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Following message to President from Acting Prime Minister of Western

Samoa GFD Betham):

QUOTE: Please accept the congratulations of the Government of Western Samoa on your return to office. Our prayers and best wishes will be with you and your administration as you face your great task. UNQUOTE.

Deliver following reply from President to Acting Prime Minister: QUOTE: I deeply appreciate your kind message of congratulations on my election as President of the United States and extend to you my sincere good wishes.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

UNQUOTE.

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