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SOUTH AFRICA

I WANT TO SPEAK THIS MORNING ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA -- ABOUT WHAT AMERICA CAN DO TO HELP PROMOTE PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THAT COUNTRY SO TROUBLED AND TORMENTED BY RACIAL CONFLICT.

THE SYSTEM OF APARTHEID MEANS

DELIBERATE, SYSTEMATIC, INSTITUTIONALIZED

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION DENYING THE BLACK

MAJORITY THEIR GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS. AMERICA'S

VIEW OF APARTHEID IS SIMPLE AND

STRAIGHTFORWARD: WE BELIEVE IT IS WRONG.

WE CONDEMN IT. AND WE ARE UNITED IN HOPING

FOR THE DAY WHEN APARTHEID WILL BE NO MORE.

OUR INFLUENCE OVER SOUTH AFRICAN

SOCIETY IS LIMITED. BUT WE DO HAVE SOME

SOCIETY IS LIMITED. BUT WE DO HAVE SOME INFLUENCE, AND THE QUESTION IS, HOW TO USE IT. MANY PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS.

IN MY VIEW, WE MUST WORK FOR PEACEFUL EVOLUTION AND REFORM. OUR AIM CANNOT BE TO PUNISH SOUTH AFRICA WITH ECONOMIC SANCTIONS THAT WOULD INJURE THE VERY PEOPLE WE ARE TRYING TO HELP.

I BELIEVE WE MUST HELP ALL THOSE WHO
PEACEFULLY OPPOSE APARTHEID; AND WE MUST
RECOGNIZE THAT THE OPPONENTS OF APARTHEID
USING TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE WILL BRING NOT
FREEDOM AND SALVATION, BUT GREATER
SUFFERING, AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
EXPANDED SOVIET INFLUENCE WITHIN SOUTH
AFRICA AND IN THE REGION.

WHAT WE SEE IN SOUTH AFRICA IS A BEGINNING OF A PROCESS OF CHANGE.

THE CHANGES IN POLICY SO FAR ARE INADEQUATE — BUT IRONICALLY THEY HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO RAISE EXPECTATIONS AND STIMULATE DEMANDS FOR MORE FAR-REACHING, IMMEDIATE CHANGE.

IT IS THE GROWING ECONOMIC POWER OF THE BLACK MAJORITY THAT HAS PUT THEM IN A POSITION TO INSIST ON POLITICAL CHANGE.

SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT A TOTALITARIAN

SOCIETY. THERE IS A VIGOROUS OPPOSITION

PRESS. EVERY DAY WE SEE EXAMPLES OF

OUTSPOKEN PROTEST AND ACCESS TO THE

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA THAT WOULD NEVER BE

POSSIBLE IN MANY PARTS OF AFRICA, OR IN THE

SOVIET UNION FOR THAT MATTER. BUT IT IS OUR

ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT — OUR WILLINGNESS TO

TRY — THAT GIVES US INFLUENCE.

YES, WE IN AMERICA — BECAUSE OF WHAT
WE ARE AND WHAT WE STAND FOR —
HAVE INFLUENCE TO DO GOOD. WE ALSO HAVE
IMMENSE POTENTIAL TO MAKE THINGS WORSE.
BEFORE TAKING FATEFUL STEPS, WE MUST PONDER
THE KEY QUESTION: ARE WE HELPING TO CHANGE
THE SYSTEM? OR ARE WE PUNISHING THE BLACKS
WHOM WE SEEK TO HELP?

AMERICAN POLICY THROUGH SEVERAL

ADMINISTRATIONS HAS BEEN TO USE OUR

INFLUENCE AND OUR LEVERAGE AGAINST

APARTHEID NOT AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO

ARE THE VICTIMS OF APARTHEID.

BEING TRUE TO OUR HERITAGE DOES NOT

MEAN QUITTING, BUT REACHING OUT:

EXPANDING OUR HELP FOR BLACK EDUCATION AND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CALLING FOR POLITICAL

DIALOGUE, URGING SOUTH AFRICANS OF ALL RACES

TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACEFUL

ACCOMMODATION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

I RESPECT AND SHARE THE GOALS THAT HAVE MOTIVATED MANY IN CONGRESS TO SEND A MESSAGE OF U.S. CONCERN ABOUT APARTHEID. BUT IN DOING SO, WE MUST NOT DAMAGE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN SOUTH AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

IF WE GENUINELY WISH — AS I DO —
TO DEVELOP A BIPARTISAN BASIS OF CONSENSUS
IN SUPPORT OF U.S. POLICIES, THIS IS THE
BASIS ON WHICH TO PROCEED.

