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(JUDGE)

PRESIDENT'S BACKUP COPY
ADDRESS TO NASA EMPLOYEES ON THE CHALLENGER ANNIVERSARY

TODAY IS A DAY TO COMMEMORATE AND A DAY TO SALUTE.
WE COMMEMORATE THE MAGNIFICENT CHALLENGER SEVEN, WHOM
WE LOST LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME, AND WE SALUTE YOU, THE
MEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICA'S NASA TEAM.

AMERICA WILL NEVER FORGET THAT TERRIBLE MOMENT A
YEAR AGO WHEN OUR ELATION TURNED TO HORROR AND THEN TO
GRIEF AND PAIN. SEVEN OF OUR FINEST PERISHED AS THEY
REACHED FOR THE BOUNDARIES OF SPACE, WHERE EARTH ENDS
AND THE PATH TO THE STARS BEGINS.

NO, WE WILL NEVER FORGET THEM. THEY REPRESENTED
SO MUCH OF THE BEST THAT IS IN OUR LAND. THERE WERE
DICK SCOBEE AND MICHAEL SMITH, BOTH HEROES OF BATTLE,
BOTH EXPERIENCED TEST PILOTS, BOTH WITH THE HEART AND
SOUL THE GREAT EXPLORERS HAVE ALWAYS HAD, ALWAYS
SEARCHING, ALWAYS REACHING.

THERE WERE JUDITH RESNIK, ELLISON ONIZUKA, RONALD McNAIR AND GREGORY JARVIS -- THEY WERE PIONEERS OF THE MIND AS WELL AS THE STARS; FROM EVERY CORNER OF AMERICA THEY HAD COME, AND FROM MANY BACKGROUNDS, TO JOIN HANDS IN A COMMON ADVENTURE. DON'T THEY, BY THEIR EXAMPLE, TELL US JUST WHY IT IS OUR BLESSED LAND HAS BECOME SO GREAT? AND, OF COURSE, THERE WAS CHRISTA McAULIFFE, WHOSE PROFESSION WAS AMONG HUMANITY'S MOST HONORED AND REVERED, THAT OF A TEACHER. SHE HAD HOPED ON THAT MISSION TO GIVE HISTORY'S FIRST LESSONS FROM SPACE, LESSONS THAT WERE TO BE BEAMED TO SCHOOL CHILDREN ACROSS AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD. WELL, SHE NEVER GOT TO GIVE THOSE LESSONS IN SPACE SCIENCE, BUT SHE AND THE OTHERS DID TEACH AMERICA'S CHILDREN SOMETHING, NEVERTHELESS -- SOMETHING PRECIOUS, SOMETHING ENDURING, SOMETHING PERHAPS MORE VALUABLE THAN ANY OTHER LESSON THEY WILL EVER LEARN.

I REMEMBER IN THE HOURS AND DAYS FOLLOWING THE TRAGEDY THERE WAS TALK OF THE PERMANENT TRAUMA THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA MIGHT SUFFER AS A RESULT OF VIEWING THE SHUTTLE DISASTER. AND, YES, THE EVENTS THAT DAY DID LEAVE THEIR IMPRESSION ON THEM, BUT NOT THE ONE THAT WE FEARED -- NO, INSTEAD, ONE THAT CAN MAKE US ALL PROUD OF THE STRENGTH AND SPIRIT, THE COURAGE AND LOVE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

YOU CAN SEE THAT LESSON REFLECTED IN ONE SIMPLE FACT -- THE NUMBER OF NEW MEMBERSHIPS IN OUR YOUNG ASTRONAUTS PROGRAM HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER. THIS PAST YEAR I SPOKE TO A MEETING OF THE YOUNG ASTRONAUTS, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT ANOTHER PLACE THAT LESSON IS REFLECTED IS IN THOSE YOUNG ASTRONAUTS' EYES.

THEY KNOW THAT EXPLORATION HAS ITS RISKS. THEY KNOW THAT WITH ADVENTURE ALSO GOES DANGER. THEY KNOW ALL THIS, BUT THEY ALSO KNOW SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT -- SOMETHING ABOUT THE SPIRIT AND SENSE OF JOY THAT HAVE KEPT MAN REACHING THROUGH THE AGES TO GRASP FOR THE LIMITS OF HIS UNIVERSE AND BEYOND; THAT, DESPITE HARDSHIPS AND PERIL, KEPT EXPLORERS LIKE COLUMBUS, MAGELLAN, AND DRAKE SAILING INTO UNCHARTED OCEANS; THAT, DESPITE COMFORTS THEY LEFT BEHIND, KEPT PIONEERS LIKE BOONE, CARSON, AND CLARK CROSSING AMERICA'S FRONTIER; THAT KEEP US STILL REACHING FOR THE UNKNOWN.

