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DROPBY BRIEFING FOR ECONOMIC EDITORS  
ON TAX PLAN

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THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I KNOW  
SECRETARY BAKER HAS ALREADY BRIEFED YOU,  
AND DON REGAN WILL BE TALKING TO YOU AFTER I  
FINISH. THESE C.E.O.'s ALWAYS WANT TO HAVE  
THE LAST WORD. BUT I'M GOING TO SPEAK FOR A  
FEW MINUTES, THEN TAKE SOME QUESTIONS,  
TIME PERMITTING.

PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE  
EMBRACING OUR TAX PLAN, AMERICA'S TAX PLAN,  
BECAUSE THEY RIGHTLY SEE IT AS FAIRER AND  
SIMPLER -- SOMETHING THEY'VE BEEN WAITING  
FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. ALL THE INDICATIONS  
ARE FAVORABLE -- POLLS SHOW A GROUND SWELL  
OF POPULAR SUPPORT, AND A RISING STOCK  
MARKET AND DROPPING INTEREST RATES SUGGEST  
THAT THE FINANCIAL MARKETS ARE VERY  
COMFORTABLE WITH AMERICA'S TAX PLAN.

OUR TAX OVERHAUL WILL BEGIN WITH MAJOR TAX RELIEF FOR FAMILIES, WHO HAVE SEEN THEIR PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS WHITTLED AWAY BY INFLATION, AND WHO HAVE SHOULDERED A HUGE INCREASE IN THE TAX LOAD.

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OUR FAMILY RELIEF PLAN WOULD RAISE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION, PRACTICALLY DOUBLE THE PERSONAL EXEMPTION, LOWER MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATES SIGNIFICANTLY, AND GIVE HOMEMAKERS EQUAL ACCESS TO TAX DEDUCTIBLE I.R.A.'s.

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WE'RE ALSO EXPANDING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR LOW-INCOME WAGE EARNERS,

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AND INDEXING IT TO INFLATION. THE RESULT WILL BE THAT FAMILIES WILL HAVE AN EASIER TIME MAKING ENDS MEET, AND THOSE AT THE BOTTOM END OF THE LADDER WILL BE VIRTUALLY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

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OPPORTUNITY IS KEY TO THE PROMISE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM, BUT HIGH TAX RATES HAVE TRANSFORMED THAT DIFFICULT BUT REWARDING CLIMB UP THE LADDER OF SUCCESS INTO A BITTER AND EXHAUSTING ENSLAVEMENT ON THE TAX

TREADMILL. WELL, THAT'S ALL GOING TO

CHANGE. THE TAX SYSTEM MUST NO LONGER BE

POVERTY'S ACCOMPLICE. AN AMERICAN

OPPORTUNITY SOCIETY BEGINS WITH AN

EXPANDING, HEALTHY ECONOMY, AND THAT'S WHERE

OUR PRO-GROWTH INITIATIVES COME IN.

FIRST, WE'RE CUTTING MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATES BY AN AVERAGE OF 19 PERCENT.

THERE IS NO SURER WAY OF GETTING MORE

ECONOMIC GROWTH. WE SAW IT HAPPEN IN

GERMANY AFTER WORLD WAR II, WHEN LUDWIG

ERHARD'S TAX CUTS HELPED REVITALIZE THEIR

ECONOMY; IN JAPAN, WHEN 20 YEARS OF

CONTINUOUS TAX CUTTING WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN

CATAPULTING THAT NATION INTO THE FRONT RANKS

OF THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC LEADERS.

AND HERE AT HOME, WE'VE HAD THREE DRAMATIC EXAMPLES OF LOWER MARGINAL RATES LIBERATING GROWTH: ANDREW MELLON'S TAX CUTS IN THE TWENTIES; JOHN KENNEDY'S IN THE SIXTIES; AND OUR ALMOST 25-PERCENT, ACROSS-THE-BOARD TAX CUT THAT HELPED LIFT THE AMERICAN ECONOMY OUT OF MALAISE AND INTO SURGING ECONOMIC GROWTH.

AMERICA'S TAX PLAN WILL GIVE US JUST ABOUT THE LOWEST TAX RATES OF ANY COUNTRY IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD -- AND THAT, ALONG WITH OUR VIBRANT ECONOMY, WILL MAKE US THE INVESTMENT CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

SOME, I KNOW, ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ELIMINATION OF THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT AND THE RESTRUCTURED DEPRECIATION SYSTEM.

BUT WE FEEL OUR PLAN WOULD STIMULATE NEW ECONOMIC GROWTH. ONE OF THE IMPORTANT WAYS OUR PROPOSED DEPRECIATION SYSTEM WOULD BE SUPERIOR TO A.C.R.S IS THAT IT WOULD BE INDEXED TO INFLATION —

SO BUSINESSES WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A  
DECLINE IN THE REAL VALUE OF THEIR  
WRITE-OFFS. IT WOULD ALSO REDUCE THE  
DISTORTIONS IN ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY CAUSED BY  
THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT AND OTHER  
PROVISIONS SO THAT THE MARKET, NOT THE  
GOVERNMENT, WOULD DETERMINE THE FLOW OF  
CAPITAL.

AS PART OF OUR GROWTH AGENDA,  
WE'RE ALSO CUTTING THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX.  
THE TWO PREVIOUS CAPITAL GAINS CUTS IN 1978  
AND 1981 PROBABLY SAVED THE LIFE OF THE  
AMERICAN ECONOMY. EXCESSIVELY HIGH CAPITAL  
GAINS HAD ALMOST STRANGLED THE TECHNOLOGICAL  
REVOLUTION AT ITS BIRTH. VENTURE CAPITAL --  
THE HIGH-POWERED MONEY TO FINANCE THE  
RISKIEST AND MOST DARING PROJECTS -- HAD ALL  
BUT DRIED UP, TO A MERE \$39 MILLION IN  
COMMITMENTS IN 1977.

BUT AFTER CUTTING CAPITAL GAINS,  
VENTURE CAPITAL SHOT TO ALL-TIME HIGHS,  
INCREASING OVER 100-FOLD TO \$4.2 BILLION IN  
1984 ALONE. WE'RE PULLING AHEAD OF THE  
COMPETITION, AND CUTTING CAPITAL GAINS AGAIN  
WILL MAKE SURE WE STAY THERE.

WE'RE CLOSING THE DOOR ON UNJUSTIFIABLE  
TAX SHELTERS SO THAT WE CAN OPEN THE DOOR  
FOR INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY, AND GROWTH.

IT'S TIME THAT WE PULLED OUR INVESTMENT  
MONEY OUT OF TAX SHELTERS AND REINVESTED IT  
IN AMERICA'S FUTURE.

WE'VE ALSO PARED DOWN DEDUCTIONS FOR  
BUSINESS ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES. IT JUST  
DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT FOR A WAGE EARNER  
CARRYING HIS TUNA FISH SANDWICH TO WORK TO  
SUBSIDIZE EXORBITANT BUSINESS LUNCHES AT  
LUXURY RESTAURANTS.

WE'D STILL ALLOW FOR LEGITIMATE EXPENSES,  
BUT TO THOSE WHO COMPLAIN THEY CAN'T LIVE  
QUITE SO HIGH OFF THE CORPORATE ACCOUNT,  
WE CAN ONLY ASK: WHY NOT BROWN BAG IT ONCE  
IN A WHILE; WHY NOT FIND SMARTER WAYS TO PUT  
OUR MONEY TO WORK THAN INVESTING SO HEAVILY  
IN EXECUTIVE LUNCHES.

