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This is my first visit to Romania, and I am delighted to be here. I bring with me a message of hope and solidarity from the American people, who support the courageous efforts underway in Romania to build a new and lasting democracy.

During my stay in Bucharest, I will have the opportunity to meet with many men and women in government and non-governmental organizations who are working to improve health care, education, and civic life in Romania. Their efforts are crucial to the success of Romanian democracy and to the future of the Romanian people, particularly women and children who suffered most during the dark years of authoritarian rule.

It is with great excitement and eagerness that I make this visit. I thank the President Iliescu and his government -- and all the Romanian people -- for extending such a warm welcome to me.

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