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them in a public speech -- adding that if Nicaragua chose to acquire MIG's, it was none of our business.

The introduction of MIG's into Nicaragua would be so serious an escalation that members of both parties in the Congress have said the United States simply cannot tolerate it. But what is our response to be? Should we simply be passive and let events carry us to the brink before we respond? I think Congress will agree with me that we must take responsible, measured action, now, before we are confronted with a crisis and decisions we don't want to make.

The Miranda revelations can't help but make us skeptical of the recent Sandinista promises to abide by the Guatemala Peace Accord. Now, we often hear the argument that the freedom fighters are unnecessary, that we can trust the Sandinistas to keep their word. Can we? It's important to remember that we already have a negotiated settlement with the Sandinistas — the settlement of 1979 that helped bring them to power, in which they promised — in writing — democracy, human rights, and a nonaligned foreign policy.

Of course they haven't kept a single one of those promises;

AND
but we now know that they never intended to. Barely 2 months

after assuming power, the Sandinista leadership drafted a secret

report, called the 72-hour document, outlining their plans to

establish a Communist dictatorship in Nicaragua and spread

subversion throughout Central America. (HOLDING UP DOCUMENT)

This is the document in which they detailed their deception. It

is now part of the public record, available for all to see.

But it doesn't stop there. One day after that 72-hour meeting, President Carter, unaware of their secret plans, received Daniel Ortega right here in the White House and offered his new government our friendship and help. And help we did, sending over a \$100 million in aid, more than any other country at the time, and arranging for millions more in loans. The Sandinistas and their supporters say it was U.S. belligerence that drove the Sandinistas into the hands of the Soviets. Some belligerence.

A short while later, the Sandinista comandantes made their first official trip to Moscow and signed a communique with the Soviet Communist party expressing support for the foreign policy goals of the Soviet Union. But that, one might say, was only the paper work. Already, Soviet military planners were in Nicaragua, and the Sandinista subversion of El Salvador had begun. All while American aid was still flowing to Nicaragua -- while our hand was extended in friendship.

This is not a record that gives one much faith in Sandinista promises. Recently, Daniel Ortega was up in Washington again, this time talking to Members of Congress, giving them assurances of his commitment to the Guatemala peace process. But we now know that at the same time, back in Managua, the Sandinistas were drawing up plans with the Soviets -- the plans revealed by Major Miranda -- for a massive military escalation in Nicaragua and aggression against their neighbors.

Now, as the Sandinistas see the vote on aid to the freedom fighters nearing, they are making more promises. Well, forgive

my skepticism, but I kind of feel that every time they start making promises, like that fellow in the Isuzu commercial, they should have subtitles under them telling the real story.

One may hope they are sincere this time, but it hardly seems wise to stake the future of Central America and the national security of the United States on it. The freedom fighters are our insurance policy in case the Sandinistas once again go back on their word. Even the Sandinistas admit that the limited steps they have taken to comply with the peace accords were promised in order to influence the vote in Congress. Was there ever a better argument for aid?

Even now, with the entire world watching, the Sandinistas have harassed and beaten human rights activists and arrested several leaders of the peaceful, democratic opposition, including the editor of La Prensa. Before being interrogated, they were sealed for hours in metal "lockers," 3 feet square on the floor and 6 feet high. Said Daniel Ortega, "They must understand the rules of the game."

Just a short while ago, the Sandinistas made their true intentions clear: Even if they were forced to hold elections and lost, they said they would never give up power. One comandante responded to the estimate that the Sandinistas have no more than 15 percent popular support by saying, that's alright. We can hold on to power with only 5 percent. These are not the words, these are not the actions, of democratic reformers.

Those who want to cut off funding for the freedom fighters must explain why we should believe the promises the Sandinista

Communists make up here in Washington when trying to influence Congress, but not the threats they make at home. They must explain why we should listen to them when they promise peace and not when they talk of turning all Central America into one, quote, "revolutionary fire" and boast of carrying their fight to Latin America and Mexico.

