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ברכת ראש-הממשלה, מר לוי אשכול לראש ממשלת איסלנד.

אדוני ראש-הממשלה והגב' בנדיקטסון,

ברי לי כי אינני מדבר בשם הממשלה בלבד אלא בשם כל תושבי
ישראל בקדמי אתכם בקרבנו בברכתנו העתיקה - שלום וברוכים הבאים!

רגשי הידידות והחיבה שלנו כלפי איסלנד אינם פוחתים אף במלוא
נימה מחמת המרחק המפריד בינינו. אנשיכם הנלחמים זה מאות בשנים
באיתני הטבע האכזריים, הצליחו להקים על האי שלכם חברה נשים וגברים
חזקים ועזי-לב השוקדים על מסורות לאומיות ועל חידוש מתמיד של ערכיהם.

חוללותיה של איסלנד עוצבו על-ידי כוחות שונים מאלה המעצבים
את חולדותינו שלנו. אולם אתם ואנחנו מאוחדים באהבת השלום,
במסירות לדמוקרטיה ובנכונות לעמוד בפני האתגר של עבודה יוצרת.

ומאחר שכבר יש לנו כה הרבה מן המשותף, בטוחני כי השבוע
שתעשו בישראל כאורחינו המכובדים יביא, נוסף על העניין האישי
שאתם עשויים למצוא בו, להידוק נוסף של היחסים הידידותיים המלכדים
את שני עמנו בקשר הדוק ויציב.

ברוכים הבאים לישראל!

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and change. It begins with the first people who lived on this continent. These people were here long before the first Europeans arrived. They lived in small groups and learned to survive in their environment. They were skilled hunters and gatherers. They also learned to farm and raise animals. Over time, these people developed different cultures and languages. They were the ancestors of the Native Americans who lived here when the first Europeans came.

The first Europeans to arrive in North America were the Vikings. They came to the coast of Newfoundland in the late 15th century. They were explorers and traders. They built a small settlement there. But they did not stay. They returned to Europe. The next Europeans to arrive were the Spanish. They came to the Gulf of Mexico in the early 16th century. They were looking for gold and silver. They found the Aztec and Mayan civilizations. They conquered them and took their land. They built cities and colonies. They brought new crops and animals to the Americas. They also brought diseases that killed many Native Americans.

The English came to North America in the early 17th century. They came to the coast of Virginia. They were looking for a place to settle. They found a good place. They built a colony. They grew tobacco. They traded with the Native Americans. They fought wars with them. They became a powerful colony. They were the first English colony in North America. Other colonies followed. They came to the coast of Massachusetts. They came to the coast of Pennsylvania. They came to the coast of Maryland. They came to the coast of the Carolinas. They came to the coast of Georgia. They all became colonies of the British Empire.

The British Empire was the most powerful empire in the world. It had colonies in every part of the world. It had the most powerful navy. It had the most powerful economy. It had the most powerful military. It was the most powerful nation in the world. The colonies of the British Empire were part of the empire. They were ruled by the British. They paid taxes to the British. They fought wars for the British. They were loyal to the British. They were proud to be part of the British Empire.