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE AND ALL THE MAGNIFICENT CHALLENGER 7 TAUGHT THIS LESSON OF COURAGE, SPIRIT, AND LOVE TO AMERICA'S CHILDREN, AND NOW IT IS FOR ALL OF US TO LEARN THE LESSON FROM THEM.

THIS HAS BEEN A YEAR OF CAREFUL SELF-EXAMINATION AT NASA. (UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF JIM FLETCHER,) YOU'VE MOVED QUICKLY TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PHILLIPS TASK FORCE AND THE ROGERS COMMISSION, AND HAVE JUST COMPLETED A BROAD AND IMPORTANT REORGANIZATION. EVERYONE ON THE NASA TEAM HAS AGAIN SHOWN THEIR DEDICATION, THEIR COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE, AND NOW NASA HAS BEGUN TO RESUME ITS FORWARD PROGRESS. THIS YEAR WE MARK THE THIRD DECADE OF SPACE EXPLORATION. IN THOSE THREE DECADES, WITH NASA IN THE LEAD, MANKIND HAS RECEIVED IMAGES FROM THE OUTER REACHES OF OUR PLANETARY SYSTEM, SAMPLED THE CLIMATE OF MARS, LEARNED NEW AND UNDREAMED OF TRUTHS ABOUT OUR OWN PLANET, AND LANDED A MAN ON THE MOON.

IN THE NEXT THREE DECADES NASA WILL AGAIN LEAD IN MANKIND'S DREAMS. IN JUST 2 YEARS VOYAGER II WILL PASS NEPTUNE AND UNLOCK FOR US THE SECRETS OF THAT DISTANT BROTHER TO OUR OWN EARTH. BY THE END OF THE NEXT DECADE THE GALILEO ORBITER AND PROBE WILL TELL US MORE THAN EVER BEFORE ABOUT JUPITER; THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE WILL BE IN ORBIT, LOOKING INTO DEEP SPACE, HELPING US UNDERSTAND THE CREATION OF SOLAR SYSTEMS LIKE OUR OWN; AND, IN AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT, THE ULYSSES PROBE WILL TEACH US MORE ABOUT THE SUN.

THESE UNMANNED PROJECTS ARE THE SCOUTS FOR MANNED SPACE TRAVELERS OF DECADES TO COME. IN THE NEXT DECADE WE, IN AMERICA, WILL CONTINUE MAN'S PERSONAL ADVENTURE IN SPACE. YOU WILL SOON BE STARTING DEVELOPMENT ON THE SPACE STATION, TO HAVE IT READY BY THE MID-90'S. THE SPACE STATION WILL BE OUR GATEWAY TO THE UNIVERSE, OUR FOOTHOLD IN OUTER SPACE, THE KEYSTONE OF OUR SPACE PROGRAM. WITH IT AS OUR BASE CAMP, WE WILL BE ABLE TO REACH THE PLANETS AND, PERHAPS, ONE DAY TO THE STARS. WE HOPE OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES WILL JOIN US IN THEIR GREAT ADVENTURE.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL YOU WILL BE DOING IN THE DECADE AND MORE TO COME. HERE AT HOME, YOU WILL BE SHRINKING THE EARTH AS HUMANITY NEVER BEFORE DREAMED. YOU WILL BE DEVELOPING A SPACE PLANE, SO THAT ONE DAY ORDINARY TRAVELERS CAN TAKE OFF ON THE EAST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES AND LAND IN JAPAN A LITTLE OVER 2 HOURS LATER.

AND ONE OTHER THING. IN THE NEXT DECADE WE WILL BUILD AND FLY A NEW SPACE SHUTTLE. FOR ME, THIS IS A SPECIAL COMMITMENT. IN THE FIRST MOMENTS OF GRIEF AND SHOCK, THE BEREAVED FAMILIES OF THE CREW URGED US TO CARRY ON AND KEEP THE SPACE PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD. WE OWE IT TO THEM AND TO THOSE WHOM WE, TOO, LOST TO DO JUST THAT.

NOW I KNOW THAT VOICES HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM TIME TO TIME SAYING, "YES, IT'S EXCITING AND ADVENTUROUS, BUT DOES IT HAVE ANY PRACTICAL VALUE TO JUSTIFY ITS COSTS?" THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS A RESOUNDING "YES."

PERHAPS WE'VE BEEN DERELICT IN NOT DOING MORE TO MAKE KNOWN THE LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF HUMAN-ORIENTED TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE SPUN OFF FROM THE PROGRAM AND WHICH WILL AFFECT ALL OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN. THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THESE SPIN-OFFS WILL BECOME OF TREMENDOUS VALUE.