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WE ARE KEEPING THE PROVISION FOR  
WRITE-OFFS OF INTANGIBLE DRILLING COSTS.

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TODAY, WE IMPORT MORE THAN A FOURTH OF OUR  
OIL FROM ABROAD; AND THE MONEY WE SPENT ON  
THOSE IMPORTS LAST YEAR REPRESENTED HALF OUR  
TOTAL TRADE DEFICIT. SCUTTLING THE I.D.C.  
DEDUCTIONS WOULD SLOW OIL EXPLORATION IN  
THIS COUNTRY AND REDUCE OUR OUTPUT BY AS  
MUCH AS HALF A MILLION BARRELS A DAY.

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I DON'T BELIEVE WE WANT TO INCREASE OUR  
ENERGY DEPENDENCY ON FOREIGN IMPORTS,  
OR GIVE THE AILING OPEC CARTEL A SHOT IN THE  
ARM. WE MUST ENSURE RELIABLE, SECURE ENERGY  
SOURCES HERE AT HOME.

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ALSO KEY TO A FAIRER, SIMPLER TAX CODE  
IS ELIMINATION OF THE DEDUCTION FOR STATE  
AND LOCAL TAXES.

THE CURRENT DEDUCTION  
BENEFITS WEALTHY CITIZENS AT THE EXPENSE OF  
THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.

ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF  
ALL AMERICANS -- AND AN EVEN GREATER  
MAJORITY OF LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME  
TAXPAYERS -- DO NOT ITEMIZE, AND GET NO  
BENEFIT FROM THE STATE AND LOCAL TAX  
DEDUCTION.

THE SIMPLE FACT IS,  
LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS ARE BEING  
CHEATED, BECAUSE WHATEVER STATE THEY'RE  
IN -- HIGH-TAX OR LOW-TAX -- THE PRESENT  
SYSTEM FORCES THEM TO PAY THE BILL FOR THE  
WEALTHY FEW WHO USE THE STATE AND LOCAL  
DEDUCTION -- THAT'S THE INJUSTICE.

PERHAPS IF THE HIGH-TAX STATES DIDN'T  
HAVE THIS FEDERAL CRUTCH TO PROP UP THEIR  
BIG SPENDING, THEY MIGHT HAVE TO CUT TAXES  
TO STAY COMPETITIVE.

SOME OF THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES  
FROM THE HIGH-TAX STATES  
DON'T SEEM TO LIKE THAT IDEA MUCH, BUT MAYBE  
THEY SHOULD TAKE A POLL OF THEIR  
CONSTITUENTS TO SEE IF THEIR PEOPLE THINK A  
TAX CUT IS SUCH A BAD IDEA.

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WE SHOULD GET OUT OF THE HABIT OF  
THINKING OF OUR ECONOMY AS STATIC AND FROZEN  
IN PLACE. OUR TAX PROPOSAL IS A DYNAMIC  
MODEL FOR THE FUTURE. ANY CHANGE OF SUCH  
SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE IS GOING TO REQUIRE SOME  
ADJUSTMENTS. FOR THE GREAT MAJORITY OF  
AMERICANS, IT WILL BE A VERY PLEASANT  
ADJUSTMENT TO LOWER RATES AND NEW AND MORE  
PLENTIFUL OPPORTUNITIES -- A GROWING,  
EXPANDING, SUPER-ENERGIZED ECONOMY,  
AN ECONOMY OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY THAT JUST  
WON'T QUIT. WHY SHOULD WE SETTLE FOR LESS?  
WELL, NOW, I'D BE GLAD TO TAKE SOME OF YOUR  
QUESTIONS.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPBY BRIEFING FOR ECONOMIC  
EDITORS ON TAX PLAN  
FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1985

Thank you all very much. I know Secretary Baker has already briefed you, and Don Regan will be talking to you after I finish. These CEO's always want to have the last word. But I'm going to speak for a few minutes, then take some questions, time permitting.

People all across the country are embracing our tax plan, America's Tax Plan, because they rightly see it as fairer and simpler -- something they've been waiting for a long, long time. All the indications are favorable -- polls show a ground swell of popular support, and a rising stock market and dropping interest rates suggest that the financial markets are very comfortable with America's Tax Plan.

Our tax overhaul will begin with major tax relief for families, who have seen their personal exemptions whittled away by inflation, and who have shouldered a huge increase in the tax load.

Our family relief plan would raise the standard deduction, practically double the personal exemption, lower marginal income tax rates significantly, and give homemakers equal access to tax deductible I.R.A.'s. We're also expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income wage earners, and indexing it to inflation. The result will be that families will have an easier time making ends meet, and those at the bottom end of the ladder will be virtually exempt from taxation.

Opportunity is key to the promise of the American Dream, but high tax rates have transformed that difficult but rewarding climb up the ladder of success into a bitter and exhausting enslavement on the tax treadmill. Well, that's all going to change. The tax system must no longer be poverty's accomplice. An American Opportunity Society begins with an expanding, healthy economy, and that's where our pro-growth initiatives come in.

First, we're cutting marginal income tax rates by an average of 19 percent. There is no surer way of getting more economic growth. We saw it happen in Germany after World War II, when Ludwig Erhard's tax cuts helped revitalize their economy; in Japan, when 20 years of continuous tax cutting catapulted that nation into the front ranks of the world's economic leaders. And here at home, we've had three dramatic examples of lower marginal rates liberating growth: Andrew Mellon's tax cuts in the twenties; John Kennedy's in the sixties; and our almost 25-percent, across-the-board tax cut helped lift the American economy out of malaise and ~~give us~~ <sup>into</sup> surging economic growth.

America's Tax Plan will give us just about the lowest tax rates of any country in the industrialized world -- and that, along with our vibrant economy, will make us the investment capital of the world.

Some, I know, are concerned about the elimination of the Investment Tax Credit and the restructured depreciation system. But we feel our plan would stimulate new economic growth, and, in one important way, our proposed depreciation system would be superior to A.C.R.S. It would be indexed to inflation, so

businesses wouldn't have to worry about fluctuations in their effective tax rates and a decline in the real value of their write-offs. It would also reduce the distortions in economic efficiency caused by the Investment Tax Credit and other provisions so that the market, not the Government, would determine the flow of capital.

As part of our growth agenda, we're also cutting the capital gains tax. The two previous capital gains cuts in 1978 and 1981 probably saved the life of the American economy. Excessively high capital gains had almost strangled the technological revolution at its birth. Venture capital -- the high-powered money to finance the riskiest and most daring projects -- had all but dried up, to a mere \$39 million in commitments in 1977.

But after cutting capital gains, venture capital shot to all-time highs, increasing over 100-fold to \$4.2 billion in 1984 alone. We're pulling ahead of the competition, and cutting capital gains again will make sure we stay there.

We're closing the door on unjustifiable tax shelters so that we can open the door for innovation, opportunity, and growth. It's time that we pulled our investment money out of tax shelters and reinvested it in America's future.