THEREFORE, I AM SIGNING TODAY AN EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT WILL PUT IN PLACE A SET OF MEASURES DESIGNED AND AIMED AGAINST THE MACHINERY OF APARTHEID, WITHOUT INDISCRIMINATELY PUNISHING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE VICTIMS OF THAT SYSTEM MEASURES THAT WILL DISASSOCIATE THE UNITED STATES FROM APARTHEID BUT ASSOCIATE US POSITIVELY WITH PEACEFUL CHANGE.

THESE STEPS INCLUDE:

A BAN ON ALL COMPUTER EXPORTS TO AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF APARTHEID AND TO THE SECURITY FORCES.

- A PROHIBITION ON EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR GOODS OR TECHNOLOGY TO SOUTH AFRICA EXCEPT AS IS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION SAFEGUARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY OR THOSE NECESSARY FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS TO PROTECT HEALTH AND SAFETY.
- A BAN ON LOANS TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, EXCEPT CERTAIN LOANS WHICH IMPROVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, OR EDUCATIONAL, HOUSING, AND HEALTH FACILITIES THAT ARE OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE TO SOUTH AFRICANS OF ALL RACES.
- I AM DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE TO CONSULT WITH OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS REGARDING BANNING THE IMPORTATION OF KRUGERRANDS.

I AM ALSO INSTRUCTING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO REPORT TO ME WITHIN 60 DAYS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MINTING AN AMERICAN GOLD COIN WHICH COULD PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE KRUGERRAND FOR OUR COIN COLLECTORS.

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE ONGOING ACTIONS BY OUR GOVERNMENT AND BY PRIVATE AMERICANS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S BLACK MAJORITY.

THE SULLIVAN CODE — DEVISED BY A
DISTINGUISHED BLACK MINISTER FROM
PHILADELPHIA, THE REVEREND LEON SULLIVAN —
HAS SET THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF LABOR
PRACTICES FOR PROGRESSIVE EMPLOYERS
THROUGHOUT SOUTH AFRICA. I URGE ALL
AMERICAN COMPANIES TO PARTICIPATE IN IT,
AND I AM INSTRUCTING THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
TO SOUTH AFRICA TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET
COMPANIES WHICH HAVE NOT ADOPTED THEM TO
DO SO.

IN ADDITION, MY EXECUTIVE ORDER WILL
BAN U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPORT ASSISTANCE TO ANY
AMERICAN FIRM IN SOUTH AFRICA, EMPLOYING
MORE THAN 25 PERSONS, WHICH DOES NOT ADHERE
TO THE COMPREHENSIVE FAIR EMPLOYMENT
PRINCIPLES STATED IN THE ORDER BY THE END OF
THIS YEAR.

I AM ALSO DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE MONEY WE PROVIDE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO SOUTH AFRICANS DISADVANTAGED BY APARTHEID, AND THE MONEY OUR EMBASSY USES TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

FINALLY, I HAVE DIRECTED SECRETARY
SHULTZ TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF
DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS TO PROVIDE
RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE
PEACEFUL CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE ITS FIRST
REPORT WITHIN 12 MONTHS.

I BELIEVE THE MEASURES I AM ANNOUNCING HERE TODAY WILL BEST ADVANCE OUR GOALS. IF THE CONGRESS SENDS ME THE PRESENT BILL AS REPORTED BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, I WOULD HAVE TO VETO IT. \ THAT NEED NOT HAPPEN. I WANT TO WORK WITH THE CONGRESS TO ADVANCE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR AMERICA'S POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. THAT IS WHY I HAVE PUT FORWARD THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER TODAY. THREE MONTHS AGO, I RECALLED OUR AMBASSADOR IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR CONSULTATIONS SO THAT HE COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE INTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION THAT WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN. I AM NOW SENDING HIM BACK WITH A MESSAGE TO STATE PRESIDENT BOTHA UNDERLINING OUR GRAVE

STATE PRESIDENT BOTHA UNDERLINING OUR GRAVIVIEW OF THE CURRENT CRISIS AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE ABROAD AND MOVE FROM CONFRONTATION TO NEGOTIATION AT HOME.

THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA WERE NOT CREATED OVERNIGHT AND WILL NOT BE SOLVED OVERNIGHT, BUT THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE.

TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS DRAMA — OR TO FAN ITS FLAMES — WILL SERVE NEITHER OUR INTERESTS NOR THOSE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE.

IF ALL AMERICANS JOIN TOGETHER BEHIND A COMMON PROGRAM, WE CAN HAVE SO MUCH MORE INFLUENCE FOR GOOD. SO LET US GO FORWARD WITH A CLEAR VISION AND AN OPEN HEART, WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND BROTHERHOOD AND PEACE.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 8, 1985

MR. PRESIDENT:

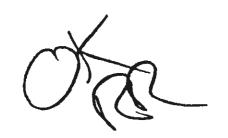
Attached are the prepared remarks for your Oval Office statement on South Africa. In addition to these remarks, attached for your consideration is a letter to all Members of Congress detailing the Executive Order.

