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**From**: Secretary Matarazzo

**Reports to:** President of the United States

It is the primary duty of the United States and Secretary of State to uphold the freedom, prosperity, and safety of America and its people. I favor a moderate, diplomacy-first approach that prioritizes peaceful relations, strong alliances, fair trade, and economic cooperation. Isolationism should not be confused with national security; America must protect its own interests while maintaining its position as a global power. I aim for a world of stable nations, peaceful resolutions, and lasting cooperation, leaving behind a more secure America and fewer unnecessary conflicts.

The State Department oversees American foreign policy, international relations, treaty negotiations, trade agreements, and the protection of citizens abroad. My responsibility extends globally, serving as the President's principal advisor on foreign affairs and carrying out the administration's foreign policy agenda. I negotiate with foreign governments, oversee diplomatic missions, advise the President, and coordinate responses to international crises. My authority is limited by congressional funding, Senate treaty approval, and foreign governments' willingness to cooperate. Daily duties include reviewing intelligence, meeting foreign officials, advising the President, and communicating with embassy leadership. Policy moves from identifying international concerns to presidential consultation, diplomatic implementation, and ongoing evaluation through embassy and international feedback. My goal is to strengthen diplomacy, protect American interests, and promote lasting peace.

**Priority Issues:**

1. **Strengthening International Alliances:** Build strong, reliable partnerships that promote shared security and economic growth through diplomacy, fair trade, and mutual investment.

2. **Preventing Military Conflict:** Reduce unnecessary military intervention by prioritizing diplomatic negotiations, peaceful resolutions, and cooperation with international partners.
3. **Protecting American Citizens Abroad:** Strengthen embassy support, emergency response systems, and consular services to ensure Americans receive protection and assistance overseas.
4. **Promoting Economic Stability:** Expand fair trade agreements, private-sector investment, and international commerce to strengthen the American economy while supporting the growth of allied nations.
5. **Addressing Global Instability:** Respond to geopolitical crises, humanitarian emergencies, and international threats through diplomatic coordination, targeted foreign assistance, and cooperation with allies.

**Legacy**: Leave America more secure, the State Department more effective, and the world more peaceful.