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(MYER)

OCTOBER 11, 1984

CEREMONY IN OBSERVANCE OF MINORITY
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK

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I'M DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU,
THE BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICA, TO THE
WHITE HOUSE. TODAY, AS PART OF MINORITY
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK, WE PAY TRIBUTE
TO THE MINORITY BUSINESS OWNERS OF OUR
NATION. AND IN A FEW MINUTES, IT WILL BE MY
GREAT PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE YOUR BUSINESS
PERSONS OF THE YEAR.

NOT TOO LONG AGO, I WAS ASKED TO
EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SMALL
BUSINESSMAN AND A BIG BUSINESSMAN.

AND MY ANSWER WAS THAT A BIG BUSINESSMAN IS
WHAT A SMALL BUSINESSMAN WOULD BE IF ONLY
THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GET OUT OF THE WAY AND
LEAVE HIM ALONE.

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING HARD TO DO --
TO HELP YOU MAKE IT BIG. AND THE LAST THING
YOU NEED IS TO CLIMB ABOARD THE ECONOMIC
TRAIN -- AFTER A LONG, TOUGH FIGHT TO BUY A
TICKET -- AND THEN SEE THE TRAIN COME TO A
GRINDING HALT.

LESS THAN 4 YEARS AGO, THE HEAVY
FREIGHT OF DOUBLE-DIGIT INFLATION, HIGH
TAXES, RECORD INTEREST RATES, AND
OVERREGULATION HAD STOPPED THE ECONOMIC
TRAIN DEAD IN ITS TRACKS. WELL, THAT'S ALL
BEEN CHANGED AND TODAY, A STRONG AND A
VIBRANT AMERICA IS SETTling IN.

INFLATION HAS PLUMMETED BY NEARLY
TWO-THIRDS AND IT'S STAYING DOWN.
PURCHASING POWER IS BACK IN THE HANDS OF THE
CONSUMERS, AND THAT'S GREAT NEWS FOR
AMERICA'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY. PRODUCTIVITY
IS RISING AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IS SOLID.

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AND THE BEST NEWS OF ALL IS OVER 6 MILLION
MORE AMERICANS HAVE JOBS THAN JUST 21 MONTHS
AGO, JOBS THAT YOU'RE HELPING TO PROVIDE.

BUT WE'RE FAR FROM FINISHED.

AND THERE'S MUCH MORE THAT CAN AND MUST BE
DONE. IF THE DREAM OF AMERICA IS TO BE

STRENGTHENED, WE MUST NOT WASTE THE GENIUS
OF ONE MIND, THE STRENGTH OF ONE BODY, OR
THE SPIRIT OF ONE SOUL. WE MUST USE EVERY

CAPABILITY WE HAVE, AND THE SUREST WAY TO DO
THAT IS TO MOBILIZE THE POWER OF PRIVATE
ENTERPRISE, AND LET YOU WORK YOUR MAGIC.

I BELIEVE THAT WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING
SURE THAT ALL AMERICANS -- FROM EVERY WALK
OF LIFE, OF EVERY COLOR, CREED AND
RELIGION -- HAVE THE CHANCE TO MAKE IT BIG,
THERE'S NO BETTER WAY THAN TO KEEP THE
ECONOMY SPARKLING AND THE OPPORTUNITIES
EXPANDING FOR YOU AND FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS.

WE KNOW THAT, GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES,
MINORITY FIRMS CAN PREVAIL IN FAIR AND OPEN
COMPETITION. YOU ARE A DYNAMIC FORCE IN THE
MARKETPLACE, BRINGING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS
OF JOBS TO HARD-WORKING AMERICANS, AND
PROVIDING INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS, NEEDED
SERVICES, AND IDEAS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR
THE FUTURE. THE ONLY THING I WANT TO SEE IS
YOUR SUCCESS GROW AND YOUR NUMBERS INCREASE,
AND THAT'S WHY WE WILL KEEP SUPPORTING,
AT EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, A BROAD RANGE
OF PROGRAMS TO REACH OUT TO DISADVANTAGED
SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

AS YOU KNOW, WE WILL SOON ENTER THE
THIRD YEAR OF OUR 10-YEAR PROGRAM TO ASSIST
DIRECTLY IN FORMING 60,000 NEW MINORITY
BUSINESSES AND TO HELP EXPAND AT LEAST
60,000 EXISTING MINORITY FIRMS. THE PROGRAM
IS ON SCHEDULE, AND WE'RE GOING TO KEEP IT
THAT WAY.

WE'RE SEEING THE SAME RESULTS IN OUR
OBJECTIVE TO PROCURE SOME \$15 BILLION IN
MINORITY BUSINESS GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 1985.

WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT YOUR FIRMS WILL
RECEIVE NEARLY \$3 BILLION MORE IN FEDERAL
CONTRACTING IN 3 YEARS THAN WAS PROVIDED IN
ALL THE 12 YEARS DURING THE LAST THREE
ADMINISTRATIONS.

WE ARE DETERMINED TO INCREASE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY BUSINESSES TO
PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL PROCUREMENT. AND I

MIGHT MENTION THAT THESE FIGURES DO NOT
INCLUDE PROCUREMENT BY RECIPIENTS OF FEDERAL
GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS -- AND
THAT ADDS AN ADDITIONAL \$6 TO \$7 BILLION TO
THE TOTAL.

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY
GROW AND GROW.

WE'RE WORKING HARD TO BE SENSITIVE TO YOUR CONCERNS, AND TO BUILD ON THE BEGINNING WE'VE MADE TOGETHER.

I'M DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN TODAY'S CELEBRATION. } MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO SALUTE SOME OF AMERICA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURS -- THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE THE REAL HEROES BEHIND AMERICA'S SUCCESS. } GOD BLESS YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO TRY AND HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

THE BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN HERE TODAY REPRESENT INDUSTRIES AS DIVERSE AS STEEL, AUTOMOBILE, AND COMPUTERS. } AND THEY'RE ALL PIONEERS IN AMERICA'S CONTINUING FRONTIER OF OPPORTUNITY -- THE FREE MARKET SYSTEM.

