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Jim: Attached for the President's review is the radio talk for tomorrow. The hard bond copy will be driven out later this afternoon.

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(Dolan)
June 4, 1987
2:00 p.m. (Italy)

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: ECONOMIC SUMMIT
VENICE, ITALY
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1987
(TAPED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1987)

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Now all of this -- foreign leaders talking economics in the city of canals and gondolas -- may sound a bit distant from your daily concerns but, take it from me, the issues we'll be discussing next week directly affect your lives and your future.

That's because continued economic expansion and growth throughout the world is crucial to our prosperity at home. When I attended my first summit back in Ottawa in 1981, the global economy was in grave danger. We had inflation running at 10 percent in industrialized countries, not to mention high interest rates, excessive tax burdens, and too much government everywhere. Worse than all of this, there was no clear consensus among world leaders about how to set ourselves back on the road to recovery.

In the 6 years since that conference, the United States has made tremendous progress. With the American economy leading the way, we showed what can be achieved with economic policies based on less government and more personal freedom. As we reduced taxes, cut inflation, and brought down interest rates, we demonstrated that economic growth can be vigorous and sustained.

So, too, the world leaders in Venice next week can look back on a solid record of accomplishment. Today, inflation remains low while interest rates are moderate, and prospects are favorable for growth to continue for a 5th year. So you see, we did find that consensus for economic renewal and growth: a consensus that relied not on government but the dynamism of free peoples.

But there are challenges ahead and what we do next week to meet those challenges will have a direct impact on all Americans. Those of you who listen to these broadcasts will know, for example, how often I've stressed the threat that high tariffs and other trade barriers pose to economic progress. Some of us who lived through the hard times of the 1930's can tell you about that danger: when one nation decides to erect these barriers, it leads inevitably to retaliation by other nations; soon a trade war is underway, markets shrink all over the world, and the result is economic slowdown and the loss of millions of jobs.

That's why a summit conference with our major trading partners can be helpful -- it's a chance to reaffirm our belief in free and fair trade, talk over the problems of protectionist legislation, and help provide a climate for the free flow of goods and commerce. It also gives us a chance to talk over other issues like our goal of extending prosperity to the developing nations of the world. Right now, the international community is helping these developing nations deal with the serious problem of heavy debt burdens.

And just as this summit is helpful in coordinating our trade policies and our efforts to help spread prosperity to the rest of the world, our discussions in Venice will permit us to address such diverse topics as agricultural problems, terrorism, drug abuse, and the AIDS epidemic. So, too, the relationship between the free nations of the world and the Soviet bloc will be much on our minds. You probably know, for example, some very serious negotiations on arms reductions are reaching a critical stage. These negotiations affect our allies, so it's essential that we maintain our commitment to their security as well as our own. We also need to reaffirm our pledge to a strong defense while exerting pressure on the Soviets for progress in such areas as regional conflicts like Afghanistan and human rights.

So the agenda next week is a full one. But certainly one source of encouragement is our record of accomplishment not only over the past few years but during the past four decades. Forty years ago this week, then Secretary of State George Marshall announced an economic recovery plan for the European nations devastated by World War II. The plan was not a give-away program; it was, instead, an incentive-oriented effort to get European nations to work together and build a new prosperity, a prosperity built on self-help and a mutual love of freedom. It's this same idea of freedom, which has kept much of the world at peace for four decades and brought rising standards of living to the average person, that we will be seeking to advance further in Venice. Our goal now is, together, to build on this

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record of growth and opportunity for the future as we have done in the past.

Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/3/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: C.O.B. TODAY

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REMARKS: The attached has been staffed to the listed offices in Washington and forwarded to both Air Force 1 and Venice. Comments from Washington are due to my office by close of business TODAY, June 3rd. We will forward copies of the comments to Tony Dolan in Venice tonight.

RESPONSE:

(Dolan)
June 3, 1987
11:00 a.m. (D.C.)

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THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IS CRUCIAL TO OUR PROSPERITY AT HOME. WHEN

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EXAMPLE, HOW OFTEN I'VE STRESSED THE DANGER THAT HIGH TARIFFS AND
OTHER TRADE BARRIERS POSE TO ECONOMIC PROGRESS SOME OF US WHO
LIVED THROUGH THE HARD TIMES OF THE 1930'S CAN TELL YOU ABOUT
THAT DANGER: WHEN ONE NATION DECIDES TO ERECT THESE BARRIERS, IT
LEADS INEVITABLY TO RETALIATION BY OTHER NATIONS; SOON A TRADE

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WAR IS UNDERWAY, MARKETS CONTRACT ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND THE
RESULT IS ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN AND THE LOSS OF MILLIONS OF JOBS.

