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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO MESSAGE FROM PRIME  
MINISTER MZALI (S/S 8214851)

1. PRIME MINISTER MZALI SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
THROUGH THE TUNISIAN EMBASSY TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AS HE  
DEPARTED FROM THE U.S. ON MAY 1. THE ORIGINAL WAS IN  
FRENCH.

2. QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT: AS I LEAVE THE UNITED STATES,  
I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEP GRATITUDE AND SINCERE  
THANKS FOR THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND WARM WELCOME YOU  
EXTENDED TO ME HERE.

THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SHOWN TO ME AND MY DELEGATION  
DURING OUR STAY, AND THROUGH ME TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AND  
THE ENTIRE TUNISIAN PEOPLE, DEMONSTRATES, IF NEED BE,  
THE EXCELLENT, FRIENDLY RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT MY MEETINGS WITH YOU PERSONALLY AND  
WITH MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WHICH RE-

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

FLECTED OUR MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING, HELPED  
STRENGTHEN AMERICAN-TUNISIAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION  
AS WELL AS PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD.

I SHALL FULLY INFORM PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA OF YOUR VIEWS  
ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND ASSURE HIM OF YOUR  
FRIENDSHIP AND HIGH CONSIDERATION.

FINALLY, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY BEST WISHES OF HEALTH  
AND HAPPINESS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, AND OF PROGRESS,  
PROSPERITY, AND PEACE FOR OUR FRIENDS, THE GREAT AMERICAN  
PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

3. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING ANSWER  
FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN.

4. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOUR NOTE OF THANKS  
ON DEPARTING THE UNITED STATES WAS VERY KIND. I BELIEVE  
IT IS A PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF THE WARMTH AND CONSIDERATION  
THAT GOVERN RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION MADE A GREAT  
IMPRESSION ON ME AND THE MEMBERS OF MY GOVERNMENT.  
YOUR ELOQUENCE IN SPEAKING OF TUNISIA'S  
ASPIRATIONS AND THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP THAT JOIN  
THE UNITED STATES AND TUNISIA HAVE WON YOUR  
COUNTRY NEW ADMIRERS AND SUPPORTERS. WE ALSO ARE THANK-  
FUL FOR YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, 'ICH  
WE WILL REMEMBER IN OUR DELIBERATIONS ON THE  
MANY DIFFICULTIES THAT CONFRONT US.

OUR TWO NATIONS ARE NATURAL PARTNERS BECAUSE THEY SHARE  
THE VISION OF A WORLD GOVERNED BY PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR  
THE BENEFIT OF ALL. I KNOW THAT PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA HAS  
LABORED LONG AND ADROITLY TO BRING THESE BLESSINGS TO HIS  
COUNTRYMEN.

I HOPE YOU WILL CONVEY MY ADMIRATION TO PRESIDENT  
BOURGUIBA FOR ALL THAT HE HAS DONE TO IMPROVE THE LIFE OF  
HIS PEOPLE AND TO BRING OUR NATIONS TOGETHER IN EXEMPLARY  
FRIENDSHIP.

MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR OWN HAPPINESS, AND THAT OF

MESSAGE (CONTINUED):

PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AND THE TUNISIAN PEOPLE.

SINCE, ELY,

(SIGNED) RONALD REAGAN. UNQUOTE.

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EMBASSY OF TUNISIA  
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 7, 1984

Dear Mr. Kimmitt,

Please find enclosed the text of two congratulatory letters addressed by His Excellency President Habib Bourguiba and Prime Minister Mohamed Mzali respectively to President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush on the auspicious occasion of their election to a second term.

I would be most grateful if they could be brought to the attention of their Distinguished Recipients.

Sincerely,



Habib Ben Yahia  
Ambassador

original  
filed w/  
Pres. Habib  
Bourguiba