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| 97923 | LETTER | PRESIDENT ZINE EL ABINDINE BEN ALI TO REAGAN, TRANSLATION R 11/18/2022 NSC/DEPT. OF STATE WAIVERS | 3 | 8/30/1988 | B1 |
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S/S 8824017

Date August 18, 1988 C0162

FOR: Mr. Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
The White House

FG006-12

REFERENCE:

To: President Reagan
From: Tunisian President Ben Ali
Date: 7/22/88
Subject: Reply to President Reagan's Letter of May 6, 1988

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The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

ACTION TAKEN:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other (see remarks).

REMARKS:

President Ben Ali's letter to President Reagan is a reply to
President Reagan's letter of May 6, 1988. It is a courtesy thank
you letter.

Michael R. Engman
Director
Secretariat Staff

NSC # 8806079

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(TRANSLATION)

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Republic of Tunisia

The President

Carthage, July 22, 1988

Mr. President:

I was pleased to receive your letter of May 6, 1988, which you so kindly sent me through the courtesy of Mr. John Whitehead, Deputy Secretary of State.

I, in turn, wish to express my complete appreciation for the spirit of dialogue that prevailed between the representatives of our two countries during the United Nations Security Council discussion on the day following the aggression perpetrated against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Tunisia.

On this occasion I should also like to renew to you my heartfelt satisfaction with the harmonious development of our economic and political relations.

His Excellency
Ronald Reagan,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D.C.

We particularly appreciated the support of the United States for the structural readjustment plan of the Tunisian economy and the assistance that your Government so kindly made available to my country, which allowed it to effectively combat the harmful effects of drought and the acridian invasion.

At a time when we are undertaking the task of economic liberalization and democratization of political life, we are proud to count on the active support of the United States of America, a country with which we share the same devotion to democracy, liberty, and social justice.

I sincerely thank you for your kind invitation, and I am looking forward to meeting with you on September 19 in Washington.

Accept, Mr. President, the renewed assurances of my very high consideration.

[Signature]

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali

EMBASSY OF TUNISIA
1515 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

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The Embassy of Tunisia presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to kindly request that the enclosed message from His Excellency Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia to His Excellency Ronald Reagan President of the United States of America, be forwarded to its Honorable Addressee.

The Embassy of Tunisia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D. C. August 5th, 1988



Department of State

Encl : one



Carthage, le 22 juillet 1988

Monsieur le Président,

J'ai reçu avec plaisir la lettre en date du 6 mai 1988 que vous avez bien voulu me faire parvenir par les bons soins de M. le Secrétaire d'Etat Adjoint John WHITEHEAD.

Permettez-moi d'exprimer à mon tour mon entière appréciation pour l'esprit de dialogue qui a prévalu entre les représentants de nos deux pays lors du débat du Conseil de Sécurité des Nations-Unies, au lendemain de l'agression perpétrée contre la souveraineté et l'intégrité territoriale de la Tunisie.

Je voudrais également vous réitérer à cette occasion ma vive satisfaction quant à l'évolution harmonieuse de nos relations politiques et économiques.

Nous avons apprécié particulièrement l'appui des Etats-Unis au plan de réajustement structurel de l'économie tunisienne et l'aide que votre Gouvernement a bien voulu mettre à la disposition de mon pays pour lui permettre de lutter efficacement contre les effets néfastes de la sécheresse et de l'invasion acridienne.

Au moment où nous entreprenons une oeuvre de libéralisation économique et de démocratisation de la vie politique, nous sommes fiers de compter sur l'appui agissant des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, pays avec lequel nous partageons le même attachement à la démocratie, à la liberté et à la justice sociale.

Je vous remercie bien vivement pour votre aimable invitation et me réjouis à l'avance de pouvoir vous rencontrer le 19 septembre prochain à Washington.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances renouvelées de ma très haute considération.



