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(ROBINSON)

MAY 29, 1984 215055 SC

The President has seen SP 867

MEETING WITH REAGAN-BUSH SUPPORTERS  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'VE JUST TOURED  
OUR SUPERB OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER, TOMORROW  
I'LL BE SPEAKING AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY  
GRADUATION, AND TO HAVE YOUR RECEPTION THIS  
AFTERNOON -- WELL, IT ALL ADDS UP TO A ROCKY  
MOUNTAIN HIGH. THANKS TO HOLLY COORS FOR  
DOING SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB OF PUTTING ALL  
THIS TOGETHER. GREETINGS TO SENATOR  
PAUL LAXALT; NATIONAL CO-CHAIR,  
MARGARET HANCE; REAGAN-BUSH CAMPAIGN  
DIRECTOR, ED ROLLINS; AND REGIONAL CAMPAIGN  
DIRECTOR, MIKE (MA-SAHN). AND WARMEST  
THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE THAT UNITES US. WITH  
YOUR HELP, WE'RE MAKING HISTORY.

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NOW, IT'S NO SECRET THAT THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR, AND WE'VE ALREADY BEGUN TO HEAR TALK ABOUT VARIOUS POLITICAL STRATEGIES -- THE NORTHERN STRATEGY, THE WESTERN STRATEGY, THE SUNBELT STRATEGY, MY FAVORITE IS THE ROSE GARDEN STRATEGY -- A SURE WINNER IF ALL YOU WANT IS THE HORTICULTURE VOTE.

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BUT I WANT YOU ALL TO KNOW THAT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON MY STRATEGY. WE'LL STAND ON THE RECORD.

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THINK BACK JUST 3 YEARS AGO. BIG TAXING AND SPENDING HAD LED TO SOARING INTEREST RATES AND INFLATION. OUR DEFENSES HAD GROWN WEAK. ALL OVER THE WORLD, AMERICA'S REPUTATION WAS NO LONGER ONE OF STRENGTH AND RESOLVE, BUT OF VACILLATION AND SELF-DOUBT. MANY IN WASHINGTON SEEMED TO FORGET THAT THE BEDROCK VALUES OF FAITH, FREEDOM, AND FAMILY WERE WHAT MADE US A GREAT AND GOOD PEOPLE.

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IT SEEMED FOR A SEASON AS THOUGH ANY SENSE OF JUSTICE, SELF-DISCIPLINE, AND DUTY WAS EBBING OUT OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE, AND THAT OUR NATION WAS IN AN INEVITABLE DECLINE.

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BUT ON THIS EARTH THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS "INEVITABLE," AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO PUT A STOP TO THAT DECLINE -- TIME TO GIVE OUR COUNTRY A REBIRTH OF FREEDOM AND FAITH, TIME FOR A GREAT NATIONAL RENEWAL. WE REPUBLICANS TOOK OFFICE DETERMINED TO MAKE A NEW BEGINNING.

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WE CHOPPED THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND PRUNED NEEDLESS REGULATIONS. WE ENACTED AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD TAX CUT, ENABLING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO KEEP A GREATER SHARE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND PASSED TAX INDEXING, AN HISTORIC REFORM THAT MEANS GOVERNMENT CAN NEVER AGAIN PROFIT FROM INFLATION AT THE PEOPLE'S EXPENSE.

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TODAY, FROM NEW YORK HARBOR TO THE COLORADO ROCKIES, TO THE CALIFORNIA COAST, WE'RE WITNESSING A SURGING ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

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INFLATION IS DOWN TO ABOUT A THIRD OF WHAT IT WAS WHEN WE TOOK OFFICE. THE PRIME RATE HAS FALLEN 9 PERCENTAGE POINTS. RETAIL SALES AND FACTORY ORDERS ARE UP. THE BEST NEWS OF ALL: SINCE THE EXPANSION BEGAN, 5.4 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE FOUND JOBS, AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS SHOWN THE STEEPEST DROP IN 30 YEARS. TODAY, MORE AMERICANS HAVE JOBS THAN AT ANY OTHER TIME IN OUR HISTORY -- YOU CAN TELL IT'S WORKING, BECAUSE THEY DON'T CALL IT REAGANOMICS ANYMORE.

