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PHOTO WITH REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS AND CANDIDATES

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WELL, THANK YOU ALL. I AM GLAD THAT
OUR TEAM IS ALL HERE TOGETHER TODAY TO
REMEMBER AN IMPORTANT COMMITMENT WE MADE TO
AMERICA'S FUTURE.

FOUR YEARS AGO, OUR COUNTRY FACED THE
GRAVEST ECONOMIC CRISIS SINCE THE GREAT
DEPRESSION, AND MANY IN THIS TOWN WERE READY
TO THROW IN THE TOWEL AND COUNT AMERICA OUT.
BUT NOT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, NOT OUR TEAM.
WE SAID THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH AMERICA
THAT OUR PEOPLE CAN'T AND WON'T MAKE
RIGHT -- IF GOVERNMENT WOULD JUST STAND
ASIDE AND GET OUT OF THE WAY. SO WE REACHED
OUT TO THE PEOPLE. WE ASKED THEM TO JOIN
WITH US TO RESCUE OUR BELOVED NATION, MAKE A
NEW BEGINNING, AND HELP AMERICA BECOME
STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL AGAIN.

SPECIFICALLY, WE PLEDGED TO WORK FOR CUTS IN GROWTH OF SPENDING, TO REDUCE WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE TO A MINIMUM, AND DAMPEN THE FIRES OF INFLATION WHILE PROTECTING THOSE IN NEED / FOR AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CUT AND INCREASED INCENTIVES FOR SAVING, INVESTMENT, AND CAPITAL RECOVERY TO PUT AMERICA BACK ON THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY / FOR MORE PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND PERMANENT JOBS, ESPECIALLY IN OUR INNER CITIES / AND FOR STRENGTHENED DEFENSES, SO AMERICA COULD HAVE A CREDIBLE FOREIGN POLICY AGAIN, AND ASSURE PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH HERE AT HOME AND GREATER STABILITY IN THE WORLD.

WELL, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE, ALL OF US HAVE MADE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES. FEDERAL SPENDING GROWTH, WHICH REACHED A 17-PERCENT ANNUAL RATE IN 1980, HAS BEEN CUT BY NEARLY TWO-THIRDS.

TAX RATES HAVE BEEN CUT FOR EVERY WORKING AMERICAN, WITH NEW INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS TO MODERNIZE AND FOR ENTREPRENEURS TO START UP NEW BUSINESSES. NEXT YEAR, TAX BRACKETS WILL BE INDEXED, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE GOVERNMENT MUST NEVER AGAIN PROFIT FROM INFLATION AT THE PEOPLE'S EXPENSE.

UNLIKE 4 YEARS AGO, TODAY WE ARE REBUILDING OUR DEFENSIVE STRENGTH; AND TODAY WE ARE GIVING THOSE BRAVE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE FOR US THE MORAL SUPPORT, WEAPONS, AND EQUIPMENT THEY NEED TO GET THEIR JOB DONE.

WE'VE ALSO WORKED HARD TO STRENGTHEN THE GOOD AND DECENT VALUES OF FAITH, FAMILY, WORK, NEIGHBORHOOD, AND FREEDOM -- THOSE VALUES HAVE NEVER FAILED AMERICA WHEN WE'VE LIVED UP TO THEM.

WE'VE MADE A NEW BEGINNING, AND AMERICA TODAY IS A VERY DIFFERENT PLACE THAN 4 YEARS AGO. IT WASN'T A COINCIDENCE, IN 1980, THAT THE PROBLEMS OF INFLATION, INTEREST RATES, TAXES, JOBS, CRIME, AND MORALE IN THE MILITARY, WERE ALL GETTING WORSE AND OUR FUTURE LOOKED BLEAK. AND, BELIEVE ME, IT'S NOT A COINCIDENCE, TODAY, THAT EVERY ONE OF THOSE PROBLEMS IS BEING TURNED AROUND AND OUR FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT AGAIN.

NO ARMY IS AS POWERFUL AS AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME. IN 1980, WE SAID IT'S TIME TO GIVE THIS GOVERNMENT BACK TO THE PEOPLE. WHEN WASHINGTON WAS CALLING THE PLAYS, ALL THEY EVER DID WAS FUMBLE. TODAY, THE PEOPLE ARE BACK IN CHARGE AND AMERICA IS SCORING TOUCHDOWNS AGAIN.

THE OTHER SIDE SAID IT COULDN'T BE
DONE, BUT INFLATION, TAXES, AND INTEREST
RATES ARE DOWN, WHILE JOBS, INVESTMENT, AND
GROWTH ARE ALL UP. THE MORALE OF OUR
ENLISTED MEN AND WOMEN IS UP. AND THEIR
READINESS AND ABILITY TO PROTECT FREEDOM AND
PRESERVE PEACE ARE BETTER THAN BEFORE.
SINCE 1980, NOT ONE SQUARE INCH OF TERRITORY
HAS BEEN LOST TO COMMUNIST AGGRESSION.

BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO, AND
TODAY WE'RE TELLING THE PEOPLE: THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL NOT REST UNTIL EVERY
AMERICAN WHO WANTS A JOB CAN FIND A JOB --
FROM BROWNSVILLE TO BUFFALO TO SAN FRANCISCO
BAY. AND THAT'S WHY THE CHOICE IN 1984 IS
SO CLEAR AND IMPORTANT.