Zine El Abidine BEN ALI

**Son Excellence
Monsieur Ronald REAGAN
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
WASHINGTON D.C**

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TO: PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN ALI, ZINE

DOC DATE: 22 AUG 88
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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: COURTESY THANK YOU LTR RE PRES 6 MAY LTR ON TUNISIA ECONOMIC &
POLITICAL RELATIONS

ACTION: NO RESPONSE REQUIRED PER STATE DUE DATE: 23 AUG 88 STATUS: C

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WASHINGTON
September 6, 1988

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH AMBASSADOR BEN YAHIA OF TUNISIA

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DATE: September 9, 1988
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 9:55 - 10:00 a.m.
FROM: COLIN L. POWELL CP

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BY NARA
DATE 9/13/10

I. PURPOSE

To bid farewell to Ambassador Ben Yahia

II. BACKGROUND

Ben Yahia is leaving Washington after seven years as Ambassador to become Tunisia's Deputy Foreign Minister. He has done a superb job here, particularly in successfully shepherding the U.S.-Tunisian relationship through the transition from President Bourguiba to President Ben Ali in 1987-88.

Ben Yahia may convey a letter to you from President Ben Ali, explaining Ben Ali's decision to back out of his scheduled September 1988 visit to Washington. This decision was at least partly the result of Ben Ali's overloaded domestic calendar; he has just reshuffled his Cabinet, and is preoccupied with completion of political and economic reforms prior to the November 7 anniversary of his assumption of power.

III. PARTICIPANTS

List of participants is at Tab B.

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Photo opportunity and brief meeting.

Attachments

- Tab A Talking Points with 3x5 card
- Tab B List of Participants
- Tab C Biography of Ben Yahia

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff (2)

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POINTS TO BE MADE AT THE PRESIDENT'S PHOTO OP
WITH TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR BEN YAHIA

- YOUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN WASHINGTON HAS EARNED OUR HIGHEST RESPECT AND APPRECIATION. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS VICE FOREIGN MINISTER.

- WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT PRESIDENT BEN ALI WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT THIS FALL. BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO STRENGTHEN THE U.S.-TUNISIAN RELATIONSHIP IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

POINTS TO BE MADE AT THE PRESIDENT'S PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
WITH TUNISIA AMBASSADOR BEN YAHIA

- Your distinguished service in Washington has earned our highest respect and appreciation. Congratulations on your appointment as Vice Foreign Minister.

- We are disappointed that President Ben Ali will not be able to visit this fall. But we look forward to continuing to strengthen the U.S.-Tunisian relationship in the months ahead.

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PARTICIPANTS LIST

Photo Opportunity -- 9:55 - 10:00 a.m. (Oval Office)

United States

The President
Kenneth M. Duberstein
Colin L. Powell
M. B. Oglesby
William J. Burns, NSC staff

Tunisia

Ambassador Habib Ben Yahia
Deputy Chief of Mission Hedi Gharbi

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON.

9/1/88

MEMORANDUM

TO: COLIN POWELL

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Photo with Ambassador Ben Yahia (Tunisia)

DATE: September 9, 1988

TIME: 9:55 am

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: NSC to provide

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

P. Stevens

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| M. Archambault | Advance Office |
| A. Kranowitz | J. Hooley |
| J. Courtemanche | J. Kuhn |
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| L. Faulkner | G. Walters |
| C. Fuller | WHCA Audio/Visual |
| M. Fitzwater | WHCA Operations |
| M. Maseng | |

Sandy :

Part of the reason for this appointment doesn't hold anymore - we have taken off the visit of the Tunisian President at their request - the reason given in memo in our file for that date.

I presume this appointment still holds??

yes

HCD

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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August 3, 1988

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS *PS*

REQUEST: Photo Op with outgoing Tunisian Ambassador
Ben Yahia

PURPOSE: To bid farewell to Ambassador Ben Yahia

BACKGROUND: Ben Yahia is leaving Washington after seven
years as Ambassador to become Tunisia's
Deputy Foreign Minister. He will be
returning to Washington in his new capacity
for the official working visit of Tunisian
President Ben Ali on September 19. A brief
photo op would provide a good opportunity to
thank Ben Yahia for his superb service here,
congratulate him on his new position, and
emphasize our commitment to a successful
visit for President Ben Ali.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: None

DATE & TIME: September 6, 7, 8, or 9
DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Ambassador Ben Yahia

