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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Address: Veterans of
Foreign Wars Convention, New Orleans,
Louisiana, Monday, August 15, 1983

Richard Darman has requested that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by 3:00 p.m. today. The remarks center on our improving defense posture and Central American policy. The remarks also refer to the recent headlines about wasteful Pentagon spending, and forcefully make the point that uncovering the abuses was the result of initiatives by this Administration. I have no objection.

Attachment

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WASHINGTON

August 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ARAM BAKSHIAN, JR.
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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DATE: Aug. 11, 1983 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00 p.m. TODAYSUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS CONVENTIONNEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1983

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REMARKS:

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Please provide edits/comments directly to Aram Bakshian by 3:00 p.m. TODAY, Thursday, August 11, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President

(Parvin/AB)
August 10, 1983
9:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS CONVENTION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1983

Whenever I meet with the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I always think of what the poet Yeats said: "Think where man's glory most begins and ends/And say my glory was I had such friends." It's great to be among you once again. As you know, my schedulers originally turned down this invitation without my knowledge, because they said there were logistic problems flying from Mexico to Louisiana and then back to California. Well, let me say -- and I hope my schedulers will keep their ears open for this -- I would fly halfway around the world for the honor of meeting with the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

I haven't forgotten your support in 1980, and I'm very well aware of your subsequent support. Three years ago this week, I stood before this convention and said nothing would mean more to me as President than to live up to your trust. I've worked hard to maintain the faith you placed in me. I've worked to maintain the faith that our men and women in uniform must have in their Commander in Chief. The greatest privilege of this office has been to lead those who wear America's uniform.

And while Ann Griffiths is sitting here, I want to reaffirm our determination to account for every soldier who wore America's uniform in Southeast Asia. This Administration has not forgotten

their sacrifice, and we will not rest until their families can rest.

Three years ago when I spoke to you, I pledged that peace -- a peace in which freedom could flourish and justice could prevail -- would be my highest priority. I also spoke of the need to provide a stronger defense for the American people. At the time, these were words of hope. Today, they've become the national security policy of this country.

I'd like to report to you on the progress we've made in these areas, and there is no more appropriate forum than this one for such a report. No organization has devoted more energy to America's well-being and security than the VFW. Your uniforms may be in mothballs, but your readiness to assist your country is spit and polished.

In 1980, the people made it clear they wanted a new direction in foreign affairs. Yet, changing America's foreign policy is like towing an iceberg. You can't move very fast; you only pick up speed as the frozen attitudes and mistakes of the past melt away.

We began by letting the world know what we stood for once again. Winston Churchill said, "The nation had the lion's heart. I had the luck to give the roar." Well, America is the lion's heart of democracy. We have an obligation to give that democracy a voice, even an occasional roar. For too long the Nation had been mute to the injustices of totalitarianism. So, we began speaking out against chemical warfare, against broken treaties, against the denial of human liberties. We began speaking out for

freedom and democracy and the values all of us share in our hearts. Critics said this was a return to the rhetoric of the past. Well, if that is the case, then Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn and all those who've suffered to speak the truth are my compatriots, and I am honored to be counted among them. And it is the future, not the past, that we look to.

This Nation cannot simply ignore the suffering of oppressed peoples and remain true to our basic strengths and principles. We cannot follow a foreign policy based on the self-delusion that problems would not exist if we did not mention them. We cannot abdicate our obligation to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

And, you know, it's amazing. In my private meetings with foreign leaders and their ministers, they've told me repeatedly how good it is to know what the United States stands for once again. They may not always agree with us, but they respect us for our principles. And I believe one of our accomplishments is the recognition abroad that America once again will stand up for her democratic ideals. 'We are the leader of the free world, and today we're providing that leadership.

But our responsibilities are not only moral, they're practical. One of our most crucial national security objectives was to turn around America's economic decline. Yes, that's a national security objective and it remains a key one. A country that is weak internally cannot meet its obligations externally.

And I'm pleased to report we're economically stronger today than we were at your last convention. Inflation is down from

double digits to 2.6 percent for the last year. The prime interest rate was 21½ percent when we took office; it's about half that now. Taxes have been reduced, and with indexing we will not allow any future inflation to push families into higher and higher tax brackets. As I often say, isn't it funny, now that our program is working, they don't call it Reaganomics anymore?

Basic industries like housing, construction, and autos are getting back to business. In fact, Lee Iacocca has even paid us back -- and 7 years early to boot. And, of course, unemployment, while much too high, is heading downward. Last month's drop was the biggest in 23 years. Economists can argue about the semantics -- strong recovery, steady recovery, robust recovery. What's important is that Americans have regained confidence in the economy and we're going to make sure they keep that confidence.