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PARTNERS CAN BE HELPFUL -- IT'S A CHANCE TO REAFFIRM OUR BELIEF
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LEGISLATION, AND HELP PROVIDE A CLIMATE FOR THE FREE FLOW OF
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HEAVY DEBT BURDENS BY ASSISTING THESE COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE THE

NEED FOR SELF-HELP THROUGH FREE-MARKET POLICIES, POLICIES THAT

WILL IMPROVE GROWTH AND LIVING STANDARDS.

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SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT IS OUR RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT NOT ONLY
OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS BUT DURING THE PAST FOUR DECADES. FORTY
YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, ~~HE~~ THEN SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE MARSHALL
ANNOUNCED AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN FOR EUROPEAN NATIONS
DEVASTATED BY WORLD WAR II. THE PLAN WAS NOT A GIVE-AWAY

PROGRAM; IT WAS, INSTEAD, AN INCENTIVE-ORIENTED EFFORT TO GET

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VENICE. *OUR GOAL NOW IS TO BUILD ON THIS
RECORD OF GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ~~AS WE~~
FOR THE FUTURE AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.*

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, THANKS FOR LISTENING AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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VATICAN MEETING WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II
ROME, ITALY

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I AM TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU IN THIS PLACE OF PEACE. YOUR HOLINESS, YOU HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT THE POWER OF LOVE FOR OUR FELLOWMAN IS STRONGER THAN THE EVILS THAT BEFALL HUMANKIND. ONE FEELS THE POWER OF THAT STRONG MORAL FORCE HERE, IN THIS HOLY CITY OF ST. PETER, JUST AS WE SEE IT IN YOUR COURAGEOUS AND COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP.

YOUR HOLINESS, ON MY LAST VISIT HERE, I URGED YOU TO CARRY YOUR MINISTRY TO THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN SECTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES; YOU GRACIOUSLY AGREED, AND I KNOW THAT ALL AMERICA LOOKS FORWARD TO YOUR ARRIVAL IN SEPTEMBER.

YOU WILL FIND IN OUR COUNTRY A DEEPLY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE, A PEOPLE DEVOTED TO THE SAME IDEALS AND VALUES YOU SO ELOQUENTLY CHAMPION -- A STRIVING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND, ABOVE ALL, OUR DUTY AS FELLOW CREATURES OF GOD TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

YOUR HOLINESS, NOT LONG AGO YOU VISITED CANADA WHERE YOU SPOKE PASSIONATELY OF THE MORAL OBLIGATION OF THE WEALTHIER NATIONS TO SHARE WITH THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. RECENTLY, I ALSO TRAVELED TO CANADA AND SAID IT IS TIME THAT WE TAKE UP THAT CHALLENGE, TO SHARE OUR PROSPERITY WITH THE UNDER-DEVELOPED NATIONS, WITH GENEROUS AID, YES, BUT ALSO IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY WE KNOW: BY SHARING THE CONDITIONS THAT PROMOTE PROSPERITY.

YOUR HOLINESS, YOU HAVE SPOKEN ELOQUENTLY OF "THE MORAL CAUSES OF PROSPERITY," AMONG THEM HARD WORK, HONESTY, INITIATIVE, THRIFT, SPIRIT OF SERVICE, AND DARING. IN MANY COUNTRIES TODAY, WE SEE ECONOMIC REVOLUTIONS FOUNDED ON THIS BASIC TENET, THAT THE SOURCES OF PROSPERITY ARE MORAL ONES, THAT THE SPIRIT AND IMAGINATION OF MAN, FREED OF STATIST SHACKLES, IS A REVOLUTIONARY FORCE FOR GROWTH AND HUMAN BETTERMENT.

IN YOUR TRAVELS, YOU HAVE INSPIRED MILLIONS -- PEOPLE OF ALL RACES AND ALL FAITHS -- WHO HAVE FELT THE INTENSITY OF YOUR DESIRE FOR PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD AMONG MEN. AS YOU EMBARK ON A PASTORAL VISIT TO THE LAND OF YOUR BIRTH, POLAND, BE ASSURED THAT THE HEARTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WITH YOU.

