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MRS. FORD'S REMARKS, LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL,
September 5, 1976

Thank you for this beautiful piece of amber. And thank you for inviting me. America is more lively and more lovely because of our many ethnic traditions.

I know your deep pride in your Lithuanian inheritance is matched by your concern about your first homeland. The President asked me to tell you he shares your interest. He has long supported "the aspirations for freedom and National independence of the people of Eastern Europe by every proper and peaceful means." And that support will continue.

We both admire your commitment to freedom and your joyous traditions. I'm delighted to join your celebration of Lithuanian folk dance. What a very special treat for a retired dancer!

(Presentation of Costume)

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