AND NOW FOR THE MOST PLEASANT JOB THAT I'VE HAD ALL WEEK, AND I'M SURE HAPPY THAT IT WASN'T UP TO ME TO PICK THE WINNERS.

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AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE ALL WINNERS
AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

THE 1984 NATIONAL MINORITY SMALL
BUSINESS PERSONS OF THE YEAR ARE
DAVID M. BING AND FRANK AND ALBERT GAMBOA.

AND THIS YEAR'S MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS OF
THE YEAR ARE PEGGY SHREVE AND HERMAN
VALENTINE, AND WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO
HONOR THEM TODAY.

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(Elliott/DD)

October 11, 1984

6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: ECONOMY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1984

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My fellow Americans, the 1984 campaign is in full swing, and no matter who you are, student, construction worker, farmer, nurse, or high-tech entrepreneur, this election offers you the clearest choice for your future in many years.

The central economic issue of this campaign is growth. Will we have policies that give each of you opportunities to climb higher and push America to challenge the limits of growth -- policies like those that, in the last 22 months, have given this Nation the strongest economic expansion in 30 years; or, will we go back to those failed policies of the Carter-Mondale Administration that inflicted unprecedented hardship on our people?

Our vision of strong economic growth is not a pipedream. It's a living accomplishment. And it can continue to get better, offering new hope for everyone, including all of you who have not yet recovered from the Carter-Mondale past.

We came to Washington with a pledge to make a New Beginning by putting more power, earnings, and decisions back in your hands. ↙ That's why we passed the first tax rate reduction for everyone since President John Kennedy's program 20 years ago. And, it's no coincidence that once those tax cuts took hold, the American economy woke up with a roar from years of economic slumber.

Think about this success, because you're the ones who made it happen and who can and must keep it going: Twenty-two straight months of economic expansion, and yet inflation is only one-third what it was when my opponent was in office; 600,000 new business incorporations last year, an all-time record; over 6 million new jobs created -- in fact, more jobs created, on average, each month than were created in all the Common Market countries combined during the last 10 years.

But we can't and won't be satisfied until every American who wants a job can find a job; until inflation is down to zero point zero, and interest rates have been brought down more; until the farm community has fully recovered from the legacy of record interest rates, inflation, and the grain embargo; and until we modernize³ and make our older industries more competitive with new technologies -- in other words, all of us have made great progress, but even greater challenges lie ahead.

We want to go forward with exciting new opportunities to help America challenge the limits of growth -- for example, an historic simplification of our tax system, making the entire system more fair, and easier to understand, so we can bring yours and everybody's personal tax rates further down, not up.

My opponent has a very different vision, a gloomy vision of weakness that doesn't look to you with confidence, or challenge you to dream great dreams and make America grow, but that places its trust in bigger Government.

We must ask ourselves one question: What has ^{he} ~~my opponent~~ ever done or said to suggest, let alone convince us, that his

vision can do anything but fail. The record is clear: In his administration the only things that went up were inflation, interest rates, and taxes, while everything else -- investment, productivity, earnings, savings, confidence, optimism, and growth -- all fell apart. 3

Then when we came along, he predicted our tax reduction would be, quote, "murderously" inflationary. That was before ^{JUST} inflation dropped dramatically. He said there was no hope of recovery. Then economic recovery began. He said recovery would be anemic at best. That was before the strongest economic expansion in 30 years. Now he says the deficit cannot be brought down without new tax increases. And at this very moment the deficit is coming down without new tax increases.

My opponent puts Government first, which is why his policies fail and his predictions are wrong. We trust in you, and that spells success through economic growth. Nor has he learned from his mistakes. He has proposed to raise taxes by \$85 billion. In fact, he would have to raise taxes the equivalent of \$1,890 per household to pay for his promises. And just this past week he began to reveal the rest of his plan. 4 He said he would repeal indexing -- the reform we passed to keep you from being taxed when inflation pushes you into higher and higher tax brackets. ^{NOW SAYS} ~~Then~~ he ~~said~~ he ~~is~~ goofed. ^{WHATEVER WE DO} Well, ~~we~~ know he has a basic two-part plan: raise your taxes and then raise 'em again.

Asking you to buy his failed policies is a little like someone expecting you to go to a used car lot to buy back the lemon you got rid of 4 years ago. But you don't have to. You

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can stick with leadership that's working, leadership that trusts in you and offers growth and opportunity, so all of us can go forward together to build a better American future.

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

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~~The President has seen~~
OCTOBER 17, 1984

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUNG ASTRONAUTS PROGRAM

MIKE COLLINS, JIM BEGGS, JACK ANDERSON,
THE MEN AND WOMEN OF NASA'S ASTRONAUT CLASS
OF 1984, TO YOU YOUNG PEOPLE, AND TO ALL OF
YOU WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THIS
CEREMONY POSSIBLE, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO
WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

WE'RE HERE TODAY TO LAUNCH THE YOUNG
ASTRONAUTS PROGRAM, AN EXCITING NEW PROJECT
SURE TO INSPIRE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, LIFT THEIR
SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, AND HELP PREPARE THEM
FOR THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
AHEAD -- IN SPACE AND ON THE GROUND.

BUT FIRST I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE
17 MEMBERS OF NASA'S ASTRONAUT CLASS OF
1984. I'M PLEASED THAT YOU'RE HERE TODAY
AND ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THIS CEREMONY.

BY ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE OF SPACE, YOU ARE
CARRYING FORWARD THE SAME COURAGE AND SPIRIT
OF ALL WHO HAVE WORN THE NASA EMBLEM,
AN EMBLEM RECOGNIZED THE WORLD OVER AS A
MARK OF UNMATCHED PROFESSIONALISM,
TECHNOLOGY/ AND ACHIEVEMENT.