Perhaps, one of the most important revelations of Major Miranda is the extent of corruption in the Sandinista regime. While the people go hungry, the comandantes skim huge profits from their bankrupt economy -- Humberto Ortega, alone, has put \$1-1/2 million into a secret Swiss bank account. Like all corrupt dictators, the Sandinistas know how vulnerable they are -- they can see the infectiousness of freedom as the Nicaraguan people snatch up every available copy of La Prensa; as one anti-Sandinista demonstration is followed by another, as more and more voices are raised, bravely calling for real democracy.

They see the freedom fighters in the field, doubling in number in the last year, ranging throughout the length of the country and winning the support of the people. And they see the courage of the democratic leaders of Central America: Refusing to be intimidated, they stood as one and demanded that Nicaragua immediately comply with the democratic requirements of the Guatemala Accord.

The Sandinistas see this, and they look to Congress as their only hope to take the pressure off. If we cut off aid to the freedom fighters, then they can go back to their old ways. Then the negotiations can become, once again, what they were before --

high-blown words and promises and convenient cover while the Sandinista Communists continue the consolidation of their dictatorial regime.

During the last vote in Congress, many who voted for aid to the freedom fighters set conditions on further assistance. They said the freedom fighters must broaden their leadership. They have. They said the freedom fighters must show that they are a viable fighting force and win support from the people. The latest victory in the Las Minas area proved that. For several weeks, nearly 7,000 freedom fighters maneuvered in secret throughout the country -- something they could only have done with support of the population. In the largest military operation in Nicaraguan history, they overran enemy headquarters; routed army barracks, blew up ammunition dumps, petroleum tanks, and other military targets. At one point they captured a warehouse where grain was being hoarded for the army. The freedom fighters opened the doors and invited the hungry people of the area to take what they needed.

The freedom fighters are inside Nicaragua today because we made a commitment to them. They have done what Congress asked; they have proven their effectiveness. Can we, as a moral people, a moral Nation, withdraw that commitment now and leave them at the mercy of the Sandinista regime? Or turn them forever into refugees -- refugees from the country they are making such a heroic sacrifice what message will that send to the world, to our allies and friends in freedom; what message will it send to our adversaries -- that America is a fair-weather friend, an

unreliable ally? Don't count on us, because we may not be there to back you up when the going gets a little rough.

By fighting to win back their country, the freedom fighters are preventing the permanent consolidation of a Soviet military presence on the American mainland; by fighting for their freedom, they are helping to protect our national security. We owe them our thanks, not abandonment.

Some talk of "containment," but we must not repeat the mistake we made in Cuba. If "containment" didn't work for that island nation how much less effective will it be for an expansionist Soviet ally on the American mainland. We know from the plans revealed by Major Miranda that a peace which leaves the Sandinista regime in place is no peace at all -- it will simply delay the moment of truth and confront us with worse choices down the road. I will tell you forthrightly tonight, there will be no second chances tomorrow. If Congress votes down aid, the freedom fighters may soon be gone, and with them, all effective pressure on the Sandinistas. But while we will have no leverage in Nicaragua, the Soviets will have accepted no restraints at all.

so, my fellow Americans, there can be no mistake about this vote: It is up or down for Central America. It is win or lose for freedom. It is yes or no to America's national security.

My friends: I've often expressed my belief that the Almighty had a reason for placing this great and good land, the "New World," here between two vast oceans. Protected by the seas, we have enjoyed the blessings of peace -- free for almost

two centuries now from the tragedy of foreign aggression on our mainland.

Help us to keep that precious gift secure. Help us to win support for those struggles for the same freedoms we hold dear. In doing so, you will not just be helping them, you will be helping yourselves, your children, and all the peoples of the world. You will be demonstrating that America is still a beacon of hope, still a light unto the nations. Yes, a great opportunity awaits you and me, an opportunity to show that hope still burns bright in this land and over our continent, casting a glow across the centuries, still guiding millions — to a future of peace and freedom.