Another of our objectives has been to restore America's defense strength. I don't need to educate this audience on how strength keeps peace, but it can be explained in one word -- deterrence. When I spoke to you last, the United States had planes that couldn't fly, ships that couldn't leave port, and military personnel who couldn't wait to get into civilian clothes.

Today, America's military is back on its feet and prouder than ever. We're acquiring and keeping very good people. Today, more of our new recruits are high school graduates than ever before in our history. Retention is also way up. So far this

year, 70 percent of those we hoped to retain have reenlisted. In 1980, the figure was only 55 percent.

Yes, the hard-hit economy accounted for a portion of these increases, but the economy cannot account for the growth of dignity and morale in our armed forces. Pride has been restored to military service. I've heard it from generals and I've heard it from privates. Morale, discipline, and unit cohesion have improved dramatically. It's once again an honor to wear the uniform, and our servicemen and women know it. I hope that makes you as proud as it does me.

New equipment is now entering the inventory; training is way up; maintenance backlogs are being reduced and combat readiness rates have surged. We have made progress and I am delighted to report it is across the board.

But there's something I want to get off my chest, and it deals with the headlines about the Pentagon paying \$100 for a 4¢ diode or \$900 for a plastic cap. And I dare all those network cameras over there to carry what I'm about to say on tonight's news. What was missing or buried in all the stories about waste was that this Administration is the one that found these criminal abuses, abuses that had been going on for years. It was Cap Weinberger's people -- Defense Department auditors and inspectors general -- who ordered the audits in the first place and conducted the investigations. We are the ones who formed a special unit to prosecute DOD fraud cases -- and in just an 18-month period we've obtained 650 convictions.

Our task now is to sustain our defense effort. Some voices are calling for us to slow down precisely at the time we're on the verge of achieving what our security requires. Remember the 1970's when there were those who argued we should forego a wide range of modern weapons systems -- airplanes, missiles, a variety of equipment -- because there was something better on the drawing boards that would be along in just a few years? Look where that got us. It got us where we were 3 years ago. You can't protect America and her people with drawing boards.

But, look out, some voices are still talking about drawing boards. They would have us forget the MX missile and wait for a small, mobile missile, which would not be operational until the early 1990's. That small missile will provide better long-term stability for deterrence. I'm for it and we need it. But, drawing boards are no incentive for the Soviets to negotiate reductions in nuclear arms today. And, as I say, drawing boards do not protect America. So, I'm counting on your continuing and active support as we approach the next round on the MX this autumn.

Another of our goals has been to strengthen the Western alliance economically and militarily. We've significantly improved our economic relations with the industrial democracies. And I'm certain the recent Williamsburg Summit will become known as the Recovery Summit. At Williamsburg, we established a unified strategy for pursuing our common economic interests -- from combatting protectionism to fighting inflation. And we agreed on security concerns as well. We agreed to cut the flow

of military-relevant technology to those who would use it against us and reduce dependence on any one energy source. We agreed to end the practice of giving subsidized interest rates to the Soviet Union. The minimum loan rate is now set 4 full percentage points higher than before. At home, we're working to bring interest rates down, but we've pushed them up for the Soviets. By the way, did you hear that the Communists now have a million dollar lottery? The winners get a dollar a year for a million years.

Our Western military alliance is stronger than it's been in years. Despite pressure and propaganda from various quarters, NATO has stood firm in pursuing the dual objectives of arms reduction and deterrence. NATO today is more confident in its ability to preserve its strength and promote peace.

We in the industrial democracies have forged a clear sense of purpose for our economic and military safety. We'll still have disagreements, but for the first time in a long time we have unity on where we're going, and I call that real progress.

Of course, another of our objectives is arms control. We've launched the most sweeping proposals for arms control since nuclear weapons became a threat. In our search for peace, we have more negotiations currently underway with the Soviets than any administration in history. At the Strategic Arms Reductions Talks in Geneva, we've proposed deep cuts as well as extensive confidence building measures to reduce the possibility of any accidental misunderstandings. In contrast to previous

agreements, which simply dealt in ceilings, the Soviet Union now for the first time is willing to talk about actual reductions.

The same hard work is proceeding on intermediate range nuclear forces in Geneva. And in Vienna, the Soviets have shown some movement on the verification needed to reduce conventional forces. However, we must recognize that the search for real arms reductions involve complex, time consuming negotiations. This is the occupational hazard of diplomats and especially those who deal with the Soviet Union. But I can assure you we will keep chipping away and inching along.