I'M HAPPY TO SEE DAVID LOW HERE AS A
MEMBER OF YOUR CLASS. DAVID, WE WILL NEVER
FORGET YOUR FATHER'S LIFE-LONG EFFORTS AS
NASA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, MANAGER OF THE
APOLLO PROGRAM, AND A LEADER IN PLANNING THE
SHUTTLE PROGRAM. DR. GEORGE LOW AND THE
WHOLE NASA TEAM RAISED OUR SIGHTS AND OUR
HOPES. AND WITH THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WE TOUCHED THE MOON,
AND OPPORTUNITY AND PROGRESS.

LAST SATURDAY, WE WATCHED THE PERFECT
TOUCHDOWN OF THE 13TH SHUTTLE MISSION.

I COULDN'T HELP THINKING THAT THE CHALLENGER
CREW WAS THE SAME SIZE AS OUR ORIGINAL
ASTRONAUT CORPS.

BACK THEN IT WAS THE MERCURY 7, THEN THE GEMINI 9 -- ALL FORMER TEST PILOTS, AND ALL MEN. AND NOW: 90 ASTRONAUTS, WOMEN AND MEN, PILOTS, ENGINEERS, AND SCIENTISTS. AND SOON, A TEACHER AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. AND THE OPPORTUNITIES WILL JUST KEEP ON GROWING.

A FEW DAYS AGO, I SAW A CARTOON SHOWING TWO SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND ONE ASKED THE OTHER, "I WONDER WHY THE PRESIDENT WANTS A TEACHER TO BE THE FIRST PASSENGER ON THE SHUTTLE?" AND THE ANSWER WAS, "PROBABLY TO MAKE SURE NO ONE HAS TOO MUCH FUN IN OUTER SPACE." WELL, THAT'S NOT THE REASON. WHEN THAT SHUTTLE LIFTS OFF, ALL OF AMERICA WILL BE REMINDED OF THE CRUCIAL ROLE TEACHERS AND EDUCATION PLAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR NATION, AND OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SPACE TO OUR FUTURE. I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER LESSON FOR OUR CHILDREN, AND OUR COUNTRY.

JUST RECENTLY, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
A SIXTH GRADER WHO LIVES HERE IN WASHINGTON.
HE SAID HE TOLD HIS PARENTS THAT ONE DAY
HE'S GOING TO BE A PILOT OR AN ASTRONAUT.
AND THEN HE SAID, "PLEASE ACCEPT ME IN THE
YOUNG ASTRONAUTS PROGRAM IF YOU CAN." THIS
JUST MIGHT BE THE BEGINNING OF MY FUTURE."

(DAY-MIN), I, TOO, THINK THIS JUST
MIGHT BE THE BEGINNING OF YOUR FUTURE.
WELCOME TO THE PROGRAM -- I'M SURE YOU AND
YOUR TEACHERS ARE GOING TO LIKE IT.

NASA, OUR OFFICE OF PRIVATE SECTOR
INITIATIVES, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
AND THE NATIONAL SPACE INSTITUTE, WITH HELP
FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND
AEROSPACE GROUPS, HAVE DESIGNED AN
OUTSTANDING CURRICULUM. YOU'LL FIND
INCENTIVES TO PURSUE SCIENCE AND MATH,
AND THE CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN EXCITING
SPACE-RELATED ACTIVITIES.

THE END PRODUCT WILL BE KNOWLEDGE -- OUR
GREATEST RESOURCE FOR MEETING TOMORROW'S
CHALLENGES WITH OPTIMISM AND SUCCESS.

AND THAT'S THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE
YOUNG ASTRONAUTS PROGRAM.

THIS PRIVATE SECTOR PROGRAM WILL BE
DIRECTED BY THE YOUNG ASTRONAUTS COUNCIL
HERE IN WASHINGTON, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
JACK ANDERSON, HUGH DOWNS, AND HAROLD
BURSON. I WANT TO THANK JACK FOR HIS HELP
IN GETTING THE PROGRAM STARTED. AND I WANT
TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

JUST AS OUR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPACE
REASSURE US OF OUR GREATNESS, THE YOUNG
ASTRONAUTS PROGRAM REASSURES US THAT WE WILL
KEEP DREAMING NEW DREAMS, AND KEEP MOVING
FORWARD.

NOW LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS TO THE YOUNG
PEOPLE HERE TODAY. THESE GROUNDS HAVE SEEN
SOME VERY PROUD MOMENTS AND WELCOMED SOME
PRETTY IMPORTANT PEOPLE.

BUT NONE HAVE BEEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU.
YOU ARE AMERICA'S FUTURE.

IN THE YEARS TO COME, IT'S GOING TO BE
UP TO YOU TO POINT THE WAY AND TO KEEP
AMERICA MOVING FORWARD. AND I BELIEVE
YOU'LL SUCCEED BEYOND WHAT WE CAN EVEN
IMAGINE.

AMERICA'S HISTORY HAS BEEN NOT OF
ACCEPTING WHAT IS, NOT OF KNOWING LIMITS,
BUT OF STRIVING AND WORKING TO BUILD WHAT
CAN BE. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN'T DO IF WE
SET OUR MIND TO IT. THERE'S NOTHING WE
CAN'T ACHIEVE. AND THAT'S THE WAY IT'S
ALWAYS BEEN IN AMERICA -- FROM THE TIME THAT
COVERED-WAGON PIONEERS HEADED WEST TO WHEN
OUR ASTRONAUTS PUT THE FIRST AMERICAN
FOOTPRINTS ON THE MOON. WE'VE PROVED THAT
THERE'S NO PROBLEM SO BIG THAT IT CAN STOP
PROGRESS.

THE SKY'S NOT THE LIMIT, BECAUSE THE
OPPORTUNITIES OF SPACE ARE UNLIMITED.

ALREADY, SATELLITES LET US COMMUNICATE WITH
EACH OTHER AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE, VIRTUALLY
ANYWHERE ON THE GLOBE. WE CAN ANTICIPATE
TOMORROW'S WEATHER AND PREPARE FOR IT.

