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FROM THE SECRETARY

The President today sent to the Congress a comprehensive message on the drug problem, the text of which is contained in the USIS Wireless File. I want to draw your personal attention to this message and to stress its importance.

In a meeting on June 14 with members of the Cabinet and several of our Ambassadors from areas where the drug control problem is acute, the President made clear that he considers no problem to have greater priority for this Administration than the struggle against drug abuse and particularly heroin.

The President knows that if we are to win this struggle we must have international cooperation. I ask each

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of you to give priority attention to how such cooperation can best be promoted and translated into specific measures for joint efforts with individual countries.

I ask also that each of you give the text of the President's message to the Government or International Organization to which you are accredited. On this occasion you should make clear that the President considers the heroin addiction of American citizens an international problem of grave concern to this Nation and that we seek the ~~the~~ of all countries ~~there~~ close cooperation/ to eradicate drug abuse in our own country and everywhere in the world.

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