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November 24, 1987

NSC staff concurs in the attached Presidential Remarks with changes.

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(Gilder/ARD) November 23, 1987 8:00 p.m.

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A recent report released by the Department of Defense, called "The Soviet Space Challenge," warns that the Soviets are developing a space-launch capability much greater than that of the United States. The report estimates that the Soviet launch requirements will be two to three times our own, while their proposed launch capability between 1990 and 2005 is nearly double any requirement we can identify. "Clearly," the Secretary of Defense states, "the Soviet program points in one direction -the methodical pursuit of a war-fighting capability in space."

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This report raises an ominous specter. Together with the long-standing "Red Shield" program and the completion, with the construction of the Krasnoyarsk radar, of an early warning and tracking system is the Soviets may from be in a position to "break out" of the A.B.M. Treaty, to confront us with a <u>fait</u> <u>accompli</u> that we will be totally and dangerously unprepared for.

There has been a strange tendency by some in Congress to discuss S.D.I. as if its funding could be determined by purely domestic considerations, unconnected to what the Soviets are doing. S.D.I. is too important to be subject to congressional log-rolling. It is a vital insurance policy, a necessary part of any national security strategy that includes deep reductions in strategic weapons. In decades to come, it will underwrite all of us against Soviet cheating on both strategic and intermediate-range missile agreements. S.D.I. is not a bargaining chip. It is a cornerstone of our security strategy for the 1990's and beyond. We will research it. We will develop it. And when it is ready, we will deploy it.

Now, Let me just say a few more words about two of the other subjects I'll be discussing with General Secretary Gorbachev -first human rights. There has been a lot of speculation about How Sight Kcant are the recent change glasnost recently. Hew sincere an effort society?) Will this first breath of openness be followed by real freedoms? Those of us who have lived through the last 70 years remember earlier moments of promise in Soviet history -temporary thaws soon frozen over by the cold winds of oppression.

Thisis But we can certainly also look for signs of hope. One, recent sign came from Joseph Terelya, the brave Ukrainian unwife. Catholic human rights activist who was released from the Soviet President Union in September after 20 years in Soviet Labor camps, prisons, shald not and psychiatric hospitals. Previously, Mr. Terelya had feared be quality that glasnost was no more than, in his words, "camouflage for the Terelys West." He pointed out that "beginning in January 1987 repression (according to fritz. has increased in the Ukraine," and that the Soviet press has been Ernavh + "full of vehement hatred" against the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Jamesm)

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Recently, however, Mr. Terelya has found cause, for guarded optimism. Saying that "something has changed at the top of the Soviet Government, "_he spoke of an apparent willingness on the part of the Soviets to consider legalization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church We will watch and hope for real improvements - - such things as relase the part of the Soviet government could do more A political prismivs, mare freelow of expression, real discont, and emigration. so-called " demovation One of the truest measures of glassest will be the degree of religious freedom -- freedom of worship for all the people of the Soviet Union, including Protestants, Catholico, Orthodox Jews, and Catholics -- including the brave and followers of Islam, For this reason, we will be looking with believers of eagerness, and great expectations, at the talks between Seviet officials and the Catholic Church in the Ukraine. You can be sure that Sured policy in the Let no just touch on the subject of regional Finally, let me conflicts, Today, even as their economy flags at home, the Soviets spend billions to maintain or impose Communist rule abroad, from Eastern Europe, to Cuba, Cam Maria, South Yemen, Angola, Ethiopia, Wozambique, Nicaragua, and Afghanistan. It's estimated that the Soviet war on Afghanistan costs them between \$5 billion and \$6 billion a year. The Soviet bloc has supplied Marxist some \$1 billion annually to the Communist Angolans and \$2 billion to the Sandinistas in military hardware alone. and Sart-backed Meanwhile, Soviet forces in Afghanistan and Angola have been suffering devastating defeats at the hands of the freedom fighters in those nations. According to C.B.S. news, an operation by the Mujahadeen-last spring, led by the courageous General Wardest, inflicted some of the heaviest losses on the UBSTITUTE -INSERT

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In Afghanistan, the Mujahedin have proven they cannot be defeated. In the past 15 months, fighting heroically to liberate their country, they have improved their weapons, their tactics, and their coordination. They have inflicted a string of serious defeats on Soviet elite combat units as well as on the puppet Afghan army. And the Resistance has strengthened its political unity as well.