WE'VE USED THE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED FOR OUR
SPACE PROGRAM TO MAKE OUR OWN LIVES SAFER
AND MUCH BETTER -- FROM THE COMPUTERS IN
YOUR CLASSROOMS TO THE CORDLESS POWER TOOLS
IN YOUR DADS' WORKSHOPS.

THANKS TO SPACE TECHNOLOGY, DOCTORS CAN
NOW USE SOUND WAVES TO MONITOR BABIES BEFORE
THEY'RE BORN, ENSURING SAFER PREGNANCY AND
DELIVERY FOR THE MOTHER, AND BETTER HEALTH
FOR THE NEWBORN; FIREMEN NOW HAVE NEW
LIFE-SAVING VESTS; AND SICK PEOPLE HAVE NEW
HOPE WITH WONDERFUL ADVANCES IN MEDICINE.

THERE'S NO DOUBT YOU'RE GROWING UP IN ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING TIMES IN OUR HISTORY, A TIME FILLED WITH EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY. THERE'S A DAZZLING NEW WORLD BEFORE US, AND YOU HAVE GOOD REASON TO LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

THE ASTRONAUTS WITH US TODAY WORKED VERY HARD TO BE READY FOR THE FUTURE, AND FOR THEM, THE FUTURE IS NOW. THEY WILL GUIDE THE SHUTTLE TO EVEN GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS, AND THEY WILL HELP BUILD OUR SPACE STATION. AND MAYBE ONE DAY, ONE OF YOU YOUNG ASTRONAUTS CAN FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS.

BUT YOU MUST BE READY, AND THAT MEANS MASTERING SCIENCE, MATH, AND COMPUTERS -- THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF HIGH-TECH. SOMEONE ONCE SAID THAT, "IF YOU THINK EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE, TRY IGNORANCE." I WOULD ADD, IF YOU THINK GETTING READY FOR THE FUTURE IS HARD WORK, TRY NOT BEING READY.

TODAY WE'RE WELL INTO A NEW ERA GUIDED BY
TECHNOLOGIES THAT WERE UNKNOWN JUST A
GENERATION AGO. MANY NEW DOORS TO DISCOVERY
AND PROGRESS ARE OPENING. BY CHOOSING THE
YOUNG ASTRONAUTS PROGRAM, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO
WALK THROUGH THOSE DOORS.

NOW THERE'S ONE FINAL THOUGHT.
THE SHUTTLE PROGRAM GIVES US A GLIMPSE OF
THE INCREDIBLE POSSIBILITIES THAT AWAIT US.
AND THEY'RE ALL THE RESULT OF COMMITMENTS
WE'VE MADE OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS --
COMMITMENTS WE'VE HONORED. ALONG THE WAY,
THERE HAVE BEEN THE DOUBTING THOMASES,
THERE ALWAYS ARE -- LIKE THE SHORTSIGHTED
WHO NEVER UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD HAVE STOPPED
THE SHUTTLE PROGRAM BEFORE IT EVER HAD A
CHANCE. WELL, I'D RATHER REMEMBER THE
WISDOM OF CARL SANDBERG, WHO SAID, "ALWAYS
THE PATH OF AMERICAN DESTINY HAS BEEN INTO
THE UNKNOWN.

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ALWAYS THERE AROSE ENOUGH OF RESERVES OF
STRENGTH . . . TO CARRY THE NATION THROUGH
TO A FRESH START WITH EVER-RENEWING
VITALITY."

WE'LL RISE TO THE CHALLENGE OF THOSE
WORDS. WE WON'T BE HELD BACK. WE'LL KEEP
BATTLING FOR THE FUTURE, FOR NEW JOBS AND
MARKETS, FOR DISCOVERY, AND FOR KNOWLEDGE.
WE HAVE A COMMITMENT TO KEEP TO OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE -- OUR YOUNG ASTRONAUTS -- AND WE
WON'T LET THEM DOWN.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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The President has seen _____



(Myer/BE)
October 16, 1984
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUNG ASTRONAUTS PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1984

Mike Collins, Jim Beggs, Jack Anderson, the men and women of NASA's Astronaut Class of 1984, to you young people, and to all of you who have worked so hard to make this ceremony possible, it's a great pleasure to welcome you to the White House.

We're here today to launch the Young Astronauts Program, an exciting new project sure to inspire our young people, lift their spirit of adventure, and help prepare them for the challenges and opportunities ahead in space and on the ground.

But first I want to congratulate the 17 members of NASA's Astronaut Class of 1984. I'm pleased that you're here today and able to take part in this ceremony. By accepting the challenge of space, you are carrying forward the same courage and spirit of all who have worn the NASA emblem, an emblem recognized the world over as a mark of unmatched professionalism, technology, and achievement.

I'm happy to see David Low here as a member of your class. David, we will never forget your father's life-long efforts as NASA Deputy Administrator, manager of the Apollo program, and a leader in planning the Shuttle program. Dr. George Low and the whole NASA team raised our sights and our hopes. And with the enthusiastic support of the American people, we touched the Moon, and opportunity and progress.

Last Saturday, we watched the perfect touchdown of the 13th Shuttle mission. I couldn't help thinking that the

Challenger crew was the same size as our original astronaut corps. Back then it was the Mercury 7, then the Gemini 9 -- all former test pilots, and all men. And now: 90 astronauts, women and men, pilots, engineers, and scientists; and soon, a teacher and representatives of other countries. And the opportunities will just keep on growing.

A few days ago, I saw a cartoon showing two school children, and one asked the other, "I wonder why the President wants a teacher to be the first passenger on the Shuttle?" And the answer was, "Probably to make sure no one has too much fun in outer space." Well, that's not the reason. When that Shuttle lifts off, all of America will be reminded of the crucial role teachers and education play in the life of our Nation, and of the importance of space to our future. I can't think of a better lesson for our children, and our country.

Just recently, I received a letter from a sixth grader who lives here in Washington. He said he told his parents that one day he's going to be a pilot or an astronaut. And then he said, "Please accept me [in the Young Astronauts Program] if you can. This just might be the beginning of my future."