After you have had a chance to review these remarks and the letter, please return them to the Usher's Office this evening and we will put them in final form.

The final Executive Order will be available for your review early in the morning.

David Chew

(State/NSC)
7:00 p.m.
September 8, 1985



PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SOUTH AFRICA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1985

I want to speak this morning about South Africa -- about what America can do to help promote peace and justice in that country so troubled and tormented by racial conflict.

The system of apartheid means deliberate, systematic, institutionalized racial discrimination denying the black majority their God-given rights. America's view of apartheid is simple and straightforward: We believe it is wrong. We condemn it. And we are united in hoping for the day when apartheid will be no more.

Our influence over South African society is limited. But we do have some influence, and the question is, how to use it. Many people of good will in this country have differing views. In my view, we must work for peaceful evolution and reform. Our aim cannot be to punish South Africa with economic sanctions that would injure the very people we are trying to help.

I believe we must help all those who peacefully oppose apartheid; and we must recognize that the opponents of apartheid using terrorism and violence will bring not freedom and salvation, but greater suffering, and more opportunities for expanded Soviet influence within South Africa and in the region.

What we see in South Africa is a beginning of a process of change. The changes in policy so far are inadequate -- but ironically they have been enough to raise expectations and stimulate demands for more far-reaching, immediate change. It is

the growing economic power of the black majority that has put them in a position to insist on political change.

South Africa is not a totalitarian society. There is a vigorous opposition press. Every day we see examples of outspoken protest and access to the international media that would never be possible in many parts of Africa, or in the Soviet Union for that matter. But it is our active engagement -- our willingness to try -- that gives us influence.

Yes, we in America -- because of what we are and what we stand for -- have influence to do good. We also have immense potential to make things worse. Before taking fateful steps, we must ponder the key question: Are we helping to change the system? Or are we punishing the blacks whom we seek to help?

American policy through several administrations has been to use our influence and our leverage against apartheid, not against innocent people who are the victims of apartheid.

Being true to our heritage does not mean quitting, but reaching out; expanding our help for black education and community development, calling for political dialogue; urging South Africans of all races to seize the opportunity for peaceful accommodation before it's too late.

I respect and share the goals that have motivated many in Congress to send a message of U.S. concern about apartheid. But in doing so, we must not damage the economic well-being of millions of people in South and southern Africa. If we genuinely wish -- as I do -- to develop a bipartisan basis of consensus in support of U.S. policies, this is the basis on which to proceed.

Therefore, I am signing today an Executive Order that will put in place a set of measures designed and aimed against the machinery of apartheid, without indiscriminately punishing the people who are victims of that system -- measures that will disassociate the United States from apartheid but associate us positively with peaceful change.

These steps include:

- -- A ban on all computer exports to agencies involved in the enforcement of apartheid and to the security forces.
- -- A prohibition on exports of nuclear goods or technology to South Africa, except as is required to implement nuclear proliferation safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency or those necessary for humanitarian reasons to protect health and safety.
- -- A ban on loans to the South African government, except certain loans which improve economic opportunities, or educational, housing, and health facilities that are open and accessible to South Africans of all races.
- -- I am directing the Secretary of State and the United States Trade Representative to consult with our major trading partners regarding banning the importation of Krugerrands. I am also instructing the Secretary of the Treasury to report to me within 60 days on the feasibility of minting an American gold coin which could provide an alternative to the Krugerrand for our coin collectors.

I want to encourage ongoing actions by our Government and by private Americans to improve the living standards of South

Africa's black majority. The Sullivan Code -- devised by a distinguished black minister from Philadelphia, the Reverend Leon Sullivan -- has set the highest standards of labor practices for progressive employers throughout South Africa. I urge all American companies to participate in it, and I am instructing the American Ambassador to South Africa to make every effort to get companies which have not adopted them to do so.

In addition, my Executive Order will ban U.S. Government export assistance to any American firm in South Africa, employing more than 25 persons, which does not adhere to the comprehensive fair employment principles stated in the Order by the end of this year.

I am also directing the Secretary of State to increase substantially the money we provide for scholarships to South Africans disadvantaged by apartheid, and the money our embassy uses to promote human rights programs in South Africa.

Finally, I have directed Secretary Shultz to establish an Advisory Committee of distinguished Americans to provide recommendations on measures to encourage peaceful change in South Africa. The Advisory Committee shall provide its first report within 12 months.