ALREADY THEY INCLUDE LIFE-SAVING TECHNOLOGIES LIKE THE PROGRAMMABLE HEART PACEMAKER, THE CAT SCANNER AND LIFE-SAVING FIRE-PROOF VESTS FOR FIREMEN. SPACE SPIN-OFFS HAVE MADE DRINKING WATER SAFER FOR COMMUNITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TECHNOLOGY FROM THE LUNAR ROVER NOW MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR PARAPLEGICS TO DRIVE AUTOMOBILES AND DRIVE THEM SAFELY. OUR AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERS IN DETROIT ARE USING LIGHTWEIGHT, SUPER-STRONG, PLASTIC-LIKE MATERIALS -- OUTGROWTHS OF SPACE PROGRAM TECHNOLOGY -- TO REDUCE THE WEIGHT OF CARS. FOR CONSUMERS, THAT MEANS MORE MILES PER GALLON. AND IN THE FUTURE, THE SPACE PROGRAM WILL BE MAKING MATERIALS IN SPACE, WHERE WE CAN MANUFACTURE IN 1 MONTH'S TIME LIFE-SAVING MEDICINES THAT IT WOULD TAKE 30 YEARS TO PRODUCE HERE ON EARTH.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT A PROJECT IS NOW BEING DEVELOPED TO PASS ON TO ALL AMERICANS SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ASPECT OF THE SPACE PROGRAM. THE UNITED STATES SPACE FOUNDATION, A NON-PROFIT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, IS PREPARING A SERIES OF T.V. AND RADIO PUBLIC SERVICE STATEMENTS -- SO THAT ALL AMERICANS WILL BE AWARE OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS AND HOW THEY WILL BENEFIT ALL OUR LIVES. I THINK THIS IS A WORTHY EFFORT.

YES, WHETHER IT IS IN THE EXPLORATION OF SPACE OR THE APPLICATIONS OF SPACE RESEARCH HERE AT HOME, THE FUTURE TO WHICH YOU ARE LEADING US IS BRIGHT, THE CHALLENGE THAT YOU ARE SHOULDERING FOR ALL MANKIND IS ONE THAT WE CANNOT TURN AWAY FROM. WE OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN AND GENERATIONS BEYOND. WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES. WE OWE IT TO THOSE WHO, WITH ALL THEIR LOVE AND JOY AND COURAGE, TAUGHT US AGAIN, JUST 1 YEAR AGO TODAY, THAT "MANKIND'S REACH MUST EXCEED ITS GRASP, OR WHAT'S A HEAVEN FOR."

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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(BUCHANAN)

JANUARY 30, 1987

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VETO MESSAGE FOR THE CLEAN WATER BILL

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH; AND WELCOME TO
THE OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING.

IT IS GOOD TO SEE SO MANY OLD FRIENDS
AND ALLIES FROM THE MANY BATTLES OF THE
BUDGET WE HAVE FOUGHT TOGETHER. DESPITE THE
MOMENTUM OF 30 YEARS OF STEADY GROWTH IN
FEDERAL SPENDING, WE'VE MADE --(IN THESE
PAST 6 YEARS }- DRAMATIC PROGRESS. FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A DECADE, (IN REAL
TERMS) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THIS FISCAL
YEAR IS SPENDING LESS THAN A YEAR AGO.

AND THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE.

WITH FEDERAL SPENDING GRADUALLY BEING
REINED IN, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE TAX
RATES/BRING INFLATION UNDER CONTROL/-
AND UNLEASH THE GREATEST ANTI-POVERTY ENGINE
KNOWN TO MAN/- THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM
OF THE UNITED STATES.

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IN THE LAST 50 MONTHS, ALMOST 13 MILLION NEW
JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED/61 PERCENT OF THE
POPULATION OVER 16 YEARS OLD -(HIGHEST ON
RECORD }- HAS GONE TO WORK/ THE STOCK MARKET
HAS DOUBLED IN VALUE/ AND WE HAVE EMBARKED
UPON WHAT COULD BECOME THE LONGEST PEACETIME
EXPANSION SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

THESE ARE TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS,/
ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT MUST BE PROTECTED.
WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS
GATHERING TODAY.

IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS, (AS ITS FIRST MAJOR
OFFICIAL ACT,) THE 100TH CONGRESS ENACTED AN
\$18 BILLION SEWAGE TREATMENT PROGRAM THAT IS
SO LOADED WITH WASTE AND LARDED WITH PORK
I CANNOT IN CONSCIENCE SIGN IT.

NOT ONLY IS THIS ACT OF CONGRESS
UNACCEPTABLE AS WRITTEN/ IT IS SAD AND
DEEPLY TROUBLING FOR WHAT IT PORTENDS.