THERE COMES A TIME WHEN WE MUST FIRMLY
CHOOSE THE COURSE WE WILL FOLLOW. ON
NOVEMBER 6TH, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST
DECIDE WHETHER WE WILL GO FORWARD WITH THE
COURAGE, COMMON SENSE, AND NEW SPIRIT MAKING
AMERICA STRONG AGAIN -- GIVING US NEW
OPPORTUNITIES, AND OFFERING THE BEST HOPE
FOR ALL; OR, WILL WE TURN BACK TO THE
POLICIES OF HIGH TAXING AND SPENDING THAT
WEAKENED OUR ECONOMY, REDUCED OPPORTUNITIES,
AND BROUGHT HARDSHIP TO SO MANY?

I BELIEVE YOUNG AMERICANS,
INDEPENDENTS, AND RANK AND FILE DEMOCRATS
ARE MAKING THAT CHOICE. THEY ARE JOINING
OUR TEAM IN LARGER AND LARGER NUMBERS,
BECAUSE THEY CAN SEE WE OFFER THE SUREST
VEHICLE TO PROGRESS; THE ONE MOVEMENT THAT'S
SAYING TO EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WITHOUT
EXCEPTION: ---

AMERICA CAN ONLY BE GREAT WHEN EACH OF YOU
CAN REACH FOR GREATNESS -- WHEN YOU CAN
REACH FOR THE STARS, AND CLIMB UP TO THE
ULTIMATE IN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM TO ACHIEVE
YOUR FULL GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL.

SO, WE ARE URGING ALL AMERICANS: COME
WALK WITH US DOWN THIS NEW PATH OF HOPE AND
OPPORTUNITY. } ADD YOUR STRENGTH TO OURS,
AND, TOGETHER, WE'LL BECOME THE MOST
POWERFUL FORCE FOR PROGRESS AMERICA HAS EVER
KNOWN.

ALL OF US TOGETHER CAN BUILD ON THE
PROGRESS WE'VE MADE: WE CAN LOWER
EVERYBODY'S TAX RATES FURTHER, AND CREATE
MORE JOBS, RISING TAKE-HOME PAY, AND GREATER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.

WE CAN EXTEND THE FULL BENEFITS OF I.R.A.'s
TO SPOUSES WORKING IN THE HOME/ PASS
ENTERPRISE ZONES TO RESTORE DISTRESSED AREAS
AND GIVE HOPE TO THOSE WHO ARE LEFT OUT/
COUPLE ENTERPRISE ZONES WITH A YOUTH
OPPORTUNITY WAGE TO HELP TEENAGERS LEARN
SKILLS, ESCAPE DEPENDENCY, AND START A NEW
LIFE/ AND GO FORWARD WITH INITIATIVES TO
HELP PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS PURCHASE THEIR
DWELLINGS AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOME
OWNERSHIP.

WE CAN PUSH TOWARD NEW FRONTIERS IN
SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY; AND WE CAN
STRENGTHEN THE GREAT GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT
WE'VE HELPED LEAD TO MAKE AMERICA'S
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM A GREAT CENTER OF
LEADERSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE.

EVERYTHING WE HAVE DONE, EVERYTHING WE MEAN TO DO, IS TO GIVE EVERY AMERICAN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS GREAT, FREE NATION GREATER AND FREER STILL. OUR OPPONENTS' POLICIES WOULD TAKE US OFF THE NEW PATH OF AN OPPORTUNITY SOCIETY, AND PUT US BACK ON THE OLD PATH OF DEFEATISM, DECLINE, AND DESPAIR. THEY PROPOSE A TAX INCREASE EQUIVALENT TO MORE THAN \$1,800 PER HOUSEHOLD -- THAT'S MORE THAN \$150 EACH AND EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR -- A BALL AND CHAIN AROUND THE NECK OF AMERICA'S FAMILIES AND AMERICA'S FUTURE.

THEIR IDEA OF COMPASSION IS BUREAUCRATIC COMPASSION, WHICH ALWAYS BEGINS WITH EVERY FAMILY SENDING MORE TO WASHINGTON, AND ULTIMATELY LEADS TO MORE SUFFERING FOR THOSE WHO NEED HELP THE MOST.

WE ARE BUILDING A NEW PARTY -- A GRASSROOTS OPPORTUNITY PARTY THAT SEEKS GENUINE COMPASSION THROUGH NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW IDEAS, AND NEW SOLUTIONS THAT WILL MEAN A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL.

COME NOVEMBER 6TH, AMERICANS WILL CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT TEAMS. THEY CAN VOTE FOR THE TAX INCREASE TEAM THAT KICKED OFF ITS CAMPAIGN WITH A PLAN TO TAKE THE EQUIVALENT OF MORE THAN \$150 A MONTH FROM EACH HOUSEHOLD -- A PLAN THAT WILL DESTROY GROWTH, JOBS, AND BRING BACK INFLATION; OR, THEY CAN VOTE FOR THE TEAM THAT WANTS TO LOWER PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES, GIVE EVERY FAMILY MORE HOPE, SO ALL OF US CAN GO FORWARD TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR AMERICA.

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WE DON'T WANT TO SEE THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE DRAGGED BACK TO THAT UNHAPPY PAST.

WE'RE ASKING THEM TO STICK WITH US,
AND WE'RE GOING TO TELL THE WORLD -- YOU
AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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MEETING WITH REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS AND CANDIDATES

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THANK YOU PAUL, THANK YOU MR. VICE
PRESIDENT, AND THANK YOU BOB, FRANK, GUY,
DICK, ED, AND THANK YOU ALL.