Thank you, and God bless you.

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2/2/88 - 5 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUPER BOWL WINNERS, THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1988

THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

I'D LIKE TO WELCOME THE WINNERS OF THE

22ND SUPER BOWL, THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS

AND YOUR COACH, JOE GIBBS TO THE WHITE

HOUSE. FELLOWS, WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SAY

BUT HAIL TO THE REDSKINS!

I NOTICED SOME OF YOUR FANS PAINTED
THEIR FACES HALF RED/HALF YELLOW, SOME OF
THEM WORE HOG NOSES, AND SOME EVEN CLIMBED
LAMPPOSTS. MY STAFF TOLD ME THAT WOULDN'T
BE VERY PRESIDENTIAL, BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE
ABOUT IT TODAY I'M JUST AS ENTHUSIASTIC AS
YOUR FANS.

THE REDSKINS DIDN'T SIMPLY ENTER THE HISTORY BOOKS SUNDAY NIGHT, YOU REWROTE WHOLE NEW YOLUMES Them.

IN SO DOING, YOU GAVE NEW MEANING TO THE TERM CAPITAL OFFENSE, SETTING 14 SUPER BOWL RECORDS. IF YOU WILL ALLOW ME A MINUTE I'D LIKE TO LIST A FEW OF THE MORE IMPRESSIVE INDIVIDUAL RECORDS. TIMMY SMITH, 204 YARDS RUSHING AND 2 TOUCHDOWNS RICKY SANDERS, 193 YARDS RECEIVING / THE MOST COMBINED YARDS -- 235/ AND 2 TOUCHDOWNS. AND DOUG WILLIAMS, THE SUPER BOWL M.V.P. WITH ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRING PERFORMANCES DISPLAYED BY ANY QUARTERBACK IN FOOTBALL HISTORY. \ 340 YARDS PASSING / THE LONGEST COMPLETION IN SUPER BOWL HISTORY /-80 YARDS AND 4 TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN ONE QUARTER. THAT BREAKS ONE RECORD AND TIES 2 OTHERS. WAY TO GO, DOUG. YOU REALLY SHOWED THE WORLD HOW TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY AND DID IT WITH STYLE AND GRACE.

BUT, AS DEXTER MANLEY MIGHT POINT
OUT -- AND A HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY,
DEXTER -- THIS WASN'T A VICTORY ACCOMPLISHED
SOLELY ON INDIVIDUAL FEATS, NO, IT WAS THE
TEAMWORK OF A WELL-COACHED ORGANIZATION.
THIS IS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE FIVE TEAM
SUPER BOWL RECORDS SET SUNDAY NIGHT. SO,
CONGRATULATIONS GO TO JOE GIBBS AND HIS
EXCELLENT COACHING STAFF.

AND JOE, IF I COULD JUST ADD ONE PERSONAL CRITICISM, COULDN'T YOU HAVE SAVED SOME OF THOSE THRILLING MOMENTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER FOR THE LAST 10 MINUTES OF THE GAME?

BUT SERIOUSLY/ I'M SURE ALL THE
REDSKINS JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THE
DENVER BRONCOS ON A FINE SEASON. BEING
NUMBER 2 IN THE N.F.L. IS ALSO SOMETHING
TO BE PROUD OF.

THERE PROBABLY ISN'T A CLASSIER ORGANIZATION
TO WIN THAT RUNNER-UP POSITION. COACH
REEVES, JOHN ELWAY, AND THE REST OF THE
BRONCOS ARE TRUE SPORTSMEN.

BUT TODAY, TOMORROW, AND THE ENTIRE YEAR BELONG TO THE VICTORIOUS REDSKINS, AND YOUR LOYAL FANS WHO, THANKS TO YOU, ARE IN HOG HEAVEN.

ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS REDSKINS, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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NATIONAL PRAYER BREAK 2/3/88 - 11 A.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1988

I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND FOR SHARING WITH US THE SPIRITUAL MESSAGE GOD HAS PLACED IN YOUR HEARTS. GOD'S LOVE SHINES THROUGH EVERY WORD. HIS TRUTH IS THE ULTIMATE POWER SOURCE AND IT IS ALWAYS THERE. IT IS AVAILABLE TO MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL PRESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL GROCERY CLERK. HIS COMFORTING HAND. .. I COULD NEVER CARRY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS HIGH OFFICE WITHOUT IT. OUR FOREFATHERS DREW ON THE WISDOM AND STRENGTH OF GOD WHEN THEY TURNED A VAST WILDERNESS INTO A BLESSED LAND OF PLENTY CALLED THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

GOD HAS TRULY BLESSED THIS COUNTRY,
BUT WE SHOULD NEVER FALL INTO THE TRAP THAT
WOULD DETRACT FROM THE UNIVERSALITY OF GOD'S
GIFT. IT IS FOR ALL MANKIND. GOD'S LOVE IS
THE HOPE AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD. THERE IS
A LETTER THAT RECENTLY MADE ITS WAY TO MY
DESK. IN IT WAS A PRAYER - IT WAS SENT TO
ME BY A WOMAN WHO LOST HER HUSBAND IN WORLD
WAR TWO.

"HEAR ME, O GOD; NEVER IN THE WHOLE OF MY LIFETIME HAVE I SPOKEN TO YOU.

BUT JUST NOW I FEEL LIKE SENDING YOU MY GREETINGS.

YOU KNOW, FROM CHILDHOOD ON THEY'VE ALWAYS TOLD ME YOU ARE NOT.

I, LIKE A FOOL, BELIEVED THEM.

I'VE NEVER CONTEMPLATED YOUR CREATION.

AND YET, TONIGHT GAZING UP OUT OF MY
SHELL-HOLE, I MARVELLED AT THE SHIMMERING
STARS ABOVE ME, AND SUDDENLY KNEW THE
CRUELTY OF THE LIE.

WILL YOU, MY GOD, REACH YOUR HAND OUT TO ME, I WONDER?

BUT I WILL TELL YOU, AND YOU WILL UNDERSTAND.

IS IT NOT STRANGE THAT LIGHT SHOULD

COME UPON ME AND I SEE YOU AMID THIS NIGHT

OF HELL?

AND THERE IS NOTHING ELSE I HAVE TO SAY... THIS, THOUGH: I'M GLAD THAT I HAVE LEARNED TO KNOW YOU.

AT MIDNIGHT WE ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTACK.
BUT YOU ARE LOOKING ON, AND I AM NOT AFRAID.

THE SIGNAL... WELL, I GUESS I MUST BE GOING.

I HAVE BEEN HAPPY WITH YOU....

THIS MORE I WANT TO SAY:

AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE FIGHTING WILL BE CRUEL, AND EVEN TONIGHT I MAY COME KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT BEEN A FRIEND TO YOU BEFORE, STILL, WILL YOU LET ME ENTER NOW, WHEN I DO COME?

WHY, I AM CRYING, O GOD, MY LORD.

YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME: TONIGHT MY EYES
WERE OPENED.

FAREWELL, MY GOD. I'M GOING AND AM NOT LIKELY TO COME BACK. STRANGE, IS IT NOT?
BUT DEATH I FEAR NO LONGER."

THIS PRAYER WAS FOUND ON THE BODY OF A YOUNG RUSSIAN SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION IN 1944.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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The Properties has seen 2/5/88

(Rohrabacher/ARD) February 2, 1988 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1988

I want to thank each of you for being here today and for sharing with us the spiritual message God has placed in your hearts. God's love shines through every word. His truth is the ultimate power source and it is always there. It is available to ministers of the gospel, presidents, and the local grocery clerk. His comforting hand... I could never carry the responsibilities of this high office without it. Our forefathers drew on the wisdom and strength of God when they turned a vast wilderness into a blessed land of plenty, called the United States of America.

