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~~the President has seen~~ _____

(ROBINSON)

(JULY 9, 1984)

REGIONAL PRESS BRIEFING LUNCHEON
FOR EDITORS AND BROADCASTERS

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE WHITE
HOUSE. IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU ALL
HERE.

NOW, I KNOW YOU WANT TO GET TO THE
QUESTION-AND-ANSWER PERIOD, SO I'LL KEEP
THESE OPENING REMARKS BRIEF. I OFTEN RECALL
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENT WASHINGTON
AND PRESIDENT HARRISON. GEORGE WASHINGTON
GAVE AN INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF LESS THAN
150 WORDS, AND HE WAS A GREAT LEADER.
WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON GAVE AN INAUGURAL
ADDRESS THAT LASTED NEARLY TWO HOURS ON A
WINTRY DAY. A MONTH LATER, HE DIED OF
PNEUMONIA.

SO, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D LIKE TO
TOUCH, JUST BRIEFLY, ON TWO OF OUR
ADMINISTRATION'S MAIN EFFORTS.

FIRST, THE ECONOMY. WHEN WE TOOK OFFICE, WE INHERITED A MESS — RAGING INFLATION, DECLINING REAL WAGES, SOARING INTEREST RATES. INDEED, THE MONTH OF THE INAUGURATION, THE PRIME INTEREST RATE SOARED TO OVER 21 PERCENT — THE HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE THE CIVIL WAR.

OUR ADMINISTRATION MOVED QUICKLY TO TURN THAT AROUND. WE CUT THE GROWTH OF FEDERAL SPENDING, PRUNED NEEDLESS REGULATIONS, PASSED AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD PERSONAL INCOME TAX CUT, AND ENACTED AN HISTORIC MEASURE CALLED TAX INDEXING. INDEXING MEANS GOVERNMENT CAN NEVER AGAIN PROFIT FROM INFLATION AT THE PEOPLE'S EXPENSE.

TODAY WE HAVE ONE BIG PROGRAM THAT'S HELPING EVERY AMERICAN MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD. IT'S CALLED ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

SINCE WE TOOK OFFICE, INFLATION HAS PLUMMETED. PRODUCTIVITY, INVESTMENT, AND REAL WAGES HAVE RISEN. FOR THE PAST YEAR, THE GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT HAS BEEN GROWING AT A RATE THAT'S ASTOUNDED THE PROFESSORS AND PESSIMISTS. THE BEST NEWS OF ALL: SINCE THE EXPANSION BEGAN, SOME 6.7 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE FOUND JOBS; THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS TAKEN THE STEEPEST NOSE-DIVE IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS; AND OUR COUNTRY HAS PRODUCED NEW JOBS FASTER THAN ANY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATION ON EARTH. BUT THESE ARE ALL STATISTICS, I THINK THERE'S A BETTER WAY THAT YOU CAN TELL OUR PROGRAM IS WORKING: THE CRITICS DON'T CALL IT REAGANOMICS ANYMORE.

SECOND, FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE'RE WORKING HARD TO GIVE AMERICAN POLICY NEW STRENGTH, NEW FIRMNESS, NEW PURPOSE.

IN EUROPE, WE'RE HELPING TO HOLD THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TOGETHER UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM THE SOVIET UNION. IN CENTRAL AMERICA, WE'RE STRENGTHENING THE FORCES OF DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS, AND IN GRENADA, WE JOINED THE CARIBBEAN DEMOCRACIES IN SETTING A NATION FREE. IN OUR DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIETS, WE'VE SHOWN AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT WE REMAIN UNSHAKEABLY DETERMINED TO SUPPORT FREEDOM AND THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN THE WORLD, BUT WE ARE ALSO WILLING AND EAGER TO NEGOTIATE GENUINE AND VERIFIABLE ARMS REDUCTIONS. AND WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT THE SOVIETS WILL SIT DOWN WITH US THIS AUTUMN — AS THEY THEMSELVES FIRST SUGGESTED — TO DISCUSS THE CONTROL OF WEAPONS IN SPACE AND, WE HOPE, ON EARTH AS WELL.

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RECENTLY MORTON KONDRACKE,
THE EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE NEW REPUBLIC,
SUMMED UP OUR FOREIGN POLICY WELL. HE WROTE
THAT OUR ADMINISTRATION — AND I QUOTE —
"HAS ALTERED THE CORRELATION OF FORCES IN
THE WORLD IN AMERICA'S DIRECTION."

I BELIEVE AMERICA IS STRONGER,
PROUDER, AND MORE JOYFUL THAN SHE WAS JUST A
FEW YEARS AGO. WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO
GO, BUT WE'VE MADE A GOOD BEGINNING.

THANK YOU, AND NOW I'D BE HAPPY TO
ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

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(Robinson/BE)
July 6, 1984
2:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REGIONAL PRESS BRIEFING LUNCHEON
FOR EDITORS AND BROADCASTERS
MONDAY, JULY 9, 1984

Good afternoon and welcome to the White House. It's a pleasure to have you all here.

