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Secretary has received following informal note of thanks from

Foreign Minister Manescu:

QUOTE: Dear Mr. Rusk,

We have just come back from the visit we made through the United States at the kind invitation of the Department of State, which enabled us to get acquainted with some parts of your beautiful country.

My friends and I wish to extend the most heartfelt thanks to the Department of State and to you personally for having invited us on this tour.

I appreciate this invitation not only as an opportunity to know your country but also as an amicable gesture towards Romania, and as a token of the good relations between our two countries.

May I thank you once more and renew my very best wishes for a Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Corneliu Manescu UNQUOTE.

Department plans no direct written response to above, but if ~~you~~ ~~you have not yet made your call on Manescu, you~~

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may, at your discretion, ^{received}
~~with~~ inform Manescu orally that Secretary has ~~received~~
with
~~with~~ appreciation ~~for~~ the Foreign Minister's thoughtful message
concerning his American visit.

If you have already called on Manescu, you may wish to take opportunity afforded by your next personal contact with Manescu to mention matter and convey orally expression of Secretary's appreciation.

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