International support for the brave Afghan freedom fighters is more solid than ever. Three weeks ago the UN General Assembly -with a record vote -- called overwhelmingly for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Afghanistan.

The Soviet leaders say they are prepared to withdraw their troops. I have urged -- and I urge again -- that they set a date certain -- an early date certain -- for that withdrawal to begin and end. They should respect the voice of the Afghan people and negotiate with the Resistance, without whose assent no political solution is possible. And they should face reality and allow a process of genuine self-determination to decide Afghanistan's destiny.

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For the present regime in Kabul is discredited and doomed; its days are clearly numbered. From comments we hear the Soviets making, in many parts of the world, it's beginning to look as if even they are writing off that regime. The Soviets pride themselves on recognizing objective reality. It's time for them to bite the bullet.

The goal of the U.S. remains a genuinely independent, nonaligned, neutral Afghanistan, free from external interference. Once the Soviet Union shows convincingly that it is prepared to withdraw promptly and permit self-determination, the United States will be helpful diplomatically. In the meantime, the struggle against tyranny continues. Soviet Army-since they invaded that nation. ______tanks; _____troop carriers, and some_____ aircraft were destroyed, and ___Soviet troops fell to the Afghan freedom fighters in just that one single operation

In Angola in the past few weeks, Jonas Savimbi's freedom SNHL-backed MPLAforces. fighters inflicted another crushing defeat on the Govieto This fall's Communist offensive -- the biggest ever in Angola -- ended by the Marsist regime in a rout, for the Seviets The heroes of the Lamba River did it or capturing large again, pushing back the massive fories assault and destroying at capturing scores of process. and shooting humbers of they captured over least 60 Soviet tanks in the process 200 working trucksound 24 working tanks a dramatic gain for the freedom fighters, who began the year with only 300 operational trucks and, at the most, 2 or 3 tanks. And as MPLA and this Lown Saraf many as 17 helicopters and & planes were shot down. The Soviets

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It's long past time the Soviet Union accept its responsibility to save lives in Ethiopia. They must move immediately to pressure their client rulers in Ethiopia to institute the reforms that will prevent the horror of famine from happening again. The first time it was a tragedy -- the second will be a crime.

When I meet with General Secretary Gorbachev, I will ask him: Isn't it time that the Soviet Union put an end to these destructive, wasteful conflicts around the world? Without an end to Soviet efforts to impose totalitarian regimes through force of arms, I will tell him, there can never be a true glasnost, true openness between this nation and ours.

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I will also make it clear that the greatest stumbling block to increased cooperation and exchange between our two nations is Soviet support for Communist tyranny in Nicaragua. Here too, the Soviet-backed forces are hurting. With our aid, the Nicaraguan freedom fighters have made impressive gains in the field and brought the Communist Sandinistas to do something that they never would have done otherwise -- negotiate.

If I can turn to the domestic side of this question for a moment, I hope the Members of our own Congress will not forget this important fact: Without the freedom fighters, there would be no Arise percernent, there would be no negotiations, and no hope for democracy in Nicaragua. An entrenched, hostile limit regime in Nicaragua would be an irreversible fact of life. The Sandinistas would have permanently consolidated and fortified a new Cuba on the American mainland.

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The Sandinistas will know that Congress, by pulling the plug on the freedom fighters, accomplished what they and their billions of dollars in Soviet aid could not -- the final extinguishment of all hope of freedom and democracy in Nicaragua.

If we're serious about this peace process, we must keep the freedom fighters alive and strong until they can once again return home to take part in a free and democratic Nicaraguan

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society. They are brave men, and they have sacrificed much in the cause of freedom. They deserve no less.