OUR PRAYERS WILL GO WITH YOU IN PROFOUND
HOPE THAT SOON THE HAND OF GOD WILL LIGHTEN
THE TERRIBLE BURDEN OF BRAVE PEOPLE
EVERYWHERE WHO YEARN FOR FREEDOM, EVEN AS
ALL MEN AND WOMEN YEARN FOR THE FREEDOM THAT
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IN THAT TROUBLED LAND, UNITING A PEOPLE IN
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YOUR HOLINESS, WHEN I LAST VISITED YOU, OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN VATICAN CITY WAS A PERSONAL ENVOY. NOW, I AM HAPPY TO SAY, AMERICA IS REPRESENTED HERE BY A FULL-FLEDGED DIPLOMATIC MISSION AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. THE CONGRUENCE OF OUR EFFORTS DESERVES NOTHING LESS, FOR WE JOIN WITH THE HOLY SEE IN OUR CONCERN FOR A WORLD OF PEACE, WHERE ARMAMENTS ARE REDUCED AND HUMAN RIGHTS RESPECTED; A WORLD OF JUSTICE AND HOPE, WHERE EACH OF GOD'S CREATURES HAS THE MEANS AND OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP TO HIS OR HER FULL POTENTIAL.

YOUR HOLINESS, I AM REMINDED OF THE
PASSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE OF ST. PETER WALKING
OUT ON THE WATER AFTER CHRIST. WE KNOW
THAT AS LONG AS HE KEPT HIS EYES ON OUR
SAVIOR, AS LONG AS HIS FAITH WAS STRONG,
HE WAS HELD UP, BUT AS SOON AS HIS FAITH
FALTERED, HE BEGAN TO SINK. YOUR HOLINESS,
WITH GENTLE CHIDINGS AND POWERFUL
EXHORTATIONS YOU HAVE CONTINUALLY DIRECTED
OUR THOUGHTS TO THE SPIRITUAL SOURCE OF ALL
TRUE GOODNESS AND HAPPINESS.

THE
BIBLE

AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND VATICAN
COUNCIL -- IN WHICH YOU PLAYED SUCH AN
IMPORTANT ROLE -- POPE JOHN THE 23RD
SPOKE OF THE DUTY OF EVERY CHRISTIAN TO
"TEND ALWAYS TOWARD HEAVEN." IN YOUR GREAT
COURAGE AND COMPASSION, IN YOUR PIETY AND
THE BOUNDLESS ENERGY WITH WHICH YOU CARRY
OUT YOUR MINISTRY, YOU HAVE SET AN EXAMPLE
FOR THE WORLD.

IT IS AN EXAMPLE THAT CHALLENGES US ALL TO LIVE A LIFE OF CHARITY, TO LIVE A LIFE OF PRAYER, TO WORK FOR PEACE, AND, IN THAT BEAUTIFUL PHRASE OF JOHN THE 23RD, TO "TEND ALWAYS TOWARD HEAVEN."

I KNOW THAT TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A VERY IMPORTANT TIME FOR YOU PERSONALLY, AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF YOUR FAITH, FOR IT IS THIS DAY THAT YOU BEGIN THE OBSERVANCE OF A YEAR OF PRAYER AND DEVOTION TO THE VIRGIN MARY WITH A WORLDWIDE PRAYER FOR PEACE. I WISH YOU GREAT JOY, HAPPINESS, AND FULFILLMENT IN THE COMING MONTHS. I THANK YOU, YOUR HOLINESS, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

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YOUR HOLINESS, WHEN I LAST VISITED YOU, OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN VATICAN CITY WAS A PERSONAL ENVOY. NOW, I AM HAPPY TO SAY, AMERICA IS REPRESENTED HERE BY A FULL-FLEDGED DIPLOMATIC MISSION AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. THE CONGRUENCE OF OUR EFFORTS DESERVES NOTHING LESS, FOR WE JOIN WITH THE HOLY SEE IN OUR CONCERN FOR A WORLD OF PEACE, WHERE ARMAMENTS ARE REDUCED AND HUMAN RIGHTS RESPECTED; A WORLD OF JUSTICE AND HOPE, WHERE EACH OF GOD'S CREATURES HAS THE MEANS AND OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP TO HIS OR HER FULL POTENTIAL.

