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Brevet statement by
The President Herbert H. Humphrey
The White House
Jan 3, 1966

It was a privilege and high honor to represent the President of the U.S. at the Inaugural Ceremonies of the 6th President of the Philippines Republic. In the course of this journey our delegation visited not only the Philippines Islands but also Japan, the Republic of China and Korea.

I was impressed by the rich diversity of ~~language~~ and all of the people, and ~~language~~ the vitality and restless strength of an awakened nationalism.

I was encouraged by the sense of purpose among the leadership of the nations we visited. I found the leaders and the people excited and dedicated to their programmes of economic and social development.

Everywhere we were given a warm and friendly welcome. There is ~~an~~ affection and respect for the United States.

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White House

STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

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