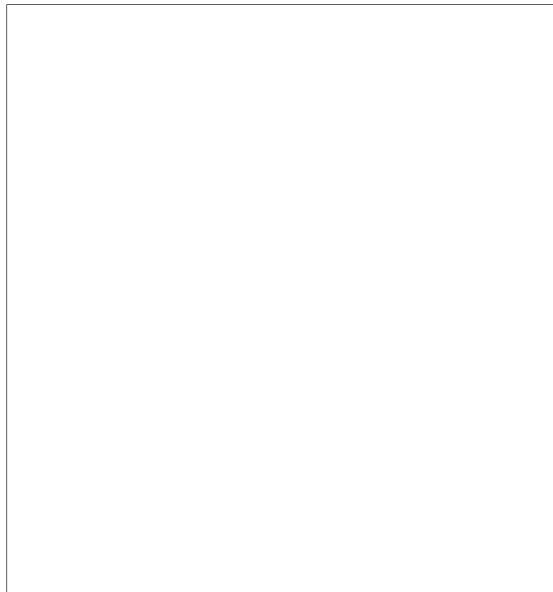


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SECRETARY KISSINGER: I would like to make a  
brief statement on Guatemala.

This is my first opportunity to express publicly  
our Government's and my personal sympathy for the people of  
Guatemala in the unparalleled tragedy which has befallen  
them and their country.

Americans have always traditionally responded  
generously in thought and deed to the needs of the  
suffering. Reflecting that humanitarian spirit, our  
Government, joined by its citizens and charitable  
organizations, is mounting a major effort to assist the  
Government and people of Guatemala to ease the suffering  
caused by the earthquake.

I will visit Guatemala on February 24 in  
connection with my Latin American trip.

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