(picture hangs in Vatican)

YOUR HOLINESS, [I AM REMINDED OF THE
PASSAGE FROM SCRIPTURE OF] ST. PETER WALKING
OUT ON THE WATER AFTER CHRIST. WE KNOW
THAT AS LONG AS HE KEPT HIS EYES ON OUR
SAVIOR, [AS LONG AS HIS FAITH WAS STRONG,]
HE WAS HELD UP, BUT AS SOON AS HIS FAITH
FALTERED, HE BEGAN TO SINK. YOUR HOLINESS,
WITH GENTLE CHIDINGS AND POWERFUL
EXHORTATIONS YOU HAVE CONTINUALLY DIRECTED
OUR THOUGHTS TO THE SPIRITUAL SOURCE OF ALL
TRUE GOODNESS AND HAPPINESS.

AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND VATICAN
COUNCIL -- IN WHICH YOU PLAYED SUCH AN
IMPORTANT ROLE -- POPE JOHN THE 23RD
SPOKE OF THE DUTY OF EVERY CHRISTIAN TO
"TEND ALWAYS TOWARD HEAVEN." IN YOUR GREAT
COURAGE AND COMPASSION, IN YOUR PIETY AND
THE BOUNDLESS ENERGY WITH WHICH YOU CARRY
OUT YOUR MINISTRY, YOU HAVE SET AN EXAMPLE
FOR THE WORLD.

IT IS AN EXAMPLE THAT CHALLENGES US ALL TO LIVE A LIFE OF CHARITY, TO LIVE A LIFE OF PRAYER, TO WORK FOR PEACE, AND, IN THAT BEAUTIFUL PHRASE OF JOHN THE 23RD, TO "TEND ALWAYS TOWARD HEAVEN."

I KNOW THAT ^{June} [TODAY] MARKS THE BEGINNING OF A VERY IMPORTANT TIME FOR YOU PERSONALLY, AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF YOUR FAITH, FOR IT IS THIS DAY THAT YOU BEGIN THE OBSERVANCE OF A YEAR OF PRAYER AND DEVOTION TO THE VIRGIN MARY [WITH A WORLDWIDE PRAYER FOR PEACE.] I WISH YOU GREAT JOY, HAPPINESS, AND FULFILLMENT IN THE COMING MONTHS. I THANK YOU, YOUR HOLINESS, AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/1/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VATICAN MEETING WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II

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REMARKS: FYI -- The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

(Gilder/ARD)
May 29, 1987
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VATICAN MEETING WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II
ROME, ITALY
SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1987

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Your Holiness, on your last visit to our country, I urged you to return, to carry your ministry to the Southern and Western sections of our country; you have graciously agreed, and I know that all America looks forward to your arrival in September. You will find in our country a deeply religious people, a people devoted to the same ideals and values you so eloquently champion -- a striving for peace and justice, human rights, and above all, our duty as fellow creatures of God to love one another.

Your Holiness, not long ago you visited Canada where you spoke passionately of the moral obligation of the wealthier nations to share with those less fortunate. Recently, I also traveled to Canada and said it is time that we take up that challenge, to share our prosperity with the undeveloped nations, with generous aid, yes, but also in the most effective way we know: by sharing the conditions that promote prosperity.

Your Holiness, you have spoken eloquently of "the moral causes of prosperity," among them hard work, competition,

honesty, and courage. In many countries today, we see economic revolutions founded on this basic tenet, that the sources of prosperity are moral ones, that the spirit and imagination of man, freed of statist shackles, is a revolutionary force for growth and human betterment.

In your travels, you have inspired millions -- people of all races and all faiths -- who have felt the intensity of your desire for peace and brotherhood among men. As you embark on a pastoral visit to the land of your birth, Poland, be assured that the hearts of the American people are with you. Our prayers will go with you in profound hope that soon the hand of God will lighten the terrible burden of brave people everywhere who yearn for freedom, even as all men and women yearn for the freedom that God gave us all when he gave us a free will.