God has truly blessed this country, but we should never fall into the trap that would detract from the universality of God's gift. It is for all mankind. God's love is the hope and light of the world. There is a letter that recently made its way to my desk. It wasn't to me. It was written by a young soldier many who land he had a will wears ago.

"Hear me, O God; never in the whole of my lifetime have I spoken to you.

But just now I feel like sending you my greetings.

You know, from childhood on they've always told me you are not.

I, like a fool, believed them.

I've never contemplated your creation. And yet, tonight gazing up out of my shell-hole, I marvelled at the shimmering stars above me, and suddenly knew the cruelty of the lie.

Will you, my God, reach your hand out to me, I wonder?
But I will tell you, and you will understand.

Is it not strange that light should come upon me and I see you amid this night of hell?

And there is nothing else I have to say... this, though:

I'm glad that I have learned to know you.

At midnight we are scheduled to attack. But you are looking on, and I am not afraid.

The signal... Well, I guess I must be going.

I have been happy with you....

This more I want to say:

As you well know, the fighting will be cruel, and even tonight I may come knocking at your door.

Although I have not been a friend to you before, still, will you let me enter now, when I do come?

Why, I am crying, O God, My Lord. You see what happens to me: Tonight my eyes were opened.

Strange, is it not? But death I fear no longer."

This was sent to me by a Wisconsin family = sit was found on the body of an Russian soldier killed in action in 1944.

Thank you and God bless you.

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(JUDGE)

The President 188 - 6 P.M.

GREETINGS TO 1988 CLASS OF U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1988

THANK YOU. AND LET ME SAY WELCOME
RANDOLPH, WILLIAM, ROSALIE, AND ALL THE
HEARST FAMILY. AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE
COME HERE TODAY, WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE
COMPLEX - WHITE HOUSE COMPLEX - THAT'S
BECAUSE NOTHING IN WASHINGTON IS EVER
SIMPLE.

THIS IS THE FIFTH TIME I'VE SPOKEN TO

A CLASS OF THE SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM /WHICH GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH I THINK
OF THE PROGRAM AND OF YOU WHO'VE BEEN
SELECTED FOR IT. I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU
SERVE IN SOME STUDENT BODY OR CLASS OFFICE.

I'VE FOUND THAT THOSE OFFICES ARE LIKE THE

ARMY /- THEY'RE A GREAT PLACE TO START /

AT LEAST IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE.

THAT'S HOW I STARTED /-- AS CLASS PRESIDENT

AT MY COLLEGE. IN SCHOOL, MY BIG LOVES WERE

FOOTBALL / DRAMATICS / STUDENT GOVERNMENT /

GIRLS /- NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER.

HITTING THE BOOKS FINISHED SOMEPLACE BACK

IN THE FIELD. WHICH HAS OFTEN MADE ME

WONDER /- IF I HAD REALLY PUT MY MIND TO IT /

STUDIED HARDER / GIVEN UP ALL THE FUN STUFF /

IMAGINE WHAT I MIGHT HAVE ACHIEVED.

BUT I DID LEARN SOME VALUABLE LESSONS
IN SCHOOL GOVERNMENT — LESSONS ABOUT
LEADERSHIP ABOUT GETTING PEOPLE TO PULL
TOGETHER AND TO PUT THEIR WHOLE HEARTS INTO
A THING. AND I'LL LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE
SECRET. WHAT WORKS WHEN YOU'RE LEADING
A STUDENT BODY IS EXACTLY WHAT WORKS WHEN
YOU'RE LEADING A NATION. RESPECT PEOPLE.

LISTEN TO THEM. BASE YOUR DECISIONS ON THE MERITS AND STICK WITH THEM. IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT, STAND UP AND TAKE THE TOMATOES.