I believe the measures I am announcing here today will best advance our goals. If the Congress sends me the present bill as reported by the Conference Committee, I would have to veto it. That need not happen. I want to work with the Congress to advance bipartisan support for America's policy toward South

Africa. That is why I have put forward this Executive Order today.

Three months ago, I recalled our Ambassador in South Africa for consultations so that he could participate in the intensive review of the southern African situation that we have been engaged in. I am now sending him back, with a message to State President Botha underlining our grave view of the current crisis, and our assessment of what is needed to restore confidence abroad and move from confrontation to negotiation at home. The problems of South Africa were not created overnight and will not be solved overnight, but there is no time to waste. To withdraw from this drama — or to fan its flames — will serve neither our interests nor those of the South African people.

If all Americans join together behind a common program, we can have so much more influence for good. So let us go forward with a clear vision and an open heart, working for justice and brotherhood and peace.

(ROHRABACHER)

SEPTEMBER 10, 1985

PRIME MINISTER SCHLUETER OF DENMARK STATE DINNER TOAST

PRIME MINISTER SCHLUETER, MRS. SCHLUETER, DISTINGUISHED VISITORS, WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU AS OUR GUESTS. WOULD EXPECT BETWEEN CLOSE ALLIES/ TOPER MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND ME TODAY WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD / USEFUL AND REFLECTED THE GENUINE FRIENDSHIP OF OUR I WAS HAPPY TO HAVE HAD THE COUNTRYMEN. OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE YOU, PRIME MINISTER SCHLUETER ON THE SUCCESS YOU'VE HAD IN YOUR COUNTRY IN PUTTING IN PLACE ECONOMY BUILDING MEASURES INCLUDING A FAR-REACHING TAX REFORM PROGRAM. I CAN WELL IMAGINE HOW DIFFICULT YOUR TASK HAS BEEN.

OUR EFFORTS AT TAX REFORM REMIND ME OF ONE OF DENMARK'S BETTER KNOWN FAIRY TALES.

WHEN I TALK ABOUT REFORMING THE TAX SYSTEM I CAN VISUALIZE A BEAUTIFUL SWAN. ALL THE SPECIAL INTERESTS SEE IS AN UGLY DUCKLING.

I THINK THE NATIONAL DEBATE OVER TAX
REFORM REFLECTS THE STRENGTH AND SOUL OF OUR
DEMOCRACY. THE OUTCOME IS STILL IN DOUBT.
EVERY CITIZEN IS FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DECISION MAKING PROCESS. ALL SIDES ARE
GOING TO THE PEOPLE TO MUSTER SUPPORT. ONCE
THE ISSUE HAS BEEN VOTED ON AND SETTLED
THERE WILL BE NO RECRIMINATIONS. THE LOSERS
WON'T BE SENT TO SOME GULAG. EVERYONE,
WINNERS AND LOSERS. WILL FEEL PROUD TO LIVE
IN A COUNTRY COMMITTED TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH
AND PRESS AND DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF
REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THIS IS WHAT BINDS NOT JUST AMERICANS,

BUT THE FREE CITIZENS OF ALL LANDS,

ESPECIALLY THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

PERHAPS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE IS IN THE MAGNIFICENCE OF ONE OF THE RESOUNDING MONUMENTS TO AMERICAN FREEDOM THE GREAT STONE CARVINGS ON MOUNT RUSHMORE IN SOUTH DAKOTA. THERE THE SON OF DANISH IMMIGRANTS GUTZON BORGLUM IMMORTALIZED IN GRANITE THE FACES OF WASHINGTON JEFFERSON ROOSEVELT AND LINCOLN. HE DIED BEFORE HE SAW THE COMPLETION OF HIS WORK BUT HIS SON CARRIED ON AND TODAY IT STANDS AS A TRIBUTE TO THE FLAME OF LIBERTY THAT BURNED RED HOT IN THE SOUL OF A MAN WITH ROOTS IN AMERICA AND DENMARK.

ONE OF THE GREATEST THREATS TO FREEDOM
IS THAT IT WILL BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.
YET THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR CONFIDENCE.
A STORY I CAME ACROSS RECENTLY TRULY
INSPIRED ME AND I'D LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH
YOU.

NATALIA AND NELS MORTENSEN BOTH OVER 80/LIVE IN THE SMALL TOWN OF MARSTAL ON THE ISLAND OF AERO IN DENMARK. | FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN TENDING THE GRAVE SITE OF A YOUNG MAN THEY NEVER MET. THEY DIG THE WEEDS AND PLACE FLOWERS/--RED, WHITE AND BLUE ONES /- ON THE GRAVE + WEET A SMALL AMERICAN FLAG.