I'M GLAD WE HAVE A CHANCE TO BE
TOGETHER, BEFORE YOU GO OFF TO BATTLE, SO I
CAN THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE. } THANKS
TO YOU, AMERICANS ARE WORKING AGAIN AND
AMERICA IS WORKING AGAIN.

I KNOW MANY OF YOU BEAR THE WOUNDS OF
HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT WITH MR. O'NEILL AND HIS
ALLIES. } I TRULY ADMIRE YOU FOR YOUR
YEOMAN'S WORK. } OUR OPPONENTS HAVEN'T HAD AN
EASY TIME WITH OUR SUCCESS, AND NOW ALL OF
OUR STRUGGLES ARE BEGINNING TO PAY OFF.

IT WASN'T JUST A COINCIDENCE, 4 YEARS
AGO, THAT PROBLEMS OF INFLATION, INTEREST
RATES, TAXES, JOBS, CRIME, MORALE IN THE
MILITARY, AND AMERICA'S SECURITY WERE ALL
GETTING WORSE AND OUR FUTURE LOOKED BLEAK.

NOR IS IT JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT, TODAY,
OUR ECONOMY IS BETTER, CRIME IS DOWN, WHILE
ACHIEVEMENT IN SCHOOLS IS UP, OUR DEFENSES
ARE STRONGER, MORALE IS HIGHER, AMERICA IS
AT PEACE, AND THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT AGAIN.

THERE IS ONE BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
4 YEARS AGO AND TODAY: IN 1980, WASHINGTON
WAS CALLING THE PLAYS AND ALL THEY EVER DID
WAS FUMBLE. TODAY, THE PEOPLE ARE BACK IN
CHARGE AND AMERICA IS SCORING TOUCHDOWNS
AGAIN.

NO ARMY IS AS POWERFUL AS AN IDEA WHOSE
TIME HAS COME. THAT'S WHY, WHEN WE SAID IT
WAS TIME TO RESTORE TRUST IN PEOPLE AGAIN,
MILLIONS JOINED US UNDER A NEW BANNER FOR
OPPORTUNITY, GROWTH, AND PROGRESS. OUR
RANKS HAVE CONTINUED TO SWELL.

NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 50 YEARS,
THE MAJORITY OF YOUNG AMERICANS ARE
IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES NOT AS DEMOCRATS, BUT
AS REPUBLICANS.

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WE ARE ON THE EDGE OF AN HISTORIC POLITICAL
TRANSFORMATION THAT CAN CHANGE THE LANDSCAPE
OF THIS NATION FOR GENERATIONS TO COME,

YOU KNOW, I'VE COME TO REALIZE THAT THE
AGE ISSUE MAY PLAY A PART IN THIS ELECTION
AFTER ALL. OUR OPPONENTS' IDEAS ARE JUST
TOO OLD. AND I THINK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THIS; BEGINNING
TO UNDERSTAND, DESPITE ALL THE PROPAGANDA
FROM THE OTHER SIDE AND THE MEDIA, THAT OUR
REPUBLICAN PARTY TRULY IS THE PARTY OF THE
FUTURE; THE PARTY OF GROWTH AND PROGRESS;
AND, YES, THE PARTY FIGHTING FOR GREATER
OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY AMERICAN.

BUT THE LEADERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY -- PEOPLE WHO ONCE FOUGHT FOR LOWER TAX RATES UNDER JOHN KENNEDY, WHO ONCE STOOD PROUDLY FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN THE WORLD ALONGSIDE F.D.R., HARRY TRUMAN, KENNEDY AND JOHNSON -- THOSE PEOPLE HAVE ABANDONED MILLIONS OF RANK AND FILE DEMOCRATS AND THE PRINCIPLES THEY BELIEVE IN.

TODAY, WE CAN ASK ALL THESE FORGOTTEN AMERICANS TO COME WALK WITH US DOWN THE NEW PATH OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY. LET THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY BE THE PARTY THAT PROMISES BILLIONS TO SPECIAL INTERESTS, BUT THAT SEEKS TAX INCREASES THE EQUIVALENT OF MORE THAN \$1,800 PER HOUSEHOLD -- MORE THAN \$150 EACH AND EVERY MONTH OF THE YEAR.

LET THEM RUN ON A PLAN TO TAX AND TAX AND SPEND AND SPEND, BECAUSE WE CAN BE PROUD THAT REPUBLICANS ARE THE ONLY ONES FIGHTING FOR GROWTH AND GROWTH AND JOBS AND JOBS.

WE'LL DEBATE ON THE ISSUES BECAUSE
THOSE ISSUES BELONG TO US. THE ISSUES OF
BRINGING DOWN INFLATION, INTEREST RATES, AND
TAXES, AND BUILDING UP JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY
ARE OUR ISSUES.

WE ARE THE ONES WHO WANT TO SIMPLIFY
THE TAX SYSTEM TO BRING EVERYBODY'S INCOME
TAX RATES FURTHER DOWN, NOT UP/ EXTEND THE
FULL BENEFITS OF I.R.A.'S TO SPOUSES WORKING
IN THE HOME/ PASS ENTERPRISE ZONES TO
RESTORE DISTRESSED AREAS/ COUPLE ENTERPRISE
ZONES WITH A YOUTH OPPORTUNITY WAGE TO HELP
TEENAGERS LEARN SKILLS, ESCAPE DEPENDENCY,
AND START A NEW LIFE/ GO FORWARD WITH
INITIATIVES TO HELP PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS
PURCHASE THEIR DWELLINGS AND ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR HOME OWNERSHIP.