We see the power of the spiritual force in that troubled land, uniting a people in hope, just as we see the powerful stirrings to the East of a belief that will not die, despite generations of oppression. Perhaps it is not too much to hope that true change will come to all countries which now deny or hinder the freedom to worship God. And perhaps we will see that change comes through the reemergence of faith, through the irresistible power of a religious revival. For despite all the attempts to extinguish it, the people's faith burns with a passionate heat; once allowed to breath free, that faith will burn so brightly it will light the world.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/22/87 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m. 5/27/87

SUBJECT: REMARKS: VATICAN MEETING WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II
ROME, ITALY
(5/22/87 4:30 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please give your comments/edits directly to Tony Dolan with an info copy to my office by 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 27th. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

Rhett Dawson
Ext. 2702

(Gilder/ARD)
May 22, 1987
4:30 p.m.

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JUNE 6, 1987

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(DOLAN)

JUNE 11, 1987

OPENING STATEMENT FOR PRESS CONFERENCE
VENICE, ITALY

I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY SERVING AS A SORT OF UNOFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN HERE THIS WEEK. I'M SURE WE ALL AGREE OUR STAY IN VENICE HAS BEEN COMFORTABLE AND PRODUCTIVE, AND I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY THE PEOPLE OF THIS LOVELY AND HISTORIC CITY.

ALTHOUGH THIS MAY COME AS A PARTIAL SURPRISE TO SOME, THIS HAS BEEN A SUMMIT ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. FOR ALL THE ATTENTION CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS HAVE RECEIVED, I THINK IMPORTANT STEPS WERE TAKEN IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE. THE SUMMIT SEVEN HAVE PUT THE CAPSTONE ON A NEW PROCESS FOR ENHANCED COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AND HAVE AGREED JOINTLY TO TAKE THE POLICY STEPS NECESSARY TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT WORLD GROWTH.

IMPLICIT IN ALL OF THIS IS OUR COMMON COMMITMENT TO PRINCIPLES THAT MARK A TURNING POINT IN PUBLIC POLICY; I REFER HERE TO OUR GROWING DESIRE TO SEEK ECONOMIC GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY THROUGH LESS GOVERNMENT AND MORE PERSONAL FREEDOM. AND WE HAVE SEEN TWO DIRECT APPLICATIONS OF THESE PRINCIPLES AT THIS SUMMIT.

FIRST, OUR RESOLVE TO WORK TOGETHER AGAINST PROTECTIONISM BY CORRECTING THE IMBALANCES WHICH ARE THE REAL CAUSE OF OUR TRADE DEFICIT. TRADE BARRIERS AND PROTECTIONISM CAN ONLY BRING ABOUT A CONTRACTION OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETS AND A SLOWING OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

AND SECOND, WE HAVE TAKEN FURTHER STEPS TOWARDS REDUCING GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND MOVING TOWARD A DAY WHEN MARKET SIGNALS DETERMINE THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

I SAID LAST YEAR THAT THE TOKYO SUMMIT WAS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL I HAD ATTENDED BECAUSE WE HAD LAUNCHED NEW INITIATIVES IN THE AREAS OF TRADE, AGRICULTURE, AND ECONOMIC POLICY COORDINATION. IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN VENICE MUST BE SEEN AS GOING ONE BETTER BECAUSE IT PUT FORM, SUBSTANCE, AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK ON THOSE INITIATIVES AND LOCKED IN A PROCESS WHICH WILL BETTER ENABLE US TO NAVIGATE THE DYNAMIC NEW WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS.

NOW LET ME ADD THAT IN ADDITION TO THESE ECONOMIC MATTERS, WE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH TWO OTHER PRESSING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

FIRST, I AM PLEASED WITH THE SUPPORT OUR ALLIES HAVE SHOWN FOR A UNITED POSITION IN THE PERSIAN GULF. ACTUALLY, A COMMITMENT TO KEEPING THE SEA LANES OPEN IN THAT AREA IS A VITAL STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, AMERICA'S ALLIES HAVE A VERY SIZEABLE PRESENCE IN THE GULF: GREAT BRITAIN, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS NEARLY 18 PERCENT OF ITS NAVAL VESSELS COMMITTED THERE AND HAS ESCORTED MORE THAN 100 SHIPS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR THROUGH THE STRAITS; FRANCE, TOO, HAS A STRONG NAVAL COMMITMENT THERE -- AND ALL OF OUR ALLIES HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR KEEPING THE TRADE ROUTES OPEN, THE OIL FLOWING, AND MOVING TOWARD A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION OF THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR.