We've also pared down deductions for business entertainment expenses. It just doesn't seem right for a wage earner carrying his tuna fish sandwich to work to subsidize exorbitant business lunches at luxury restaurants. We'd still allow for legitimate expenses, but to those who complain they can't live quite so high off the corporate account, we can only ask: why not brown bag it

Americans, it will be a very pleasant adjustment to lower rates and new and more plentiful opportunities -- a growing, expanding, super-energized economy, an economy of hope and opportunity that just won't quit. Why should we settle for less? Well, now, I'd be glad to take some of your questions.

once in a while; why not find smarter ways to put our money to work than investing so heavily in executive lunches.

We are keeping the provision for write-offs of intangible drilling costs. Today, we import more than a fourth of our oil from abroad; and the money we spent on those imports last year represented half our total trade deficit. Scuttling the I.D.C. deductions would slow oil exploration in this country and reduce our output by as much as half a million barrels a day. I don't believe we want to increase our energy dependency on foreign imports, or give the ailing OPEC cartel a shot in the arm. We must ensure reliable, secure energy sources here at home.

Also key to a fairer, simpler tax code is elimination of the deduction for State and local taxes. The current deduction benefits wealthy citizens at the expense of those less fortunate. The great majority <sup>2/3 OR MORE</sup> of low- and middle-income taxpayers, even in the high-tax States, do not itemize, and get no benefit from the State and local tax deduction.

Perhaps if the high tax States didn't have this Federal crutch to prop up their big spending, they might have to cut taxes to stay competitive. Some of the elected representatives from the high-tax States don't seem to like that idea much, but maybe they should take a poll of their constituents to see if their people think a tax cut is such a bad idea.

We should get out of the habit of thinking of our economy as static and frozen in place. Our tax proposal is a dynamic model for the future. Any change of such scope and magnitude is going to require some adjustments. For the great majority of

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PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: ASSISTANCE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1985

My fellow Americans, today I want to give you some encouraging news about the opportunities for liberty, democracy, and peace in Central America, particularly in Nicaragua. This hope is based on a renewed chance for the United States to provide support to those who struggle against totalitarian communism on the mainland of this hemisphere.

We are being given something very precious -- a second chance to do what is right. Recently, on April 4, I met here in Washington with Adolfo Calero, Arturo Cruz, and Alfonso Robelo, the three principal leaders of the Nicaraguan democratic opposition. I asked these brave men to extend their offer of a ceasefire and a church-mediated dialogue with the Sandinista regime in Managua. Those exiled patriots and their followers made this proposal in San Jose, Costa Rica, on March 1 in a declaration of unity, common cause, and democratic purpose. Unfortunately, their proposal was immediately rejected by the Sandinista communists, who similarly rebuffed our April 4 endorsement of this realistic peace proposal.

Shortly thereafter, our House of Representatives voted not to provide assistance to the Nicaraguan freedom fighters. The Sandinistas and their cohorts believed the way was clear for the consolidation of their communist regime. Nicaragua's dictator raced to Moscow and the bloc capitals of Eastern Europe to seal closer relations with these communist tyrannies. And now, the

Nicaraguans are not only continuing to import offensive weapons, they have stepped up their attacks on neighboring Honduras and unarmed Costa Rica.

But as I said, we have a second chance to do what is right. On Thursday, the United States Senate, in a show of bipartisan support, voted to aid the freedom fighters struggling for liberty and democracy in Nicaragua. The Senate has seen that their struggle is ours -- that they need and deserve our help.

In the House, some claim that the U.S. plans to become militarily involved in Central America. Well, no such plans exist. That charge is simply a distraction from the two paramount questions that must be faced by every Member. Will you support those struggling for democracy? Will you resist the Soviets' brazen attempt to impose communism on our doorstep -- or won't you?

There is a bipartisan proposal in the House to keep alive the dream of freedom and peace in Nicaragua. It will be put forward next Wednesday by Republicans Bob Michel of Illinois and Joe McDade of Pennsylvania, and Democrat Dave McCurdy of Oklahoma. It is essential that this bipartisan amendment be passed without any weakening of its provisions in order for us to have a hope for peace, democracy, and reconciliation in Nicaragua. The legislation will provide \$27 million of assistance to the freedom fighters -- and that's not much compared to the hundreds of millions the communists are spending to prop up their Nicaraguan dictatorship.

The solution to the tragedy in Nicaragua is the very same the Congress has supported in El Salvador -- liberty, democracy, and reconciliation. In El Salvador, we have worked with Congress and stood firmly behind President Duarte and the democratic

forces. We seek the same goals in Nicaragua. As in El Salvador, the United States stands with the democratic center -- against the enemies of liberty on both left and right. And the freedom fighters share our goals for democracy. One of their leaders -- Adolfo Calero -- said this week: "We of the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance believe that true peace can only come with democracy, and that democracy is a pre-condition for peace, not the other way around."

To seize this opportunity before us -- to seize this second chance now offered -- the Congress and the Executive Branch must embark on a bipartisan course for a negotiated political settlement, national reconciliation, democracy, and genuine self-determination for the people of Nicaragua.

Just 6 years ago, the people of Nicaragua -- students, labor unions, businessmen, and the church -- fought for a democratic revolution, only to see it betrayed by a handful of Soviet-backed communists. We must not sit by while the Nicaraguan people are saddled with a communist dictatorship ~~that replaces one tyrant with a new, more menacing tyranny~~ that threatens this entire hemisphere.

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A ~~successful~~ House vote for humanitarian aid to the <sup>FREEDOM FIGHTERS</sup> ~~united~~ Nicaraguan ~~opposition~~ will send a strong, long overdue bipartisan message. <sup>THAT WE</sup> ~~The United States cannot~~ <sup>WILL NOT</sup> tolerate the evolution of Nicaragua into another Cuba, ~~giving the Russians free reign;~~ nor <sup>WILL</sup> ~~can~~ we remain with our heads in the sand while Nicaragua becomes <sup>A</sup> ~~another Cuban~~-Soviet client state <sup>WITH</sup> ~~like Grenada, where~~ military installations ~~were~~ constructed for use by the Soviet bloc. ~~And~~

~~unlike the islands of Grenada or Cuba,~~ A Soviet base in Nicaragua would give the Russians a foothold on the American mainland.

America's proudest moments have come when Democrats and Republicans united for the cause of democracy. That is the path which is succeeding in El Salvador. And that is the path that will succeed in Nicaragua, too, if we support the bipartisan proposal to aid the freedom fighters.

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

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RECEPTION FOR NEW REPUBLICANS

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU,  
MY FELLOW REPUBLICANS. AND WELCOME.

YOU'VE ALREADY MET A FEW "CONVERTS"  
FROM THE OTHER TWO BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT.

I'M VERY EXCITED TODAY BECAUSE ED ROLLINS IS  
ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK FOR THE EXECUTIVE!

WELCOME TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY --  
WELCOME TO THE PARTY OF THE OPEN DOOR.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU, AND WE ARE  
RICHER FOR YOUR PRESENCE. YOU HAVE OUR  
ADMIRATION. MANY OF YOU HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE,  
AND YOU WERE LONG-TIME DEMOCRATS, AND YOU  
CHANGED PARTIES AT CONSIDERABLE RISK.

IT WAS AN ACT OF COURAGE AND AN ACT OF  
CONSCIENCE. WHEN CHURCHILL DID WHAT YOU  
HAVE DONE, HE SAID, SOME MEN CHANGE  
PRINCIPLE FOR PARTY AND SOME MEN CHANGE  
PARTY FOR PRINCIPLE.