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JUST AS WE'VE MOVED AHEAD ON THE ECONOMY, OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN VIGOROUS ACTION AGAINST WASTE AND FRAUD IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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WE'VE TAKEN AIM AT CRIME; INCREASING  
DRUG-RELATED ARRESTS, MORE THAN DOUBLING  
ORGANIZED CRIME CONVICTIONS, AND SETTING UP  
DRUG TASK FORCES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND  
WE'VE MOVED EDUCATION TO THE VERY TOP OF THE  
NATIONAL AGENDA. WHEN WE TOOK OFFICE, ONLY  
A HANDFUL OF STATES HAD TASK FORCES ON  
EDUCATION. TODAY THAT NUMBER IS 50.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE'VE BEGUN  
REBUILDING OUR DEFENSES AND GIVEN OUR  
FOREIGN POLICY A NEW SENSE OF DIRECTION. IN  
GRENADA, WE SET A NATION FREE. IN EUROPE,  
WE AND OUR NATO ALLIES WENT THROUGH MONTHS  
OF SOVIET BLUFF AND BLUSTER, AND CAME OUT OF  
IT MORE FIRMLY UNITED THAN EVER.

IN THE PACIFIC, A TRIP TO KOREA AND  
JAPAN STRENGTHENED OUR TIES WITH OUR ASIAN  
ALLIES. AND OUR RECENT VISIT TO CHINA  
DEEPENED THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO  
NATIONS.

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IN CENTRAL AMERICA, OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS  
FIRMLY SUPPORTED THE FORCES OF DEMOCRACY AND  
ECONOMIC PROGRESS. THREE OUT OF FOUR  
DOLLARS OF AMERICAN AID TO THE REGION HAVE  
BEEN NOT MILITARY, BUT ECONOMIC. AND AS I  
SAID EARLIER THIS MONTH ON T.V., THE UNITED  
STATES MUST NOT ALLOW THE FREE GOVERNMENTS  
OF THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT REGION TO BE  
OVERRUN BY SOVIET- AND CUBAN-BACKED  
GUERRILLAS.

BUT WE MUST GIVE THE PEOPLE MORE THAN  
OUR RECORD; WE MUST GIVE THEM OUR VISION.  
WE REPUBLICANS SEE AN AMERICA FOREVER FREE  
FROM THE EVILS OF INFLATION. TO MAKE THAT  
DREAM A REALITY, WE WILL ENACT STRUCTURAL  
REFORMS LIKE THE LINE-ITEM VETO AND THE  
BALANCED-BUDGET AMENDMENT. WE SEE AN  
AMERICA WITH A FAIR AND SIMPLE TAX CODE THAT  
PROVIDES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH NEW  
INCENTIVES TO WORK AND INVEST.

TO BRING THAT ABOUT, WE'LL DESIGN A MAJOR TAX REFORM -- NOT TINKERING HERE AND THERE, BUT A SWEEPING AND COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF THE ENTIRE TAX CODE.

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THE REPUBLICAN MESSAGE IS SIMPLE: OUR COUNTRY'S BEST DAYS ARE STILL TO COME, AND WITH FAITH, FREEDOM, AND COURAGE, THERE'S NO LIMIT TO WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN

ACCOMPLISH. REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

THROUGHOUT COLORADO -- INCLUDING YOUR OUTSTANDING SENATOR BILL ARMSTRONG, AND YOUR EXCELLENT CONGRESSMEN, HANK BROWN,

DAN SCHAEFER, AND KEN KRAMER ARE ALL FACING TOUGH CAMPAIGNS. EACH OF US NEEDS YOUR

SUPPORT. I KNOW THAT HERE IN COLORADO, THE REAGAN-BUSH CAMPAIGN AND YOUR STATE PARTY -- SUPERBLY HEADED BY BO CALLOWAY -- WILL DO THEIR UTMOST.

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I JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT IF WE DO  
EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO CARRY OUR MESSAGE  
TO THE VOTERS, THEN NOVEMBER 6TH, THEY'LL  
RESPOND BY KEEPING REPUBLICANS WHERE WE  
BELONG -- ON THE JOB.

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THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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(ROHRABACHER)

MAY 29, 1984  
The President has seen \_\_\_\_\_

VISIT OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

215-4835  
SP886

IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE WITH YOU  
TODAY. THIS IS A TRAINING FACILITY OF WHICH  
WE CAN ALL BE PROUD. LET ME ADD, IT IS  
BEING USED BY SOME OF THE FINEST ATHLETES IN  
THE WORLD AND WE'RE MIGHTY PROUD OF THEM,  
TOO. BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THE RIDING RING?

