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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1987

SECRETARY SHULTZ HAS REPORTED TO ME ON THE RESULTS OF HIS TALKS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE. AS YOU KNOW, THE TALKS COVERED ARMS REDUCTION, REGIONAL CONFLICTS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND BILATERAL ISSUES. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SERIOUS DIFFERENCES IN MANY AREAS, THE TONE OF THE TALKS WAS FRANK, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND NOTABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE.

SECRETARY SHULTZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE HAVE ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT, WHICH I BELIEVE YOU ALL HAVE. I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WAS REACHED ^{to conclude} AN I.N.F. TREATY.

THEY WILL MEET AGAIN IN MOSCOW NEXT MONTH TO
CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS /AND TO WORK OUT THE
DETAILS OF A SUMMIT BETWEEN ME AND GENERAL
SECRETARY GORBACHEV LATER THIS FALL. I WANT
TO CONGRATULATE SECRETARY SHULTZ AND FOREIGN
MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE /AND THEIR DELEGATIONS /
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS OVER THE PAST
THREE DAYS.

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