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There will be few more important votes in Congress than this one, and as I have so often in the past, I'll be counting on your active support. With your help, I know we can win this one. The fact is, as you all very well know, we have no choice -- we have to win this one.

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Well, thank you very much, and God bless you all.



(Gilder/ARD) November 23, 1987 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HERITAGE FOUNDATION LUNCHEON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1987

Thank you. Thank you all very much. It's always a great pleasure to come here to the Heritage Foundation - I've always Valued Heritage, in a sense, my shadow cabinet.

In fact, Ed Feulner did come into the Administration for a short while at the beginning of the year -- and his help and advice were invaluable -- but he wanted to get back to Heritage. He knew where the real power center in Washington is.

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Well, we've stood by each other -- all of you today, who have been so generous, have stood by the cause, and demonstrated the kind of dedication that has made conservatism the dominant intellectual and political force in American politics today.

When we think of those people who have helped shape American politics, one special name comes to mind -- a voice of patriotism, reason, and conservative values. That voice is now silent, but the memory of our great and good friend, Clare Boothe Luce, will continue to speak loudly -- not just to a new generation of conservatives, but to all Americans, to all people who cherish freedom, who know it's worth the struggle.

Clare once remarked that no matter how great or exalted a man might be, history will have time to give him no more than a single sentence: George Washington founded the country; Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves; Winston Churchill saved Europe. But I can't help but think that Clare will prove the exception to her own rule. History will have to make time to chronicle all her great achievements. Or if there is a single line, it will be:

Before I get to the main body of my speech, there are two subjects I'd like to discuss -- really I want to ask for your support. The first, our nomination of Anthony Kennedy to the Supreme Court. He's tough on crime. He believes, as we do, that judges should interpret the law, not make it. He knows that

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there are victims to crime as well as criminals, and he doesn't confuse the two. He's served for 12 years as a judge on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals where he's won the respect of the entire legal community. He's been on my short list from the very start. In fact, the only thing wrong with Anthony Kennedy is he's not 41-years-old. But you know those Californians, they're all health nuts, and they have a way of sticking around for a long time. The back back distinguished double for the court

The second thing I'm going to be needing your support on is



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the budget deal we hammered out with Congress. Now, I know many people are unhappy with that deal. I don't expect people to be jumping up and down in ecstasy. But let me tell you about two important steps forward we've taken that should be reassuring to conservatives: Marginal_income taxes -- the heart of incentive economies -- have not been touched. The second round of rate cuts will go into effect, just as scheduled, on January 1st. That's vital for a strong, growth year in 1988. And there are no new across the board taxes, there are user fees, loophole closings and the like -- I had Sit billion of them in my own budget this year -- we've kept our pledge to the American people on taxes.

The second step forward was on defense. Now, some people said we would have been better off with sequestration. Well, sequestration would have cost us \$11.5 billion in defense. With this deal, we gained \$6.5 billion back and ended with \$3 billion more in defense spending than last year. We may have bid farewell to Cap Weinberger, but as I said to him, we know that

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the magnificent job he did rebuilding our defenses is nowhere near complete -- and we're not slacking one iota from that commitment.

Well, as you all know, a week from today I will be receiving an important visitor. There's been, as you also know, a lot of back and forth in preparation for this summit -- mostly it's been George Shultz going back and forth. For now, we seem to have ironed out the difficulties, and I'm confident that they will stay ironed.

With all of the things going on, however, one might be forgiven if one felt a little like Harold Macmillan in his famous exchange with Nikita Khrushchev. It was Macmillan, of course, who was delivering an address at the United Nations, when Khrushchev pulled off his shoe and started banging it on the table. Unflappable as ever, Macmillan simply remarked, "I'd like translation, if I may."

Well, today I want to give you a translation. I want to talk to you about relations between the United States and the Soviet Union -- relations that focus upon four critical areas. First -- and in many ways primary -- human rights; second, negotiated settlements to regional conflicts; third, expanded exchanges between our peoples; and fourth, arms reduction. Let me begin with the last, because in this area, particularly, our realism, patience, and commitment are close to producing historic results.