WE HAD THE U.S.C. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
TEAM AT THE WHITE HOUSE NOT LONG AGO AND I  
SEE A FEW FAMILIAR FACES HERE.

I'M PLANNING TO BE AT THE JULY 28TH  
OPENING CEREMONIES, SO I'LL SEE YOU THERE  
ALONG WITH MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS FROM AROUND  
THE WORLD. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT NOT ALL  
NATIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE GAMES.  
I HOPE YOU REALIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THE  
SUCCESS OF THE OLYMPICS, AND YOUR PERSONAL  
SUCCESS IN THE GAMES, IN NO WAY DEPEND ON  
POLITICAL MACHINATIONS OF POWERBROKERS IN  
LESS-THAN-FREE COUNTRIES.

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THE GAMES ARE MOVING FORWARD AND THEY WILL  
BE SUCCESSFUL.

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CLOSER TO HOME, THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT IS  
ALIVE AND WELL IN THE UNITED STATES.  
PART OF THE REASON IS BECAUSE OF THE  
EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP GIVEN TO THE U.S.O.C.  
BY YOUR PRESIDENT, BILL SIMON, AND BY YOUR  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OVER A DECADE,  
COLONEL DON MILLER.

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ONE OF THE MAJOR GOALS OF OUR  
ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN PROMOTING PRIVATE  
SECTOR INITIATIVES, GETTING PEOPLE INVOLVED  
INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO  
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. WELL, THIS OLYMPIC  
EFFORT IS PROBABLY THE GREATEST PRIVATE  
SECTOR INITIATIVE EVER UNDERTAKEN.

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SEVENTY THOUSAND ATHLETES HAVE TRAINED  
AT THIS FACILITY SINCE 1977. THE U.S.O.C.  
BUDGET HAS INCREASED FROM LESS THAN  
\$9 MILLION DURING DON MILLER'S FIRST YEAR TO  
NEARLY \$90 MILLION FOR THIS OLYMPIAD.

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I'M PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE  
JOB OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR ATHLETES,  
PERMITTING THEM TO TRAIN WHILE EARNING A  
LIVING. THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD JOB TO ME.

A HOST OF CORPORATIONS, SPONSORS, AND  
INDIVIDUALS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TIME, ENERGY,  
AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MAKE SURE THE GAMES  
AND OUR TEAM ARE THE BEST EVER.

THIS SPIRIT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN  
OUR EFFORTS BECAUSE OURS IS THE ONLY MAJOR  
NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OUT OF ALL  
158 WHICH RECEIVES NO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

WE PULLED OUT ALL THE STOPS. EVERY STATE OF  
OUR UNION HAS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION TO  
RAISE MONEY. THIRTY-SEVEN CORPORATIONS AND

MORE THAN A MILLION INDIVIDUALS ARE  
SUPPORTERS OF THE U.S. OLYMPICS -- THEY ARE  
ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. TEAM. THANKS TO  
THIS NATIONAL TEAM EFFORT, YOU WILL BE THE  
BEST PREPARED COMPETITORS IN HISTORY AND THE  
OLYMPICS WILL BE THE GREATEST EVER HELD.

THE LOS ANGELES OLYMPIC ORGANIZING  
COMMITTEE HAS ALSO DONE A TERRIFIC JOB.

THERE ARE MORE OLYMPIANS INVOLVED IN THESE  
GAMES THAN EVER BEFORE. THEIR "SPIRIT TEAM"  
HAS BEEN RELATING THEIR OLYMPIC EXPERIENCES  
TO GET OTHERS INVOLVED AND BUILD SUPPORT AND  
ENTHUSIASM FOR THE OLYMPICS. UNLIKE PAST  
OLYMPICS, WHICH NEVER EMPLOYED OLYMPIANS IN  
MANAGEMENT ROLES, THE L.A.O.O.C. HAS  
OLYMPIANS PARTICIPATING AT ALL LEVELS.

ONE ASPECT OF THE GAMES OF SPECIAL NOTE  
IS THE NEW COMPETITIVE EVENTS FOR WOMEN.  
THESE GAMES WILL DO MORE FOR WOMEN THAN HAS  
EVER BEEN DONE BEFORE IN THE OLYMPICS.  
THERE WILL BE 12 NEW WOMEN'S OLYMPIC EVENTS.