Now, I know you want to get to the question-and-answer period, so I'll keep these opening remarks brief. I often recall the difference between President Washington and President Harrison. George Washington gave an inaugural address of less than 150 words, and he was a great leader. William Henry Harrison gave an inaugural address that lasted nearly two hours on a wintry day. A month later, he died of pneumonia.

So, with your permission, I'd like to touch, just briefly, on two of our Administration's main efforts.

First, the economy. When we took office, we inherited a mess -- raging inflation, declining real wages, soaring interest rates. Indeed, the month of the Inauguration, the prime interest rate soared to over 21 percent -- the highest level since the Civil War.

Our Administration moved quickly to turn that around. We cut the growth of Federal spending, pruned needless regulations, passed an across-the-board personal income tax cut, and enacted an historic measure called tax indexing. Indexing means Government can never again profit from inflation at the people's expense.

Today we have one big program that's helping every American man, woman, and child. It's called economic expansion.

Since we took office, inflation has plummeted. Productivity, investment, and real wages have risen. For the past year, the gross national product has been growing at a rate that's astounded the professors and pessimists. The best news of all: Since the expansion began, ^{some 6.7} ~~over 8~~ million Americans have found jobs; the unemployment rate has taken the steepest nose-dive in more than 30 years; and our country has produced new jobs faster than any other industrialized nation on Earth. But these are all statistics, I think there's a better way that you can tell our program is working: The critics don't call it Reaganomics anymore.

Second, foreign affairs. We're working hard to give American policy new strength, new firmness, new purpose. In Europe, we're helping to hold the Atlantic Alliance together under intense pressure from the Soviet Union. In Central America, we're strengthening the forces of democracy and economic progress, and in Grenada, we joined the Caribbean democracies in setting a nation free. In our dealings with the Soviets, we've shown again and again that we remain unshakeably determined to support freedom and the struggle for freedom in the world, but we are also willing and eager to negotiate genuine and verifiable arms reductions. And we continue to hope that the Soviets will sit down with us this autumn -- as they themselves first suggested -- to discuss the control of weapons in space and, we hope, on Earth as well.

Recently Morton Kondracke, the Executive Editor of The New Republic, summed up our foreign policy well. He wrote

that our Administration -- and I quote -- "has altered the correlation of forces in the World in America's direction."

I believe America is stronger, prouder, and more joyful than she was just a few years ago. We still have a long way to go, but we've made a good beginning..

Thank you, and now I'd be happy to answer your questions.

The President has seen _____

(NOONAN)

JULY 10, 1984

COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF
FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM

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THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY, PRESIDENT
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SIGNED INTO LAW PUBLIC
LAW 480 -- THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM.

TEN YEARS BEFORE THE SIGNING CEREMONY (WHICH
TOOK PLACE HERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE,

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER LAUNCHED THE NORMANDY
INVASION. ONLY THE YEAR BEFORE THE SIGNING
CEREMONY HE WAS FIRST SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ON JULY 10TH, 1954, IKE
THOUGHT MOST OF HIS GREAT MOMENTS WERE

BEHIND HIM. BUT THAT WAS NOT SO, AS THIS
PROGRAM PROVES. FOR IN TIME, IT GREW TO

BECOME ONE OF THE GREATEST HUMANITARIAN ACTS
EVER PERFORMED BY ONE NATION FOR THE NEEDY
OF OTHER NATIONS. I'M DELIGHTED TO WELCOME

HERE TODAY IKE'S SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE,
EZRA TAFT BENSON, WHO WAS PRESENT WHEN THE
FOOD FOR PEACE BILL WAS SIGNED.

FOOD FOR PEACE IS STILL THE LARGEST
FOOD AID PROGRAM IN THE WORLD. OVER THE
PAST 30 YEARS, IT HAS DELIVERED ALMOST
653 BILLION POUNDS OF FOOD TO PEOPLE IN OVER
100 COUNTRIES. IT HAS HELPED BRING HOPE --
AND NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY -- TO MORE THAN
1.8 BILLION PEOPLE. STATISTICS ARE, BY
THEIR NATURE, DRY. BUT BEAR WITH ME FOR A
MOMENT AS I GIVE YOU JUST A FEW MORE.

FOOD FOR PEACE HAS DELIVERED
27 THOUSAND TONS OF FOOD A DAY TO RECIPIENT
COUNTRIES FOR THREE DECADES NOW. AND THE
VALUE OF THOSE U.S. FARM PRODUCTS EXCEEDS
\$33 BILLION -- MORE THAN \$3 MILLION A DAY
OVER THE HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM. ALL OF
THOSE NUMBERS GIVE US A SENSE OF THE SCOPE
AND MAGNITUDE OF THIS PROGRAM. BUT ITS
GREAT CONTRIBUTION IS THAT IT IS AN
INSTRUMENT OF AMERICAN COMPASSION. AND IT
ALSO REFLECTS AMERICAN PRACTICALITY.

WE RECOGNIZED 30 YEARS AGO THAT PEOPLE WHO
ARE HUNGRY ARE WEAK ALLIES FOR FREEDOM.