LET ME GIVE YOU A BRIEF HISTORY OF THIS LEGISLATION. IN 1985, WE PROPOSED A GENEROUS \$6 BILLION PROGRAM TO CARRY ON AND WIN THE FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION IN AMERICA'S ESTUARIES, LAKES, RIVERS, AND STREAMS. BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES LONG AGO AGREED ON THE NEED FOR THIS LEGISLATION AND I FELT THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE CONGRESS COULD SURELY AGREE ON THE AMOUNT. LAST FALL, HOWEVER, AS THE CAMPAIGN BEGAN TO HEAT UP, CONGRESS TRIPLED OUR PROPOSAL TO \$18 BILLION AND I WAS FORCED TO USE A POCKET VETO TO PROTECT THE BUDGET GAINS WE HAD MADE.

EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR, (IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE,) WE OFFERED TO CONGRESS A DOUBLING OF THE SPENDING WE HAD PROPOSED -- (TO \$12 BILLION)-- AND WE FOUND WAYS AND MEANS TO ACHIEVE THIS, WITHIN THE GRAMMN-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS DEFICIT TARGETS.

BY OFFERING TO SPLIT THE DIFFERENCE, WE FELT WE COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM TO EVERYONE'S SATISFACTION AND GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT.

NOT ONLY, HOWEVER, DID THE NEW CONGRESS SPURN OUR COMPROMISE IT SENT DOWN THE SAME OLD \$18 BILLION BUDGET-BUSTER WITH VIRTUAL UNANIMOUS SUPPORT, DEFYING ME TO VETO AGAIN A PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT HAD SOMETHING IN IT FOR MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES.

WELL, I ACCEPT THAT CHALLENGE AND I AM VETOING THIS LEGISLATION AND LET ME TELL YOU WHY. FIRST, COUNTLESS PROJECTS IN THIS BILL HAVE LESS TO DO WITH WATER, THAN THEY DO WITH THE POLITICS OF THE PORK BARREL -- WITH ENABLING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO GO HOME TO THEIR DISTRICTS AND SAY, LOOK HOW I BROUGHT HOME THE BACON.

SECOND, IF THIS LEGISLATION IS ALLOWED TO PASS WITHOUT MY PROTEST, IT WILL SEND A POWERFUL SIGNAL TO THE MARKETS OF THE NATION AND THE WORLD, THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ONCE AGAIN ABANDONED THE HIGH ROAD OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY -- THAT WE ARE ONCE AGAIN STARTING DOWN THE SAME DISMAL AND DISCREDITED PATH OF SPEND-AND-SPEND THAT LED TO THE NEAR RUINATION OF OUR ECONOMY LESS THAN A DECADE AGO.

I KNOW THIS VETO IS GOING TO BE OVERRIDDEN, I KNOW I DO NOT HAVE THE VOTES TO SUSTAIN IT, BUT, IT IS TIME WE DID THE RIGHT THING, ALL OF US, REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICAL FALLOUT, JUST THREE NIGHTS AGO, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ROSE IN UNANIMOUS APPLAUSE WHEN I DECLARED FROM THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM THAT THE U.S. BUDGET DEFICIT WAS UNACCEPTABLE AND OUTRAGEOUS.

WELL, I AM NOW ASKING THEM TO STAND WITH ME -- IN THIS FIRST GREAT BATTLE OF THE DEFICIT IN THE 100TH CONGRESS, MY FRIENDS ON CAPITOL HILL, YOU CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS, YOU CANNOT VOTE TO RADICALLY INCREASE DEFICITS ONE DAY, AND DECRY THEM BEFORE THE NATION THE NEXT, IT IS TIME FOR A LITTLE MORE POLITICAL COURAGE, A LITTLE MORE POLITICAL CONSISTENCY, ON THE PART OF ALL OF US.

WITH THIS VETO, I AM IMPLORING THE CONGRESS ONCE MORE -- TO STOP, REFLECT AND RECONSIDER -- BEFORE PLUNGING AHEAD ON THIS COURSE, DO YOU REALLY WANT TO RETURN TO THE POLITICS OF SPEND-AND-SPEND? DO YOU REALLY WANT TO PUT AT RISK THE IMMENSE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE TOGETHER? DO YOU REALLY WANT TO AGGRAVATE A BUDGET DEFICIT THAT IS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF A TRADE DEFICIT THAT HAS ALREADY COST THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN JOBS?

LET'S NOT BELLY UP TO THAT SAME OLD BAR;
LET'S NOT DRIVE OFF DOWN THAT DANGEROUS ROAD
AGAIN. LET'S WORK TOGETHER, BOTH FOR CLEAN
WATER AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

IN CLOSING, LET ME SAY BOTH TO
CONGRESS -- AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I TRUST THAT THIS BUDGET-BUSTING
WATER-AND-SEWER BILL, (THE FIRST MAJOR
LEGISLATION OF THE NEW 100TH CONGRESS)
PROVES TO BE AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE,
AN ISOLATED ERROR AND NOT A HARBINGER OF
THINGS TO COME.

