANOTHER AND WASHING CARS TO RAISE MONEY. ONE LITTLE BOY OFFERED TO SEND ME HIS TENNIS SHOES FOR A CHILD IN CAMBODIA -- ANOTHER SENT HIS ALLOWANCE -- 15¢!

AND SO I WANT TO SAY TO YOU, I FEEL VERY GOOD ABOUT MY COUNTRY. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO CARE. WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM AND PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY, WE HAVE SO MUCH, AND WE WANT TO HELP, WE WANT TO SHARE. WE ARE PART OF A GLOBAL COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE A REAL AND CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE AID AND ASSISTANCE TO THE STARVING CAMBODIANS.

TODAY WE HAVE A CHANCE TO AVERT THIS FAMINE IN CAMBODIA. THERE ARE OBSTACLES -- SERIOUS BLOCKAGE MUST BE OVERCOME. BUT IF WE KEEP THE FOOD GOING IN AND CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE, PROD, AND EVEN PRESSURE OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THIS EFFORT ALSO -- FOR THIS IS NOT A U.S. PROBLEM -- BUT A WORLD PROBLEM -- WE WILL SUCCEED.

THIS IS A UNIQUE SITUATION -- BUT THERE ARE SO MANY OTHERS IN THE WORLD WHO ARE HUNGRY. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THEM ALL.

MY HUSBAND FEELS THIS OBLIGATION AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT, HE HAS TRIED TO CHANNEL AID TO COUNTRIES WHO NEED FOOD AND ECONOMIC HELP -- NOT JUST BASED ON WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR US.

HE HAS ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED THE WORLD BANKS.

YOU ARE OPINION MAKERS, YOU ARE PROFESSIONALS, YOU ARE COMMITTED TO FURTHERING INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING -- AND YOU CAN BE VERY HELPFUL.

YOU CAN HELP BY SUPPORTING ON-GOING EFFORTS IN THIS CURRENT TRAGEDY -- AND BY SUPPORTING FOREIGN AID TO HELP PREVENT FUTURE HUNGER PROBLEMS.

WORLD HUNGER ALREADY IS, AND IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO BE, A PROBLEM OF ENORMOUS DIMENSIONS.

40% OF PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT NOW.

1 OUT OF EVERY 8 PEOPLE IN THE WORLD IS UNDER-NOURISHED.

I FEEL WE HAVE A MORAL AND HUMANITARIAN OBLIGATION TO HELP.

AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT WE ARE BETTER OFF ECONOMICALLY WHEN THERE IS A HEALTHY WORLD ECONOMY.

AND WORLD HUNGER IS A THREAT TO OUR SECURITY AND STABILITY. WHEN PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY AND DISSATISFIED, VOLATILE, EXPLOSIVE SITUATIONS CAN ARISE.

SO WE MUST LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND PLAN.

THE WORLD HUNGER COMMISSION REPORTS THAT THERE ARE PROSPECTS OF A HUNGER CRISIS IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS THAT WILL EQUAL THE ENERGY CRISIS.

WE MUST PLAN AND AVERT SUCH A CRISIS. LET'S NOT WAIT AS WE DID WITH ENERGY.

WE MUST CONSIDER THESE PROBLEMS -- THE PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES AND HUNGER -- IN ALL OUR ACTIONS.

WHAT FOR INSTANCE WILL BE THE EFFECT OF THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS OF THE REFUGEE ON OUR FOREIGN POLICY?

WHAT EFFECT WILL THE PROBLEM OF HUNGER -- WORLD HUNGER -- HAVE ON OUR FOREIGN POLICY?

THESE ARE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

WE MUST PURSUE THEM WITH HASTE.