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NATIONAL YOUTH GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S A PRIVILEGE
TO WELCOME SUCH A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND
THE ROSE GARDEN. I KNOW YOU MUST BE VERY
PROUD OF BEING ELECTED TO YOUR OFFICES,
AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOU.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, A VERY FAMOUS YOUNG MAN VISITED THE WHITE HOUSE. CONSIDERING
THE RECEPTION HE RECEIVED, I WAS TEMPTED TO WEAR A WHITE GLOVE THIS MORNING. WELL, IT'S OBVIOUS YOU AND I BOTH HAVE SOME THINGS IN COMMON: WE BOTH LIKE MICHAEL JACKSON, AND WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS AT THE STATE LEVEL. IN FACT, WHENEVER SOMEONE SAYS, "GOVERNOR," I STILL TURN MY HEAD.

The President has seen

AFTER I LOOKED OVER YOUR WASHINGTON
SCHEDULE AND THE QUESTIONNAIRE LISTING YOUR
INTERESTS, I DECIDED TO TALK ABOUT AN ISSUE
THAT IS ON MANY OF YOUR MINDS -- AND WITH
GOOD REASON. I KNOW YOU, AND YOUNG PEOPLE
GENERALLY, ARE INTERESTED IN U.S. RELATIONS
WITH THE SOVIET UNION. WE ALL RECOGNIZE
THAT THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT FOREIGN
POLICY GOAL THAN THE BUILDING OF A MORE
PEACEFUL WORLD IN WHICH LIBERTY AND
PROSPERITY CAN FLOURISH. WE WANT TO DEVELOP
A MORE REALISTIC WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE SOVIET UNION -- ONE MARKED BY GREATER
COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING, AND BY
PROGRESS IN ARMS REDUCTIONS.

REAL PROGRESS REQUIRES HONEST EFFORTS
BY BOTH SIDES. UNFORTUNATELY, IT APPEARS
THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS UNWILLING TO MAKE
THAT COMMITMENT.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, DURING THE MONTHS THAT THE START AND I.N.F. TALKS WERE UNDERWAY, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSED SEVEN DIFFERENT INITIATIVES. NONE WERE OFFERED ON A TAKE-IT OR LEAVE-IT BASIS. INDEED, WE MADE A NUMBER OF ADJUSTMENTS TO RESPOND TO THE CONCERNS OF THE SOVIET SIDE. BUT THE SOVIET UNION INSISTED ON PRESERVING THEIR MONOPOLY ON MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES IN EUROPE. WHEN THE NATIONS OF THE WEST MADE CLEAR THAT A SOVIET MONOPOLY WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE, THE SOVIETS WALKED AWAY FROM THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

DESPITE THIS DISAPPOINTMENT, WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE BIGGER PICTURE: IN A QUIET WAY, WE ARE TRYING TO TALK AND NEGOTIATE WITH THE SOVIET UNION -- AND ON MANY FRONTS.

JUST 2 MONTHS AGO IN VIENNA, WE AND OUR WESTERN PARTNERS PUT FORWARD NEW PROPOSALS ON REDUCING THE LEVELS OF CONVENTIONAL MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE.

AND THOSE M.B.F.R. TALKS ARE CONTINUING.

IN THE SAME WEEK, AT THE 40-NATION

CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN GENEVA,

VICE PRESIDENT BUSH OFFERED A DRAFT

AGREEMENT FOR A WORLDWIDE BAN ON CHEMICAL

WEAPONS. AND AT THE CONFERENCE ON

DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE IN STOCKHOLM, WE'RE

PURSUING A SERIES OF PROPOSALS THAT WILL

HELP REDUCE THE CHANCE OF CONFLICT IN

EUROPE.

WE'RE ALSO TRYING TO MOVE FORWARD IN
OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE LATEST ROUND
OF NEGOTIATIONS ON UPGRADING THE HOTLINE
ENDED LESS THAN 2 MONTHS AGO. IN THE
ECONOMIC FIELD, WE'RE TAKING A NUMBER OF
STEPS TO INCREASE EXCHANGES IN NON-STRATEGIC
GOODS. WE'VE EXTENDED OUR VERY USEFUL
INCIDENTS AT SEA AGREEMENT FOR ANOTHER TERM.

WE'VE ALSO PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS TO EXPAND AND MULTIPLY CONTACTS OF BENEFIT TO OUR PEOPLE.