AND WE ARE THE ONES WHO WANT TO MAKE AMERICA'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM A GREAT CENTER OF LEADERSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE BY RAISING STANDARDS, RESTORING DISCIPLINE AND EMPHASIS ON BASICS, AND PUSHING FOR MERIT PAY FOR TEACHERS, AND ENCOURAGING GREATER PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT. AND WE ARE SUPPORTING INITIATIVES LIKE TUITION TAX CREDITS AND EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS TO HELP HARD-WORKING FAMILIES.

WE'RE GOING TO PUSH BACK THE FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. AND, YES, WE'RE GOING TO SAY WITHOUT EMBARRASSMENT THAT WE SEEK TO HONOR OUR TRADITIONS; THAT WE BELIEVE OUR FELLOW CITIZENS ARE GOOD AND DECENT PEOPLE WHOSE VALUES DESERVE TO BE RESPECTED, NOT PATRONIZED. FOR US, WORDS LIKE FAITH IN GOD, FAMILY, WORK, AND NEIGHBORHOOD ARE NOT SLOGANS TO BE DRAGGED OUT OF THE CLOSET EVERY 4 YEARS. THEY ARE VALUES TO RESPECT AND LIVE BY EVERY DAY.

YOU KNOW, THE LAST TIME A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION HAD A CONGRESS OF ITS OWN PERSUASION TO HELP IT DO THE THINGS IT HAD TOLD THE PEOPLE IT WANTED TO DO WAS IN THE FIRST 2 YEARS OF THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION. AND, THROUGH 1980, THE DEMOCRATS CONTROLLED BOTH HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS. SINCE 1981, WE AT LEAST HAVE CONTROLLED ONE, THE SENATE. AND WE COULDN'T HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT WE HAVE WITHOUT THAT ONE. BUT, OH, HOW FAR WE CAN MARCH IF WE HAVE BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS SUBSCRIBING TO OUR PHILOSOPHY OF MORE FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE.

NOW, WE'VE SEEN THAT SOME DEMOCRATS WILL OCCASIONALLY VOTE THE RIGHT WAY A FEW WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION DAY. SO, MAYBE ONE OF OUR MESSAGES SHOULD BE: VOTE FOR OUR CANDIDATES AND YOU'LL BE REPRESENTED MORE THAN 2 WEEKS EVERY 2 YEARS.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN WILL BE FIGHTING FOR YOU
EVERY WEEK OF THE YEAR.

IF WE STICK TOGETHER AND TELL OUR
STORY, THEN, JUST LIKE IN 1980, WE CAN MAKE
HISTORY AGAIN. THE STORY I'D LIKE TO HEAR
THAT NIGHT WILL BE MILLIONS OF YOUNG
AMERICANS VOTING FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND
MILLIONS OF RANK AND FILE DEMOCRATS AND
INDEPENDENTS JOINING TOGETHER TO GIVE BIRTH
TO A NEW PARTY: THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY
PARTY -- AND THAT PARTY WILL BE AMERICA'S
PARTY.

SO, GOD BLESS YOU ALL, AS WE GO FORTH
TO BATTLE. NOW I'M TOLD WE ARE TO MEET WITH
THE PRESS, SO IF IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE
HEARING SOMETHING AGAIN, DON'T WORRY, I
WON'T MIND A BIT IF YOU APPLAUD ANYWAY.

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OCTOBER 5, 1984
CEREMONY WITH DEFENSE EMPLOYEES

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GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M GLAD TO SEE ALL OF
YOU.

LET ME FIRST ASSURE OUR GUESTS THAT WE
HAVE NOT GATHERED FOR A PUBLIC HANGING. WE
ARE HERE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE OUTSPOKEN AND
CREATIVE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES WHO
CHALLENGED THE WAY THINGS WERE DONE IN THE
PAST, AND WHO OFFER US A BETTER, LESS
EXPENSIVE WAY OF DOING THEM IN THE FUTURE.

THE 12 MEN AND WOMEN HERE TODAY DIDN'T
JUST COMPLAIN ABOUT A PROBLEM; THEY DID
SOMETHING ABOUT IT. ONE CHALLENGED THE
PRICE OF AN AIRCRAFT LIGHTING KIT. THAT
CHALLENGE RESULTED IN A DROP IN PRICE FROM
\$50 TO \$8 FOR EVERY KIT WE BUY. ANOTHER IS
AN ALERT AUDITOR WHO FOUND SOME SUSPICIOUS
LABOR CHARGES AND KEPT LOOKING UNTIL HE
GATHERED ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT A
DISHONEST CONTRACTOR AND OBTAIN \$450,000 IN
FINES AND RECOVERIES.

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BUT WHETHER THE SAVINGS WAS \$200 OR
\$2 MILLION, EACH OF THESE FINE DEFENSE
EMPLOYEES STANDING HERE IS PROOF OF THE
ENERGY, THE COMPETENCE, AND THE "CAN-DO"
SPIRIT THAT WE ARE FINDING THROUGHOUT THE
RANKS OF THE PENTAGON TODAY.