I REMEMBER THE YEARS WHEN I PLAYED  
SPORTS IN COLLEGE AND BEGAN MY CAREER AS A  
SPORTS BROADCASTER. WELL, EVEN BACK THEN,  
OUR OLYMPIC TEAM WAS A GREAT MORALE BUILDER  
FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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IT IS SOMETHING WHICH BRINGS ALL YOUR FELLOW  
CITIZENS TOGETHER. IT GIVES US ALL THE  
CHANCE TO WAVE THE FLAG TOGETHER. I'D END  
THIS BY SAYING GOOD LUCK, BUT I KNOW IT'S  
NOT LUCK THAT YOU'RE DEPENDING ON. IT'S  
YOUR SKILL AND ALL THE TRAINING YOU'VE DONE.

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU AND JUST REMEMBER:  
WE'RE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY. GOD BLESS YOU  
ALL.

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The President has seen \_\_\_\_\_

*Pronunciation of  
UROKINASE P. 6 ?*

(Myer/BE)  
May 24, 1984  
1:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: AIR FORCE ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1984

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SP888*

Secretary Orr, General Gabriel, General Scott, distinguished guests, officers, cadets and friends of the Air Force: It is an honor and a real pleasure to come to Colorado Springs. I just hope all Americans have the opportunity to visit Colorado and this breathtaking campus. Like me, they will feel a deep pride in you, the men and women of our Air Force Academy.

On the flight from Washington, I asked our Air Force pilot for a few tips on Academy tradition. Well, he talked about Cadet Nino Baldacci [the symbolic cadet who entered the Academy in 1959 and has not yet graduated] and then offered to demonstrate an immelman and a wingover [fighter aircraft aerial maneuvers]. My Air Force aide turned pale. He said, "Mr. President, it would be better if you just remember the Air Force Academy is 7,250 feet above sea level, and that's far above West Point and Annapolis."

The greatest privilege of my office has been to lead the people who defend our freedom and whose dedication, valor, and skill increase so much our chance to live in a world of peace. I believe that we've made great progress in our efforts to rebuild the morale and readiness of our Armed Forces. Once again, young Americans wear their uniforms and serve their flag with pride, and our military forces are back on their feet and standing tall.

And now, the Class of 1984 has its turn. After 4 years of hard work and dedication, you have earned the right to be

saluted. It will now be your responsibility to guard the flame of peace and freedom, and to keep that flame burning brightly.

Your jobs will never be easy. But I believe you are ready to meet the challenges before you and to turn them into opportunities for America. Your experience at this magnificent institution -- guided by honesty, integrity, and an abiding loyalty to our Nation -- will serve you well.

Dedicated instructors have increased your knowledge and understanding. You have been trained to deal in facts, not wishful thinking. And in doing many things together -- in classrooms, squadrons, and on the playing fields -- you have learned the value of leadership and discipline, and the need for both.

You have lived with the traditions and pioneering spirit of Rickenbacker, Billy Mitchell, Spaatz, Yeager, and the Mercury 7. You know that without the yeast of pioneering, we cannot rise above the status quo.

Personal honor, courage, and professional competence will guide your thoughts and actions. You understand the horrors of war, and you know that peace with freedom is the highest aspiration of our time. As a matter of fact, these past 4 years have prepared you to take your place in the best darn air force in the world.

So now that I've paid your superiors a compliment, I hope they won't mind if their Commander-in-Chief pulls rank this once. I hereby direct that the Secretary of the Air Force and the Superintendent of the Air Force Academy remit all existing



confinements and other cadet punishments for minor offenses, and that this order be carried out today.

By the calendar, 52 years separate my college class from yours. Yet, by the changes mine has seen, it might as easily be 520 years. The world which the Class of '32 had grown to know would soon disappear. True, America was in the midst of a great worldwide depression, which all of us desperately wanted to escape. Our immediate concern was work, but our class -- like every college class -- also thought about the future.

And what a future it has been. The pace of change, once orderly and evolutionary, became frantic and revolutionary. A series of scientific and technological revolutions flashed past us, touching Americans everywhere and everyday. A new future was discovered, then quickly rediscovered. Technological progress became a cataclysmic rush.

The armies of Napoleon had not moved across Europe any faster than Caesar's legions eighteen centuries earlier. And neither army worried about air cover. But from my college days to yours, we went from open cockpits to lunar landings, from space fiction to space shuttles. Plotted on a graph, the lines representing technological progress would leap vertically off the page. And it wouldn't matter whether you plotted breakthroughs in agriculture or medicine, communications or engineering, genetics or military capability.

