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PRIME MINISTER BUSIA'S REMARKS AT THE KOTOKA  
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Prime Minister Busia:

Mrs. Nixon, we are very happy to welcome you here to Ghana. First, for your own gracious sake. Thank you, for honoring us by accepting my invitation. Second, we are happy to welcome you here because you are the wife of the President of the United States. Your being here is a symbol of the friendship and good will which we enjoy with at White House. Third, we are happy to welcome you here as a distinguished citizen of the United States, a country whose friendship we are very glad to have. It is significant to us, a friendship which I am sure your visit here will strengthen. It is a friendship strengthened by the aid we have had and continue to have from the United States. It is also strengthened and inspired by the common bond of the liberty of the individual which we try to pursue. You are very welcome and I am sure we will enjoy your visit here and I hope you will enjoy it to. Welcome to Ghana

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Mrs. Nixon:

I thank all of you for my warm welcome here and especially these vocal people down here. I love the enthusiasm, I was delighted when during a recent conference in Washington with my husband the Prime Minister invited me here. It is my first opportunity to see the progress you have made since the President and I were here in 1957, to help you celebrate your Independence. That was a great and noisy day, too, I can assure you. I learned to know the Ghanaian people at that time and they always had a special place in our hearts since. I bring greetings from the President and the people of the United States and all best wishes for the New Year. And I, too, am looking forward to this visit which reaffirms our close friendship and our ties. Best of all to you.