This Administration is deeply committed to arms reductions. As we remain firm in our objectives, we will be flexible in our approach. And with the support of the VFW and the support of the Congress, we will achieve what we all want -- a reduction in nuclear arms.

Our next objective concerns the United States' responsibility as peacemaker. This commitment currently is most visible in Central America.

In spite of the discouraging hype and hoopla you often hear, quiet, solid progress is being made in Central America. Bob Currie, who recently returned from a trip there, said, referring to news accounts, "I think we're getting a distorted view of what's actually taking place." Bob is absolutely right. You wouldn't know from some of the coverage that the greatest portion of our aid to Central America is humanitarian and economic assistance. You wouldn't know democracy is taking root there. And I don't blame the news media solely, because they are just

reporting the disinformation they hear coming from people who put politics ahead of our national interests.

The countries of Central America are working hard to develop and defend their democracies. I'm sure you recall the March '82 constituent assembly elections in El Salvador. Eighty percent of those eligible to vote took part in the elections despite incredible intimidation and threats from the guerrillas. In neighboring Honduras, an elected government took office last year. Costa Rica, of course, already is the democratic jewel of Central America.

We support democracy, reform, and human freedom. We support economic development. We support negotiations. We support any effort, any avenue, that will give the people of that region a more free and prosperous future.

"The problem in Central America is not the United States or United States policy." There I go again, borrowing from your national commander. We are doing everything we can to build peace and prosperity. Our Caribbean Basin Initiative is designed to help the nations there help themselves through trade and private investment. The Soviet and Cuban Caribbean basin initiative, on the other hand, is to brutally impose communist rule and deny individual freedom. Do you have any doubt which initiative most people in Central America would choose?

Because of this aggression, we also support a security shield for the area. The security shield is very much like a program that is springing up all over the United States -- the Neighborhood Watch. The Neighborhood Watch is where neighbors

keep an eye on each others' homes so outside troublemakers will think twice. Well, our policy in Central America is like a Neighborhood Watch. But this watch doesn't protect someone's silverware. It protects something much more valuable -- freedom.

. Our policy is to help people toward a better life -- to help them toward liberty, to help them reverse centuries of inequities, to help them toward peace. And, let me say with all the conviction I can muster, America would not be America if we abandoned the struggling neighbors of our own hemisphere.

Elsewhere in the world, we also search for peace. The tragic conflict in the Mideast has one bright spot -- peace between Israel and Egypt was finally concluded in April 1982 thanks to American diplomacy. Today our peacekeeping forces in the Sinai, along with those of our allies, are rarely mentioned in the press because they're doing their job in keeping this once volatile area quiet. Unfortunately, the same is not yet so for Lebanon. But whatever progress towards peace we have made in that country is due to the presence of our Marines who, along with peacekeeping troops from France and Italy, are striving to give Lebanon a chance to pull itself together. Our diplomats continue to search for agreement among bitter, divided opponents.

Yes, America has an active national security program and it is working. But to secure the peace and prosperity we all seek, we cannot sit back and hope that it somehow will just happen. We can't be apologetic when we're acting in our own and the free

world's interests. We must pursue our goals with strong leadership and a clear sense of direction.

In closing, let me explain by way of a true story what guides this Administration in its conduct of foreign affairs. Most of you fought in the Second World War or Korea or Vietnam. You fought in places like Anzio and Pork Chop Hill and DaNang. A thousand painful stories emerge from war -- one tale of British POW's who built a Japanese railway in Thailand was made famous as The Bridge on the River Kwai.

Well, there really is a River Kwai. Near its banks is a cemetery, the final resting place for those who died building that railway. Many of the grave markers are inscribed with nothing more than a name and service number. Yet, now and then there is a small monument, built by a mother or father, or a wife, who trekked halfway around the world searching for a marker with a very special service number. On one of these monuments erected by a loved one are the following words: "To the world, he is just a number; but to us, he was all the world."

My fellow citizens, my friends, let us never forget when we speak of America's security, we speak of the sacrifice of individuals; when we speak of freedom, we speak of the freedom of individuals. I feel a sacred trust to America's soldiers and citizens alike. I feel a sacred trust to protect their lives and their liberty.

Our Nation also has a sacred trust -- to defend and develop democracy. And as long as this Administration is responsible for

the Nation's foreign policy, we will protect the freedom of our own citizens, and we will pursue liberty for all people.

