Lisbon, August 17, 1979

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to transmit to you the following message from the Secretary of State of the United States Cyrus Vance:

"Your Excellency:

I extend my best wishes as you begin your duties as Prime Minister. Portugal's success in establishing a democracy after nearly a half-century of dictatorship gained the admiration of the American people, and our interest in Portugal's progress in consolidating its democracy remains high.

Fundação Cuidar o Futuro I hope that in the near future I shall have the opportunity to meet you personally.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Vance"

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Bloomfield

Ambassador

Her Excellency
Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo,
Prime Minister,
Republic of Portugal.