AND WE RECOGNIZED, TOO, THAT EXCEPT IN
EMERGENCIES, HANDOUTS DON'T HELP. FROM THE
BEGINNING, RECIPIENT COUNTRIES PAID FOR A
SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE FOOD THEY RECEIVED.

THE BUSINESSLIKE APPROACH IS ONE OF THE
STRENGTHS OF THE PROGRAM. WE HAVE NEVER
ATTEMPTED TO MAKE COUNTRIES WHO RECEIVE OUR
FOOD BECOME DEPENDENT ON OUR AID. IN FACT,
WE HAVE USED OUR AID TO FOSTER ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD. THAT IS AN
IMPORTANT REASON WHY, (OVER THE YEARS) MANY
OF THE NATIONS THAT HAVE RECEIVED OUR AID
HAVE EVENTUALLY BECOME MAJOR COMMERCIAL
CUSTOMERS.

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF FOOD FOR PEACE,
THE MAJOR RECIPIENT NATIONS WERE THE
WAR-DEVASTATED ECONOMIES OF EUROPE: ITALY
AND SPAIN, WEST GERMANY AND JAPAN. WITH
TIME -- (AND WITH THE HELP OF FOOD FOR
PEACE) -- THOSE ECONOMIES REGAINED THEIR
STRENGTH. THEY BEGAN TO PAY CASH FOR
AMERICAN FARM COMMODITIES. MANY OF THESE
COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME OUR TOP COMMERCIAL
CUSTOMERS. EIGHT OF OUR TOP TEN
AGRICULTURAL MARKETS ARE FORMER RECIPIENTS
OF FOOD FOR PEACE AID. AND JAPAN IS NOW OUR
NUMBER ONE AGRICULTURAL MARKET ON A CASH
BASIS. THIS HAS NOT ONLY BEEN GOOD FOR THE
AMERICAN FARMER AND THE AMERICAN ECONOMY,
IT'S BEEN GOOD FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS.

FOOD FOR PEACE HAS BEEN VERY IMPORTANT
IN SPREADING GOOD WILL AND GENEROSITY
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WHEN DROUGHTS AND
FLOODING FROM THE EL NINO WEATHER
DISTURBANCES DESTROYED FOOD CROPS IN PERU/
BOLIVIA/AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
LAST YEAR/ FOOD FOR PEACE TOOK THE LEAD IN
PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF. DURING THE
1966 FAMINE IN INDIA, ROUGHLY 60 MILLION
PEOPLE ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED
FOR 2 YEARS BY FOOD FOR PEACE SHIPMENTS.

TODAY, WE FACE A SEVERE AND WIDESPREAD
FAMINE IN AFRICA WHICH IS THREATENING THE
LIVES OF MILLIONS. AND ONCE AGAIN, FOOD FOR
PEACE IS SAVING LIVES. WE HAVE ALREADY
AGREED TO PROVIDE OVER \$400 MILLION FOR
~~EMERGENCY~~ FOOD ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA IN THIS
YEAR ALONE.

AND I WANT TO ANNOUNCE TODAY A MAJOR INITIATIVE TO HELP THE STARVING PEOPLE OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD. IT IS A NEW PROGRAM TO HELP US DELIVER FOOD MORE QUICKLY AND SMOOTHLY TO THOSE WHO SUFFER MOST FROM THE RAVAGES OF FAMINE. I WILL SHORTLY PROPOSE LEGISLATION TO CREATE A \$50 MILLION PRESIDENTIAL FUND, ALLOWING US TO SET ASIDE EXISTING FOREIGN AID RESOURCES TO MEET EMERGENCY FOOD AID NEEDS. BY PREPOSITIONING FOOD STOCKS OVERSEAS WHERE THE REQUIREMENTS ARE THE GREATEST, WE CAN RESPOND TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS MORE RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY. I WILL ALSO PROPOSE AUTHORITY TO ALLOW THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON THE MOST NEEDY COUNTRIES. ALL THIS IS AIMED AT REDUCING THE LOSS OF LIFE TO ACUTE HUNGER IN THE THIRD WORLD.

FOOD FOR PEACE HAS COME TO EMBODY THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN VOLUNTARISM. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DEVELOPED A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO HELP FEED MALNOURISHED INFANTS AND CHILDREN TO HELP MOTHERS, AND THE AGED, AND THE DISABLED. THIS COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH PRIVATE AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDES SUCH AGENCIES AS CARE AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, AND MANY OTHER GROUPS HELP, TOO.

IN SHORT, THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM HAS BECOME A WONDERFUL MEANS BY WHICH A NATION OF ABUNDANCE HAS HELPED THOSE IN NEED. IT HAS HELPED US EXPAND AGRICULTURAL MARKETS, GET NEEDY ALLIES BACK ON THEIR FEET, AND HELP POTENTIAL ALLIES BECOME STRONG ALLIES FOR FREEDOM. FOOD FOR PEACE HAS HELPED TO COORDINATE THE CHARITABLE IMPULSES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR, IT HAS HELPED FEED THE WEAKEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

THIS RECORD OF PROGRESS IS THE RESULT
OF WHAT HAPPENED 30 YEARS AGO TODAY WHEN
DWIGHT EISENHOWER PICKED UP A PEN AND SIGNED
A PIECE OF PAPER THAT QUIETLY, AND WITH NO
GREAT ATTENTION FROM THE WISE, CHANGED THE
WORLD.