HE WAS ONE OF THE LATTER, AS YOU ARE,  
AND YOU HAVE OUR THANKS.

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I WAS THINKING THIS MORNING ABOUT  
POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, AND I REMEMBERED THE  
STORY OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND HOW HE ASKED  
AN AIDE HOW HE PLANNED TO VOTE IN AN  
IMPORTANT ELECTION BACK HOME IN  
MASSACHUSETTS. THE AIDE HESITATED.

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HE DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT HE JUST COULDN'T IN  
GOOD CONSCIENCE VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRAT.

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KENNEDY SAID, "SAY IT... OF COURSE YOU'RE  
GOING TO VOTE FOR (THE REPUBLICAN.)  
SOMETIMES PARTY LOYALTY ASKS TOO MUCH."

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SOMETIMES IT DOES. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU  
HAVE LEFT, AND WHY, AND I'M NOT GOING TO USE  
THIS FORUM TO RUN DOWN THE OTHER PARTY.

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THEY HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLES, AND WE DON'T WANT  
TO ADD TO THEM... WELL, NOT REALLY.  
WELL, MAYBE LATER...

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BUT AS A FELLOW CONVERT LET ME TELL YOU  
WHAT, IN MY VIEW, YOU HAVE JOINED.

YOU HAVE JOINED THE PARTY OF IDEAS,  
A PARTY THAT HAS POSITIVE AND COHERENT  
PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF  
OUR TIME.

YOU HAVE JOINED THE PARTY OF THE  
WORKING MAN -- AND WOMAN. } LET THE OTHER  
PARTY HAVE THE ENTRENCHED INTERESTS AND THE  
POWER BROKERS AND SPECIAL INTEREST POLITICS.  
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OF THAT. } WE JUST HAVE THE  
PEOPLE -- MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WHO WON'T BE  
HELD DOWN BY ANY GOVERNMENT PLANS,  
BUT WHO ARE GOING TO BREAK FREE TO FOLLOW  
THEIR DREAMS -- THAT'S THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY  
PARTY WE ARE BUILDING TOGETHER.

YOU HAVE JOINED THE PARTY THAT CAN  
SPEAK OF AND GLORY IN THE BEST OF AMERICAN  
TRADITION AND AMERICAN CULTURE BECAUSE IT  
BELIEVES IN THOSE TRADITIONS AND THAT  
CULTURE.

YOU'VE JOINED A PARTY THAT LOOKS AT OUR  
VAST AND IMPERFECT NATION AND SEES THAT IT  
IS PRECIOUS AND TO BE PROTECTED,  
A PARTY THAT STILL FEELS THE OLD TUG OF THE  
IMMIGRANT'S LOVE FOR AMERICA, THE PURE  
UNALLOYED LOVE OF THOSE WHO'D EXPERIENCED  
LESS-FREE PLACES AND WHO ADORED AMERICA FOR  
GIVING THEM FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY.

YOU HAVE ALSO JOINED THE PARTY OF THE  
YOUNG. I DON'T MEAN TO BRAG BUT 59 PERCENT  
OF THOSE AGED 18 TO 24 VOTED FOR THE  
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL TICKET IN 1984.

MANY PEOPLE SEE THIS AS A TREND, BUT THERE  
IS THE RUMOR THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE JUST KIND  
OF RELATED TO THE YOUTHFULNESS OF THE FELLOW  
AT THE TOP OF THE TICKET. I NOT ONLY HEARD  
THAT RUMOR, I SPREAD IT.

YOU HAVE JOINED A PARTY THAT WAS ONCE  
RATHER... SEDATE. THAT WAS UNTIL THE  
CURRENT LEADERS AND SHAPERS OF THE G.O.P.  
STARTED LOBBING AROUND INTELLECTUAL HAND  
GRENADES AND INSISTING THAT AMERICA STOP  
TALKING ABOUT ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND START  
CREATING THE CONDITIONS THAT MAKE IT  
POSSIBLE. AND STOP IGNORING OR JUST TALKING  
ABOUT WAYS TO DEAL WITH THE GREATEST FOREIGN  
POLICY CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME /-  
THE MILITARIST/EXPANSIONIST INTENTIONS OF  
COMMUNISM -- AND START DOING SOMETHING ABOUT  
IT. THE SUPPLY-SIDERS, /THE NEO-CONS, /  
THE NEW RIGHT, /THE NEW REPUBLICAN  
MAJORITY /- WHATEVER YOU CALL THEM, /  
THEY TOOK THE GRAND OLD PARTY AND MADE IT  
THE GRAND NEW PARTY. WITH GREAT NEW POWER.  
THE G.N.P. SPEAKING OF WHICH WE ALSO TURNED  
THE ECONOMY AROUND.

YOU HAVE JOINED A ROBUST AND  
RAMBUNCTIOUS PARTY THAT IS RICH IN DIVERSITY  
AND FULL OF VARIETY / A PARTY THAT IS BLACK  
AND WHITE / AND BROWN AND YELLOW /  
OLD AND YOUNG, / RICH AND POOR.

YOU ARE NOT JOINING A PERFECT PARTY.

WE BEGAN IN GREATNESS MORE THAN 100 YEARS  
AGO / AND WE HAVE KNOWN CONSIDERABLE

GREATNESS SINCE. SURE, WE HAVE MADE OUR

MISTAKES. THERE HAVE BEEN GOOD IDEAS THAT  
WE EMBRACED TOO SLOWLY / AND MOVEMENTS THAT  
WE REJECTED OUTRIGHT WHEN AT THEIR CORE

THERE WAS REALLY SOME GOOD. BUT MORE OFTEN  
THAN NOT WE'VE BEEN ON THE RIGHT SIDE AND

FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT. AND IT'S WONDERFUL

TO SEE OUR NEW RECRUITS. AND IT'S WONDERFUL  
TO BE FIGHTING FOR A SECOND AMERICAN

REVOLUTION OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL  
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

NOW, MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN THE BACK THERE / AND MANY OTHERS / ARE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHO THE NEW REPUBLICANS ARE.

THEY ARE JUDGE (BUR-LEND BRAH-SHERE), A LIFELONG DEMOCRAT WHO SWITCHED PARTIES BECAUSE, IN HIS WORDS, "I FEEL MANY BLACK LEADERS HAVE LOST FAITH IN OUR...

TWO PARTY SYSTEM... (BUT) I HAVE FAITH IN THE PEOPLE." THE JUDGE IS ONE OF THE FIRST BLACK TEXAS REPUBLICAN ELECTED OFFICIALS SINCE RECONSTRUCTION.

AND THERE IS AN ITALIAN IMMIGRANT WHO TAUGHT HIMSELF ENGLISH / EARNED A COLLEGE DEGREE IN AMERICA / AND WAS A LOYAL DEMOCRAT ALL HIS LIFE. BUT AFTER BEING ELECTED TO HIS STATE ASSEMBLY HE SWITCHED PARTIES AND BECAME A REPUBLICAN. ALL THAT IN THE YEAR 1984 -- (IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK) -- AND WITH THE NAME FERRARO. WE WELCOME ARNALDO A. FERRARO TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

THERE IS DEXTER (LATE-TEN-EN),  
A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE  
AND A DECORATED VIETNAM VET WHO WAS WOUNDED  
IN ACTION. HE, TOO, WAS A LONG-TIME  
DEMOCRAT, BUT HE BECAME A REPUBLICAN IN  
MARCH. HE TOLD US, "I GREW WEARY OF TRYING  
TO CONVINCE THE DEMOCRATS THAT CRIME SHOULD  
NOT PAY AND THAT CRIME VICTIMS MATTER."