I THINK WE SHOULD ALSO TAKE A MINUTE TO
RECOGNIZE THEIR BOSSES -- FOR IF THEIR
SUPERVISORS HAD NOT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION, THEN WE WOULD
NOT BE CELEBRATING THESE SAVINGS AND

SUCCESSSES. I'M PROUD OF THE MANAGEMENT

REFORMS CAP WEINBERGER HAS BROUGHT TO THE

PENTAGON. I'M ENCOURAGED THAT HE HAS A

HOTLINE THAT ANY EMPLOYEE -- ANY AMERICAN --
CAN USE TO CALL IN A COMPLAINT OR

SUGGESTION. IN FACT, THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER

IS 1-800-424-9098.

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THERE ARE TWO REASONS WHY THIS CEREMONY
HERE IN THE ROSE GARDEN IS SO IMPORTANT.

FOUR YEARS AGO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GAVE US A
MANDATE BOTH TO ROOT OUT WASTE AND FRAUD IN
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND TO REBUILD OUR
DEFENSES, WHICH HAD SUFFERED FROM A DECADE
OF NEGLECT. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO
ACHIEVE BOTH THESE OBJECTIVES.

WELL, I THINK WE CAN SAY THAT OUR HARD
WORK IS PAYING OFF. WE ARE TACKLING THE
TOUGH PROBLEMS THAT HAVE PLAGUED DEFENSE
MANAGEMENT FOR SO MANY YEARS. AND TODAY WE
ARE SAFER, MORE SECURE, THAN WE WERE 4 YEARS
AGO.

THIS AFTERNOON, WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S
BECAUSE OF THE DEDICATION AND ACHIEVEMENTS
OF THE 12 PEOPLE WE HONOR TODAY -- AND OF
THE MANY OTHER DEDICATED DEFENSE EMPLOYEES
THEY REPRESENT -- THAT AMERICA IS ONCE AGAIN
ABLE TO FILL ITS LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE
WORLD.

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WE HAVE CEREMONIES TO HONOR THE BRAVE
SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO FIGHT IN OUR WARS;
BUT TODAY WE GATHER TO HONOR THE "UNSUNG
HEROES OF PEACE." AND SO, TO EACH OF YOU,
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THANK YOU,
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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The President has seen

(Elliott/Judge)
October 5, 1984
8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: DRUGS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1984

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My fellow Americans, this week my opponent unveiled with great fanfare his "Plan to Combat Dangerous Drugs" -- a plan comprising what he called four New Initiatives.

Well, forgive me, but his so-called new initiatives aren't new at all. Every one of them is, by now, an old initiative, begun by us more than 2-1/2 years ago, when we first started the South Florida Task Force. Then, a year later, following the success of the Task Force, we extended these initiatives nationwide and set up the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System -- known as N.N.B.I.S.

Consider my opponent's first new initiative: Create a high-level drug coordinator. Perhaps he hasn't heard, but we already have drug interdiction coordination at the highest possible level of Government.

The Vice President has been in charge of the South Florida Task Force and N.N.B.I.S. from the start. Under his direction, nearly 2 dozen Federal agencies have been brought into the war on drugs. Many, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, are more involved in fighting drugs than ever before. Working with the Coast Guard and civilian law enforcement agencies, the military has contributed directly to the interdiction and seizure of major quantities of marijuana and cocaine in the past 2 years. The Vice President has worked closely with the Attorney General who has created 13 new organized crime and drug enforcement task

forces. And those task forces are bringing record numbers of indictments against the leaders of drug trafficking.

His second new initiative: Undertake broad international initiatives. Well, we're already working with other governments, as no administration before, to stop the flow of drugs into our country. Bolivia and Peru recently began coca plant control programs. Pakistan has reduced its opium poppy cultivation more than 90 percent, and Burma continues to expand its opium eradication effort. Colombia has begun spraying its marijuana crops and, in the last year,² has located and destroyed major cocaine factories. This past summer, the Vice President met with the presidents of five Latin American countries to discuss further efforts. And, as you saw this past week, expert cooperation between our Justice Department and the Italian government led to arrests of mafia leaders in the U.S.

My opponent's third new initiative: Step up American enforcement efforts. Someone should tell him that we've included \$1.2 billion in the 1985 Federal budget for drug law enforcement -- a 75-percent increase over the last budget of his administration. During his administration, Drug Enforcement Agency and F.B.I. agents were reduced by 10 percent. In our Administration, the Department of Justice has added 1,200 new agents and prosecutors; and we've increased the Special Agents in Customs from 600 to 1,000.

Apparently he hasn't heard about the increase in radar balloons and Navy and Air Force surveillance flights to track planes attempting to slip across the Gulf of Mexico and the³

Mexican Border. Not to mention the Coast Guard, which is moving forward with its improved detection and surveillance program.

Finally, his fourth new initiative: More State and local support. State and local officials are involved in the drug war as never before. Forty-seven States are now eradicating domestic marijuana. State and local law enforcement officials have expressed their satisfaction with the new high level of information sharing and cooperative efforts with the Federal Government.

At home and abroad we've seen record drug busts and convictions. And, we've seen that, in each of the last 2 years, serious crime has dropped -- the first time that's happened in consecutive years since the F.B.I. began keeping statistics.

Let me mention something else, because for all the so-called new initiatives my opponent is proposing that we've already begun, he did omit one very important one. We're not just increasing our efforts to limit the supply of drugs -- we're also trying to limit the demand for drugs.⁴ That's why Nancy's been joining with concerned parents and citizens all across our country to put out the word to young Americans -- ^X stay away from drugs; ~~drugs~~^{THEY} hurt, and ~~drugs~~ kill.