BUT HERE, TOO, THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE THINGS VERY DIFFICULT, AND I NEED ONLY MENTION THE TRAGEDY OF K.A.L. FLIGHT 007 AND THE PLIGHT OF ANDREI SAKHAROV.

SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE,
IT'S CLEAR WE IN THE WEST ARE DOING OUR
UTMOST TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE, STABLE,
AND PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIP. BUT IT'S ALSO
CLEAR THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT YET MADE
THE DECISION TO JOIN US IN THAT EFFORT.

WE'LL KEEP TRYING; WE'LL KEEP HOPING THEY'LL REALIZE IT'S IN THEIR BEST INTERESTS TO JOIN WITH US AND THE REST OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO BUILD A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD.

WE'RE READY, WILLING, AND ABLE.

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## IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE WITH FREEDOM.

AND BELIEVE ME, BECAUSE WE ARE PREPARED WITH THE STRENGTH OF OUR ALLIANCES TO DETER AGGRESSION AND PURSUE ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES FOR ARMS REDUCTIONS, BECAUSE WE ARE PREPARED WITH OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTH TO ACHIEVE GREATER STABILITY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND BECAUSE WE HAVE THE SPIRITUAL STRENGTH AND SELF-CONFIDENCE TO REACH OUT TO THE SOVIET UNION, WE ARE PREPARED TO SUSTAIN PEACE WITH FREEDOM -- AND, MY YOUNG FRIENDS, WE WILL.

WELL, I'VE GONE ON LONG ENOUGH, BUT I DO WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE GOVERNORS AND CHIEF JUSTICES FOR YOUR NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS. AND I URGE YOU TO USE YOUR LEADERSHIP
POSITIONS TO GET INVOLVED AND TO GET OTHERS
INVOLVED IN PUBLIC LIFE. REMBEMBER THOSE
WORDS BY THOMAS PAINE -- THAT WE HAVE IT
(SEG(N)
WITHIN OUR POWER TO START THE WORLD ALL OVER
AGAIN.

THANK YOU, GOOD LUCK, AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(Myer/BE) June 20, 1984 3:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL YOUTH GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1984

Thank you very much. It's a privilege to welcome such a distinguished group of high school students to the White House and the Rose Garden. I know you must be very proud of being elected to your offices, and we're very proud of you.

Several weeks ago, a very famous young man visited the White House. Considering the reception he received, I was tempted to wear a white glove this morning. Well, it's obvious you and I both have some things in common: We both like Michael Jackson, and we've been involved in the political process at the State level. In fact, whenever someone says, "Governor," I still turn my head.

After I looked over your Washington schedule and the questionnaire listing your interests, I decided to talk about an issue on many of your minds -- and with good reason. We all recognize that there is no more important foreign policy goal than the building of a more peaceful world in which liberty and prosperity can flourish. We want to develop a more realistic working relationship with the Soviet Union -- one marked by greater cooperation and understanding, and by progress in arms reductions.

Real progress requires honest efforts by both sides.

Unfortunately, it appears that the Soviet Union is unwilling to make that commitment. As you may know, during the months that the START and INF talks were underway, the United States proposed

seven different initiatives. None were offered on a take-it or leave-it basis. Indeed, we made a number of adjustments to respond to the concerns of the Soviet side. But the Soviet Union insisted on preserving their monopoly on medium-range missiles in Europe. When the nations of the West made clear that a Soviet monopoly was not acceptable, the Soviets walked away from the negotiating table.

Despite this disappointment, we should not lose sight of the bigger picture: In a quiet way, we are trying to talk and negotiate with the Soviet Union -- and on many fronts.

Just 2 months ago in Vienna, we and our Western partners put forward new proposals on reducing the levels of conventional military forces in Europe. And those MBFR talks are continuing. In the same week, at the 40-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, Vice President Bush offered a draft agreement for a worldwide ban on chemical weapons. And at the Conference on Disarmament in Europe in Stockholm, we're pursuing a series of proposals that will help the chance of conflict in Europe.

We're also trying to move forward in our bilateral relations. The latest round of negotiations on upgrading the hotline ended less than 2 months ago. In the economic field, we're taking a number of steps to increase exchanges in non-strategic goods. We've extended our very useful Incidents at Sea Agreement for another term.

We've also proposed discussions to expand and multiply contacts of benefit to our people. But here, too, the Soviets

have made things very difficult, and I need only mention the tragedy of KAL flight 007 and the plight of Andrei Sakharov.