THESE ARE JUST A FEW. AND YOU ARE NOT  
ISOLATED CASES. YOU ARE PART OF A GREAT  
NATIONAL CHANGE, A NATIONAL MOVEMENT THAT IS  
SWEEPING THE ELECTORATE.

YOU ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF SOMETHING  
THAT IS GOING ON ACROSS THE COUNTRY -  
THE MILLIONS OF GRASSROOTS DEMOCRATS AND  
INDEPENDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN VOTING FOR THE  
REPUBLICAN PARTY BECAUSE THEY FEEL IT  
REPRESENTS WHAT THEY BELIEVE ABOUT AMERICA  
AND THE FUTURE.

YOU -- AND PEOPLE SUCH AS ANDY IRELAND,  
BOB STUMP, AND PHIL GRAMM -- ARE PART OF A  
CHANGE THAT IS SWEEPING THE COUNTRY.

YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE POLLS.

THE MOST RECENT WAS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES  
LAST WEDNESDAY. NOW, I DON'T NORMALLY READ  
THE NEW YORK TIMES FOR FUN, BUT THERE IT WAS  
ON THE FRONT PAGE: "ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER  
OF PEOPLE NOW IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS  
REPUBLICANS AS CALL THEMSELVES DEMOCRATS."

REMEMBER WHEN THEY CALLED US

"THE MINORITY PARTY?" HOW SWEET IT IS!

I JUST WANT TO ADD ONE THING,  
NOT FOR THOSE IN THIS ROOM BUT FOR THOSE WHO  
MAY LISTEN LATER. IT'S THAT IN AMERICA,  
A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SORT OF BORN INTO A  
POLITICAL PARTY. THEIR FAMILY HAS BELONGED  
TO THE SAME PARTY FOR GENERATION AFTER  
GENERATION, AND IT SEEMS LIKE HERESY --  
OR A RENUNCIATION OF WHO YOU ARE AND WHERE  
YOU'RE FROM -- TO SWITCH.

THIS KIND OF FIDELITY TO TRADITIONS AND  
OLD TIES IS GOOD. AMERICANS ARE A FAITHFUL  
PEOPLE. BUT THE THING IS, AS ALL OF YOU  
HAVE DEMONSTRATED, WHEN THE PARTY YOU WERE  
BORN INTO CHANGES -- WHEN THE PARTY YOU WERE  
BORN INTO NO LONGER REPRESENTS THE HOPES AND  
ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE YOU CAME FROM --  
WELL, THEN THAT PARTY LEFT YOU, YOU DIDN'T  
LEAVE IT.

AND GOING TO A NEW PARTY -- BECOMING A  
FAITHFUL MEMBER OF THAT NEW PARTY --  
IS A REAFFIRMATION OF WHAT YOU ARE AND WHERE  
YOU'RE FROM. IT'S A REAFFIRMATION OF THE  
DREAMS YOUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS  
DREAMED. IT'S A REAFFIRMATION OF YOUR  
TRADITION, YOUR CULTURE, YOUR ETHNIC  
LOYALTIES -- YOUR AMERICANISM.

AND LET ME ADD THAT IF WE EVER LET YOU  
DOWN, YOU WON'T OWE US YOUR UNDYING LOYALTY.  
IF WE EVER LEAVE YOU, YOU'LL BE RIGHT TO  
LEAVE US.

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WE ARE RICHER FOR YOUR PRESENCE.

THE FUTURE OF THIS PARTY IS IN YOUR HANDS,  
AND THE HANDS OF YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES  
AND FELLOW REPUBLICANS.

WHICH LEAVES ME, AS I LOOK AT YOU,

VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE  
G.O.P., AND VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE  
OF AMERICA.

WELCOME ABOARD. } WELCOME HOME.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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The President has seen \_\_\_\_\_  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR NEW REPUBLICANS  
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1985

Thank you very much. Thank you, my fellow Republicans. And welcome.

You've already met a few "converts" from the other two branches of Government. I'm very excited today because Ed Rollins is allowing me to speak for the Executive!

Welcome to the Republican Party -- welcome to the party of the open door.

We are happy to have you, and we are richer for your presence. You have our admiration. Many of you hold public office, and you were long-time Democrats, and you changed parties at considerable risk. It was an act of courage and an act of conscience. When Churchill <sup>did what you have done</sup> ~~left the Left and became a~~ ~~Conservative~~, he said, "Some men change principle for party and some men change party for principle." He was one of the latter, as you are. And you have our thanks.

I was thinking this morning about political independence, and I remembered the story of President Kennedy, and how he asked an aide how he planned to vote in an important election back home in Massachusetts. The aide hesitated. He didn't want to admit he just couldn't in good conscience vote for the Democrat. Kennedy said, "Say it... of course you're going to vote for (the Republican.)" "Sometimes party loyalty asks too much."

Sometimes it does. You know what you have left, and why, and I'm not going to use this forum to run down the other party.

They have enough troubles, and we don't want to add to them...

Well, not really. Well, maybe later...

But let me tell you what, in my <sup>AS A CONVERT</sup> view, you have joined.

You have joined the party of ideas, a party that has positive and coherent programs to deal with the great problems of our time.

You have joined the party of the working man -- and woman. Let the other party have the entrenched interests and the power brokers and special interest politics. We don't have any of that. We just have the people -- more and more people who won't be held down by any Government plans, but who are going to break free to follow their dreams -- that's the Great Opportunity Party we are building together.

You have joined the party that can speak of and glory in the best of American tradition and American culture because it believes in those traditions and that culture.

You've joined a party that looks at our vast and imperfect Nation and sees that it is precious and to be protected, ~~You are joining~~ a party that still feels the old tug of the immigrant's love for America, the pure unalloyed love of those who'd experienced less-free places and who adored America for giving them freedom and opportunity.

You have also joined the party of the young. I don't mean to brag but 59 percent of those aged 18 to 24 voted for the Republican national ticket in 1984. Many people see this as a trend. But there is the rumor that our young people just kind of

related to the youthfulness of the fellow at the top of the ticket. I not only heard that rumor, I spread it.

You have joined a party that was once rather... sedate. That was until the current leaders and shapers of the GOP started lobbing around intellectual hand grenades and insisting that America stop talking about economic justice and start creating the conditions that make it possible. And stop talking about ways to deal with the greatest foreign policy challenge of our time -- the militarist/expansionist intentions of communism -- and start doing something about it. The supply-siders, the neo-cons, the new right, the new Republican majority -- whatever you call them, they took the Grand Old Party and made it the Grand New Party. With Great New Power. The GNP. Speaking of which we also turned the economy around.

You have joined a robust and rambunctious party that is rich in diversity and full of variety, a party that is black and white, and brown and yellow, old and young, rich and poor.