And we can all be proud of the way our young people have responded. In 1979, one in nine high school seniors used marijuana on a daily basis. By 1983, the number had dropped to one in eighteen -- still too high, but a great improvement.

Just as Americans have pulled together to turn around so many other problems we inherited 4 years ago -- inflation, record

interest rates, taxes, no growth, falling test scores in school, and low morale in our military -- so, too, we're coming together as a Nation to tackle the drug problem. So the question I keep wondering about my opponent is -- where's he been?

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

(ROHRABACHER)

OCTOBER 9, 1984

RECEPTION FOR NATIONAL
FRATERNAL CONGRESS OF AMERICA

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THANK YOU. WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO HAVE ALL OF YOU, WHO ARE
DOING SO MUCH FOR YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS, HERE
TODAY.

IT WAS OVER 150 YEARS AGO WHEN A YOUNG
FRENCHMAN, ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE, VISITED
OUR NEW COUNTRY AND CHRONICLED HIS
OBSERVATIONS IN "DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA."

IN IT, HE SPOKE OF THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE
OF OUR FOREFATHERS, NOT JUST ENTERPRISE IN
BUSINESS, BUT ALSO IN PROBLEM SOLVING, IN
ENDEAVORS TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE, AND IN
ACTS OF CHARITY.

YOU KNOW, THERE IS SOMETHING STRANGE IN
THE UNITED STATES, HE WROTE. WHEN
INDIVIDUALS SEE A PROBLEM, THEY WALK ACROSS
THE STREET TO A FRIEND OR A NEIGHBOR, AND
THEY TELL THEM OF THE PROBLEM.

AND THEY TALK ABOUT IT, AND PRETTY SOON A COMMITTEE IS FORMED. AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW, THEY'RE SOLVING THE PROBLEM. AND THEN HE ADDED TO HIS FELLOW FRENCHMEN, YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, BUT NOT A SINGLE BUREAUCRAT WAS INVOLVED.

DE TOCQUEVILLE NOTED THAT, "WHEREVER, AT THE HEAD OF SOME NEW UNDERTAKING, YOU SEE THE GOVERNMENT IN FRANCE, OR A MAN OF RANK IN ENGLAND, IN THE UNITED STATES YOU WILL BE SURE TO FIND AN ASSOCIATION."

I SENSE THAT KIND OF SPIRIT IN THIS ROOM TODAY. SINCE COMING TO WASHINGTON, WE'VE MADE ENCOURAGING PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES A MAJOR GOAL OF OUR ADMINISTRATION. WHEREVER WE'VE TRAVELED IN THIS COUNTRY, WE'VE FOUND HEARTWARMING EXAMPLES OF THIS BENEVOLENT ASPECT OF THE AMERICAN CHARACTER.

THERE WERE WORKERS AT GENERAL MOTORS WHO HELPED FEED THE NEEDY IN THEIR CITIES.

THEN THERE WAS THE WORKER UP AT A
WESTINGHOUSE PLANT. HE SPORTED SOME MIGHTY
LONG HAIR. DURING A DRIVE TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, HE
PLEGGED TO DONATE ONE INCH OF HAIR FOR EVERY
\$10 HIS FELLOW WORKERS CONTRIBUTED. THEY
ALMOST GAVE HIM A CREW CUT.

LOOKING OUT OVER THIS ROOM, I CAN SEE
INDIVIDUALS WHO REPRESENT THE RICH CULTURAL
DIVERSITY OF OUR COUNTRY. WELL, IN OUR
EFFORTS TO LEND A HELPING HAND, WE ARE TRULY
UNITED AS A PEOPLE. THIS SPIRIT OF DIRECT
INVOLVEMENT, OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY,
RATHER THAN ALWAYS LOOKING TO THE GOVERNMENT
TO SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM, IS SOMETHING OF
WHICH WE CAN BE PROUD. LAST YEAR, FOR
EXAMPLE, INDIVIDUAL GIVING TO CHARITABLE
CAUSES WENT UP 8 PERCENT.

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THAT SAME DE TOCQUEVILLE SAID, "AMERICA
IS GREAT BECAUSE AMERICA IS GOOD — AND IF
AMERICA EVER CEASES TO BE GOOD — AMERICA
WILL CEASE TO BE GREAT."

WELL, I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK ALL OF
YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO KEEP OUR
COUNTRY THE GOOD AND DECENT PLACE GOD
INTENDED IT TO BE.] THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS
YOU.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR NATIONAL FRATERNAL
CONGRESS OF AMERICA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1984

Thank you. Welcome to the White House. It's a pleasure to have all of you, who are doing so much for your fellow citizens, here today.

It was over 150 years ago when a young Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville, visited our new country and chronicled his observations in "Democracy in America." In it, he spoke of the spirit of enterprise of our forefathers, not just enterprise in business, but also in problem solving, in endeavors to help the less fortunate, and in acts of charity.

You know, there is something strange in the United States, he wrote. When individuals see a problem, they walk across the street to a friend or a neighbor, and they tell them of the problem. And they talk about it, and pretty soon a committee is formed. And the next thing you know, they're solving the problem. And then he added to his fellow Frenchmen, you won't believe this, but not a single bureaucrat was involved.

De Tocqueville noted that, "Wherever, at the head of some new undertaking, you see the Government in France, or a man of rank in England, in the United States you will be sure to find an association."