FOR IF IT IS, THEN CONGRESS WILL NOT
ONLY HAVE CHOSEN TO EMBARK ON A COLLISION
COURSE WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IT WILL
HAVE RISKED -- ONE DAY -- BEING HELD FULLY
ACCOUNTABLE FOR DERAILING PERHAPS THE
GREATEST RECOVERY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE
EVER KNOWN. NOW, ONE BAD TEST DOES NOT MEAN
FAILING GRADES SO LET US HOPE THIS IS NOT A
TREND.

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FEBRUARY 2, 1987

GREETING TO PENN STATE FOOTBALL TEAM

PRESIDENT JORDAN, COACH PATERNO, AND
PLAYERS OF THE PENN STATE FOOTBALL TEAM,
LET ME START BY SAYING CONGRATULATIONS.

THE UNDEFEATED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS OF COLLEGE
FOOTBALL/-- IT'S A TITLE THAT YOU FOUGHT
HARD TO WIN/AND THE FIESTA BOWL WAS A
FITTING END TO A PROUD SEASON. YOU SHOWED
THAT YOU DESERVED TO BE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.

EVERYBODY HAS BEEN TALKING ABOUT YOUR
DEFENSE AND RIGHTLY SO. IN THE 100 YEARS
SINCE THAT NOVEMBER DAY WHEN PENN STATE'S
FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM TOOK THE FIELD AND BEAT
BUCKNELL 54 TO NOTHING/I BET THERE HAVEN'T
BEEN ANY MORE EXCITING MOMENTS THAN THOSE
WHEN, WITH SECONDS TO GO/MIAMI WAS KNOCKING
AND YOU DIDN'T LET THEM IN FIRST CAME
TIM JOHNSON'S SACK OF A GREAT ATHLETE,
VINNY (TES-TA-VER-DEE), WHO HAD A RECEIVER
WIDE OPEN IN SCORING TERRITORY.

WITH A SURE CHANCE SCORE.

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THEN CAME PETE (GIF-TOP-O-LOS') GOAL-LINE
INTERCEPTION /- ^{PEW ST.} PLAYERS AND FANS WILL
REMEMBER IT AS LONG AS THEY LIVE. PETE AND
TIM, YOU AND THE ENTIRE SQUAD PLAYED COOL,
SMART, HARD-HITTING DEFENSE. YOU FORCED
ERRORS IN THE OPPOSITION;/AND THAT'S SAYING
A LOT, BECAUSE MIAMI IS AN OUTSTANDING TEAM,
AND THEY DON'T USUALLY MAKE MISTAKES.

AS FOR THE OFFENSE, SAME STORY --
SMART, HARD-HITTING. DOWN BY 7, MINUTES TO
GO IN THE FIRST HALF/YOU DROVE 74 YARDS/
AND THEN WITH EVERYONE COVERED AND NO SECOND
CHANCES,/JOHN (SHAY-FER) RAN THE LAST
4 YARDS HIMSELF AND PENN STATE WAS ON THE
BOARD AND ON THE WAY.

AND LET ME JUST SAY A WORD FOR SOMEONE
WHO'S OFTEN FORGOTTEN /- THE KICKER. YES,
EVERY TIME JOHN BRUNO PUNTED, IT MEANT THEIR
OWN 40, OR 25, OR, MOST OF THE TIME,
EVEN WORSE FOR MIAMI.

NOW, I COULD GO ON AND TALK ABOUT WHAT
EVERY ONE OF YOU DID. (TRAY) (BOWER) SAID
AFTERWARDS, "THIS IS THE GREATEST GAME IN
PENN STATE HISTORY." AND IF ANYONE IS GOING
TO TAKE ISSUE WITH THAT, IT ISN'T GOING TO
BE ME /- AFTER ALL, HE'S BIGGER THAN ME.
AND A LITTLE YOUNGER.

BUT, YES, YOU OF PENN STATE SHOWED ALL
THE PUNDITS AND ODDS-MAKERS / WHO'D SAID THAT
AT LAST YOU'D MET YOUR MATCH / THAT THEY WERE
JUST PLAIN DEAD WRONG /- AND YOU KNOW,
THAT SO INSPIRES ME THAT NEXT TIME I GO SEE
CONGRESS / I MIGHT JUST WEAR A NITTANY LIONS'
JERSEY.

NOW BEFORE I FINISH, LET ME SAY
A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH JOE
PATERNO / FOR MY MONEY, ONE OF THE GREATEST
COACHES EVER IN COLLEGE SPORTS.