During the past few decades, the way we look and think about our world has changed in fundamental and startling ways. In 1932, "splitting the atom" was a contradiction in terms. We knew

the word "atom" came from the Greek "atomos" meaning indivisible and, by definition, you couldn't split anything indivisible. But Albert Einstein wouldn't arrive in the States until the following year, and no one ever heard of Alamogordo. Soon they would, and the nuclear age would then begin.

So many of the things we take for granted today didn't exist on my commencement day: transistors, computers, supersonic flight, fiber optics, organ transplants, microelectronic chips, and xerography. Yes, even the venerable Xerox machine is only 24 years old.

Our progress results from human creativity and the opportunity to put our knowledge to use to make life better. We have yet to rid the world of hunger and sickness, but today more people are eating better and living longer than ever before in human history. In many ways, the good old days never were. In fact, I've already lived some two decades longer than my life expectancy when I was born -- ~~much to the annoyance of some~~ <sup>THAT'S A SOURCE OF</sup> <sup>TO A NUMBER OF</sup> people.

The greatest of all resources is the human mind. All other resources are discovered only through creative human intelligence. God has given us the ability to make something from nothing. And in a vibrant, open political economy, the human mind is free to dream, create, and perfect. Technology plus freedom equals opportunity and progress.

Now what about your generation? Where do you go from here? The quickening pace should not generate the belief that the tide of events is beyond your control. No, you should be confident

that, with wisdom, responsibility, and care, you can harness change to shape your future.

We've only seen the beginning of what a free and courageous people can do. The bold, not the naysayers, will point the way, because history has shown that progress often takes its greatest strides where brave people transform an idea, which is scoffed at by skeptics, into a tangible and important part of everyday life.

Your generation stands on the verge of greater advances than humankind has ever known. America's future will be determined by your dreams and your vision.

And nowhere is this more true than America's next frontier -- the vast frontier of space. The Space Age is barely a quarter of a century old. But already we've pushed civilization forward with our advances in science and technology.

Our work on the Space Shuttle gives us routine access to the landscape above us -- dropping off payloads, performing experiments, and fixing satellites. And I believe we've only touched the edge of possibilities in space. It's time to quicken our pace and reach out to new opportunities. This past January, in my state of the Union address, I challenged our Nation to develop a permanently-manned space station, and to do it in a decade. And just last week, I approved a National Space Strategy that will chart the future course of the U.S. space program.

The strategy establishes priorities, provides specific direction for our future efforts, and assigns responsibilities to various government agencies. Above all, America's space strategy

offers a balanced program that will best serve the down-to-Earth needs of our own people, and people everywhere.

Our goals are ambitious, yet achievable. They include a permanently-manned presence in space for scientific, commercial and industrial purposes; increased international cooperation in civil space activities; expanded private investment and involvement; cost-effective access to space with the Shuttle; and strengthened security and capability to maintain the peace.

The benefits to be reaped from our work in space literally dazzle the imagination. Together, we can produce rare, life-saving medicines, saving thousands of lives and hundreds of millions of dollars; we can manufacture superchips that improve our competitive position in the world computer market; we can rapidly and efficiently repair defective satellites; we can build space observatories enabling scientists to see out to the edge of the universe; and we can produce special alloys and biological materials that benefit greatly from a zero-gravity environment.

Let me give you one exciting glimpse that illustrates the great potential of how working in space can improve life on Earth. There is a medicine called urokinase which is used to treat victims of pulmonary embolism and heart attacks caused by blood clots. On Earth, this medicine is very difficult and expensive to produce. About 500,000 doses are needed annually, at a cost of \$500 million. Dr. Robert Jastrow, chairman of the first NASA lunar-exploration committee, reports that tests in our Shuttle show production of urokinase in zero-gravity could reduce that cost by a factor of 10 or more. We could make this medicine

available to thousands of people who cannot afford it at today's prices.

Our willingness to accept the challenge of space will reflect whether America's men and women today have the same bold vision, the same courage and indomitable spirit that made us a great Nation. Where would we be if the brave men and women who built the West let the unknowns and dangers overwhelm them? Where would we be if our aviation pioneers let the difficulties and uncertainties sway them?

The only limits we have are those of our own courage and imagination. And our freedom and well-being will be tied to new achievements and pushing back new frontiers. That is the challenge to the Class of '84.