I sense that kind of spirit in this room today. Since coming to Washington, we've made encouraging private sector initiatives a major goal of our Administration. Wherever we've

traveled in this country, we've found heartwarming examples of this benevolent aspect of the American character.

There were workers at General Motors who helped feed laid-off employees. Then there was the worker up at a Westinghouse Plant. He sported some mighty long hair. During a drive to raise funds for the fight against multiple sclerosis, he pledged to donate one inch of hair for every \$100 his workers contributed. They almost gave him a crew cut.

Looking out over this room, I can see individuals who represent the rich cultural diversity of our country. Well, in our efforts to lend a helping hand, we are truly united as a people. This spirit of direct involvement, of individual responsibility, rather than always looking to the Government to solve every problem, is something of which we can be proud. Last year, for example, individual giving to charitable causes went up 11 percent.

~~President Eisenhower~~ ^{TIMOTHY SANK DE TOCQUEVILLE} once said, "America is great because America is good -- and if America ever ceases to be good -- America will cease to be great."

Well, I want to personally thank all of you for what you are doing to keep our country the good and decent place God intended it to be. Thank you and God bless you.

(MYER/NSC)

The President has seen

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DEPARTURE STATEMENT
PRIME MINISTER PERES OF ISRAEL

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WE'VE JUST COMPLETED AN INTENSIVE ROUND
OF DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER PERES AND
FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMIR. AND MAY I SAY THAT
OUR DISCUSSIONS RECONFIRMED THE CLOSE
FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND SHARED
VALUES THAT BIND OUR COUNTRIES. OUR TIES
REMAIN UNBREAKABLE AND CONTINUE TO GROW
STRONGER.

IT HAS BEEN A PARTICULAR PLEASURE FOR
ME TO WELCOME MR. PERES TO THE WHITE HOUSE
IN HIS NEW CAPACITY AS PRIME MINISTER.

MR. SHAMIR, OF COURSE, HAS BEEN A FREQUENT
VISITOR TO WASHINGTON AND I AM VERY PLEASED
TO MEET WITH HIM AGAIN. I WANT TO PAY
SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES
OF PRIME MINISTER PERES AND FOREIGN MINISTER
SHAMIR.

BOTH HAVE SHOWN COURAGE AND DETERMINATION TO PUT ASIDE PARTISAN POLITICS AND JOIN TOGETHER IN A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH ISRAEL'S MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS. THIS DEMONSTRATION OF UNITY REMINDS US OF DEMOCRACY'S GREAT STRENGTH, AND THE HOPE IT OFFERS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

IN OUR TALKS, WE FOCUSED ON SEVERAL ISSUES. WE DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL THE PLANS OF PRIME MINISTER PERES AND HIS PARTNERS IN THE NEW UNITY GOVERNMENT FOR REVITALIZING THE ISRAELI ECONOMY AND PUTTING IT ON THE ROAD TO SUSTAINED RECOVERY. I AM IMPRESSED BY THE BOLD AND WIDE-RANGING STEPS THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES ARE PLANNING. I KNOW FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCE HOW DIFFICULT THE PROBLEM OF ECONOMIC READJUSTMENT IS, YET HOW VITALLY IMPORTANT A STRONG ECONOMY IS TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

WE HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR WILLINGNESS TO
CONTINUE OUR DIALOGUE AND TO COOPERATE WITH
ISRAEL IN THE BEST WAY WE CAN AS ISRAEL
PROCEEDS WITH ITS PLANS.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS
ALREADY TAKEN SOME STEPS TO REDUCE INFLATION
AND INCREASE ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND IT IS
WORKING TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL STEPS.

THE ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUNDS AND OTHER FUNDS
THAT THE CONGRESS HAS APPROPRIATED FOR
ISRAEL COME AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME, FOR THEY
WILL ENABLE ISRAEL TO DEVELOP ITS PROGRAMS
WITHOUT HAVING TO DIVERT UNDUE ATTENTION TO
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS.

SHOULD SUCH
PROBLEMS ARISE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL
WORK CLOSELY WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO
AVERT THEM.

LOOKING AHEAD, PRIME MINISTER PERES HAS
DESCRIBED A BRIGHT VISION OF ISRAEL'S
ECONOMIC FUTURE AS A DYNAMIC COMPETITOR IN
WORLD MARKETS.

WE HAVE AGREED TO EXPLORE WITH ISRAEL WAYS TO ENHANCE ITS GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS THROUGH STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT, INCREASED TRADE AND INVESTMENT, AS WELL AS AMERICAN AID. PRIME MINISTER PERES AND I HAVE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP OF ECONOMIC OFFICIALS FROM OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE ECONOMISTS TO DISCUSS ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THIS GROUP WILL BE AN IMPORTANT FORUM FOR EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE FULL RANGE OF ECONOMIC ISSUES AND EXAMINING WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT ISRAEL'S EFFORTS.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE TRADE AREA BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ALSO OFFERS GREAT PROMISE TO ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC FUTURE AND TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST SUCH AGREEMENT WE HAVE ENTERED INTO WITH ANOTHER NATION. PRIME MINISTER PERES AND I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR DELEGATIONS TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN 30 DAYS.

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I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS UNPRECEDENTED AGREEMENT, BY EXPANDING ISRAEL'S EXPORT MARKETS TO THE UNITED STATES, WILL BE IMPORTANT IN HELPING ISRAEL ON THE WAY TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY. } IT WILL ALSO BOOST U.S. EXPORTS TO ISRAEL.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN LEBANON. } THE PRIME MINISTER MADE CLEAR THE FIRM ISRAELI DETERMINATION TO WITHDRAW FULLY FROM LEBANON AS SOON AS SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE PUT IN PLACE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BORDER.