AND I'M NOT THINKING JUST OF HIS 2 NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS / HIS 4 TIMES AS COACH OF THE
YEAR / HIS 6 UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASONS /
HIS 15 SEASONS IN THE TOP-10 / HIS 80-PERCENT
WINNING RECORD / OR HIS LIFETIME TOTAL OF
199 VICTORIES. NO, I SAY HE'S ONE OF THE
BEST, BECAUSE, WHILE ACCUMULATING ALL THOSE
HONORS AND RECORDS / HE'S NEVER FORGOTTEN
THAT, FIRST AND FOREMOST, HE'S A TEACHER
WHO'S PREPARING HIS STUDENTS NOT JUST FOR
THE SEASON BUT FOR LIFE. AMERICA IS GREAT
BECAUSE, (THROUGH OUR HISTORY) WE'VE HAD MEN
AND WOMEN WITH HIS KIND OF GOODNESS, HONOR,
AND DECENCY / HIS KIND OF DEDICATION TO HIS
CALLING /- YES, HIS KIND OF VALUES.

SO COACH PATERNO AND ALL OF YOU,
WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE / CONGRATULATIONS
AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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(Judge/ARD)
January 30, 1987
1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GREETINGS TO PENN STATE FOOTBALL TEAM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1987

President Jordan, Coach Paterno, and players of the Penn State football team, let me start by saying congratulations. The undefeated national champions of college football -- it's a title that you fought hard to win, and the Fiesta Bowl was a fitting end to a proud season. You showed that you deserved to be national champions.

Everybody has been talking about your defense and rightly so. In the 100 years since that November day when Penn State's first football team took the field and beat Bucknell 54 to nothing, I bet there haven't been any more exciting moments than those when, with seconds to go, Miami was knocking and you didn't let them in. First came Tim Johnson's sack of a great athlete, Vinny Testaverde, who had a receiver wide open in scoring territory. Then came Pete Giftopoulos' goal-line interception -- players and fans will remember it as long as they live. Pete and Tim, you and the entire squad played cool, smart, hard-hitting defense. You forced errors in the opposition; and that's saying a lot, because Miami is an outstanding team and they don't usually make mistakes.

As for the offense, same story -- smart, hard-hitting. Down by 7, minutes to go in the first half, you drove 74 yards, and then with everyone covered and no second chances, John Shaffer ran the last 4 yards himself and Penn State was on the boards and on the way.

And let me just say a word for someone who's often forgotten -- the kicker. Yes, every time John Bruno punted, it meant their own 40, or 25, or, most of the time, even worse for Miami. Now, I could go on and talk about what every one of you did. Trey Bauer said afterwards, "This is the greatest game in Penn State history." And if anyone is going to take issue with that, it isn't going to be me -- after all, he's bigger ^{THAN ME.} And a little younger, ~~too~~.

But, yes, you of Penn State showed all the pundits and odds-makers, who'd said that at last you'd met your match, that they were just plain dead wrong -- and you know, that so inspires me that next time I go see Congress, I might just wear a Nittany Lions' jersey.

Now before I finish, let me say a special congratulations to Coach Joe Paterno, for my money, one of the greatest coaches ever in college sports -- and I'm not thinking just of his 2 national championships, his 4 times as Coach of the Year, his 6 undefeated regular seasons, his 15 seasons in the Top-10, his 80-percent winning record, or his lifetime total of 199 victories. No, I say he's one of the best, because, while accumulating all those honors and records, he's never forgotten that first and foremost he's a teacher who's preparing his students not just for the season but for life. America is great because, through our history, we've had men and women with his kind of goodness, honor, and decency, his kind of dedication to his calling -- yes, his kind of values.

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So Coach Paterno and all of you, welcome to the White House,
congratulations and God bless you.

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FEBRUARY 3, 1987

MEETING WITH HEROES OF AMTRAK TRAIN ACCIDENT

IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU HERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE. I KNOW THAT MAY SOUND STRANGE. MOST PEOPLE THINK OF IT AS AN HONOR TO BE INVITED HERE -- AND THAT INCLUDES MYSELF. I REMEMBER HOW HUMBLE I FELT ON THAT DAY IN 1980 WHEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FIRST ASKED ME TO COME HERE.

BUT TODAY THE TABLES ARE TURNED. FOR, BY YOUR DEEDS, (YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY) HAVE HONORED ALL AMERICA. YOU'VE SHOWN US ALL ONCE AGAIN THE LOVE AND COURAGE / THE SELF-SACRIFICE AND EAGERNESS TO HELP AND SERVE THOSE IN NEED, (IN SHORT,) THE QUALITIES THAT FOR GENERATIONS HAVE BEEN THE HEART OF AMERICAN LIFE.