So if you look at the big picture, it's clear we in the West are doing our utmost to establish a cooperative, stable, and peaceful relationship. But it's also clear that the Soviet Union has not yet made the decision to join us in that effort. We'll keep trying; we'll keep hoping they'll realize it's in their best interests to join with us and the rest of the world community to build a more peaceful world.

In the meantime, we'll continue our commitment to peace with freedom. And believe me, because we are prepared with the strength of our alliances to deter aggression and pursue all possible avenues for arms reductions; because we are prepared with our economic strength to achieve greater stability throughout the world; and because we have the spiritual strength and self-confidence to reach to the Soviet Union, we are prepared to sustain peace with freedom -- and my young friends, we will.

Well, I've gone on long enough, but I do want to congratulate all the Governors and Chief Justices for your noteworthy achievements. And I urge you to use your leadership positions to get involved and to get others involved in public life. Rembember those words by Thomas Paine -- that we have it within our power to start the world all over again.

Thank you, good luck, and God bless you all.

JUNE 22, 1984

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MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR COMMISSION 21511655

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.\ FIRST, I WANT TO WELCOME YOU AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME TO WASHINGTON TO BEGIN THE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR 1985.

I BELIEVE YOU ALL KNOW, OR YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE, THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR YOUTH TO THE FUTURE PEACE, SECURITY, AND WELL-BEING OF OUR NATION AND THE WORLD. AND I'M CERTAIN THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER -- THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED HERE TODAY, OUR GOVERNMENT, AND AMERICA'S PRIVATE SECTOR -- YOUTH YEAR 1985 WILL BE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS.

THERE'S A SPARK IN ALL OF US WHICH, IF STRUCK EARLY ENOUGH, CAN LIGHT UP OUR LIVES, ELEVATE OUR IDEALS, DEEPEN OUR TOLERANCE, AND STRENGTHEN OUR DETERMINATION TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE.

YOU COULDN'T MAKE A BETTER INVESTMENT
IN AMERICA'S FUTURE. I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED
THAT A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD COME
ABOUT BECAUSE PEOPLE TALK PAST EACH OTHER
INSTEAD OF TO EACH OTHER. DURING YOUTH YEAR
1985, WE WILL BE MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT TO
HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE REACH OUT TO EACH
OTHER AND TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS ALL OVER THE
WORLD. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO BUILD NEW
BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING.

UNDERSTANDING BEGINS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE
THAT THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE FOR PROGRESS IN
THIS WORLD COMES NOT FROM GOVERNMENT
BUREAUCRACIES, NOR PUBLIC PROGRAMS, NOR EVEN
VALUABLE RESOURCES LIKE GOLD OR OIL.

TRUE WEALTH -- AND THE REAL HOPE FOR THE FUTURE -- COMES FROM THE HEART, FROM THE TREASURE OF IDEAS AND SPIRIT, FROM FREE PEOPLE WITH A VISION OF THE FUTURE, TRUST IN THEIR FELLOW MEN, AND FAITH IN GOD.

THE BETTER FUTURE WE ALL YEARN FOR WILL NOT BE BUILT BY SKEPTICS WHO SPEND THEIR LIVES ADMIRING THE COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS.

IT WILL BE BUILT BY FREE MEN AND WOMEN WHO BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES. HISTORY SHOWS THAT PROGRESS TAKES ITS GREATEST STRIDES WHEN PEOPLE ARE FREE TO WORSHIP, CREATE AND BUILD, WHEN THEY CAN DECIDE THEIR DESTINY AND BENEFIT FROM THEIR OWN RISKS.

THE DREAM OF HUMAN PROGRESS THROUGH
FREEDOM IS STILL THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY IDEA
IN THE WORLD TODAY. AND IT'S ALSO THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL. TWO WEEKS AGO TODAY,
THE LEADERS OF SEVEN MAJOR INDUSTRIAL
DEMOCRACIES ISSUED A "DECLARATION OF
DEMOCRATIC VALUES" AT THE LONDON ECONOMIC
SUMMIT THAT CONCLUDED WITH THESE WORDS:
"STRONG IN OUR BELIEFS, AND ENDOWED WITH
GREAT DIVERSITY AND CREATIVE VIGOR, WE LOOK
FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE."