I REASSURED HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO HELP, PROVIDED THE PARTIES CONCERNED WANT US TO PLAY THIS ROLE AND ARE COMMITTED TO FINDING ANSWERS TO THE DIFFICULT ISSUES INVOLVED. } WE AGREED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

FINALLY, I REAFFIRMED OUR FUNDAMENTAL
COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S NATIONAL SECURITY,

I AM PLEASED THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO CONSULT
IN A SYSTEMATIC WAY ON THE U.S.-ISRAEL
SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, A WAY THAT
CONTRIBUTES MOST EFFECTIVELY TO ISRAEL'S
OVERALL NATIONAL SECURITY, AND THE
MAINTENANCE OF ITS QUALITATIVE EDGE.

SECRETARY WEINBERGER WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS
PROCESS AND OTHER SECURITY MATTERS WHEN HE
VISITS ISRAEL NEXT WEEK.

I MADE CLEAR TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND
HIS COLLEAGUES OUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE
GOAL OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND ALL ITS ARAB NFIGHBORS.

OUTSTANDING STEPS IN THAT DIRECTION ARE
UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 242, THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS, AND
THE HISTORIC EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY.

I REAFFIRM TODAY MY INITIATIVE OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 1982.

AT THAT TIME I SET FORTH U.S. POSITIONS
DESIGNED TO BRING THE PARTIES TO THE
NEGOTIATING TABLE, PRESUMABLY WITH THEIR OWN
POSITIONS. THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT
HIS GOVERNMENT IS ALSO DETERMINED TO MOVE
THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD. I JOIN HIM IN
THAT GREAT AND COMMON OBJECTIVE.

IN PARTNERSHIP, ISRAEL AND THE UNITED
STATES WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD OUR
COMMON VISION OF PEACE, SECURITY,
AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

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SIGNING CEREMONY FOR OLDER AMERICANS ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 1984

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WELCOME TO THE
WHITE HOUSE.

I AM PLEASED THAT THE CONGRESS HAS
COMPLETED ACTION ON A BILL TO REAUTHORIZE
AND IMPROVE THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT.

AND IT'S NOT BECAUSE I'M OFTEN REMINDED OF
WHAT FRANCIS JOSEPH, CARDINAL SPELLMAN MEANT
WHEN HE SAID THERE WERE THREE AGES --
"YOUTH, MIDDLE AGE, AND -- 'YOU'RE LOOKING
WONDERFUL!'"

NOW BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING ELSE, PLEASE
LET ME THANK ALL THOSE IN THE CONGRESS WHO
WORKED SO HARD ON BEHALF OF THIS IMPORTANT
LEGISLATION.

OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WANT AND DESERVE TO
BE FULL PARTICIPANTS IN AMERICAN LIFE. THEY
WANT AND DESERVE INDEPENDENCE, QUALITY
HEALTH CARE, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY.

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THE LEGISLATION I AM ABOUT TO SIGN WILL HELP
OLDER AMERICANS ACHIEVE THESE WORTHY GOALS.

THIS LEGISLATION WILL CONTINUE A
PROGRAM WHICH HAS PROVIDED ESSENTIAL
SERVICES FOR OLDER AMERICANS SINCE 1965 —
NUTRITIOUS MEALS, INFORMATION AND REFERRAL
SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER TYPES OF
ASSISTANCE WHICH MAKE IT EASIER TO FIND
SELF-FULFILLMENT AND REWARDING INVOLVEMENT
IN COMMUNITY LIFE. THESE IMPORTANT PROGRAMS
SERVE AN ESTIMATED 13 MILLION OLDER
AMERICANS EACH YEAR.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE
BILL PROVIDES NEW HELP AND HOPE FOR THE
VICTIMS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND THEIR
FAMILIES. AS YOU KNOW, ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF INTELLECTUAL
IMPAIRMENT IN OLDER AMERICANS.

UNTIL RECENTLY, THIS INDISCRIMINATE KILLER OF MIND AND LIFE HAD GONE VIRTUALLY UNDETECTED, WITH THE FAMILIES OF ITS VICTIMS VIRTUALLY HELPLESS. THIS LEGISLATION MEANS MORE HELP IS ON THE WAY.

ALL OF US HAVE MUCH TO DO TO MAKE THE LIVES OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS SAFE, REWARDING, AND ENJOYABLE. THIS LEGISLATION WILL HELP TO DO THAT, AND DO IT IN A WAY THAT PROVIDES GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE GRANTS THAT FINANCE THESE PROGRAMS.

BUT IN SIGNING THIS IMPORTANT PIECE OF LEGISLATION, I MUST NOTE MY STRONG CONSTITUTIONAL RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE PROVISIONS THAT GIVE THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE THE POWER TO APPOINT TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL ON THE AGING.

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UNDER THIS LEGISLATION, THE COUNCIL CLEARLY
REMAINS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. UNDER
THE CONSTITUTION, THEREFORE, MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE APPOINTED BY OFFICERS
OF THE CONGRESS. ACCORDINGLY, I STRONGLY
URGE THE CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO
REPEAL THESE NEW APPOINTMENT PROVISIONS
BEFORE JUNE 5, 1985.

AND NOW I'LL SIGN THE BILL.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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