THEY ARE WATCHING OVER THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF AIR FORCE SGT. JACK ELWOOD WAGNER WHO DIED WHEN HIS PLANE CRASHED /NTO "SCA AFTER A BOMBING RAID OVER ENEMY TERRITORY ON JUNE 20, 1944. JACK WAGNER'S BODY WASHED UP ON SHORE IN OCCUPIED DENMARK 18 DAYS AFTER HIS BOMBER CRASHED WORD SPREAD QUICKLY. WHEN THE OCCUPATION TROOPS WENT TO BURY THE YOUNG AMERICAN THEY FOUND NEARLY THE WHOLE TOWN OF 2,000 HAD BEEN WAITING AT THE GRAVEYARD SINCE EARLY THAT MORNING TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE YOUNG AMERICAN FLIER.

THE PATH WAS LINED WITH FLOWERS.

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ENEMY
WHEN THE TROOPS HAD LAID HIM IN HIS GRAVE AND LEFT THE TOWNSPEOPLE PLACED TWO BANNERS OF RED, WHITE AND BLUE FLOWERS ON THE GRAVE ONE WITH A RIBBON, WHICH READ THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE."

JACK WAGNER WAS A 19-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN BEFY FROM SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

THEY'D NEVER MET HIM, YET THE PEOPLE OF THIS SMALL TOWN, THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HIS HOME, KNEW HIM. SHE WAS THE YOUNG MAN WHO GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THEIR FREEDOM.

THE MORTENSEN'S HAVE TENDED HIS GRAVE FOR FOUR DECADES NOW JUST AS IF HE WERE A MEMBER OF THEIR FAMILY. LET US ALL LEARN FROM THEIR DEVOTION. SAFTER OUR MEETING TODAY AND THE HEARTFELT GOOD WILL OF THIS EVENING/I THINK WE CAN ALL BE CERTAIN THAT IN THE FUTURE OUR TWO PEOPLES WILL CONTINUE TO STAND SIDE BY SIDE AS MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY, THE FAMILY OF FREE PEOPLE.

LET US DRINK A TOAST THEN TO HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN OF DENMARK.

TO THE QUEEN.

AND WOULD YOU ALSO JOIN ME IN A TOAST
TO PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. SCHLUETER, AND TO
OUR DANISH FRIENDS AND ALLIES.

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(ROHRABACHER)

PRIME MINISTER SCHLUETER OF DENMARK ARRIVAL CEREMONY

PRIME MINISTER SCHLUETER. TODAY IT IS
A GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU. DENMARK IS
AN OLD FRIEND, AN ALLY IN NATO AND AN ACTIVE
TRADING PARTNER. TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES
RUN LONG AND DEEP.

DENMARK RECOGNIZED THE UNITED STATES AS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT NATION SHORTLY AFTER OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. EVER SINCE THAT ACT OF FRIENDSHIP, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DANISH AND AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE CONTINUED TO GROW, TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

COMMERCE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS BEEN A BOON ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC UNDERSCORING THE NEED FOR FREE AND OPEN INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

I LOOK FORWARD, MR. PRIME MINISTER,

TO DISCUSSING WITH YOU THE NEED TO

STRENGTHEN AND BROADEN THE INTERNATIONAL

TRADING SYSTEM PERHAPS THROUGH A NEW ROUND

OF COMPREHENSIVE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

AT A TIME WHEN OUR COUNTRIES ARE ENJOYING IMPROVING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS PROTECTIONISM LOOMS AS A THREAT. WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN SEE TO IT THAT OUR INTERNATIONAL MARKETS STAY OPEN AND THAT THIS AVENUE TO PROGRESS AND WELL-BEING IS NOT BLOCKED.

IN THE PAST CENTURY, MANY DANES
IMMIGRATED HERE TO LOOK FOR "THE AMERICAN
DREAM." WITH THEIR HARD WORK AND GOOD
CITIZENSHIP THEY NOT ONLY MADE THAT DREAM
REAL, THEY HELPED BUILD A GREAT NATION AS
WELL. SO MANY DANES CAME HERE AROUND THE
TURN OF THE CENTURY, IN FACT, THAT IT IS
SAID THAT EVERY DANE IN DENMARK HAS A
RELATIVE IN AMERICA.

WHETHER THAT IS TRUE OR NOT, CLEARLY,
WE ARE OF THE SAME FAMILY OF FREE PEOPLES.
WE ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY OUR COMMON
DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN
LIBERTY AND OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO THE
PRESERVATION OF PEACE.

OUR COUNTRIES HAVE BOTH RECOGNIZED THAT
THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE CAN ONLY BE SECURED
IF FREE PEOPLES ARE STRONG AND STAND
TOGETHER. THIS FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH IS AT THE
HEART OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. IN WHICH DENMARK
HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE FOR NEARLY FOUR
DECADES. THE COLLECTIVE DETERRENCE OF NATO
HAS GIVEN DENMARK, AND ALL OF EUROPE.