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IT WAS AN ORDINARY WINTER'S DAY AT THE END OF THE NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND. SOME OF YOU WERE HANGING OUT LAUNDRY. SOME OF YOU WERE ABOUT TO WATCH THE FOOTBALL GAME. AND THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED / INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL PIECING TOGETHER JUST WHAT IT WAS, AND YOUR COMMUNITY WAS FACE TO FACE WITH THE WORST ACCIDENT IN AMTRAK HISTORY.

THAT'S WHEN (ON THAT ORDINARY DAY,) THE PEOPLE OF CHASE, MARYLAND, SHOWED THAT WHAT WE TAKE AS ORDINARY IN AMERICA IS REALLY VERY WONDERFUL AND SPECIAL / VERY EXTRAORDINARY. ^{LEFT} ^{2ND L.}

ROBERT BOOKER AND HIS COUSIN, MICHAEL COOPER, WERE AMONG THE FIRST ON THE SCENE. ROBERT CLIMBED INTO A BURNING CAR.

HE COULDN'T SAVE EVERYONE, / AND I KNOW THAT HE AND ALL OF YOU HAVE THOUGHT A GREAT DEAL SINCE THAT DAY ABOUT THOSE WHOM GOD TOOK INTO HIS ARMS, / BUT ALSO REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE ALIVE TODAY BECAUSE OF YOUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE. / YOU GAVE TO SCORES OF PEOPLE THE GIFT OF LIFE.

AS MICHAEL AND ROBERT WORKED TOGETHER HELPING TO PULL PEOPLE OUT OF THE TRAIN, / EVE BOOKER AND JUANITA (MAT-EEZ) HELPED TO CARE FOR THE INJURED, / CLEANING THEIR WOUNDS AND WRAPPING THEM, / COVERING THEM WITH BLANKETS FROM THEIR HOMES TO KEEP THEM WARM. / AS ONE REPORTER WROTE OF EVE AND JUANITA, / "THEY ACTED QUICKLY, CALMLY, HEROICALLY. BUT WHEN THE NIGHT ENDED THE 15-YEAR-OLDS WEPT."

WELL, THOSE STORIES OF SACRIFICE AND LOVE WERE REPEATED HUNDREDS OF TIMES THAT DAY. / ALL OF YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS HELPED PEOPLE ESCAPE THE WRECK, / HELPED CARE FOR THEM, / FEED THEM, / GAVE THEM SHELTER.

1 R. NANCY THARPE SAID THERE WERE 45 PASSENGERS IN HER HOUSE THAT SUNDAY. / AS BOB COOPER 1 R. SAID LATER, "EVERYBODY JUST CHIPPED IN AND DID WHAT THEY HAD TO DO." / AND, AS A RESULT, MOST OF THE PASSENGERS WERE OUT OF THE TRAIN EVEN BEFORE THE EMERGENCY CREWS ARRIVED. / IN THE HOURS AND DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, YOU TOOK INTO YOUR HOMES NOT ONLY THE VICTIMS OF THE CRASH, / BUT RESCUE WORKERS AND REPORTERS, TOO. / AND I DON'T WANT TO FORGET THE MAGNIFICENT WORK OF THOSE WORKERS, / OR THE PEOPLE WHO, (WITHIN HOURS) LINED UP TO GIVE BLOOD FOR THE VICTIMS, / THEY MADE US ALL PROUD, TOO.

SOME HAVE TALKED SINCE ABOUT HOW AMAZING YOU WERE, AND I KNOW THAT CATHI FISCHER SPOKE FOR ALL OF YOU WHEN SHE TOLD A REPORTER, "I DON'T THINK IT WAS ANYTHING REMARKABLE. I THINK IF IT HAD BEEN ANOTHER COMMUNITY, THEY WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME THING." BUT THAT'S JUST THE POINT. YOU DID WHAT AMERICANS HAVE DONE FOR MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES. WHEN OTHERS WERE IN NEED, YOU DIDN'T POINT TO THE OTHER GUYS. YOU JUST ROLLED UP YOUR SLEEVES AND WENT TO WORK.

NOT LONG AGO A COMMENTATOR ON A NETWORK NEWS SHOW SAID THAT WE AMERICANS HAD BECOME SELFISH, ONLY OUT FOR OURSELVES, AND HAD LOST OUR DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY. NOW I KNOW HE'S PAID WELL TO GIVE HIS WISDOM TO THE COUNTRY EACH AND EVERY WEEK, BUT FOR MY MONEY, THE TRUE WISDOM IS IN CATHI FISCHER'S WORDS, AND THE BEST ANSWER TO HIM IS IN YOUR EXAMPLE.