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Photo Op

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC Staff

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo Op/White House Photographer only

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC Staff, Department of State

OPPOSED BY: None

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

August 2, 1988

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY ^{WB}_W

SUBJECT: Appointment Request for Outgoing
Tunisian Ambassador Ben Yahia

As Ambassador Ben Yahia mentioned to you at last week's dinner, he would like to pay a farewell call on you and have a brief photo opportunity with the President prior to his official departure for Tunis in early September. In view of President Ben Ali's official working visit to Washington on September 19, Ben Yahia's calls on you and the President make sense both as a gesture to a superb ambassador and as a means of setting the stage for the Ben Ali visit (for which Ben Yahia will return to Washington).

Marybel Batjer concurs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That you authorize Paul Stevens to transmit the schedule proposal at Tab I.

Approve Disapprove

2. That you agree to a brief (20-30 minute) meeting with Ambassador Ben Yahia, ideally immediately before or after his photo op with the President.

Approve Disapprove

Attachment
Tab I Schedule Proposal

National Security Council
The White House

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| Paul Stevens | <u>2</u> | <u>PM</u> | <u>A</u> |
| John Negroponte | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Colin Powell | <u>3</u> | <u>CP</u> | _____ |
| Paul Stevens | <u>4</u> | <u>PM</u> | <u>Tab I A</u> |
| Situation Room | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| West Wing Desk | <u>5</u> | <u>CM 8/3</u> | <u>D</u> |
| NSC Secretariat | <u>4</u> | _____ | <u>N</u> |

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cc: VP Duberstein Other SLH

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: BCC: CLP, Mari Maseng
(Date/Time) ..1

The White House
National Security Council

Date _____

TO: CLP

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Alternatively, photo op with the President could be arranged at time of Ben Ali visit. (See item 1 of RBo's recommendations.)

Paul Schott Stevens
Executive Secretary

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

Paul



YOU WERE CALLED BY—



YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Nel Levitsky

OF (Organization)

State



PLEASE CALL →

PHONE NO.
CODE/EXT.



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WILL CALL AGAIN



IS WAITING TO SEE YOU



RETURNED YOUR CALL



WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

*Wanted to draw
your attention to
the attached cable.*

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FROM: STEVENS

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KEYWORDS: TUNISIA
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PHOTO OP
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PERSONS: YAHIA, BEN

SUBJECT: APPT REQUEST FOR OUTGOING AMB BEN YAHIA

ACTION: STEVENS SGD MEMO DUE DATE: 05 AUG 88 STATUS: C

STAFF OFFICER: OAKLEY LOGREF:

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TRANSLATION

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of The United States
of America
The White House

August 30th, 1988

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali

Mr. President:

Some extremely important questions with a scope I am confident you can appreciate, have imposed upon me the necessity to kindly request from you the possibility of postponing my visit to your great country, scheduled to start on September 19th.

I had great hope that a new date could be mutually agreed upon and that our meeting would only be slightly postponed. Unfortunately, I have been informed that your schedule would not allow any new rearrangement.

I am the more regretful as I was awaiting with delight the forthcoming meeting with a great statesman who has clearly left his mark on the contemporary history of a prestigious country and who was able to inspire the Free World with renewed confidence in the noble values of peace, justice, democracy and the virtues of dialogue among nations.

I would like, Mr. President to reiterate all the importance which I personally attach to the continuous promotion of the close and longstanding friendly relations between our two countries. My visit had a primary objective of further strengthening these relations and continue the good tradition of concertation on problems of common interest.

If I did ask for a postponement, it is primarily because my country is preparing to enter, during the next few weeks, a critical period of its history, taking place shortly after a delicate transition requiring a very wide popular adherence and the support of all the active forces of the Nation for the movement of salvation started on November 7th, 1987.

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BY *dh* NARA DATE 11/10/2022

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An Extraordinary Convention of the main political party in the country, The Constitutional Democratic Rally, architect of the struggle for independence, was recently held to assess the new situation in the country. The results of this meeting were important as much as innovative.