Damin [DAY min], I, too, think this just might be the beginning of your future. Welcome to the program -- I'm sure you and your teachers are going to like it. NASA, our office of Private Sector Initiatives, the Department of Education, and the National Space Institute, with help from the National Science Teachers Association and other educational and aerospace groups, have designed an outstanding curriculum. You'll find incentives to pursue science and math, and the chance to take part in

exciting space-related activities. The end product will be knowledge -- our greatest resource for meeting tomorrow's challenges with optimism and success. And that's the driving force behind the Young Astronauts Program.

This private sector program will be directed by the Young Astronauts Council here in Washington, under the leadership of Jack Anderson, Hugh Downs, and Harold Burson. I want to thank Jack for his help in getting the program started. And I want to thank all of you for your support.

Just as our past achievements in space reassure us of our greatness, the Young Astronauts Program reassures us that we will keep dreaming new dreams, and keep moving forward.

Now let me say a few words to the young people here today. These grounds have seen some very proud moments and welcomed some pretty important people. But none have been more important than you. You are America's future.

In the years to come, it's going to be up to you to point the way and to keep America moving forward. And I believe you'll succeed beyond what we can even imagine.

America's history has been not of accepting what is, not of knowing limits, but of striving and working to build what can be. There's nothing we can't do if we set our mind to it. There's nothing we can't achieve. And that's the way it's always been in America -- from the time that covered-wagon pioneers headed west to when our astronauts put the first American footprints on the Moon. We've proved that there's no problem so big that it can stop progress.

The sky's not the limit, because the opportunities of space are unlimited. Already, satellites let us communicate with each other at a moment's notice, virtually anywhere on the globe. We can anticipate tomorrow's weather and prepare for it. We've used the technology developed for our space program to make our own lives safer and much better -- from the computers in your classrooms to the smoke detectors in your home.

Thanks to space technology, doctors can now use sound waves to monitor babies before they're born, ensuring safer pregnancy and delivery for the mother, and better health for the newborn; firemen now have new life-saving vests; and sick people have new hope with wonderful advances in medicine.

There's no doubt you're growing up in one of the most exciting times in our history, a time filled with extraordinary opportunity. There's a dazzling new world before us, and you have good reason to look forward to it.

The astronauts with us today worked very hard to be ready for the future, and for them, the future is now. They will guide the Shuttle to even greater achievements, and they will help build our space station. And maybe one day, one of you Young Astronauts can follow in their footsteps.

But you must be ready, and that means mastering science, math, and computers -- the wonderful world of high-tech. Someone once said that, "if you think education is expensive, you should try ignorance." I would add, if you think getting ready for the future is hard work, try not being ready. Today we're well into a new era guided by technologies that were unknown just a

generation ago. Many new doors to discovery and progress are opening. By choosing the Young Astronauts Program, you'll be able to walk through those doors.

Now there's one final thought. The Shuttle program gives us a glimpse of the incredible possibilities that await us. And they're all the result of commitments we've made over the past 25 years -- commitments we've honored. Along the way, there have been the doubting Thomases, there always are -- like the shortsighted who never understood and would have stopped the Shuttle program before it ever had a chance. Well, I'd rather remember the wisdom of Carl Sandberg, who said, "Always the path of American destiny has been into the unknown. Always there arose enough of reserves of strength . . . to carry the nation through to a fresh start with ever-renewing vitality."

We'll rise to the challenge of those words. We won't be held back. We'll keep battling for the future, for new jobs and markets, for discovery, and for knowledge. We have a commitment to keep to our young people -- our young astronauts -- and we won't let them down.

Thank you and God bless you all.

(Elliott)
October 19, 1984
2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: FOREIGN POLICY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1984

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My fellow Americans, tomorrow my opponent and I will debate foreign policy in Kansas City, so I'd like to talk to you about the foreign policy choice for our future as I see it.

In speaking about his economic policies, I've said my opponent is a man of the past whose administration's domestic policies failed and made America weak. Well, that goes for foreign policy as well.

Mr. Mondale, as a Senator, later as understudy to Jimmy Carter, and still today, has seemed possessed with one simple but very wrong idea: American strength is a threat to world peace. And, he's devoted a political career to opposing our strength, exposing us to dangerous, unnecessary risks.

As a Senator, he voted time and again against American strength, against technological advances meant to better protect our security. He voted against the cruise missile, the B-1 bomber, the Trident submarine, and against salary increases for the military. Yes, he did vote for certain things. He voted for cutting U.S. troops in Europe, for cutting our military manpower, and for cutting our defense budgets.

How can a politician even face the young people who protect our freedom, after he's voted to deny them the equipment and protection they need? My opponent's Senate voting record on defense was so weak, he ranked right next to George McGovern.

The Carter-Mondale Administration echoed this defeatist spirit. By the late 1970's, the policies of unilateral concession were giving the Soviet Union military advantages over the United States and the West.

The Soviets installed missiles that created new vulnerabilities in Europe and put new strains on the NATO Alliance. During those years, the Soviet Union expanded its influence in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and here in our own hemisphere. They overturned or took control of a new country every year.

Meanwhile, the Carter-Mondale Administration negotiated an arms agreement so weak they couldn't get it approved in a Senate controlled by their own Party.² My opponent talks about the Carter-Mondale years as a period of relaxed tension. Well, it's true that ~~that Carter-Mondale~~ ^{THEY} relaxed, but the Soviets didn't.

What troubles me most is how little ~~Mr. Mondale~~ ^{HE} seems to have learned about the dangers of weakness and naive thinking. I don't question his patriotism, ~~but~~ I do question his judgement. In 1968, he said that the days of Soviet suppression by force were over, then the Soviets invaded Czechoslovakia. But, he didn't learn. He voted against American military strength during the 1970's, even as the Soviets were embarking upon the most massive military build-up in history.