AS MOST OF YOU ALSO KNOW, WE ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN HIGHLY SENSITIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN HISTORIC ARMS REDUCTION TREATY ON U.S. AND SOVIET INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES. PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE HERE IN VENICE, AND TODAY AND TOMORROW, SECRETARY SHULTZ WILL BE MEETING WITH NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS IN REYKJAVIK.

I WILL BE ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIS REPORT ABOUT THE VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR ALLIES.

SO I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL I HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY IN VENICE NOT ONLY TO DISCUSS THESE ARMS REDUCTIONS EFFORTS WITH OUR ALLIES BUT TO AGREE AGAIN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF REMINDING THE SOVIET UNION OF THE PROGRESS THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE IN OTHER ARMS NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC INTERCONTINENTAL NUCLEAR FORCES. SO, TOO, IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONTINUE TO SEEK PROGRESS FROM THE SOVIETS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA AS WELL AS REGIONAL CONFLICTS, ESPECIALLY AFGHANISTAN.

AS WE SAID IN OUR STATEMENT, THE NEW EXPRESSIONS OF OPENNESS FROM THE SOVIETS ARE WELCOMED BUT IT'S TIME TO SEE IF THEIR ACTIONS ARE AS FORTHCOMING.

NOW I'LL TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

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(Dolan)
June 10, 1987
6:00 p.m. (Italy)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESS CONFERENCE OPENING STATEMENT
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1987
VENICE, ITALY

I'd like to begin by serving as a sort of unofficial spokesman for all of us who have been here this week. I'm sure we all agree our stay in Venice has been comfortable and productive, and I want to express our thanks to the Italian government and especially the people of this lovely and historic city.

Although this may come as a partial surprise to some, this has been a summit on economic issues. For all the attention certain international developments have received, I think important steps were taken in the economic sphere. The summit seven have put the capstone on a new process for enhanced cooperation and coordination and have agreed jointly to take the policy steps necessary to assure sufficient world growth. Implicit in all of this is our common commitment to principles that mark a turning point in public policy; I refer here to our growing desire to seek economic growth and opportunity through less government and more personal freedom. And we have seen two direct applications of these principles at this summit. First, our resolve to work together against protectionism by correcting the imbalances which are the real cause of our trade deficit. Trade barriers and protectionism can only bring about a contraction of international markets and a slowing of economic growth. And second, we have taken further steps towards reducing government subsidization of agriculture and moving toward a day

when market signals determine the supply and demand. I said last year that the Tokyo Summit was one of the most successful I had attended because we had launched new initiatives in the areas of trade, agriculture, and economic policy coordination. If that's the case then Venice must be seen as going one better because it put form, substance, and institutional framework on those initiatives and locked in a process which will better enable us to navigate the dynamic new world of international economics.

Now let me add that in addition to these economic matters, we also had an opportunity to deal with two other pressing international issues.

First, I am pleased with the support our allies have shown for a united position in the Persian Gulf. Actually, a commitment to keeping the sea lanes open in that area is a vital strategic objective. As many of you know, America's allies have a very sizeable presence in the Gulf: Great Britain, for example, has nearly 18 percent of its Naval vessels there and has escorted more than 100 ships since the beginning of this year through the Straits; France, too, has a strong naval commitment there -- and all of our allies have reaffirmed their support for keeping the trade routes open, the oil flowing, and moving toward a negotiated resolution of the Iran-Iraq war.

As most of you also know, we are currently engaged in highly sensitive discussions with the Soviets that could lead to an historic arms reduction treaty on U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range missiles. This matter has been discussed here

in Venice, and Thursday and Friday, Secretary Shultz will be meeting with NATO foreign ministers in Reykjavik. I will be anxious to have his report about the views and recommendations of our allies.

So I am particularly grateful I had this opportunity in Venice not only to discuss these arms reductions efforts with our allies but to agree again on the importance of reminding the Soviet Union of the progress that needs to be made in other arms negotiations, especially the reduction of strategic intercontinental nuclear forces. So, too, it is absolutely essential that we continue to seek progress from the Soviets in the human rights area as well as regional conflicts, especially Afghanistan.

As we said in our statement, the new expressions of openness from the Soviets are welcomed but it's time to see if their actions are as forthcoming.

Now I'll take your questions.