You are not joining a perfect party. We began in greatness more than 100 years ago, and we have known considerable greatness since. Sure, we have made our mistakes. There have been good ideas that we embraced too slowly, and movements that we rejected outright when at their core there was really some good. But more often than not we've been on the right side and fought the good fight. And it's wonderful to see our new recruits. And it's wonderful to be fighting for a Second American Revolution of hope and opportunity for all the American people.

Now, members of the press in the back there, and many others, are interested to know who the new Republicans are.

They are Judge Berlaind Brashear, a Texas State Representative and a lifelong Democrat who switched parties because, in his words, "I feel many black leaders have lost faith in our... two party system... (but) I have faith in the people." The Judge is now the first black Texas Republican elected official since Reconstruction.

And there is an Italian immigrant who taught himself English, earned a college degree in America, and was a loyal Democrat all his life. But after being elected to his State assembly he switched parties and became a Republican. All that in the year 1984 -- in the State of New York -- and with the name Ferraro. We welcome Arnaldo A. Ferraro to the Republican Party.

There is Dexter Lehtinen, a member of the Florida State legislature and a decorated Vietnam vet who was wounded in action. He, too, was a lifelong Democrat, but he became a Republican in March. He told us, "I grew weary of trying to convince the Democrats that crime should not pay and that crime victims matter."

These are just a few. And you are not isolated cases. You are part of a great national change, a national movement that is sweeping the electorate.

You're familiar with all the polls. The most recent was in the New York Times last Wednesday. Now, I don't normally read the New York Times for fun, but there it was on the front page: "About the same number of people now identify themselves as

Republicans as call themselves Democrats." Remember when they called us "the minority party?" How sweet it is!

I just want to add one thing, not for those in this room but for those who may listen later. It's that in America, a lot of people are sort of born into a political party. Their family has belonged to the same party for generation after generation, and it seems like heresy -- or a renunciation of who you are and where you're from -- to switch.

This kind of fidelity to traditions and old ties is good. Americans are a faithful people. But the thing is, as all of you have demonstrated, when the party you were born into changes -- when the party you were born into no longer represents the hopes and aspirations of the people you came from -- well, then that party left you, you didn't leave it.

And going to a new party -- becoming a faithful member of that new party -- is a reaffirmation of what you are and where you're from. It's a reaffirmation of the dreams your parents and grandparents dreamed. It's a reaffirmation of your tradition, your culture, your ethnic loyalties -- your Americanism.

And let me add that if we ever let you down, you won't owe us your undying loyalty. If we ever leave you, you'll be right to leave us.

We are richer for your presence. The future of this party is in your hands, and the hands of your friends and relatives and fellow Republicans. Which leaves me, as I look at you, very optimistic about the future of the GOP, and very optimistic about the future of America.

Welcome aboard. Welcome home.

Thank you and God bless you.

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GREETINGS TO NBA CHAMPIONS  
LOS ANGELES LAKERS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BELIEVE ME,  
IT'S YOU THAT DESERVE THE APPLAUSE --  
AND IT IS WE WHO SAY, HAIL TO THE LAKERS.

IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO  
THE WHITE HOUSE. YOUR ENTIRE CHAMPIONSHIP  
SERIES, DOWN TO YESTERDAY'S GREAT WIN,  
WAS AN INSPIRATION. YOU SHOWED AMERICA WHAT  
PRIDE, DETERMINATION, AND GUTS CAN  
ACCOMPLISH -- WHEN THEY'RE COMBINED WITH  
SOME OF THE BEST TALENT ON THE FLOOR.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IT REALLY WAS "SHOWTIME"  
IN THE BOSTON GARDEN.

AND YOUR VICTORY IS ALL THE GREATER  
BECAUSE YOU WON IT FROM ANOTHER TRULY GREAT  
TEAM. WHEN YOU WENT TO THE GARDEN, YOU KNEW  
THAT THE NEXT TWO GAMES WERE GOING TO DECIDE  
THE CHAMPIONSHIP EITHER WAY, AND YOU KNEW  
THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE PLAYING IN BOSTON,  
IT WASN'T GOING TO BE ANY TEA PARTY.

KAREEM SAYS YESTERDAY'S VICTORY WAS  
JUST LIKE THE BROOKLYN DODGERS' BREAKTHROUGH  
AGAINST THE YANKEES IN THE 1955

WORLD SERIES. ] WELL, KAREEM, I REMEMBER THAT  
SERIES, / SO I THINK YOU MAY BE, (AS THEY  
SOMETIMES SAY OF ME) SHOWING YOUR

EXPERIENCE. ] BUT YESTERDAY ALL YOU SHOWED  
WAS WHY YOU'VE BEEN VOTED THE MOST VALUABLE  
PLAYER OF THE SERIES. / AS SO MANY SAID,  
YOU'RE 38 BUT YOU PLAYED LIKE YOU WERE 25.

AND THAT 14-FOOT SKY HOOK WITH ONLY  
61 SECONDS LEFT IN THE GAME WAS TRULY A  
THING OF BEAUTY. ] ALL I CAN SAY IS, /  
WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU  
DEFEND THE LAKERS' CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE NEXT  
YEAR.

AND THEN THERE WAS YOUR TEAMMATE MAGIC  
JOHNSON, / WHO PUT IN A MAGNIFICENT  
PERFORMANCE.

MAGIC

YOU ENDED THE SERIES WITH 84 ASSISTS,  
BREAKING THE RECORD FOR A SIX-GAME  
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES BY AN AWESOME 24.

DOES AMERICA BELIEVE IN MAGIC? YOU BET WE  
DO.

SOME MAY HAVE THOUGHT THE CELTICS'  
TITLE WAS AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT, BUT YESTERDAY  
THEY CAME UP AGAINST AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE  
BY THE NAME OF JAMES WORTHY. THE CELTICS'  
HEAD COACH SAID THAT ONE OF THE REASONS HIS  
TEAM LOST WAS THAT THEY JUST COULDN'T STOP  
JAMES WORTHY. JAMES, IF YOU'RE EVER  
THINKING OF A CAREER AFTER BASKETBALL,  
WE'VE GOT SOME LOBBYING WORK WE COULD USE  
YOU FOR UP ON THE HILL.

KURT RAMBIS AND MITCH KUPCHAK ALSO GET  
GREAT CREDIT FOR THEIR TENACIOUS/AGGRESSIVE/  
PLAY ~~ON THE COURT.~~ AND I THINK KURT OUGHT  
TO WIN AN ETIQUETTE AWARD FOR THE PLAYER  
WITH THE BEST MANNERS.

IT'S NOT EVERYBODY WHO KNOWS WHAT TO SAY  
WHEN HE DIVES OVER THE SIDELINES AND INTO A  
LADY'S LAP.

EVERYONE ON THE LAKERS' TEAM DESERVES  
PRAISE, AND THERE'S CERTAINLY ENOUGH CREDIT  
TO GO AROUND. / THOUGH YOU'VE GOT YOUR FULL  
COMPLEMENT OF STARS, / IT'S TEAM PLAY THAT  
MAKES YOU GREAT, / AND FOR THAT, / FOR THE  
TRAINING, STRATEGY, AND NEVER-SAY-DIE  
ENCOURAGEMENT THAT WENT INTO MAKING YOU  
NUMBER ONE, / WE HAVE YOUR GREAT COACH,  
PAT RILEY, TO THANK.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE LAKERS'  
FAMILY HAS NOT ONLY BEEN AN EXAMPLE FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE COURT BUT ALSO OFF THE  
COURT. / LAKERS' WIVES HAVE TAKEN ON DRUG  
ABUSE PREVENTION AS THEIR SPECIAL PROJECT,  
AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW GRATEFUL BOTH  
NANCY AND I ARE FOR YOUR IMPORTANT WORK IN  
THIS AREA.