If I could leave you with one final thought, it would be to remind you again: The measure of America's future safety, progress, and greatness depends on how well you protect the peace; and on how well you hold fast to our most precious values -- values embodying the culmination of 5,000 years of Western civilization.

Let your determination to make this world better and safer override all other considerations. This Academy was not built just to produce air warriors. It was also built to produce leaders who understand the great stakes involved in the defense of their country; leaders who can be entrusted with the responsibility to protect peace and freedom. You are those leaders. And while you must know better than those before you

how to fight a war, you must also know better than those before you how to deter war, how to preserve peace.

As you look to the future, always remember the treasures of our past. Every generation stands on the shoulders of the generation that came before. Jealously guard the values and principles of our heritage. They did not come easy.

Inspiration springs from great tradition. As military officers, guard the traditions of your Service -- built here in the foothills of the Rockies, and in the air over Schweinfurt, Berlin, Mig Alley, the Red River Valley, and a thousand other places. The traditions you hold will serve you well.

Good luck, Godspeed and God bless you all.

MAY 31, 1984

NOMINATION OF DR. MARTHA SEGER

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FG 143

I AM DELIGHTED AND HONORED TO ANNOUNCE  
TODAY THAT I AM NOMINATING DR. MARTHA SEGER  
TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

DR. SEGER IS A FINANCIAL ECONOMIST WITH  
EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN BUSINESS, BANKING,  
AND GOVERNMENT. SHE HAS SERVED AT BOTH THE  
STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS, AS THE  
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR  
THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND AS A FINANCIAL  
ECONOMIST FOR THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C. MOST RECENTLY, SHE HAS  
BEEN A PROFESSOR OF FINANCE AT CENTRAL  
MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY.

DR. SEGER ARRIVES AT A TIME OF OPTIMISM  
AND CHALLENGE. WE RECEIVED MORE EVIDENCE  
THIS MORNING THAT OUR ECONOMIC EXPANSION  
CONTINUES STEADY AND STRONG.

THE LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS ROSE AGAIN  
IN APRIL, THE 18TH INCREASE IN THE LAST  
20 MONTHS. AT THE SAME TIME, INFLATION  
REMAINS LOW, CONTRARY TO MANY PREDICTIONS.

WE'VE BEGUN A NEW ERA IN AMERICA OF  
STRONG GROWTH AND STABLE PRICES.

I'M CONVINCED IT RESULTS FROM OUR PROGRAM TO  
TAKE AMERICA IN A NEW DIRECTION: RESTORE  
INCENTIVES TO PEOPLE, STIMULATE MORE  
COMPETITION IN OUR ECONOMY, BUT RESTRAIN  
GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO SPEND, TAX, AND  
REGULATE. AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD PRESS ON  
WITH EVEN GREATER DETERMINATION.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT DR. SEGER CAN AND  
WILL MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION,  
HELPING US MEET THE CHALLENGES OF KEEPING  
OUR ECONOMY GROWING, AND KEEPING INFLATION  
DOWN.

AND NOW, DR. SEGER, WE'RE DELIGHTED TO  
WELCOME YOU TO WASHINGTON.

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(MYER)

The President has seen \_\_\_\_\_  
MAY 31, 1984

# NATO MINISTERIAL DEPARTURE STATEMENT

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE  
TO WELCOME THE MINISTERS OF THE NORTH  
ATLANTIC COUNCIL TO THE WHITE HOUSE.  
AND I'M SO PLEASED THAT THE UNITED STATES  
IS HOSTING THIS MEETING BECAUSE WE ARE  
ALSO CELEBRATING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE SIGNING, IN WASHINGTON, OF THE NORTH  
ATLANTIC TREATY.

LAST NIGHT AT DINNER, (AND AGAIN THIS  
MORNING,) WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS  
THE MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING THE ALLIANCE  
INCLUDING THE SECURITY AND DEFENSE OF THE  
WEST, RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION,  
AND ARMS CONTROL. WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT  
THERE IS NO MORE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION  
THAN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BETTER WORKING  
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION,  
ONE MARKED BY GREATER COOPERATION AND  
UNDERSTANDING, AND LEADING TO STABLE,  
SECURE, AND PEACEFUL RELATIONS.

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THIS HAS BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, A  
PRIMARY GOAL -- FOR THE UNITED STATES AND  
THE NATO ALLIANCE.