40 YEARS OF PEACE. WE IN THE UNITED STATES
ARE PROUD TO HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN
PRESERVING EUROPEAN PEACE, AND ARE GRATEFUL
THAT DENMARK HAS COMMITTED HER MORAL WEIGHT
AND MADE A MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE
SUCCESS OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE.

AS WE FACE NEW AND COMPLEX CHALLENGES
TO OUR MUTUAL SECURITY IT IS EVER MORE
IMPORTANT THAT WE REAFFIRM THE TRUST AND
FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAS SERVED US SO WELL.
BY STRENGTHENING OUR COMMON DEFENSE AND
STANDING UNITED IN OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE
EFFECTIVE AND VERIFIABLE ARMS REDUCTIONS.
WE CAN MAKE OURS A SAFER PLANET. WE CAN.
MUST. AND WILL HAVE NOT JUST FOUR DECADES
OF PEACE BUT A CENTURY OF PEACE.

IN RECENT WEEKS WE HAVE WITNESSED A
COMMUNICATIONS OFFENSIVE PORTRAYING THE
UNITED STATES AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WEAPONS
BUILDUP AND JENSIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO POINT OUT THE
PICTURE OUR ADVERSARIES ARE PAINTING SOMEHOW
OMITS THE LACK OF FREEDOM IN THEIR SOCIETY
AND THE EXPANSION OF THEIR MILITARY POWER.

A MORE STABLE PEACE WHICH IS WHAT WE WANT MOST NEXT TO THE PRESERVATION OF OUR OWN FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE WILL NOT BE SECURED BY WISHFUL THINKING OR PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGNS. FREE PEOPLE MUST BE MATURE, VIGILANT AND STAND IN SOLIDARITY. WE ALREADY HAVE REACHED OUT IN THE CAUSE OF A SAFER WORLD ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

WE HAVE OFFERED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INTERMEDIATE RANGE MISSILES IN EUROPE TO ZERO. WE HAVE OFFERED MAJOR REDUCTIONS IN STRATEGIC AND INTERMEDIATE WEAPONS. AS WELL AS A LOWERING OF THE LEVEL OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES. OUR GOOD-FAITH OFFERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED WITH A CONTINUED BUILDUP OF INTERMEDIATE RANGE MISSILES AND A DELUGE OF RHETORIC.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE COMING MEETING
IN GENEVA, NOT FOR AN END OF ALL THAT HAS
BEEN WRONG BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, BUT A
BEGINNING POINT FOR BETTER RELATIONS
A STARTING POINT FOR PROGRESS.

MR. PRIME MINISTER, I AM CERTAIN YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS ARE NATURALLY INCLINED TOWARD PEACE.

FREEDOM BRINGS PEOPLE OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS
TOGETHER AS FRIENDS. I HOPE THAT DURING THE
TIME YOU SPEND IN THE UNITED STATES YOU WILL
FEEL THROUGH OUR WELCOME TO YOU THE WARMTH
AND FRIENDSHIP AMERICANS SHARE FOR THE
DANISH PEOPLE.

PERHAPS SOMETHING THAT BEST EXEMPLIFIES
THIS IS THE UNIQUE FOURTH OF JULY
CELEBRATION THAT TAKES PLACE EVERY YEAR IN
DENMARK. IN THE HILLS OF [RAY-BUILD]
THOUSANDS OF DANES AND AMERICANS CELEBRATE
TOGETHER THE BIRTH OF THE UNITED STATES AND
THE VALUES WE SHARE.

THE AMERICAN AND DANISH FLAGS FLY TOGETHER IN HONOR OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM.

THAD THE WONDERFUL PLEASURE OF SHARING
THAT DAY IN DENMARK IN 1972 WHEN I
PERSONALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE REBILD
FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES. THE WARMTH AND
FRIENDSHIP I FELT THAT DAY REFLECTED
SOMETHING BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES THAT IS.
VERY SPECIAL. I SHALL NEVER FORGET IT.

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME, AT THIS TIME,
MR. PRIME MINISTER, TO RETURN TO YOU THE
GOOD WILL AND HOSPITALITY THAT WAS EXTENDED
TO ME THEN. ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR CITIZENS.

WELCOME TO AMERICA.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 9, 1985

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached are draft remarks for the arrival ceremony and State Dinner toast for the Danish visit. The remainder of your schedule will be over in a few moments.

David L. Chew Janes.