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WELL, THE LAKERS ARE NO LONGER SIMPLY  
L.A.'s HEROES. } TODAY YOU BELONG TO THE  
WHOLE COUNTRY. } YOU'RE AMERICA'S CHAMPIONS  
AND WE'RE MIGHTY PROUD OF YOU.

SO CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE,  
AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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LUNCH WITH U.S. DELEGATION TO  
U.N. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE WHITE  
HOUSE. IT'S AN HONOR FOR NANCY AND ME,

GEORGE AND BARBARA, AND THESE DISTINGUISHED  
MEMBERS OF THE CABINET TO BE ABLE TO SPEND  
THIS TIME WITH ALL OF YOU BEFORE YOU DEPART  
FOR THE UNITED NATIONS WORLD CONFERENCE ON

WOMEN. YOU KNOW, I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY,  
BUT SOMEHOW THIS FEELS LIKE A FAMILY AFFAIR.

YOUR EFFORTS IN NAIROBI CAN HELP TO  
IMPROVE THE LOT OF WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD --  
HALF THE POPULATION OF THE GLOBE --  
AND NO CHALLENGE COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT.

MAUREEN TELLS ME THAT THE DELEGATION WILL  
FOCUS ON FOUR ISSUES, EACH A MATTER OF  
THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE, EACH A MATTER TO  
WHICH THE MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION BRING  
WIDE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

FIRST, WOMEN'S LITERACY. MILLIONS OF THE WORLD'S WOMEN CAN NEITHER READ NOR WRITE -- SOME BECAUSE SCHOOLS IN THEIR COUNTRIES ARE SCARCE, OTHERS BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN SOCIETIES THAT ENCOURAGE EDUCATION ONLY FOR MEN. EVEN IN OUR OWN COUNTRY, TOO MANY WOMEN HAVE SUFFERED EDUCATIONAL NEGLECT THAT HAS LEFT THEM ILLITERATE.

IN NAIROBI, YOUR DELEGATION WILL WORK TO PROMOTE EDUCATION FOR ALL.

YOUR SECOND FOCUS WILL BE UPON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT -- THE ROLE THAT WOMEN PLAY AS A COUNTRY BECOMES MORE MODERN. MODERN SOCIETY CAN OFFER LONGER, HEALTHIER, AND MORE PROSPEROUS LIVES; BUT THE TRANSITION FROM TRADITIONAL TO MODERN MODES OF EXISTENCE CAN PLACE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS UNDER GREAT STRESS.

WOMEN NOT ONLY PARTICIPATE IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS WHICH LEAD TO MODERN LIFE, BUT PROVIDE AN ANCHOR --

A SOURCE OF STABILITY -- AS THEIR SOCIETIES UNDERGO THESE DIFFICULT CHANGES. YOU WILL SEEK TO HIGHLIGHT AND ENHANCE THIS UNIQUE ROLE.

THIRD, YOU WILL DRAW ATTENTION TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

IN OUR OWN NATION, WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO UNDERSTAND THE EXTENT OF THIS PROBLEM AND TO TAKE THE FIRST STEPS TOWARD SOLVING IT. IN OTHER SOCIETIES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS SOMETIMES TAKEN FOR GRANTED, OR IGNORED.

LET US HOPE THAT DELEGATES FROM AROUND THE WORLD WILL WORK WITH YOU TO CONDEMN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE -- IN ALL ITS FORMS, WHEREVER IT OCCURS.

FINALLY, YOUR DELEGATION WILL  
CONCENTRATE UPON THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEE WOMEN  
AND CHILDREN. AS REFUGEES, WOMEN FACE  
UNIQUE HARDSHIPS. MANY FALL VICTIM TO RAPE  
AND PHYSICAL ABUSE. WITH THEIR CHILDREN,  
THEY OFTEN SUFFER DISCRIMINATION IN THE  
DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINE AND FOOD.

IN NAIROBI, YOU WILL SEEK TO FASTEN THE  
ATTENTION OF THE WORLD UPON THESE INNOCENT  
WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AND YOU WILL WORK TO  
INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN WORKERS IN  
REFUGEE CAMPS THEMSELVES.

THESE, THEN, WILL BE THE ISSUES THAT  
YOU CHAMPION.

AS WE LOOK TO THE CONFERENCE IN  
NAIROBI, WE WOULD DO WELL TO CONSIDER THE  
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES ON WOMEN IN  
MEXICO CITY IN 1975 AND IN COPENHAGEN IN  
1980.

AT THESE CONFERENCES LEGITIMATE WOMEN'S CONCERNS, LIKE THE FOUR ON WHICH YOU WILL CONCENTRATE, WERE ALL BUT PUSHED OFF THE

AGENDA. COMMENTING ON THE WORKINGS OF THE

UNITED NATIONS, FORMER AMBASSADOR JEANE KIRKPATRICK, A MEMBER OF YOUR DELEGATION,

ONCE SAID THAT "THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR THE U.S. IS WHETHER WE CAN LEARN TO BE

EFFECTIVE AT THE POLITICS PLAYED AT THE

U.N." GIVEN THE WAY THE CONFERENCES WENT IN

MEXICO CITY AND COPENHAGEN, WE CAN BE

CERTAIN THAT WILL APPLY IN NAIROBI AS WELL.

TO MAKE CERTAIN YOU OPERATE

EFFECTIVELY, YOU HAVE DIVIDED YOUR

DELEGATION INTO CAUCUS TEAMS -- SMALL GROUPS

THAT WILL WORK TO ESTABLISH RAPPORT WITH

OTHER DELEGATIONS. YOU HAVE PLANNED

INFORMAL CONVERSATION GROUPS --

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TOGETHER IN RELAXED

SETTINGS WITH DELEGATES FROM OTHER

COUNTRIES.

AND YOU WILL BE VISITING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING PEACE CORPS AND A.I.D. LOCATIONS NEAR NAIROBI, GAINING INSIGHTS INTO THE PROBLEMS OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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THE MEMBERS OF YOUR DELEGATION FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE BUSINESS OF THIS CONFERENCE IS WOMEN, NOT PROPAGANDA. SHOULD IT PROVE NECESSARY, YOU'LL BE MORE THAN WILLING TO FIGHT TO KEEP THE CONFERENCE ON TRACK.

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TAKE IT FROM SOMEONE WHO KNOWS MAUREEN -- THAT'S THE WAY IT'S GOING TO BE.

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MY FRIENDS, YOU REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY AND VITALITY OF AMERICAN WOMEN. AND WHEN YOU REACH NAIROBI, YOU AS AMERICANS WILL HAVE A POWERFUL STORY TO SHARE, FOR IN OUR LAND OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM, WOMEN TAKE PART IN VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF THE LIFE OF OUR NATION.

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I KNOW THAT, IN NAIROBI, YOU WILL WORK  
TIRELESSLY WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS TO HELP  
WOMEN MAKE STRIDES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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I THANK YOU FROM MY HEART FOR GIVING OF YOUR  
TIME AND TALENTS TO THIS HISTORIC TASK.