IF THEY GO WELL, DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT WHO GETS THE CREDIT. THAT'S WHAT LEADERSHIP IS ALL ABOUT.

OF COURSE, (AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD,)
THAT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY
THINGS ARE NORMALLY AROUND WASHINGTON.
IN THIS TOWN THE SLOGAN TOO OFTEN IS:/
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU WIN OR LOSE;/
IT'S WHO GETS STUCK WITH THE BLAME.

ONE THING I LIKE ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM
IS THE FOCUS ON THE SENATE. I CAN'T THINK
OF ANY INSTITUTION THAT BETTER SHOWS THE
IDEALS ON WHICH OUR FOUNDERS BUILT THIS
NATION. I HAVE BIG DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANY
SENATORS. AND SOME DISAGREEMENTS WITH ALMOST
EVERY ONE OF THEM. BUT THERE ISN'T A SINGLE
SENATOR WHO DOESN'T HAVE MY RESPECT.

YES, MANY OF US SHARE A SIMILAR VIEW OF WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR NATION, AND MANY HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS. BUT WE ARE ALL SEEKING TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT AS GOD GAVE US TO SEE THE RIGHT.

THAT'S THE ULTIMATE TRUTH THAT I HAVE
LEARNED IN MY YEARS IN POLITICS. GOD HAS
GIVEN US EACH A DIFFERENT VIEW OF THE TRUTH.
MAYBE HE'S GIVEN US EACH A LITTLE PIECE OF
IT. AND HE EXPECTS US TO COME TOGETHER,
TO FIGHT AND SQUABBLE, AND SOMEHOW,
OUT OF ALL THAT, TO FIGURE OUT WHAT EACH
OF OUR LITTLE PIECES MEAN, AND HOW THE PIECES
ALL FIT TOGETHER, INTO SOMETHING BIGGER THAT
REALLY IS THE WHOLE TRUTH.

IT TAKES TIME TO LEARN THAT SECRET.

PEOPLE CAN TELL YOU ABOUT IT, BUT SOMEHOW

IN THE END, YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN IT FOR

YOURSELF. NO ONE CAN REALLY TEACH IT /-
AT LEAST, NOT WELL.

IT REMINDS ME OF A STORY THEY TELL ABOUT THAT GREAT BASEBALL MANAGER /-HE WAS A LITTLE BEFORE YOUR TIME AND, AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, NOTHING IS BEFORE MINE 4- FRANKIE FRISCH. ONE DAY FRANKIE SENT A ROOKIE OUT TO PLAY CENTER FIELD. THE ROOKIE DROPPED THE FIRST FLY BALL THAT WAS HIT TO HIM, LET A GROUNDER GO BETWEEN HIS FEET AND WHEN HE DID GET HIS HANDS ON THE BALL / THREW IT TO THE WRONG BASE. FRANKIE STORMED OUT OF THE DUGOUT GRABBED HIS GLOVE √AND SAID, №I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO PLAY THIS POSITION. AND THE NEXT BATTER SLAMMED A DRIVE RIGHT OVER SECOND BASE. FRANKIE CAME IN ON IT MISSED IT COMPLETELY AND FELL DOWN AS HE TRIED TO CHASE IT. HE THREW DOWN HIS GLOVE AND YELLED AT THE ROOKIE, MYOU'VE GOT CENTER FIELD SO FOULED UP, NOBODY CAN PLAY IT.

WELL, THE GREAT THING ABOUT OUR

CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM IS THAT NOBODY CAN

FOUL IT UP ALONE, SO WE ALL HAVE A CHANCE

TO LEARN ITS TRUTHS AND CONTRIBUTE TO ITS

SUCCESS. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING IN

THE SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM — LEARNING TRUTHS

LIKE THAT, SO YOU CAN HELP BUILD OUR

NATION'S FUTURE.

LET ME WRAP IT UP HERE, AND JUST ADD
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY AND GOD BLESS
YOU.

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