I remember when I visited Bonn, back in 1982, when we are deploying our resultings in Europe. Thousands of demonstrators

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chanted and marched. And I couldn't help thinking what irony. For it was to secure the peace they sought and the freedom they were exercising that we were deploying the missiles they protested.

Despite intense political pressure, NATO held firm. The two-track policy of arms reduction negotiations and deployment stayed -- well, it stayed on track. And yes, it was when we showed our determination, our willingness, if need be, to meet this new and unprovoted sorret threat head-on force with force that the Soviets -- after first walking out of the negotiations -- eventually returned and began to talk seriously about the possibility of withdrawing their own I.N.F. missiles.

I'm pleased to say that the agreement we're nearing is based upon the proposal that the United States, in consultation with our allies, first put forward in 1981 -- the zero-option. The zero-option calls very simply for the elimination of this entire class of U.S. and Soviet I.N.F. missiles.

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Despite intense political pressure, NATO held firm. The two-track policy of arms reduction negotiations and deployment stayed -- well, it stayed on track. And yes, it was when we showed our determination, our willingness, if need be, to meet force with force that the Soviets -- after first walking out of the negotiations -- eventually returned and began to talk seriously about the possibility of withdrawing their own I.N.F. missiles.

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Our hands will not be tied to a treaty that the other side feels perfectly free to violate. As I promised Cap Weinberger 2 weeks ago in his farewell at the Pentagon -- we're not unilaterally disarming in this area or any other area.

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Glasnost -- a promise as yet unfulfilled. Still, it inspired brave souls throughout the Soviet Union to take a chance -- to come out of hiding and declare proudly their commitment to human and national rights and to speak openly about their religious beliefs.

Just last August, over 200 underground Ukrainian Catholic church leaders and laity fearlessly and for the first time disclosed their names in an appeal to General Secretary Gorbachev to legalize their church. Joseph Terelya, the brave Ukrainian Catholic human rights activist recently released from the Soviet Union after 21 years in Soviet Labor camps, prisons, and psychiatric hospitals, delivered the appeal personally.

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Meanwhile, Soviet and Soviet-backed forces in Afghanistan and Angola have been suffering devastating defeats at the hands of the freedom fighters in those nations. The courage of the Mujahedin has become legendary. In the past 15 months, they have inflicted a string of serious defeats on Soviet elite combat units as well as the puppet Afghan army. With improved weapons, tactics and coordination, and strengthened political unity, they have sent a message loud and clear to the Red army: "Ivan go home."

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International support for the brave Afghan freedom fighters is more solid than ever. Three weeks ago the U.N. General Assembly -- with a record vote -- called overwhelmingly for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Afghanistan.

The Soviets have talked of setting a timetable for withdrawal from Afghanistan -- but that timetable is too long and too conditional. The Soviets invaded that country in 1979. It shouldn't take them any longer to get out. It's time they set a date certain for the complete withdrawal of all Soviet troops

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from Afghanistan. They should respect the voice of the Afghan people and negotiate with the Resistance, without whose assent no political solution is possible. And they should face reality and allow a process of genuine self-determination to decide Afghanistan's destiny.

For the present regime in Kabul is discredited and doomed; its day are clearly numbered. From comments we hear the Soviets making, in many parts of the world, it's beginning to look as if even they are writing off that regime. The Soviets pride themselves on recognizing objective reality. It's time for them to bite the bullet.

The goal of the U.S. remains a genuinely independent, nonaligned, neutral Afghanistan, free from external interference. Once the Soviet Union shows convincingly that it is prepared to withdraw promptly and permit self-determination, the United States will be helpful diplomatically. In the meantime, the struggle against tyranny will continue.

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If we're serious about this peace process, we must keep the freedom fighters alive and strong and viable until they can once again return home to take part in a free and democratic Nicaraguan society. They are brave men, and they have sacrificed much in the cause of freedom. They deserve no less.

There will be few more important votes in Congress than this one, and as I have so often in the past, I'll be counting on your active support. With your help, I know we can win this one. The fact is, as you all very well know, we have no choice -- we have to win this one.