I THINK DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER WOULD BE
VERY PROUD OF WHAT THE FOOD FOR PEACE
PROGRAM HAS ACCOMPLISHED. I CERTAINLY AM.
AND I AM PROUD TO BE ABLE TO MARK WITH YOU
ITS ANNIVERSARY TODAY.

MAY FOOD FOR PEACE CONTINUE ITS GREAT
WORK MAY IT CONTINUE TO BE ADMINISTERED
WISELY AND MAY WE CONTINUE TO COMBAT HUNGER
AND MALNUTRITION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

NOW I'LL SIGN THIS PROCLAMATION WHICH
DESIGNATES TODAY, JULY 10, 1984, AS FOOD FOR
PEACE DAY.

(ROHRBACHER)

JULY 10, 1984

VISIT CHESAPEAKE BAY FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT

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IT IS CERTAINLY A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE
WITH YOU. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE LADIES
AUXILIARY FOR THE FINE MEAL THEY PREPARED
FOR US TODAY.

THIS HAS BEEN A MOST INFORMATIVE VISIT.
I'VE APPRECIATED MEETING YOU AND HAVING THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT HOW YOU EARN YOUR
LIVELIHOOD AND ABOUT THIS UNIQUE AREA.

AND I'VE ENJOYED VERY MUCH BREAKING
BREAD WITH YOU IN THIS BUILDING.

THE THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS
ACROSS AMERICA SYMBOLIZE THE STRONG SENSE OF
COMMUNITY WHICH IS SUCH AN ADMIRABLE PART OF
OUR AMERICAN CHARACTER. BY GETTING INVOLVED
AND WORKING TOGETHER, WE AMERICANS HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN DO
WHATEVER HAS TO BE DONE. *

THIS SPIRIT OF COOPERATION IS CERTAINLY
MANIFESTING ITSELF IN THE EFFORTS TO SAVE
ONE OF THIS COUNTRY'S MOST PRECIOUS NATIONAL
TREASURES, THE CHESAPEAKE BAY. I KNOW

MAC MATHIAS, JOHN WARNER, MARJORIE HOLT AND
HERB BATEMAN WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE WHITE
HOUSE, AND ALONG WITH ROY DYSON,

SUCCESSFULLY SECURED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT

FOR THE BAY. ON THE EXECUTIVE SIDE, BILL
RUCKELSHAUS OVER AT E.P.A. HAS MADE THIS A
PRIORITY PROJECT.

I ALSO WANT TO EXTEND A HEARTY WORD OF
CONGRATULATIONS TO GOVERNORS HUGHES, ROBB,
AND THORNBURGH FOR THEIR MAGNIFICENT

COOPERATION. HAVING BEEN A GOVERNOR MYSELF,

I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO DO THIS SORT
OF THING WITHOUT GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN

BUREAUCRATIC BACK-AND-FORTH. BUT WITH THEIR

LEADERSHIP, THESE THREE GOVERNORS HAVE PUT

THEIR STATES IN THE FOREFRONT OF A VERY

WORTHY AND PRODUCTIVE ENDEAVOR.

THIS SAME GOOD WILL CAN BE FOUND AMONG
ALL CONCERNED, WHETHER IN FEDERAL, STATE, OR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

SAVING THE BAY HAS UNITED A COALITION OF
DIVERSE INTERESTS AND ACTIVATED A BROAD
RANGE OF INDIVIDUALS. I KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE,
THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION HAS OVER
1,300 VOLUNTEER "BAYWATCHERS" IN THE REGION.

THERE'S ALSO BEEN MUCH DONE BY GROUPS LIKE
DUCKS UNLIMITED AND THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE
FEDERATION.

ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER CAN SAVE THE
BAY. AND I'M HERE TO REAFFIRM TO YOU THAT
THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE INTEND TO DO.

H.L. MENCKEN, THAT SPIRITED
NEWSPAPERMAN FROM BALTIMORE, ONCE LABELED
THE BAY A GREAT BIG PROTEIN FACTORY.
MENCKEN IS KNOWN TO HAVE ENJOYED OYSTERS ON
THE HALF SHELL AND STEAMED CRABS.

THERE ARE TALES ABOUT THE INVIGORATING
POWERS OF THE OYSTER, KNOWN EVEN BACK AS FAR
AS THE DAYS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON. NOT THAT
HE TOLD ME, MIND YOU. MANY OF YOU MAY BE
RELATED TO THE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDED MENCKEN
WITH THOSE SHELLFISH. THIS IS MORE THAN
INCOME FOR YOU, IT'S A WAY OF LIFE.
AND BELIEVE ME, WE AREN'T GOING TO LET
ANYTHING DESTROY IT.