The follow-up of the resolutions adopted during this Convention requires a general mobilization and the uninterrupted presence in the country of its President. This presence is the more important as the country is actively preparing the draft of a national document of far-reaching implications, namely the draft of the National Pact. We are convinced that this document will insure understanding and concord between the various trends of society, castigate forever the specter of intolerance and dislocation and set the democratic process, started only ten months ago, on firm and durable foundations.

This endeavour is of utmost importance and generating the highest hopes. All the social classes participate in this great collective effort which requires a sustained rythm until the final adoption of the National Pact, expected to take place on November 7th, 1988. This event will give a new dimension and an innovative spirit to the legislative by-elections scheduled for the same period.

The developments of the situation at the level of the Maghreb, with positive outlooks but vulnerable character at the beginning, continue to focus all our attention, because of the important issues at stake for all the countries in the region and for world peace in general. The consultations conducted at all levels between the partners in the Maghreb continue uninterrupted, and it is imperative for us to follow their development.

A meeting of great importance for the region and for peace in the Middle East and the world, could also take place, in mid-september, in Tunis. Its conclusions could be a determinant factor towards the instauration of a just and durable peace in a region which has been torn for many years now by devastating wars.

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I hope that my visit, which I would have loved to see take place before the end of your presidency, could occur in the near future. I personally expect the best of results to come out of it in order to further strengthen the traditional links between the United States and Tunisia of the new era.

With the renewed expression of my deep regret and my best wishes for your good health and happiness, please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration and profound esteem.

Zine El Abidine Ben Ali
President of the Republic of Tunisia

Le Président

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Monsieur le Président,

Des contraintes impérieuses dont vous pouvez mesurer toute la portée, m'ont placé dans l'obligation de vous demander de bien vouloir envisager la possibilité de reporter la visite que je devais effectuer dans votre grand pays, à partir du 19 septembre prochain.

Mon espoir était grand qu'une nouvelle date aurait pu être convenue et que notre rencontre n'aurait été que reportée de peu. Je viens d'être informé, à mon regret, que votre calendrier ne le permettait pas.

Vous m'en voyez d'autant plus désolé que je me réjouissais de la perspective de pouvoir rencontrer un grand homme d'Etat qui a marqué de son empreinte l'histoire récente d'un pays prestigieux et qui a su inspirer au Monde Libre une confiance renouvelée dans les nobles valeurs de paix, de justice, de démocratie et dans les vertus du dialogue entre les Nations.

J'aimerais également, Monsieur le Président, vous réaffirmer toute l'importance que j'attache personnellement à la promotion continue des relations d'étroite d'amitié qui lient nos deux pays de très longue date. Cette visite avait pour principal objectif de consolider ces relations et poursuivre l'heureuse tradition d'une concertation sur les problèmes d'intérêt commun.

Si j'en demandais le report, c'est essentiellement parce que mon pays s'apprête à vivre, dans les semaines à venir, une phase cruciale de son histoire, intervenant au lendemain d'une transition délicate requérant une large adhésion populaire et un rassemblement de toutes les forces vives de la Nation autour de l'action salvatrice déclenchée le 7 Novembre 1987.

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Un Congrès extraordinaire du principal parti politique dans le pays, le Rassemblement Constitutionnel Démocratique, artisan de la lutte pour l'indépendance, s'est tenu récemment pour procéder à un examen de la nouvelle situation prévalant dans le pays. Ses résultats ont été aussi importants que novateurs.

Le suivi de ses résolutions nécessite une mobilisation générale et une présence à tout moment de son Président. D'autant que le pays se trouve fébrilement engagé dans l'élaboration d'un document national de la plus haute portée, j'ai cité le projet de Pacte National destiné, selon notre conviction, à assurer l'entente et la concorde entre les différentes composantes de la société, à éloigner à tout jamais les fléaux de l'intolérance et du déchirement et à asseoir sur des bases solides et durables le processus démocratique, engagé depuis seulement dix mois.

L'oeuvre est d'importance et suscite les plus grands espoirs. Toutes les couches de la Nation participent à cet effort collectif considérable qui nécessite un souffle soutenu jusqu'à la mise sur pied définitive du document du pacte, attendu pour le 7 Novembre 1988. Cet évènement confèrera une dimension nouvelle et un esprit novateur aux élections législatives partielles prévues pour la même période.