After the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979, Mr. Mondale still hadn't learned. He said, ¹¹ I cannot understand, it just baffles me -- why the Soviets these last few years have behaved as they have, and why do they have to build up all those arms?¹¹

Today, he still advocates unilateral cuts in important weapons systems; still argues for a freeze which his own running mate admits is not fully verifiable and Mr. Carter's former National Security Adviser describes as "a hoax." Senator Glenn, a Democrat, has warned that Walter Mondale's defense policies would "emasculate" America. Senator Hollings, a Democrat, said, "Walter Mondale thinks the Soviet Union would never violate an arms agreement. I think he's naive."

To borrow Mr. Mondale's expression, he seems baffled by so much. He was confused about the rightness of freeing our students and the island of Grenada. He said that liberation took away our moral authority to criticize the Soviets about Afghanistan. Yet, he could not bring himself to repudiate the Reverend Jesse Jackson after he had travelled to Cuba and said, long live Cuba, long live Castro, long live Che Guevara.

Well, in the past 3-1/2 years, our Administration has demonstrated the true relationship between strength and confidence, and democracy and peace.⁴ We've restored our economy, and begun to restore our military strength.^x This is the true foundation for a future that is more peaceful and free.

We've made America and our alliances stronger and the world safer. We've discouraged Soviet expansion by helping countries help themselves. And new democracies have emerged in El Salvador, Honduras, Grenada, Panama, and Argentina.

We have maintained peace and begun a new dialogue with the Soviets. We are ready to go back to the table to discuss arms control and other problems with the Soviet leaders. Today, we

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can talk and negotiate in confidence because we can negotiate from strength. Only my opponent thinks America can build a more peaceful future on the weakness of a failed past.

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

The President has seen _____

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CEREMONY WITH UNIVERSITY OF
ST. GEORGE'S MEDICAL STUDENTS

GOOD AFTERNOON. I WANT TO WELCOME TO
THE WHITE HOUSE THIS IMPRESSIVE DELEGATION
OF AMERICAN STUDENTS WHO WERE ON GRENADA
AT THE TIME OF THE RESCUE MISSION LAST YEAR.
MANY OF YOU CAME TO SEE US LAST YEAR, TOO,
AND I AM ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO HAVE YOU HERE
WITH US ONCE AGAIN. I ALSO WANT TO WELCOME
AMBASSADOR ALBERT XAVIER OF GRENADA,
AND OUR OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

TOGETHER, WE CELEBRATE TODAY WITH JOY
AN ANNIVERSARY OF HONOR FOR AMERICA:
YOUR RESCUE AND THE LIBERATION OF OUR
NEIGHBOR, GRENADA, FROM THE GRIP OF
OPPRESSION & TYRANNY. JUST 1 YEAR AGO,
GRENADA'S GOVERNOR GENERAL PAUL SCOON AND
MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN
CARIBBEAN STATES CALLED FOR OUR HELP.

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USING MILITARY FORCE IS THE MOST SERIOUS
DECISION ANY PRESIDENT MUST MAKE, AN AWESOME
RESPONSIBILITY. BUT THE EVIDENCE TO ME
WAS CLEAR: AT STAKE WAS THE FREEDOM OF
110,000 GRENADIANS, THE SECURITY OF THE
DEMOCRACIES OF THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN, AND,
YES, MOST IMPORTANT, THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING
OF YOU AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS, TRAPPED
BY EVENTS TOTALLY BEYOND YOUR CONTROL.

SO WE APPROVED A MILITARY OPERATION TO
RESCUE YOU, TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GRENADA,
AND TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CHAOS AND
TOTALITARIANISM THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN.

SIDE BY SIDE WITH FORCES FROM
NEIGHBORING CARIBBEAN DEMOCRACIES, THE
BRAVE YOUNG SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES, &
AIRMEN ACCOMPLISHED THEIR MISSION. THEY
WENT TO GRENADA NOT TO CONQUER, BUT TO
LIBERATE. AND THEY DID.

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THEY SAVED THE PEOPLE / THEY CAPTURED TONS OF
SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT / AND THEY AVERTED A
HOSTAGE CRISIS BEFORE IT HAPPENED. AND THEN
THOSE COMBAT TROOPS LEFT THE ISLAND / SO THE
GRENADIAN PEOPLE COULD START A NEW LIFE &
GIVE PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, &
SELF-DETERMINATION A CHANCE.

BUT TODAY, OVER 100,000 SOVIET TROOPS
ARE STILL RAVAGING AFGHANISTAN. THERE IS A
FUNDAMENTAL MORAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE
GRENADA RESCUE MISSION AND THE SOVIET
INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN /-- A BRUTAL & BLOODY
CONQUEST THAT AIMS TO DESTROY FREEDOM /
DEMOCRACY, & SELF-DETERMINATION. IT'S THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TOTALITARIANISM &
DEMOCRACY / BETWEEN TYRANNY & FREEDOM. AND IT
GIVES ALL OF US HOPE FOR THE FUTURE TO KNOW
THAT YOU SEE THIS DIFFERENCE THAT OTHERS
SHOULD HAVE SEEN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

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DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE 1970's, AMERICA PASSED THROUGH A PERIOD OF SELF-DOUBT AND NATIONAL CONFUSION. WE TALKED & ACTED LIKE A NATION IN DECLINE & THE WORLD BELIEVED US. MANY QUESTIONED OUR WILL TO CONTINUE AS A LEADER OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE AND TO REMAIN A FORCE FOR GOOD IN THE WORLD.

WELL, I BELIEVE THIS PERIOD OF SELF-DOUBT IS OVER. HISTORY WILL RECORD THAT ONE OF THE TURNING POINTS CAME ON A SMALL ISLAND IN THE CARIBBEAN WHERE AMERICA WENT TO TAKE CARE OF HER OWN AND TO RESCUE A NEIGHBORING NATION FROM A GROWING TYRANNY.

OUR BRAVE MILITARY PERSONNEL DISPLAYED THAT SAME LOVE OF LIBERTY AND PERSONAL COURAGE WHICH HAS MADE OUR NATION GREAT AND KEPT HER FREE.