THE ALLIANCE IS DEDICATED TO PEACE.  
AND THANKS TO THE COURAGE AND VISION OF  
OUR MEMBER NATIONS AND THEIR LEADERS,  
WE CAN REFLECT ON THE PAST WITH PRIDE AND  
LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE.

FOR US, OUR NATO PARTNERSHIP IS AN ANCHOR,  
A FIXED POINT IN A TURBULENT WORLD.

IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE  
SOVIET UNION WILL SOON COME TO UNDERSTAND  
THE PROFOUND DESIRE FOR PEACE WHICH  
INSPIRES US. AND I HOPE THAT THE SOVIET  
LEADERSHIP WILL FINALLY REALIZE IT IS  
POINTLESS TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO  
DIVIDE THE ALLIANCE. WE WILL NOT BE  
SPLIT. WE WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED,  
THE WEST WILL DEFEND DEMOCRACY AND  
INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY. THE WEST WILL PROTECT  
THE PEACE.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE REMAIN READY TO  
NEGOTIATE FAIRLY AND FLEXIBLY, AND WITHOUT  
PRECONDITIONS. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE  
SOVIET UNION WILL SOON RETURN TO THE  
NEGOTIATING TABLE. OUR COMMITMENT TO  
DIALOGUE AND ARMS REDUCTIONS IS FIRM AND  
UNSHAKEN.

NO OTHER STEP IN THE NEAR-TERM WOULD  
DO SO MUCH FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND  
STABILITY AS A RETURN TO CONSTRUCTIVE  
NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS REDUCING THE  
LEVELS OF NUCLEAR ARMS. I HAVE SAID MANY  
TIMES, AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN, THAT WHEN  
THE SOVIET UNION RETURNS TO THE  
NEGOTIATING TABLE, WE WILL MEET THEM  
HALFWAY.

I ALSO HOPE THAT THE SOVIET  
LEADERSHIP WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THE  
RANGE OF PROPOSALS WHICH WE AND OUR ALLIES  
HAVE ADVANCED IN OTHER AREAS OF ARMS  
CONTROL.

OUR PROPOSALS SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE:  
THE DRAFT TREATY TO ABOLISH CHEMICAL  
WEAPONS PRESENTED BY VICE PRESIDENT BUSH  
IN GENEVA; THE RECENT NATO PROPOSAL  
SEEKING TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK IN THE  
CONVENTIONAL FORCE TALKS IN VIENNA;  
AND THE MEASURES INTRODUCED BY NATO IN  
STOCKHOLM IN OUR EFFORT TO REDUCE THE RISK  
OF SURPRISE ATTACK IN EUROPE.

TOMORROW I WILL LEAVE FOR EUROPE.  
I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRIP, AND THE  
OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSCORE THE ENDURING  
IMPORTANCE OF THE POLITICAL, CULTURAL,  
AND ECONOMIC TIES THAT BIND THE  
INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES. THE MEETING  
OF NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS HAS REINFORCED  
MY OWN CONFIDENCE IN THE STRENGTH AND  
DURABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE, AND THE COMMON  
DESTINY OF FREE SOCIETIES.

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AND SO, I WANT TO THANK ALL THE NATO  
MINISTERS. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE HAD YOU  
AS OUR GUESTS, AND PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS  
OUR PARTNERS.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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MAY 30, 1984

NATO MINISTERIAL DINNER TOAST

SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO WELCOME OUR NATO PARTNERS TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

THIS EVENING HAS BEEN A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS OF OUR ENDURING PARTNERSHIP, AN ALLIANCE DEDICATED TO PEACE AND FREEDOM, THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, IN THE TROUBLED AFTERMATH OF A TRAGIC CONFLICT, TWELVE NATIONS MET HERE IN WASHINGTON TO SIGN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. THAT EVENT WAS AN ACT OF REALISM. THE MEMBER NATIONS RECOGNIZED THE THREAT TO THEIR SECURITY AND UNDERTOOK TO MEET IT TOGETHER.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE WAS ALSO AN ACT OF OPTIMISM, AN AFFIRMATION OF THE ENDURING VITALITY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF PEACE WITH FREEDOM  
TESTIFY TO THE WISDOM AND FORESIGHT OF THOSE  
NATIONS, AND OF THE FOUR OTHER NATIONS WHO  
HAVE SINCE JOINED NATO. ALTHOUGH THE  
FOUNDERS COULD NOT HAVE FORESEEN THE DRAMATIC  
CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE 1949,  
THEIR VISION WAS RIGHT ON THE MARK.  
BY UNITING EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, NATO HAS  
MADE POSSIBLE THE LONGEST PERIOD OF PEACE AND  
PROSPERITY IN MODERN HISTORY. AND TODAY, OUR  
PROUD ALLIANCE REMAINS UNITED IN ITS  
COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY AND  
INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

BUT WE CANNOT BE CONTENT WITH THE  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST. AS WE LOOK  
AHEAD, THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS TO  
STRENGTHEN EVEN FURTHER OUR SOLIDARITY AND  
UNITY.