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GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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NOW I UNDERSTAND I'LL HAVE THE CHANCE  
TO GREET EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY.

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PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE BLUE ROOM.

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ARRIVAL STATEMENT  
PRIME MINISTER GANDHI OF INDIA

MR. PRIME MINISTER, NANCY AND I TAKE  
GREAT PLEASURE IN WELCOMING YOU AND  
MRS. GANDHI TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY.

IN 1949, YOUR GRANDFATHER,  
PRIME MINISTER NEHRU, VISITED THE UNITED  
STATES ON WHAT HE TERMED A "VOYAGE OF  
DISCOVERY." HE SAID THAT, "THOUGH WE MAY  
KNOW THE HISTORY AND SOMETHING OF THE CULTURE  
OF OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, WHAT IS REQUIRED  
IS A TRUE UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF  
EACH OTHER..." MR. PRIME MINISTER,  
YOUR VISIT MARKS A CONTINUATION OF THAT  
PROCESS OF MUTUAL DISCOVERY.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE DEPTH AND  
VITALITY OF THE TIES BETWEEN OUR NATIONS.

WE AMERICANS PLACE GREAT VALUE ON INDIA'S  
FRIENDSHIP. OUR SHARED DEMOCRATIC IDEALS  
SERVE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN US. OUR CULTURAL  
DIFFERENCES ENRICH OUR RELATIONSHIP.

OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO THE FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF MAN SET US ON A DIFFERENT ROAD -- A HIGHER ROAD -- THAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH DENY THE HUMAN RIGHTS SO CHERISHED BY OUR PEOPLES.

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MR. PRIME MINISTER, ON THIS, YOUR OWN VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY, YOU WILL FIND A DEEP WELL OF AFFECTION AND RESPECT FOR INDIA AND ITS PEOPLE. } YOU WILL SENSE AMERICA'S ADMIRATION FOR INDIA'S STRENGTH IN OVERCOMING ADVERSITIES AND A HEARTFELT SYMPATHY FOR THE TRAGEDY YOU PERSONALLY SUFFERED. } YOU WILL ALSO DISCOVER THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS STEADFASTLY DEDICATED TO INDIA'S UNITY, AND THAT WE FIRMLY OPPOSE THOSE WHO WOULD UNDERMINE IT.

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TODAY AN EXTERNAL POWER CONTINUES IN ITS BRUTAL AGGRESSION AGAINST THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

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NATIONS IN THE REGION HAVE BEEN PRESSURED TO  
ACQUIESCE IN THE SAVAGERY UNLEASHED AGAINST  
BRAVE PEOPLE DEFENDING THEIR HOMELAND.

AND MANY OF THESE VICTIMS ARE INNOCENT WOMEN  
AND CHILDREN. FREE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT TURN A  
DEAF EAR TO THE PAINFUL CRIES WE HEAR  
REVERBERATING FROM AFGHANISTAN TODAY.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOU WILL FIND THAT  
WE RESPECT INDIA'S NONALIGNMENT AND RECOGNIZE  
THE PIVOTAL ROLE YOUR COUNTRY PLAYS IN SOUTH  
ASIA. WE ARE SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR EFFORTS,  
AND THOSE OF OTHERS IN SOUTH ASIA,  
TO OVERCOME PAST ANIMOSITIES IN SEEKING  
STABILITY, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION IN THE  
REGION.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, OUR PEOPLES HAVE  
MUCH TO GAIN FROM ONE ANOTHER.

ENTHUSIASM FOR THE GROWING POTENTIAL OF OUR  
COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS IS EVIDENT  
HERE. EXPANDING CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC,  
AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES WILL ALSO BE A  
GREAT BOON TO BOTH OUR PEOPLES.

OUR COUNTRIES HAVE AREAS OF  
DISAGREEMENT. YET THESE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO  
PROVE OUR MUTUAL GOOD WILL BY DISCUSSING OUR  
DIFFERENCES FORTHRIGHTLY. WE DO SO WITH  
CONFIDENCE BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT OUR  
FUNDAMENTAL AREAS OF AGREEMENT FAR OUTWEIGH  
ANY DIFFERENCES OF THE MOMENT.

THIS UNDERSTANDING GIVES US REASON FOR  
OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONS.  
YOUR STAY WITH US WILL ALSO PROVIDE US A  
BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOU, MR. PRIME  
MINISTER. AMERICANS ARE IMPRESSED WITH WHAT  
THEY'VE SEEN. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR  
IDEALISM ARE INSPIRING. WE ARE EAGER TO  
LEARN MORE OF YOUR VISION FOR INDIA'S FUTURE.

I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH YOUR EFFORTS  
TO INVIGORATE INDIA'S ECONOMY. IN MUCH OF  
THE DEVELOPING WORLD, PEOPLE ARE MOVING AWAY  
FROM REDISTRIBUTION AND STATE CONTROL,  
METHODS THAT HAVE BROUGHT ONLY SCARCITY AND  
SUFFERING. NEW AND MORE SUCCESSFUL MODELS  
FOR DEVELOPMENT FOCUS ON INCENTIVES RATHER  
THAN CONTROLS, ON PRODUCTION RATHER THAN  
REDISTRIBUTION.

HERE IN THE UNITED STATES WE'VE FOUND  
THAT REDUCING TAX RATES HAS BEEN THE MOST  
IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE.

WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO LOOK TO THE  
FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM. JUST AS  
CURRENT TECHNOLOGY OVERCAME PAST PROBLEMS,  
NEW TECHNOLOGIES WILL PROVIDE SOLUTIONS TO  
MALADIES WHICH TODAY SEEM INSURMOUNTABLE.

FREE PEOPLE, FREE MINDS, AND FREE MARKETS  
WILL DEVELOP INNOVATIONS WHICH WILL ENSURE A  
MORE PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL TOMORROW.

THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES LOOK FORWARD  
TO WORKING WITH INDIA IN BUILDING A BETTER  
TOMORROW.

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THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN THE LATE PRIME  
MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI AND I MET HERE,  
WE AGREED THAT A FESTIVAL OF INDIA WOULD  
ADVANCE AMERICA'S KNOWLEDGE OF INDIA'S  
HERITAGE AND ACHIEVEMENTS. } YOU WILL  
INAUGURATE THAT FESTIVAL, NOW DEDICATED TO  
YOUR MOTHER'S MEMORY, DURING YOUR VISIT THIS  
WEEK. } THIS IS AN AUSPICIOUS YEAR FOR SUCH A  
FESTIVAL. } AS YOU KNOW, IT HAS BEEN DUBBED  
THE "YEAR OF INDIA" IN RECOGNITION OF A  
RESURGENT AMERICAN INTEREST IN INDIA'S  
CULTURE AND HISTORY.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR TALKS, MR. PRIME  
MINISTER, FOR I AM SURE THAT, AS WITH OUR  
PREDECESSORS, WE TOO WILL BE ENRICHED BY THE  
EXCHANGE.

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THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BROADEN THE  
UNDERSTANDING AND DEEPEN THE COOPERATION  
BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, AND TO ADVANCE THE  
CAUSE OF PEACE IN YOUR REGION AND IN THE  
WORLD.

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MR. PRIME MINISTER, ON BEHALF OF ALL  
AMERICANS, WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES.

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