CLEARLY, THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW.
THE OYSTER CROP AND CRAB HARVEST ARE DOWN.
OTHER STATISTICS - (LIKE THOSE CONCERNING
THE DECLINE OF THE STRIPED BASS) -- ARE ALSO
CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

THIS IS NOT A QUESTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
CONCERNS VERSUS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
WE CAN AND WILL PRESERVE THE BAY WITHOUT
HURTING THE ECONOMY OR STOPPING GROWTH.
IN FACT, MUCH OF THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF
THIS REGION DEPENDS ON CONSERVING THE BAY
AND ITS MANY RESOURCES.

I MADE A COMMITMENT TO DO THIS IN MY STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, AND THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR ARE FULLY BEHIND OUR EFFORT. I CAN PROMISE YOU TODAY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO COOPERATE WITH ALL CONCERNED IN A BALANCED AND EFFECTIVE PROGRAM TO PROTECT THE BAY. CONSERVATION LIKE THIS IS NOT PARTISAN POLITICS, IT'S COMMON SENSE.

OF COURSE, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MORE THAN A BAY. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A BODY OF WATER THAT NURTURED THOSE HEARTY SOULS IN THE FIRST PERMANENT ENGLISH SETTLEMENT, IN JAMESTOWN. WE ARE SPEAKING OF A BODY OF WATER THAT SERVED AS THE VEHICLE FOR COMMERCE FOR THE MIDDLE COLONIES, ENABLING OUR YOUNG COUNTRY TO GROW AND PROSPER. THIS BODY OF WATER MEANS A LIVELIHOOD TO MANY OF YOU AND IS A SOURCE OF RECREATION AND ENJOYMENT FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS.

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IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS ON TO
OUR CHILDREN AN AMERICA AS FREE AND STRONG
AS WHAT WAS PASSED TO US, AND ALSO TO PASS
ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION AN AMERICA AS
BEAUTIFUL AND PRODUCTIVE AS THE ONE WE WERE
HANDED. WE MEAN TO DO JUST THAT, AND WITH
YOUR STRONG SUPPORT, I KNOW WE WILL.

THANK YOU. I'VE ENJOYED THIS CHANCE TO
GET TO KNOW YOU. GOD BLESS YOU.

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Pauze

(NOONAN)

JULY 11, 1984

DROPBY BRIEFING FOR CITIZENS FOR AMERICA

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THANK YOU, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN --

THANK YOU, MY FRIENDS. IT'S GREAT TO BE
WITH THE GOOD GUYS. AND IT'S A SPECIAL
PLEASURE TO SEE MY FRIENDS LEW LEHRMAN, AND
JACK HUME, MARC HOLTZMAN, AND CAROL HALLETT.

NOW, MY REMARKS WILL BE BRIEF BECAUSE
I'M EAGER TO MEET ALL OF YOU PERSONALLY.

JUST OVER A YEAR AGO, LEW LEHRMAN AND
JACK HUME CAME OVER TO THE OVAL OFFICE, AND
TALKED ABOUT CREATING A NEW ORGANIZATION
THAT WOULD GET THE WORD OUT ON WHAT
CONSERVATIVES STAND FOR -- WHAT OUR AGENDA
IS / WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR COUNTRY / AND WHY WE
WANT IT. THEY FELT THAT THIS WOULD SERVE AS
AN IMPORTANT ADJUNCT TO OUR EFFORTS IN THE
CONGRESS -- AND IT ALSO MIGHT SERVE AS AN
ANTIDOTE TO THE EFFORTS OF OUR FRIENDS IN
THE MEDIA, WHO ARE, (I SOMETIMES THINK IN MY
RASHER MOMENTS,) A LITTLE LESS THAN
SYMPATHETIC TO OUR POINT OF VIEW.

WELL, IT'S JUST OVER A YEAR SINCE THAT CONVERSATION. BUT ALREADY THE GROUP THAT CAME OUT OF THEIR EFFORT -- (CITIZENS FOR AMERICA) -- HAS MADE AN EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION. YOU ARE GETTING THE WORD OUT. ALREADY YOU'VE ORGANIZED IN 230 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN 32 STATES. YOU HAVE MORE THAN 4,000 ACTIVE MEMBERS WORKING IN THE TRENCHES. YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND I'M VERY APPRECIATIVE AND IMPRESSED. YOUR HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT ARE UNSURPASSED.

YOU KNOW, I COULDN'T RESIST ASKING LEW SOMETHING SINCE HE'S MADE SUCH A TREMENDOUS EFFORT. FLYING ACROSS THE COUNTRY HELPING C.F.A. GROW BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS. LEW, IF C.F.A. IS GROWING THAT FAST AREN'T YOU AFRAID YOUR ORGANIZATION MIGHT OVERHEAT? SHOULDN'T YOU PUT THE BRAKES ON NOW, SO YOU WON'T BE DESTROYED BY ALL THAT GROWTH?