Well, thank you very much, and God bless you all.

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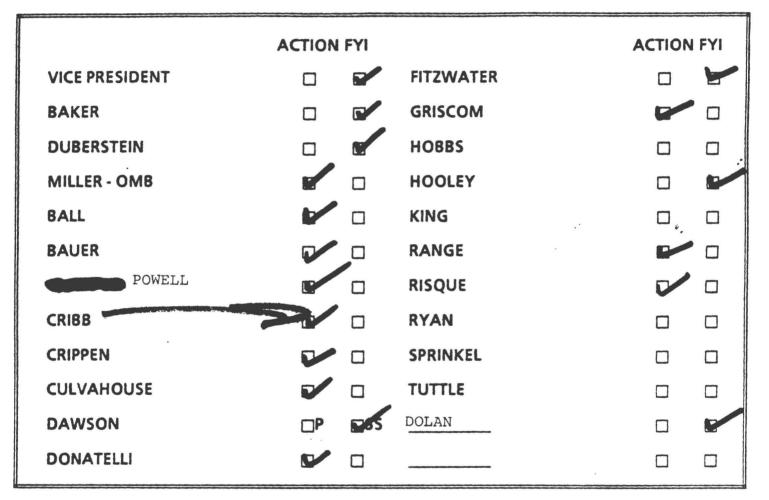
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: ______ ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____3:00 p.m. Tuesday 11/24

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HERITAGE FOUNDATION LUNCHEON

(11/23 8:00 p.m. draft)



REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations to Tony Dolan by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24th, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

- 1. This looks terrific. Beware of "softening" of the language.
- The speech should rebut the notion that Kennedy was a "compromise" candidate. See suggested languate on p.3.

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Rhett Dawson Ext. 2702

(Gilder/ARD) November 23, 1987 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HERITAGE FOUNDATION LUNCHEON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1987

Thank you. Thank you all very much. It's always a great pleasure to come here to the Heritage Foundation -- I've always considered Heritage, in a sense, my shadow cabinet.

In fact, Ed Feulner did come into the Administration for a short while at the beginning of the year -- and his help and advice were invaluable -- but he wanted to get back to Heritage. He knew where the real power center in Washington is.

In the last 10 years, with Ed at the helm, and with the constant support and vision of Joe Coors, Heritage has transformed itself from a struggling and valiant coterie of conservatives to, well, a struggling and valiant coterie of conservatives, though today the influence and importance of Heritage is widely recognized in this town and, indeed, by policy makers around the world.

Thinking back to those days when, as we used to say, all the conservatives in this town could fit in a single phone booth, I remembered the story Lincoln told one day when he found his entire Cabinet, with the exception of one man, against him. During a revival meeting in his home town in Illinois, one of the audience, who'd indulged too much in the refreshments before hand, passed out and stayed asleep when the preacher challenged the assembly: "Who here that is on the Lord's side, stand up!" And the whole audience, of course, except for the drunk, stood up. When the preacher then asked, "And who is on the side of the Devil?" he suddenly awoke, rose, and standing there all alone, said, "I don't exactly understand the question, but I'll stand by you parson, to the last."

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Well, as you all know, a week from today I will be receiving an important visitor. There's been, as you also know, a lot of back and forth in preparation for this summit -- mostly it's been George Shultz going back and forth. For now, we seem to have ironed out the difficulties, and I'm confident that they will stay ironed.

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It would, however, be hasty to assume that we're at the point where we are ready to put pen to paper and sign the treaty. For one thing, in one important area -- verification -- the treaty is not yet complete. Any treaty I agree to must provide for effective verification, including on-site inspection of

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A recent report released by the Department of Defense, called "The Soviet Space Challenge," warns that the Soviets are developing a space-launch capability much greater than that of the United States. The report estimates that the Soviet launch requirements will be two to three times our own, while their proposed launch capability between 1990 and 2005 is nearly double any requirement we can identify. "Clearly," the Secretary of Defense states, "the Soviet program points in one direction --the methodical pursuit of a war-fighting capability in space."