WE SHOULD BE CONFIDENT. THE SUMMIT

DEMONSTRATED THE ENDURING STRENGTH OF OUR

SHARED VISION AND VALUES, OUR RESOLVE TO

SUSTAIN PEACE WITH FREEDOM, AND OUR DESIRE

TO ASSIST THOSE SEEKING A BETTER LIFE.

YOU, TOO, SHOULD BE CONFIDENT -CONFIDENT THAT IF YOU PREPARE FOR
INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR 1985 WITH WISDOM
AND RESPONSIBILITY, YOU CAN SHAPE A FUTURE
OF FREEDOM, PEACE, AND PROSPERITY THAT CAN
BE SHARED BY THE WHOLE WORLD.

THAT'S WHY I'M SO PLEASED THAT PRIME MINISTER SEAGA OF JAMAICA HAS PROPOSED AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH DURING 1985. WE BELIEVE THIS CONFERENCE, THE FIRST MEETING OF ITS KIND, MERITS STRONG SUPPORT OF FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

A CHANCE TO EXAMINE AND SHARE THEIR

DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND PRINCIPLES, AND TO

SPEAK OUT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE THREE

THEMES OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR:

PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PEACE.

I HOPE THAT SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE A CHANCE TO VISIT
US AS WELL AND SEE OUR SPIRITUAL AND
ECONOMIC VITALITY, SO THAT THEY WILL
UNDERSTAND AMERICA BETTER. WE, IN TURN,
WILL LEARN MUCH OF VALUE FROM THEM.

THE U.S. YOUTH YEAR COMMISSION HAS
ACCEPTED A WORTHY AND IMPORTANT CHALLENGE.
YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT. OUR TASK FORCE ON
YOUTH YEAR, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
GREG NEWELL, WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO
HELP.

TOGETHER, I'M CERTAIN WE WILL ACHIEVE GREAT SUCCESS IN REACHING OUT TO AMERICA'S YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THROUGH THEM, TO THE YOUTH OF THE WORLD.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(Elliott)
June 21, 1984
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: ECONOMIC GROWTH SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1984

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This week we had some mo

that the economy grew by a revised 9.7 percent in real terms for the first quarter, and an estimated 5.7 percent for this quarter -- both figures, better than expected.

The strength of our expansion continues to surprise experts and outperform past recoveries. The curious thing is that some experts treat this good news -- strong economic growth -- as a cause for worry. Well, please let me tell you why I think the common sense reaction is right: Good news is not bad; it's good.

In some key ways, this expansion is both different and more durable than those in the past.

Stronger growth has enabled more people to find work and bring home paychecks, and it's improved the job outlook for the future. More people are working in America today than ever before, and the United States is creating more jobs, at a faster rate, than any other major industrialized country in the world ---well over 6 million jobs in the last 18 months. In fact, we created more jobs in the month of May alone than <u>all</u> the Common Market countries created in the last 10 years.

I remember when some in the Congress, back in 1983, were a little with the congress, back in 1983, were pleading for a make work program aimed at creating 300,000 jobs a year, by spending \$3.5 billion in taxpayers' money. I said no, that idea belongs to a failed past; the private economy will do the job better. And it has done better, much better. Since the

recovery began, our economy has been creating, on average, more PROMISED jobs each month than that Government program heped to create in 12 MONTHS. And the jobs are benefitting everyone. Nearly 3 million women, a million blacks and 650,000 Hispanics have found new jobs.

Recently, the National Federation of Independent Business said that, among its small business membership, the percentage planning to hire new workers is the highest in 4 years. Since most new jobs are created by firms with 100 employees or less, that small business survey bodes well for continued job gains in the future.

So, economic growth is stronger than before, stronger than anyone expected, and jobs are being created at record rates. But something else makes this expansion different and gives us hope for the future: Inflation is staying down. And we mean to keep it down. Inflation was up only 0.2 percent in May, and it has increased only 4.2 percent over the last year -- that is barely a third of 1980's punishing double digit rate of 12.4 percent NATE.

We've reduced inflationary pressures by reducing spending growth, by promoting greater production through lower tax rates, and by spurring greater competition through the deregulation of key industries. Nor do we see troublesome signs that the cancer of runaway price increases will reappear. This is the first time since the 1960's that we will be able to enjoy strong and steady growth without high inflation.

Another characteristic of this expansion gives it extra power while helping us fight inflation: Investment by U.S.