AS YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD, I'VE BEEN
GETTING JUST THAT KIND OF ADVICE FROM SOME
SO-CALLED EXPERTS ON THE ECONOMY. I THOUGHT
I'D PASS IT ON TO YOU, KNOWING YOU MIGHT DO
WITH IT JUST WHAT I HAVE.

I LOOK AT THE LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT IN
AMERICA TODAY AND HAVE TO THINK THEY'RE NOT
ONLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE MAINSTREAM,
THEY'VE ALSO ABANDONED THEIR OWN
CONSTITUENCY. ALL THEY SEEM TO STAND FOR
NOW ARE NARROW APPEALS TO INTEREST GROUPS
THE GIMMES AND GETMES OF THE POLITICAL
SCENE. SO MUCH FOR A SENSE OF NATIONAL
UNITY. SO MUCH FOR "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR
COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU," SO MUCH FOR THE
GENERAL INTEREST IN THE POWER OF UNIFYING
IDEAS.

MODERATE, MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD DEMOCRATS
ARE REFUSING TO GO ALONG. YOU MIGHT CALL
THEM "HOMELESS BY CHOICE."

WHERE DOES THIS LEAVE ADVOCATES FOR
CONSERVATIVE IDEAS? WITH AN HISTORIC
OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT AND REALIGN
AMERICA'S THINKING. IF WE MANAGE TO DO
THIS, WE WILL CREATE AN HISTORIC POLICY
SHIFT IN THIS COUNTRY AND IT WILL LIKELY
ENDURE FOR A LONG, LONG WHILE.

WE'VE GOT TO GET THE WORD OUT IN THE
UNION HALLS AND THE FIRE STATIONS ON THE
STREET CORNERS AND AT THE V.F.W. HALLS ON
THE OP ED PAGE OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT THERE ON RADIO AND
TELEVISION AND GET THE WORD OUT.

TELL THEM WHAT WE STAND FOR. TELL THEM
WE KNOW - (AS THEY DO) - THAT THE GREAT
CONTENTION BETWEEN THE FREE WORLD AND THE
TOTALITARIANS IS THE PREEMINENT STRUGGLE OF
OUR TIME. FOR TOO LONG, THE ENEMIES OF OUR
WAY OF LIFE HAVE BEEN PERMITTED, (ALMOST BY
DEFAULT) TO DOMINATE THE STRUGGLE OF IDEAS.
NEVER AGAIN.

NEVER AGAIN MUST THE MILLIONS OF PERSECUTED SOULS WHO YEARN FOR FREEDOM BE WITHOUT CHAMPIONS FOR THEIR CAUSE IN THE HIGHEST COUNSELS OF THIS GREAT NATION.

EXPLAIN AGAIN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DISCOURAGE AGGRESSION AND ASSURE THE PEACE BY STAYING STRONG / AND BY STAYING FREE.

EXPLAIN THAT WE BELIEVE IN SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND THE WAY TO ACHIEVE IT IS THROUGH FREE ENTERPRISE.

EXPLAIN AGAIN, KEEP DRIVING IT HOME, THAT THE FREE MARKET IS THE PATH TO PRODUCTION / EXPANSION / WEALTH / -- A BIGGER PIE AND A BIGGER PIECE FOR EVERYONE.

GET OUT THE MESSAGE ON CRIME — THAT OF COURSE DEFENDANTS HAVE RIGHTS, BUT SO, DEAR LORD, DO VICTIMS.] AND MAYBE IT'S TIME THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTRY WERE ONCE AGAIN ALLOWED TO TAKE A WALK IN A PARK AFTER 8 P.M.

GET IT ACROSS AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT
WE'RE NOT AFRAID TO DEFEND THE MORAL AND
SPIRITUAL VALUES THAT FORMED THE CHARACTER
OF THIS GREAT AND GOOD NATION. THAT YES,
WE'RE FOR PRAYER AND AGAINST ABORTION, AND
WE'RE NOT ASHAMED, AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHY.

WE'VE GOT TO GET THE AGENDA ACROSS
AGAIN AND AGAIN — FROM ENTERPRISE ZONES, TO
A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO A MORE
SIMPLE AND FAIR TAX SYSTEM WITH NEW
INCENTIVES FOR GROWTH TO PRAYER IN THE
SCHOOLS. WE'VE GOT TO GET THE WORD OUT THAT
CONSERVATIVE IDEAS ARE THE IDEAS OF THE
FUTURE.

WE MUST BE LEARNED. WE MUST KNOW OUR
FACTS. AND THE STANCE WE MUST BRING TO OUR
WORK IS NOT ANGER BUT PATIENCE AND
CONCILIATION AND ENDLESS REASON. WE MUST
MAKE IT CLEAR, IN ALL WE DO, THAT WE ARE
MOTIVATED BY LOVE OF COUNTRY AND ANIMATED BY
A RESOLVE TO PROTECT IT.

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ALL OF US HERE -- (JUST A FEW HUNDRED
PEOPLE IN A ROOM) -- CAN CHANGE OUR COUNTRY

FOREVER. IT'S WONDERFUL TO HAVE THE CHANCE
WE HAVE, WONDERFUL TO SERVE AS A PATRIOT IN
DEMANDING TIMES. WE'RE VERY LUCKY.