Thank you for inviting me and God bless you.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 23, 1983

TO: FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks: Fundraiser for
Congressman Lagomarsino

Richard Darman has requested that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by 6:00 p.m. today. The remarks review Lagomarsino's career and discuss Administration policies in the area of the economy and Central America. The remarks conclude with a reference to the "disgraceful" redistricting in California. The President has made similar comments concerning the redistricting in the past, and I do not consider his evaluation objectionable in a political speech.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 23, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ARAM BAKSHIAN, JR.
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AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

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REMARKS:

Please forward any edits/comments directly to Aram Bakshian, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman

(Rohrabacher/AB)
August 23, 1983
10:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FUNDRAISER FOR CONGRESSMAN LAGOMARSINO
HOPE RANCH
FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 1983

Thanks for letting us join you today. I can think of no better reason for us to get together than to support the re-election of a close friend, a man on whom I've relied so heavily both as Governor and now as President, Congressman Bob Lagomarsino.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some other friends, Barney and Diane Klinger, for all of their hospitality today.

It's no secret, but in the last few years I've grown to view this as my home. These San Ynez mountains and the beautiful coast line are precious to me, as I know they are to you. One of the nice things about living here is that we are represented in the Congress by Bob Lagomarsino -- a man whose roots go deep, a good and decent man, who reflects the values and traditions of this unique part of California.

Bob was born and educated here. He was first elected Mayor of Ojai when he was just 33 years old and then 2 years later, in 1961, he was elected to the State Senate.

That ancient history wouldn't be so important except that the elected Governor of California in 1966 was anxious for advice and guidance of a seasoned professional like Bob. Well, Bob was with me during the tough days of the welfare reform and the other battles.

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Bob, wherever Nancy and I go it seems that you and your lovely wife Norma Jean always get there a few years ahead to scout the territory. In 1974, Bob won his seat in the Congress. By the time I arrived 2½ years ago, he was already well accustomed to fighting the growth of Federal taxes and spending. In fact, when it comes to responsible Government, to keeping control of the budget and taxes, few in the Congress can boast a record equal to our own Bob Lagomarsino.

With his help, we've managed to turn around an economic situation that was destroying the America we know and love. And when I say with his help, I mean he was instrumental to the whole game plan. Bob is a member of the House Republican Leadership Group which meets with me every Tuesday in the Oval Office.

Together, we went to work on those fundamental problems that our predecessors had said were unsolvable. Do you remember when they were saying it would take a decade to bring inflation down? Well, it had been running at double-digit levels for 2 years in a row by the time of the 1980 election. Today, we've brought that down to just 26 percent over the last 12 months. That's the best 12 month record in nearly 16 years.

Government was growing by over 17 percent a year, when we ran in 1980; we've cut that growth by 40 percent.

To finance all that spending, taxes were rising faster than the peoples incomes, pushing working people into tax brackets that had been reserved for the wealthy only a short time before. The Federal tax take doubled just between 1976 and 1981.

Well, we've turned that situation around, too, and we've put in place an across-the-board 25 percent reduction in the tax rates. And soon, your taxes will be indexed to prevent Government from making a profit off inflation at your expense.

What we did is enact a program that Congressmen like Bob Lagomarsino had been promoting for years. And I am proud to tell you . . . it's working. The American economy is taking off and we're never going back. (Latest statistics on growth, housing, consumer spending etc., etc.)

But let's not take anything for granted. The economy will falter and slip right back into decline and inflation if we slip back into the same old patterns of over-spending and over-taxing. That makes it even more important that we return Bob Lagomarsino to the Congress.

I want you to know that Bob has been a tower of strength on issues of our country's security as well as its economic strength. Bob recognized early on the threat confronting America to the south. It is our sacred responsibility to see that Central America does not become a string of anti-American Marxist dictatorships. I pledge to you right now, we do not intend to let that happen. We will stick by our friends, helping them develop their democratic institutions and to strengthen their economies, while at the same time providing them what they need to defend themselves.

We don't intend to let Soviet-supported Marxists shoot their way to power. To do so would be to gamble with our country's security and with our children's future.

Due to the disgraceful redistricting we've gone through here in California -- redistricting that hit new lows even in the annals of power politics -- Bob is in the fight of his political life. We need him and he needs all of us. So, I hope that as election day draws near you will redouble your efforts on his behalf. Bob Lagomarsino is a man whom I respect and I am proud to be here supporting him today.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Remarks: Kennedy Space Center Picnic
at Cape Canaveral, Florida

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by noon today. Two sets of remarks have been provided. Both focus on the successes of our space program. The first version announces that NASA will begin work on a space station as our next space priority; the second version omits this announcement. I have no legal objections to either version.

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September 1, 1983

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TOMORROW, 9/1

SUBJECT: REMARKS: KENNEDY SPACE CENTER PICNIC AT CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA
(8/31, 3:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please provide edits/comments directly to Aram Bakshian, with a copy to my office by 12:00 noon tomorrow, September 1. Thank you.