OUR COMMITMENT TO COLLECTIVE SECURITY  
WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN INDISPENSABLE BULWARK  
AGAINST AGGRESSION, TERRORISM, AND TYRANNY.  
OUR UNITY WILL BE THE ESSENTIAL FRAMEWORK FOR  
BUILDING A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH OUR  
ADVERSARIES, AND REDUCING THE RISKS OF WAR  
AND THE LEVEL OF NUCLEAR ARMS. AND I KNOW  
THAT IT WILL BE OUR SOCIETIES, THE  
DEMOCRACIES, THAT WILL OFFER A BRIGHT AND  
HOPEFUL FUTURE FOR OUR PEOPLE AND PEOPLE  
EVERYWHERE.

WE CAN BE CONFIDENT. THE EVENTS OF THE  
PAST YEAR CHALLENGED US, AND THE WESTERN  
DEMOCRACIES STOOD FIRM IN THE FACE OF AN  
INTENSE SOVIET CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION AIMED  
AT UNDERMINING NATO'S COMMITMENT TO DEFEND  
EUROPE AND PRESERVE PEACE. AND TODAY, WE ARE  
STRONGER AND MORE CONSCIOUS OF OUR UNITY.



AND THAT'S OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE, BECAUSE WHEN THE SOVIET UNION BECOMES CONVINCED THAT NATO CANNOT BE SHAKEN, IT MAY FINALLY REALIZE IT HAS A CLEAR AND COMPELLING INTEREST TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. WE WILL BE WAITING, READY TO MEET THEM HALF WAY.

TONIGHT IS MORE THAN THE CELEBRATION OF AN ANNIVERSARY. IT IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR SECRETARY GENERAL.

JOSEPH LUNS IS A DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMAT AND A MAN OF MANY VIRTUES. FIRST AS THE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER, AND THEN AT NATO'S HELM, HE HAS BEEN AT THE CENTER OF THE TRANSATLANTIC BRIDGE FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS. HIS VISION, HIS HUMOR, AND HIS PATIENCE HAVE SUSTAINED US IN GOOD TIMES, AND BAD.

AS SECRETARY GENERAL, HE HAS NEVER LOST SIGHT OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF OUR ALLIANCE. PEACE HAS BEEN HIS PROFESSION.

YOU HAVE BEEN A TRUSTED FRIEND,  
AN HONEST BROKER, A RESPECTED COLLEAGUE,  
AND, ABOVE ALL, AN INVALUABLE LEADER OF THE  
ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

JOSEPH, YOU HAVE SAID THAT THE STATE OF  
OUR ALLIANCE IS LIKE WAGNER'S MUSIC — BETTER  
THAN IT SOUNDS. WELL, I MUST TELL YOU THAT,  
THANKS LARGELY TO YOUR EFFORTS, I RATHER LIKE  
THE WAY THE ALLIANCE SOUNDS. AND I HOPE  
THAT, EVEN IN RETIREMENT, YOU WILL STILL  
WATCH OVER OUR PARTNERSHIP, AND THAT YOU WILL  
NOT HESITATE TO SHARE YOUR COUNSEL WITH US.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN RECOGNITION OF  
JOSEPH LUNS' UNCOMMON DEDICATION TO THE  
IDEALS OF OUR ALLIANCE, AND IN TRIBUTE TO HIS  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND ENDURING  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FREEDOM AND SECURITY,  
IT IS MY GREAT PRIVILEGE TO BESTOW AMERICA'S  
HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD, THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM,  
ON SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS.

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BUT BEFORE I INVITE HIM TO RECEIVE THE MEDAL,  
I ASK THAT YOU RAISE YOUR GLASSES AND JOIN ME  
IN A TOAST TO SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH LUNS,  
AND TO THE ORGANIZATION HE HAS FAITHFULLY  
SERVED AND SO ABLY GUIDED.

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