L'évolution de la situation au Maghreb, aux prémices heureuses mais nécessairement vulnérables à leur début, continue par ailleurs, de retenir toute notre attention, en raison des enjeux considérable qu'elle comporte pour tous les pays de la région et la paix dans le monde. Les consultations à tous les niveaux entre partenaires maghrébins, se poursuivent sans discontinuité, nous faisant obligation d'en suivre de près le déroulement.

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Des assises importantes pour la région et la paix au Moyen-Orient et dans le monde, pourraient, de même se tenir à la mi-septembre à Tunis et dont les conclusions pourraient être déterminantes pour l'instauration d'une paix juste et durable dans une région déchirée depuis longtemps par des luttes dévastatrices.

J'ose espérer que ma visite, que j'aurais aimé voir programmée avant la fin de votre mandat, pourra se réaliser dans un avenir proche. J'en escompte personnellement les meilleurs résultats sur la voie du renforcement des liens traditionnels entre les Etats-Unis et la Tunisie de l'ère nouvelle.

En vous réitérant l'expression de mon vif regret et en formulant les voeux les plus sincères pour votre santé et votre bonheur personnel, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma haute considération et ma profonde estime

Historical File

Zine El Abidine BEN ALI

*Son Excellence
Monsieur Ronald REAGAN
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
-WASHINGTON D.C.-*

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FOR GEORGE VAN ERON

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL

FROM: ROBERT B. OAKLEY *RO*

SUBJECT: Ambassador Ben Yahia's July 27 Dinner:
Draft Toast

On July 26, the Tunisian government announced a series of personnel changes, including the replacement of Foreign Minister Mestiri and Ambassador Ben Yahia's appointment as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs -- the number two job in the Foreign Ministry. The changes do not portend any fundamental shifts in Tunisian foreign policy, and Mestiri may replace Ben Yahia in Washington. In any event, Ben Yahia will leave his post here prior to President Ben Ali's official working visit on September 19.

The attached draft toast congratulates Ben Yahia on his promotion and on his sterling performance in Washington.

RECOMMENDATION

That you draw on draft remarks at Tab I in making your toast at Ambassador Ben Yahia's dinner.

Approve *RO* Disapprove _____

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Tab I Draft Toast

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TOAST FOR AMBASSADOR BEN YAHIA'S JULY 27 DINNERDraft Toast

- Let me begin by thanking you, Ambassador and Mrs. Ben Yahia, for your warm hospitality. This has been a delightful evening.
- Mr. Ambassador, like all of your friends in this room and throughout this country, I was deeply pleased to learn of your richly-deserved appointment as Secretary of State in the Foreign Ministry in Tunis. But I must confess that I was also a little bit saddened -- because your friendship and your professionalism have become very important parts of our lives here.
- Your distinguished service in Washington has earned you the highest respect of the American government. No diplomat in this city has done a better job in recent years of representing his country's interests than you have, and no one has done more to strengthen the U.S.-Tunisian relationship.
- In helping limit the negative effects of Israeli actions against the PLO in Tunis, you have been very successful. However, I remember particularly that critical day last November when you came to my office to explain the peaceful transfer of leadership from President Bourguiba to President Ben Ali.

- You can take pride in the skill with which you handled that delicate moment, and in the positive effect your efforts had upon the views of the United States. All Tunisians can take pride in the manner in which the transition was handled, building upon the work of President Bourguiba in order to reinforce Tunisia's ability to meet future challenges.

- Under the wise leadership of President Ben Ali, Tunisia has sustained the values and interests which bind our two countries together. Our mutual commitment to the dignity of the individual citizen at home and to the peaceful resolution of disputes abroad continues to furnish a solid foundation for close cooperation between us.

- We look forward to President Ben Ali's visit to Washington this fall, and to finding new ways in which we can work together to reduce regional tensions and promote Tunisia's economic growth.

- Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in a toast to President Ben Ali; to continued freedom, peace, and prosperity for the Tunisian people; and to enduring friendship between Tunisia and the United States.

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