Please note remarks with and without space station announcement.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
 Assistant to the President
 Ext. 2702

NOTE: WITH SPACE STATION
ANNOUNCEMENT

(Elliott/Maseng/AB)
August 31, 1983
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: KENNEDY SPACE CENTER PICNIC
CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1983

Thank you all very much. I hope you'll be able to forgive my exuberance. But after seeing the playback of this morning's touchdown, another perfect ending to a Challenger mission, then to come here on Labor Day to see and salute your families -- all the hard-working people who make success happen -- I just have to believe: This is one great day for America.

The five-man crew of the Challenger has blazed a new path of opportunity for all Americans and free people everywhere. Last Tuesday, they lit up nighttime skies like the 4th of July, blasting off the face of this planet with barnstorming courage. Early this morning, they brought the Challenger back to Earth with cool, professional ease. They made it look so easy, you'd think they were flying the shuttle between New York and Washington.

The success of those brave Americans, and those who preceded them, opens the door to a golden era of discovery. Let me assure you and all our fellow citizens -- your work is far from finished. In fact, I won't be slipping any secrets when I say: The United States space program has just begun, and it's going to get better and better. As that sleek, black-nosed bird glided to its precision landing, America's shuttle program really took off. By next year, we will be sending a shuttle into space nearly every month. Routine space travel will be within our grasp.

Our universe beckons us with treasures that will benefit all mankind. Opportunities for jobs, progress and human fulfillment will multiply as we marshall the power of high technology, push back our frontiers of knowledge and reach deeper and deeper into the unknown. What we have accomplished, what you have accomplished, is a tribute to American excellence -- to our finest minds in Government, industry and our universities all pulling together for a greater good. As Americans, we can take pride in saying: We are first, we are the best, and we are so because we are free.

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In October, the ninth Space Shuttle will carry an orbital laboratory developed by the European Space Agency called Spacelab. On this mission, two NASA Payload Specialists will be on board, including Dr. Ulf Merbold, a physicist from the Federal Republic of Germany. They will be conducting scientific

experiments on behalf of more than 70 investigators from the U.S., Europe and Japan.

By opening our cargo holds to our friends, we show that our mission in space is to strengthen peace, build prosperity and expand freedom for all who share our goals. America is a tremendous force for good, and don't let any Washington cynic tell you differently. Our work in space carries on the worthy traditions of a proud and good people -- a people who have brought light where there was darkness, heat where there was only cold, medicines where there was sickness and disease, food where there was hunger, wealth where humanity was living in squalor, and peace where there was only death and bloodshed.

Now as you know, we are struggling to trim the growth of the Federal ~~budget~~. We are doing everything we can to ensure a lasting recovery with hope and more opportunities for all Americans. I will not rest until every one of our fellow citizens who wants to work is able to work.

I think it's fair to say that, like the progress of our space program, we've climbed a long way from the double-digit inflation, 21½ percent interest rates and no-growth in 1980. Our economy is the booster rocket helping to power the rest of the world into a sustained recovery orbit. This great Nation is on a new and far better path -- and we're not going back to the bad old days of before. For the sake of our children, we need discipline, not a ruinous return to tax and tax and spend and spend.

But as we approach NASA's 25th anniversary, let me make one thing plain: the United States commitment to leadership in space must be maintained -- and it will be maintained.

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Today, Labor Day 1983, I urge you, the working men and women of America: Let us join together to take freedom's next step, to follow our dreams to the farthest stars, and beyond. It is my goal that Americans can live and work in space for peaceful, economic and scientific gain. I am therefore directing NASA to begin immediately the development of a permanent, manned space station. By 1991, Americans can be working and living in space. You, and the millions of our fellow citizens who help put them there, will be the new American heroes. You will be taming the hostile environment of space, just as our ancestors opened the many frontiers which are now behind us.

I believe a space station is an idea whose time has come. It will enable us -- and our friends -- to do work of long duration, to produce crucial materials we cannot obtain on Earth, such as pure pharmaceuticals, and to make a quantum leap in the space-based research we conduct in areas such as astrophysics, solar system exploration, Earth science, life science, materials processing and communications.

With a space station we can widen our technological edge, we can use that knowledge for peace, and we can share the rewards of our exploration with people everywhere. With God's help, America

will build the future of a better world, and that has always been our birthright. To paraphrase John Greenleaf Whittier, "We are the people who have thrown the windows of our souls wide open to the sun. We will follow as we can where our hearts have long since gone and progress will be ours for all mankind to share."

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