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But we can certainly also look for signs of hope. One recent sign came from Joseph Terelya, the brave Ukrainian Catholic human rights activist who was released from the Soviet Union in September after 20 years in Soviet Labor camps, prisons, and psychiatric hospitals. Previously, Mr. Terelya had feared that glasnost was no more than, in his words, "camouflage for the West." He pointed out that "beginning in January 1987 repression has increased in the Ukraine," and that the Soviet press has been "full of vehement hatred" against the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

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Recently, however, Mr. Terelya has found cause for guarded optimism. Saying that "something has changed at the top of the Soviet Government," he spoke of an apparent willingness on the part of the Soviets to consider legalization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Few moves on the part of the Soviet government could do more to convince the world of the sincerity of their desire to reform. One of the truest measures of glasnost will be the degree of religious freedom -- freedom of worship for all the people of the Soviet Union, including Protestants, Catholics, Orthodox Jews, and followers of Islam. For this reason, we will be looking with great eagerness, and great expectations, at the talks between Soviet officials and the Catholic Church in the Ukraine.

Finally, let me just touch on the subject of regional conflicts. Today, even as their economy flags at home, the Soviets spend billions to maintain or impose Communist rule abroad, from Eastern Europe, to Cuba, Vietnam, South Yemen, Angola, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, and Afghanistan. It's estimated that the Soviet war on Afghanistan costs them between \$5 billion and \$6 billion a year. The Soviet bloc has supplied some \$1 billion annually to the Communist Angolans and \$2 billion to the Sandinistas in military hardware alone.

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Then there's Ethiopia. Two years after the devastating famine that galvanized world attention, that poor country seems to be sliding agonizingly into another that health officials predict could be even worse.

Once again, we hear that the cause of the famine threatening Ethiopia is poor weather. No doubt weather plays a role; but there is real question if it is the major culprit. This year, the neighboring countries of Sub-Sahara seem little effected. The sad fact is, Ethiopia's agonizing situation is directly attributable to the policies of its Communist rulers. More than one relief agency has accused the Ethiopian Communists of manipulating the famine and relief efforts in the civil war against their own people.

Last time, the United States was generous in responding to the emergency, sending more food, supplies, and logistical support than any other nation. If -- the good Lord forbid -famine returns to Ethiopia, we will again do what we must to save innocent lives. But we will also insist that the Soviets do their part. Last famine, while the rest of the world sent food and medicine, the Soviets sent their clients in Ethiopia weapons of war.

It's long past time the Soviet Union accept its responsibility to save lives in Ethiopia. They must move immediately to pressure their client rulers in Ethiopia to institute the reforms that will prevent the horror of famine from happening again. The first time it was a tragedy -- the second will be a crime.

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I will also make it clear that the greatest stumbling block to increased cooperation and exchange between our two nations is Soviet support for Communist tyranny in Nicaragua. Here too, the Soviet-backed forces are hurting. With our aid, the Nicaraguan freedom fighters have made impressive gains in the field and

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Within the next month, Congress will have to vote on nonlethal aid to the freedom fighters -- aid that will keep them viable through mid-January when the Central American Presidents meet to determine compliance with the Arias peace plan. If Congress votes down this aid, the freedom fighters will run out of supplies in the first 2 weeks of December -- more than a month before the meeting. The Sandinistas will know all they have to do is play the waiting game. They will have no incentive to negotiate, no incentive to make real concessions to democracy.

The Sandinistas will know that Congress, by pulling the plug on the freedom fighters, accomplished what they and their billions of dollars in Soviet aid could not -- the final extinguishment of all hope of freedom and democracy in Nicaragua.

If we're serious about this peace process, we must keep the freedom fighters alive and strong until they can once again return home to take part in a free and democratic Nicaraguan

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society. They are brave men, and they have sacrificed much in the cause of freedom. They deserve no less.

There will be few more important votes in Congress than this one, and as I have so often in the past, I'll be counting on your active support. With your help, I know we can win this one. The fact is, as you all very well know, we have no choice -- we have to win this one.

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Well, thank you very much, and God bless you all.