THIS COURAGE AND LOVE OF COUNTRY IS ALSO WHAT WE SAW IN BEIRUT AND WE WILL ALWAYS HONOR THOSE BRAVE AMERICANS.

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LET NO ONE DOUBT THAT THOSE BRAVE MEN WERE
HEROES EVERY BIT AS MUCH IN THEIR
PEACEKEEPING MISSION, AS WERE OUR SOLDIERS
IN THEIR RESCUE MISSION IN GRENADA. AND WE
CONTINUE TO SEE THIS DEVOTION AND COMMITMENT
EVERY DAY / ON THE D.M.Z. IN KOREA / ON THE
NATO LINES IN EUROPE / AT BASES FROM
DIEGO GARCIA TO GUAM / AND ON OUR SHIPS AT SEA.
YOUNG AMERICANS ARE PROUDLY WEARING THE
UNIFORM OF OUR COUNTRY AND SERVING WITH THE
SAME DISTINCTION AS THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE.

CICERO ONCE SAID, "COURAGE IS THAT
VIRTUE WHICH CHAMPIONS THE CAUSE OF THE
RIGHT." WITH US TODAY IS A SMALL CONTINGENT
OF MILITARY PERSONNEL / A FEW OF THE HEROES
WHO TOOK PART IN THE RESCUE MISSION /
TWO EACH FROM THE ARMY / NAVY / AIR FORCE / &
MARINES. ~~THE~~ 40 OF THESE BRAVE YOUNG AMERICANS
ARE HERE WITH ME ON THE PODIUM / AND THE OTHER
~~SIX~~ 4 ARE SITTING AMONG THE STUDENTS THEY
RESCUED.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. WE'RE ALL
VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

ALSO HERE ON THE PODIUM IS MISS KATHLEEN
MAJOR, WHO WAS A MEDICAL STUDENT AND A
REGISTERED NURSE 1 YEAR AGO. WHEN THE
FIGHTING ERUPTED, SHE IMMEDIATELY WENT TO
WORK TREATING THE WOUNDED. MISS MAJOR, THANK
YOU. IT WAS GOOD OF YOU TO COME TODAY.

NINETEEN BRAVE MEN DIED DURING THE
GRENADA RESCUE, SERVING THEIR COUNTRY AND THE
CAUSE OF FREEDOM. ONE OF THEM WAS SEAN
LUKETINA, A PARATROOPER GRIEVOUSLY WOUNDED BY
A ROCKET. HE WAS EVACUATED TO PUERTO RICO
AND THERE IN THE HOSPITAL SLIPPED IN AND OUT
OF A COMA. HIS FATHER, COL. ROBIN LUKETINA,
A RETIRED MILITARY OFFICER WHO IS HERE WITH
US TODAY, RUSHED TO HIS BEDSIDE. AND,
COL. LUKETINA, I'M TOLD THAT, IN ONE OF THOSE
MOMENTS WHEN YOUR SON REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS,
YOU ASKED SEAN, "SON, WAS IT WORTH IT?"
"YES, DAD," SEAN ANSWERED.

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"WOULD YOU DO IT AGAIN?" AND HE LOOKED UP AT YOU AND SAID, "HELL, YES, DAD." A FEW MONTHS AGO, SEAN DIED OF HIS WOUNDS.

SEAN LUKETINA GAVE HIS LIFE IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. HE DID NOT DIE IN VAIN. THE YOUNG AMERICANS HE HELPED TO RESCUE KNOW THAT. THE LIBERATED PEOPLE OF GRENADA KNOW THAT. GRENADA'S NEIGHBORS KNOW THAT. AND SEAN HIMSELF KNOWS. LET US HONOR HIM AS HE WOULD HAVE WISHED ~~BY~~ BY KEEPING FAITH WITH A POLICY OF PEACE AND DETERRENCE THAT ASSURES THE SURVIVAL OF OUR FREEDOM, AND KEEPS ALIVE THE HOPE OF FREEDOM FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. THIS IS THE MEANING OF PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH.

AND LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT AMERICA IS THE LAND OF THE FREE, BECAUSE WE ARE THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

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TO SEAN AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO
SERVE THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, / AND TO ALL OF YOU
STUDENTS WHO ARE DEDICATING YOURSELVES TO
SAVING HUMAN LIFE / YOU ARE THE HOPE OF
AMERICA, / YOU ARE AMERICA'S FUTURE.

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO AND GOD BLESS YOU

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The President has seen _____

(ROBINSON)

OCTOBER 30, 1984

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR
TRADE AND TARIFF ACT OF 1984

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GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME TO THE WHITE
HOUSE FOR THE SIGNING OF THE TRADE AND
TARIFF ACT OF 1984 -- A CRUCIAL PIECE OF
LEGISLATION AND A TRIUMPH NOT JUST FOR FREER
AND FAIRER TRADE, BUT FOR THE LEGISLATIVE
PROCESS ITSELF. I BELIEVE THIS BILL
REPRESENTS THE MOST IMPORTANT TRADE LAW
APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS IN A DECADE.

IN ITS FIRST FORM, THE BILL WAS
STRONGLY PROTECTIONIST, AND WOULD HAVE
SHARPLY LIMITED OUR TRADE WITH OTHER
NATIONS. I COULD NOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE
HAVE SIGNED A BILL CONTAINING THOSE
PROVISIONS, AND I DON'T BELIEVE MANY MEMBERS
OF THE CONGRESS COULD HAVE SUPPORTED IT,
EITHER.

THEN THE BILL WENT TO A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, AND TOGETHER, SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND BILL BROCK, OUR UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES AND WENT TO WORK. IN THE WORDS OF AN EDITORIAL IN THE WASHINGTON POST, ". . . MOST OF THE BAD STUFF IN THE BILL GOT THROWN OUT AND ALL OF THE GOOD STUFF STAYED IN." THE RESULT IS A FINE PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT STANDS FOUR-SQUARE BEHIND FREE AND FAIR TRADE.