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businesses in new plants and equipment, so crucial to helping workers be more productive, and to helping our industries better compete in world markets, has been rising at the fastest rate since 1949. We're witnessing an historic surge of innovation, risk-taking, technological development and productivity growth. American economic leadership is back.

The question is why, and why here in America to a greater degree than anywhere else? Well, America began a fundamental change in direction in 1981 -- a change for the better from a policy of Government promises, to a policy of challenging people; a change from taxing you more no matter how hard you tried, to rewarding you for working harder and producing more than before.

Personal incentives are changing America, restoring our spirit, strengthening our economy, giving us the opportunity and confidence to shape our future and make it work for us. That's why I'm determined to finish the job we've begun -- by simplifying our tax system and broadening the base, so we can inspease incentives more by bringing personal income tax rates down further. If we can do that while keeping Federal spending under control, there will be no stopping the United States.

We all have a job to do to protect this expansion and keep the lid on inflation, which, in turn, is the best guarantee against rising interest rates. The Congress must cooperate and restrain spending by passing the ponding deficit-reduction package; the "downpayment" on the deficit, the Federal Reserve must assure enough liquidity to finance the expansion without raising expectations of new inflation; and we must all work to

make Government live within its means. If we meet these responsibilities, today's good news will be here to stay, and America's best days will lie ahead.

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

(Rohrabacher/RR)
June 25, 1984
11:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: CITIZENS FOR AMERICA DINNER MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1984

Greetings to all of you. I know if Nancy and I were with you, we'd see many old friends. I understand that Holmes Tuttle is there.

It should be no surprise that Holmes is supporting Citizens for America. He's had a hand in starting up so many worthwhile projects and organizations. He's even helped start a few political careers. One example in particular sticks out in my mind.

Greetings also to Jack Hume, an old friend and founder of Citizens for America. Jack, too, has been in the forefront of many worthwhile endeavors and C.F.A.'s positive, forward-looking program is just what one could expect from him.

And it certainly didn't hurt to have the organizational genius of Lew Lehrman -- greetings to you, Lew -- you're helping take Jack's vision and making it into a viable part of the American scene. With Lew making such a tremendous effort, flying all over the country, I understand why C.F.A. is expanding -- growing by leaps and bounds. Lew, if C.F.A. is growing that fast though, aren't you afraid your organization will overheat? You know, shouldn't you put the brakes on, cut back on growth, so that by slowing down you will be able to grow?

I've been getting that kind of advice from some so-called experts on the economy. I thought I'd pass it on to you knowing you'd know what to do with it.

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Seriously, though, you have with you an individual who I admire and respect greatly and upon whom I have come to rely heavily. She is one of the most courageous leaders in America today and I am proud to have her serving as our Ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane Kirkpatrick.

Jeane, these are exciting years. Your uncompromising approach to the principles of human liberty and your forceful articulation of the American cause have had dramatic impact on the history of our day. Both in the United Nations and on other public platforms, you have helped create a new momentum in our struggle for freedom.

For too long, the enemies of our way of life have been permitted, almost by default, to dominate the struggle of ideas. Kremlin leaders have always placed a major emphasis on this aspect of their relations with the West. Little wonder they have been upset that some no longer permit them to go unchallenged.

Four years ago, we heard that our country was in decline, that we were suffering a crisis of will. Nobody is saying that anymore. The American people, and the free people of the world, were looking for leadership, and they've found a new champion in Jeane Kirkpatrick.

Rather than being seen as too weak and uncertain, some now suggest we are too forceful. Well, forgive me, but they're mistaken. Today the cause of freedom and the likelihood of peace is better than in many years. Maybe those complaining about the state of international relations haven't noticed that this

Administration has not given up a single inch of territory to communist domination.

No one, especially members of this Administration, wants war. What we are proving is that peace through strength is more than a slogan; it is a fact of life.

In the long run, our strength of purpose and our commitment to rebuild America's defensive capabilities will bring better relations with the Soviets and more security for all the free people.

Jeane Kirkpatrick, with her quick wit and unmatched intellect, is playing a vital role in this strategy for the preservation of human liberty and international peace. Citizens for America is also playing an important role. What you do to create the right political climate in this country will mean much to whether or not America is successful.

I appreciate very much all C.F.A. has done in support of the liberation of Grenada and also what you've done to highlight the threat we face in Central America. On the home front, you've been a leading advocate of Enterprise Zones and of the basic principles underlying our economic renewal program.

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