(Rohrabacher/BE) September 9, 1985 5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRIME MINISTER SCHLUETER OF DENMARK ARRIVAL CEREMONY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1985

Prime Minister Schlueter. Today it is a great pleasure to welcome you. Denmark is an old friend, an ally in NATO and an active trading partner. Ties between our countries run long and deep.

Denmark recognized the United States as a free and independent nation shortly after our declaration of independence. Ever since that act of friendship, relations between the Danish and American people have continued to grow, to our mutual benefit.

Commerce between our countries, for example, has been a boon on both sides of the Atlantic, underscoring the need for free and open international trade. I look forward, Mr. Prime Minister, to discussing with you the need to strengthen and broaden the international trading system, perhaps through a new round of comprehensive trade negotiations. At a time when our countries are enjoying improving economic conditions, protectionism looms as a threat. Working together we can see to it that our international markets stay open and that this avenue to progress and well-being is not blocked.

In the past century, many Danes immigrated here to look for "the American Dream." With their hard work and good citizenship, they not only made that dream real, they helped build a great nation as well. So many Danes came here around the turn of the century, in fact, that it is said that every Dane in Denmark has

a relative in America. Whether that is true or not, clearly, we are of the same family of free peoples. We are bound together by our common dedication to the principles of human liberty and our mutual commitment to the preservation of peace.

Our countries have both recognized that the blessings of peace can only be secured if free peoples are strong and stand together. This fundamental truth is at the heart of the NATO alliance, in which Denmark has played an active role for nearly four decades. The collective deterrence of NATO has given Denmark, and all of Europe, 40 years of peace. We in the United States are proud to have played a role in preserving European peace and are grateful that Denmark has committed her moral weight and made a military contribution to the success of the Western Alliance.

As we face new and complex challenges to our mutual security, it is ever more important that we reaffirm the trust and friendship which has served us so well. By strengthening our common defense and standing united in our efforts to achieve effective and verifiable arms reductions, we can make ours a safer planet. We can, must, and will have, not just four decades of peace, but a century of peace.

In recent weeks we have witnessed a communications offensive portraying the United States as responsible for the weapons buildup and tensions between East and West. It may be appropriate to remember a story by the famous Danish author Hans Christian Andersen about the Emperor's new clothes. Our adversaries are painting a picture of words that somehow omits

the repressive nature of their own regime and the expansion of their own military power. Perhaps, like the bogus tailors in Andersen's fairy tale, they believe their words are so convincing that no one will dare speak of the obvious.

A more stable peace, which is what we want most, next to the preservation of our own freedom and independence, will not be secured by wishful thinking, or public relations campaigns. Free people must be mature, vigilant and stand in solidarity. We already have reached out in the cause of a safer world on numerous occasions and we will continue to do so.

We have offered to reduce the number of intermediate range missiles in Europe to zero. We have offered major reductions in strategic and intermediate weapons, as well as a lowering of the level of conventional forces. Our good-faith offers have been answered with a continued buildup of intermediate range missiles and a deluge of rhetoric.

We look forward to the coming meeting in Geneva, not for an end of all that has been wrong between East and West, but a beginning point for better relations, a starting point for progress.

Mr. Prime Minister, I am certain you agree with me that democratic governments are naturally inclined toward peace. Freedom brings people of diverse backgrounds together as friends. I hope that during the time you spend in the United States you will feel, through our welcome to you, the warmth and friendship Americans share for the Danish people.

Perhaps something that best exemplifies this is the unique Fourth of July celebration that takes place every year in Denmark. In the hills of Rebild [RE-build] thousands of Danes and Americans celebrate together the birth of the United States and the values we share. The American and Danish flags fly together in honor of democracy and freedom.

I had the wonderful pleasure of sharing that day in Denmark in 1972 when I personally participated in the Rebild Fourth of July festivities. The warmth and friendship I felt that day reflected something between our two peoples that is very special. I shall never forget it.

It is an honor for me, at this time, Mr. Prime Minister, to return to you the good will and hospitality that was extended to me then. On behalf of all our citizens, welcome to America.

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THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU. IT'S WONDERFUL

TO HAVE YOU HERE IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

BUILDING. ACTUALLY, THIS IS THE OLD E.O.B.,

THERE'S A NEW ONE ACROSS THE STREET.

THIS IS CALLED THE O.E.O.B., WHICH IS QUITE

A MOUTHFUL. THE FOLKS WHO WORK HERE SOLVED

THE NAME PROBLEM. THEY CALL THIS THE WHITE

HOUSE.

I KNOW YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN BRIEFED BY FRIED RON PEARLMAN, DON REGAN AND PAT BUCHANAN, SPINUL AND SINCE I KNOW THEM WELL I KNOW THEY HAD SOME VERY SPECIFIC AND CONVINCING ARGUMENTS ON WHY OUR FAIR SHARE TAX PROPOSAL DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT. AND I KNOW THEY TOLD YOU HOW MUCH WE NEED YOUR HELP.

PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF TAX REFORM
THE PHILOSOPHY THAT GUIDED US AS WE WERE
PUTTING THE PLAN TOGETHER. WE DIDN'T WORRY
TOO MUCH ABOUT THE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
AND SPECIAL INTEREST PLEADING. WE DIDN'T
WORRY ABOUT PRESSURE GROUPS AND SUCH.
WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTERESTS OF ALL
WORKING AMERICANS STARTING WITH ONE CENTRAL
ENTITY AN ENTITY THAT IS ITSELF CENTRAL
TO THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE NATION.
WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FAMILY. AND SO
WE CREATED A TAX REFORM PROPOSAL THAT PUTS
THE FAMILY FIRST.

WHY? BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING MORE
IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US NOTHING MORE
IMPORTANT TO OUR SOCIETY OUR NATION AND OUR
FUTURE THAN THE FAMILY. THAT'S WHERE OUR
CHILDREN LEARN A MORAL VIEW IT'S WHERE THE
VALUES OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND
LOYALTY AND KINDNESS ARE TAUGHT.

IT'S NOT EXAGGERATING TO SAY, AS THE FAMILY GOES SO GOES THE NATION.

NOW, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO SHARE
THIS VIEW, IT ISN'T EXACTLY REVOLUTIONARY.

BUT IN SPITE OF OUR AGREEMENT IN THIS
COUNTRY THAT THE FAMILY COUNTS IN SPITE OF
THAT TOO MANY POLICIES OF OUR NATION HAVE
FOR DECADES WORKED AGAINST THE INTEREST OF
THE FAMILY. YOU KNOW THE FACTS, AND YOU'VE
HEARD THEM REPEATED TODAY.

BUT I THINK THE CLEAREST EVIDENCE OF HOW CARELESS WE'VE BEEN IN OUR SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY IS THE PERSONAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR EACH CHILD AND DEPENDENT. IN 1948, THAT EXEMPTION WAS \$600. IF WE'D KEPT UP WITH INFLATION. THE EXEMPTION TODAY WOULD BE \$2,700.

WELL, AS YOU KNOW, IT HASN'T NEARLY
KEPT UP, ADMINISTRATION AFTER
ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO RAISE THE
EXEMPTION.

NEW WAYS TO SPEND EACH FAMILY'S EARNINGS.

I'M TIRED OF THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR AND I'M

SICK-AND TIRED OF THOSE WHO PUT THE FAMILY

AT THE END OF THE LINE.

IN 1981 WE INDEXED THE PERSONAL EXEMPTION TO INFLATION SO THAT IT'S NOW \$1,040. AND IN OUR TAX REFORM PROPOSAL WE'VE RAISED THATEXEMPTION TO \$2,000.

THAT'S A BIG STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

YOU KNOW ABOUT THE OTHER PARTS OF THE PLAN THAT BENEFIT THE FAMILY REDUCING TAX RATES EXTENDING FULL I.R.A. BENEFITS TO THOSE WHO WORK IN THE HOME AND THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT. WE'RE PROUD OF ALL THIS. THEY'RE WHY I CONSIDER THIS A FAMILY-FIRST BILL AND I INTEND TO WATCH OVER THE PROVISIONS OF THAT BILL JUST LIKE I USED TO WATCH OVER MY OWN CHILDREN.

AS I'M SURE MANY OF YOU KNOW RECENTLY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES REPORTED THAT OUR TAX REFORM PLAN WAS THE MOST PRO-FAMILY OF THE MAJOR TAX PROPOSALS BEFORE CONGRESS.

THE COMMITTEE SAID IT IS FAIR TO LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILIES, FAIR TO LARGE FAMILIES, SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES, AND AVERAGE INCOME FAMILIES. THAT ASSESSMENT OF OUR REFORMS CAME NOT JUST FROM THE REPUBLICANS ON THE COMMITTEE, BUT FROM THE DEMOCRAT MAJORITY AS WELL.

AND SO, I HOPE YOU WILL CONCLUDE THAT
OUR TAX PROPOSAL DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT.
WE'D LIKE YOUR SUPPORT, AND I'M NOT
EMBARRASSED TO ASK FOR IT. IF YOU HAVE ANY
NAGGING QUESTIONS OR DOUBTS PLEASE TALK TO
THE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF HERE AND THEY'LL DO
WHATEVER THEY CAN.

AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY AND TAKING PART IN THIS GREAT DEBATE ON THIS GREAT ISSUE. THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY IS, AND IT'S GOOD. AND NOW I'D LIKE TO TAKE SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

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