WE KNOW THAT IF AMERICA WANTS MORE JOBS, GREATER PROSPERITY, AND A DYNAMIC, COMPETITIVE ECONOMY, THE ANSWER IS MORE WORLD TRADE, NOT LESS. THIS FINE LEGISLATION BUILDS ON THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 THAT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT FORD DURING THE LAST REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION.

THAT ACT PROMOTED WORLD TRADE BY AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO LIBERALIZE TRADE WITH POORER NATIONS, TO ENGAGE IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO DEFEND AMERICAN INTERESTS IN WORLD MARKETS. THE LEGISLATION BEFORE US TODAY ADVANCES EACH OF THESE EFFORTS.

TO NAME SOME OF THE CENTRAL PROVISIONS, THIS BILL WILL EXTEND THE G.S.P., OR GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES, INTO A NEW DECADE. BY ENCOURAGING 140 OF THE WORLD'S POORER COUNTRIES TO BUILD THEIR ECONOMIES THROUGH TRADE, THIS PROGRAM WILL GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO HELP THEIR PEOPLE BENEFIT FROM AMERICA'S POWERFUL ECONOMIC EXPANSION. IN TURN, IT WILL HELP AMERICAN INDUSTRY BY ENSURING THAT LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ACCEPT INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY -- IN AREAS LIKE THE PROTECTION OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS -- IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM.

WHILE PROMOTING FREE TRADE, THIS NEW ACT INSISTS ON SOMETHING JUST AS IMPORTANT: FAIR TRADE. A SECTION OF THE BILL, ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS SENATOR DANFORTH'S "RECIPROCITY" PROPOSAL, GIVES THE PRESIDENT NEW LEVERAGE TO LOWER FOREIGN BARRIERS TO TRADE -- ESPECIALLY IN THE DYNAMIC AND RAPIDLY GROWING AREAS OF SERVICES, INVESTMENT, AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY.

WITH REGARD TO OUR STEEL INDUSTRY, THE BILL GIVES THE PRESIDENT NEW AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE AGREEMENTS WE MAY ENTER INTO WITH OUR TRADING PARTNERS AS PART OF THE STEEL POLICY THAT I ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1984. THIS LEGISLATION WILL ENABLE US TO ENFORCE STEEL EXPORT RESTRAINTS, / GUARD AGAINST UNFAIR IMPORT SURGES INTO THE AMERICAN MARKET, / AND HELP KEEP THE UNITED STATES FROM BECOMING THE WORLD'S STEEL DUMP.

AND THAT MEANS THAT WE'LL BE BETTER ABLE TO
HELP OUR STEEL WORKERS GET THE FAIR SHAKE
THEY'VE ALWAYS DESERVED. I MUST ADD THAT,
WHILE I SUPPORT THE ACT'S EMPHASIS ON THE
NEED FOR REINVESTMENT IN OUR STEEL INDUSTRY,
IT IS THE INDUSTRY -- NOT THE GOVERNMENT --
THAT MUST MAKE THESE INVESTMENT DECISIONS.

TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH ONE OF OUR
CLOSEST ALLIES, THE BILL CONTAINS A BOLD NEW
INITIATIVE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL.

WHEN CONCLUDED, THIS AGREEMENT WILL
COMPLETELY ELIMINATE THE TRADE BARRIERS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, ALLOWING THE
DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF ISRAELI PRODUCTS INTO THE
UNITED STATES, WHILE MAKING THE ISRAELI
MARKET WIDE OPEN TO AMERICAN GOODS.

OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS, OUR TRADE WITH ISRAEL
HAS BEEN GROWING AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE
OF SOME 10 PERCENT.

THIS BILL WILL ENABLE THAT VITAL ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP TO GROW EVEN FASTER IN YEARS TO COME.

THIS ACT ALSO OPENS THE DOOR TO DISCUSSIONS ON MUTUAL TRADE LIBERALIZATION AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS ALLOW THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM TO OPERATE AS IT SHOULD -- OPENLY AND VIGOROUSLY. THESE AGREEMENTS WILL ENCOURAGE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PRODUCERS AND WORKERS TO BECOME AS EFFICIENT AND COMPETITIVE AS POSSIBLE, AND THEY WILL FOSTER INCREASED TRADE IN SERVICES AND GREATER INVESTMENT BOTH ABROAD AND HERE AT HOME.

THE BILL I AM SIGNING TODAY ALSO MAKES REFINEMENTS IN OUR TRADE LAWS DESIGNED TO HELP AMERICA'S PRODUCERS AND WORKERS DEAL WITH UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES.

ON BALANCE, THESE REFINEMENTS SHOULD GO FAR TO STRENGTHEN AMERICAN TRADE LAWS AND MAKE THEM MORE EFFECTIVE AND FAIR. WE WILL MAKE CERTAIN THAT THEY'RE USED NOT FOR PROTECTIONISM, BUT FOR THE PROMOTION OF FREE WORLD TRADE.

EVERYONE WHO HAD A HAND IN PASSING THIS OUTSTANDING LEGISLATION DESERVES OUR THANKS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFEREES, ESPECIALLY CONGRESSMAN DAN ROSTENKOWSKI, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE; CONGRESSMEN BARBER CONABLE, SAM GIBBONS, AND BILL FRENZEL; SENATOR BOB DOLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE; AND SENATOR JACK DANFORTH. SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, BILL BROCK. BILL WORKED TIRELESSLY, WITH GREAT SKILL AND DEDICATION.

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THIS TRADE AND TARIFF ACT OF 1984
SIGNALS TO THE WORLD THAT AMERICA DOES NOT
FEAR FREE TRADE, BECAUSE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
CAN PRODUCE AND COMPETE ON A PAR WITH
ANYBODY IN THE WORLD. THE BIG WINNERS TODAY
ARE DYNAMIC NEW AMERICAN INDUSTRIES, LIKE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY;
AMERICAN IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS; AND
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES. EACH OF YOU
HAS MY HEARTFELT THANKS, AND MORE IMPORTANT,
THE GRATITUDE OF THE NATION.

THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU, AND NOW LET
ME SIGN THE BILL.

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