NO, WE'RE MORE THAN LUCKY. WE'RE BLESSED.

AND WE CAN WIN. I BELIEVE DEEPLY THAT
HISTORY IS ON OUR SIDE, THAT THE MOMENTUM IS
WITH US, THAT WE CAN TRUST THE PEOPLE OF OUR
COUNTRY TO LISTEN AND MAKE THE RIGHT
CHOICES.

A FINAL THING: THE LIBERALS ALWAYS
STEAL THE GOOD POEMS. I MEAN TO STEAL ONE
BACK. IT'S TENNYSON, AND IT SUMS UP
EVERYTHING I FEEL AS I STAND BEFORE YOU.

"COME, MY FRIENDS, 'TIS NOT TOO LATE TO SEEK
A NEWER WORLD."

THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU. AND MAY GOD
BLESS YOU WITH HAPPINESS, ENDLESS REASON --
AND ENDLESS ENERGY!

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PRESENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REPORT
THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND

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ALAN HILL, WILLIAM MILLS,
JACQUELINE SCHAFER, AND FRIENDS OF AMERICA'S
NATURAL HERITAGE, THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME
HERE TODAY. IT IS MOST FITTING THAT ~~WE ARE~~
~~HERE TOGETHER TODAY, TO~~ SIGN THE 14TH ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ON THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND.

THIS 88-ACRE PRESERVE IS A LIVING
MEMORIAL TO A UNIQUE LEADER OF OUR NATION —
A MAN WITH GREAT PERSONAL STRENGTHS OF
VISION, ENERGY, AND CONVICTION —
WHO RALLIED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO THE
PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF ITS NATURAL
RESOURCES.

WHEN TEDDY ROOSEVELT BECAME PRESIDENT,
OUR LAND, FORESTS, AND WILDLIFE HAD BEEN
EXPLOITED FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS.

SOME FOUR-FIFTHS OF OUR PRIME FORESTS HAD
BEEN LEVELLED. UNTOLD ACRES OF RICH FARMLAND
HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY AND LOST IN RIVER
MUDFLATS. WILDERNESS AREAS WERE
UNPROTECTED. WILDLIFE HAD BEEN DESTROYED IN
APPALLING NUMBERS AND SOME NATIVE WILDLIFE
SPECIES HAD BEEN TOTALLY DESTROYED.

BUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THESE LOST
RESOURCES HAD NOT YET DAWNED ON THE PUBLIC
CONSCIENCE. WELL, PRESIDENT TEDDY ROOSEVELT
FIRED THE IMAGINATION OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE; HE SHOOK OUR NATION FROM ITS
LETHARGY, AND BEGAN TO RESCUE THE PUBLIC
DOMAIN.

THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE WAS CREATED.
MORE THAN 234 MILLION ACRES OF LAND WERE
RESERVED FOR CONSERVATION. FIFTY-FIVE BIRD
AND GAME REFUGES AND FIVE NATIONAL PARKS
WERE ESTABLISHED. THE INLAND WATERWAYS
COMMISSION WAS CREATED TO REDEEM WATERPOWER
FOR PUBLIC USE.

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THE ANTIQUITIES ACT AUTHORIZED PRESERVATION
OF CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL LANDMARKS FOR THE
BENEFIT OF FUTURE GENERATIONS.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT REACHED THE
AMERICAN CONSCIENCE, AND CONSERVATION AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BECAME AN
INSEPARABLE PART OF THE AMERICAN CREED.

HE TOLD US, "THE NATION BEHAVES WELL IF IT
TREATS THE NATURAL RESOURCES AS ASSETS WHICH
IT MUST TURN OVER TO THE NEXT GENERATION
INCREASED, AND NOT IMPAIRED, IN VALUE."

THOSE WORDS MUST REMAIN AN INSPIRATION
TO ALL OF US: AN OBLIGATION TO EVERYONE
CHARGED WITH THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR NATURAL
RESOURCES. THE CHALLENGES WE FACE TODAY ARE
BOTH NUMEROUS AND COMPLEX. AS YOU KNOW,
DURING THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES,
MANY BENEFICIAL ADVANCES IN SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
PRODUCED NEW AND UNWELCOME THREATS TO OUR
ENVIRONMENT AND OUR QUALITY OF LIFE.

AND, ONCE AGAIN, AMERICA'S CONSCIENCE WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED.

A NEW AND VIGOROUS ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT BURST FORTH ACROSS OUR COUNTRY. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE JOINED TOGETHER IN A GREAT NATIONAL EFFORT TO PROTECT THE PROMISE OF OUR FUTURE BY CONSERVING THE RICH BEAUTY AND BOUNTY OF OUR HERITAGE. AS A RESULT, OUR AIR AND WATER QUALITY IS FAR BETTER TODAY THAN IT HAS BEEN IN MANY YEARS; AND WE HAVE RECLAIMED RIVERS AND WILDERNESS AREAS THAT WERE GRAVELY THREATENED.

WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF THE ADVANCES MADE DURING THIS REBIRTH OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT. AS THE 14TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MAKES CLEAR, WE ARE MAKING SOLID PROGRESS PROTECTING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF AMERICA'S AIR, LAND, AND WATER RESOURCES.

Some are ignoring this record of progress - Spited fact... gone on at a increased rate

Just -- past few years.

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BY ALMOST ANY MEASURE THE AIR IS CLEANER NOW THAN IT WAS WHEN THE CLEAN AIR ACT WAS PASSED 14 YEARS AGO — AND WE ACHIEVED THIS SUCCESS DESPITE A 60-PERCENT INCREASE IN COAL-FIRED ELECTRIC GENERATING CAPACITY AND A 40-PERCENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MILES TRAVELED BY CARS AND TRUCKS.

WE'VE ALSO SEEN IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF SURFACE WATER ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED BY WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS HAS NEARLY DOUBLED SINCE 1970. AND SALMON, TROUT, AND OTHER SPECIES OF FISH ARE RETURNING TO RIVERS WHERE THEY HADN'T BEEN SEEN FOR GENERATIONS.

JUST DOWN THE RIVER FROM HERE — AROUND HAINES POINT — THERE USED TO BE SIGNS THAT WARNED POTENTIAL SWIMMERS AND BOATERS OF THE DANGERS OF THE POLLUTED WATERS OF THE POTOMAC.

TODAY, POLLUTION WARNING SIGNS ARE
GONE AND THE FISH HAVE RETURNED.
THIS GRAND OLD RIVER IS MAKING A
LONG-OVERDUE COMEBACK.

BUT WE HAVE MUCH WORK YET TO DO.
EVEN AS MANY ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS HAVE
BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL, NEW ONES HAVE
BEEN DETECTED. AND ALL THE WHILE,
THE GROWTH AND SHIFTS OF POPULATION,
ECONOMIC EXPANSION, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NEW INDUSTRIES WILL INTENSIFY THE COMPETING
DEMANDS ON OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

IF WE HAVE LEARNED ANY LESSONS DURING
THE PAST FEW DECADES, PERHAPS THE MOST
IMPORTANT IS THAT PRESERVATION OF OUR
ENVIRONMENT IS NOT A PARTISAN CHALLENGE —
IT'S COMMON SENSE. OUR PHYSICAL HEALTH,
OUR SOCIAL HAPPINESS, AND OUR ECONOMIC
WELL-BEING WILL BE SUSTAINED ONLY BY ALL OF
US WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP AS THOUGHTFUL AND
EFFECTIVE STEWARDS OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES.

WE MUST AND WILL BE SENSITIVE TO THE
DELICATE BALANCE OF OUR ECOSYSTEMS,
THE PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES,
AND THE PROTECTION OF OUR WILDERNESS LANDS,
WE MUST AND WILL BE AWARE OF THE NEED FOR
CONSERVATION/ CONSCIOUS OF THE IRREVERSIBLE
HARM WE CAN DO TO OUR NATURAL HERITAGE/
AND DETERMINED TO AVOID THE WASTE OF OUR
RESOURCES/AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE
ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS ON WHICH THESE PRECIOUS
RESOURCES ARE BASED. WE MUST AND WILL BE
RESPONSIBLE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS.

BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, LET US REMEMBER
THAT QUALITY OF LIFE MEANS MORE THAN
PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION. AS TEDDY
ROOSEVELT PUT IT, "CONSERVATION MEANS
DEVELOPMENT AS MUCH AS IT DOES PROTECTION."

QUALITY OF LIFE ALSO MEANS A GOOD JOB,
A DECENT PLACE TO LIVE, ACCOMMODATION FOR A
GROWING POPULATION, AND THE CONTINUED
ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
ESSENTIAL TO OUR STANDARD OF LIVING, WHICH IS
THE ENVY OF THE WHOLE WORLD.

WE CAN BEST SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND GENERATIONS YET TO
COME, BY SEEKING TO HARMONIZE COMPETING
INTERESTS AND TO RECONCILE LEGITIMATE SOCIAL
GOALS. AND IN DOING THESE THINGS, WE WILL
BE A TRUSTED FRIEND TO BOTH THE ENVIRONMENT
AND THE PEOPLE.

AND NOW, I WILL MOVE OVER TO THE TABLE
AND SIGN THE 14TH ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL
REPORT. BUT BEFORE I DO, I WANT TO THANK
ALAN HILL, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND ALL THE OTHER
PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN PREPARING THIS
THOUGHTFUL REPORT.

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YOUR GOOD EFFORTS / TOGETHER WITH A NATIONAL
SPIRIT OF COOPERATION / WILL HELP US MOVE
FORWARD TOWARD THE GOALS WE ALL WANT ;
THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICA'S NATURAL
BEAUTY / THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF
HER NATURAL RESOURCES / AND A FUTURE THAT IS
ECONOMICALLY PROSPEROUS / ENVIRONMENTALLY
SAFE / AND SCENICALLY BEAUTIFUL.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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