YES, ON AN ORDINARY DAY IN JANUARY, AMERICANS IN AN ORDINARY AMERICAN COMMUNITY SHOWED EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE, SELF-SACRIFICE, AND LOVE FOR THEIR FELLOW MAN. AND WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, YOU DIDN'T BRAG AND SHOUT. YOU JUST WENT BACK TO YOUR DAILY WORK. BUT YOU LEFT BEHIND A GIFT NOT JUST FOR THE CRASH VICTIMS, BUT FOR ALL OF US. YOUR STRENGTH STRENGTHENED ALL AMERICANS. YOUR SPIRIT WILL LONG INSPIRE AND GUIDE US ALL. AND AS PRESIDENT, I'VE JUST ASKED YOU HERE TODAY TO SAY THANKS.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

NOW I'D LIKE TO AWARD THE PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES COMMENDATION TO THE COMMUNITY OF CHASE, MARYLAND. ROBERT BOOKER, WILL YOU PLEASE STEP FORWARD?

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FEBRUARY 5, 1987

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS, NANCY AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY.

IT GIVES ONE A VERY GOOD FEELING TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR NATIONAL LEADERS HERE, AND SO MANY REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER COUNTRIES, GATHERING TOGETHER IN A COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, ANOTHER GROUP OF STATESMEN GATHERED TOGETHER IN PHILADELPHIA TO REVISE THE ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION AND BRING FORTH OUR CONSTITUTION. THEY OFTEN

FOUND THEMSELVES AT ODDS, THEIR PURPOSE LOST IN ACRIMONY AND SELF-INTEREST, UNTIL FRANKLIN STOOD UP AND SAID, "I HAVE LIVED... A LONG TIME, AND THE LONGER I LIVE, THE MORE CONVINCING PROOFS I SEE OF THIS TRUTH - THAT GOD GOVERNS IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN."

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AND IF A SPARROW CANNOT FALL TO THE GROUND WITHOUT HIS NOTICE, IS IT PROBABLE THAT AN EMPIRE CAN RISE WITHOUT HIS AID? THEN HE CALLED UPON THE CONVENTION TO OPEN EACH DAY WITH PRAYER.

HOW, WITH SO MUCH AGAINST THEM, COULD OUR FOUNDING FATHERS HAVE DARED SO MUCH, TO DECLARE FOR ALL THE WORLD, AND ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS, THE RIGHTS OF MAN, THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, THE HOPES OF ALL HUMANITY.

WAS IT BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THAT GOD WAS ON THEIR SIDE? OR WAS IT BECAUSE THEY PRAYED TO DISCOVER HOW THEY MIGHT BE ON GOD'S SIDE?

OUR FOUNDING FATHERS KNEW THAT THEIR HOPE WAS IN PRAYER, THAT'S WHY OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BEGINS WITH AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, AND WHY OUR CONGRESS OPENS EVERY DAY WITH A PRAYER.

IT IS WHY THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FLEDGLING UNITED STATES IN THE NORTHWEST ORDINANCE PROVIDED FOR SCHOOLS THAT WOULD TEACH, QUOTE, "RELIGION, MORALITY AND KNOWLEDGE" UNQUOTE, BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT NO MAN, NO NATION, COULD GROW IN FREEDOM WITHOUT DIVINE GUIDANCE.

IF I MIGHT BE ALLOWED A PERSONAL NOTE HERE, WHEN I ATTENDED THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY, I WAS SURPRISED AT HOW MANY OF THE GRADUATING CADETS CAME UP TO ME AND TOLD ME THEY WERE PRAYING FOR ME. WHEN I MENTIONED THIS TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL HE TOLD ME THAT EVERY MORNING THERE WERE SEVERAL HUNDRED CADETS IN THE CHAPEL. HARDLY A DAY GOES BY THAT I'M NOT TOLD -- (SOMETIMES IN LETTERS,) (SOMETIMES BY PEOPLE I MEET) -- THAT THEY ARE PRAYING FOR ME. IT IS A WARM BUT HUMBLING FEELING.

I GREW UP IN A HOME WHERE I WAS TAUGHT TO BELIEVE IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER. I KNOW IT IS THOSE PRAYERS, (AND MILLIONS LIKE THEM,) THAT ARE BUILDING HIGH AND STRONG THIS CATHEDRAL OF FREEDOM THAT WE CALL AMERICA, THOSE PRAYERS AND MILLIONS LIKE THEM THAT WILL ALWAYS KEEP OUR COUNTRY SECURE AND MAKE HER A FORCE FOR GOOD IN THIS TOO TROUBLED WORLD.

THAT IS WHY AS A NATION WE MUST EMBRACE OUR FAITH, FOR AS LONG AS WE ENDEAVOR TO DO GOOD -- (AND WE MUST BELIEVE THAT WILL BE ALWAYS) -- WE WILL FIND OUR STRENGTH, OUR HOPE, AND OUR TRUE HAPPINESS IN PRAYER, AND IN THE LORD'S WILL.

I'D LIKE TO CONCLUDE WITH A STORY THAT IS TOLD BY DR. PAUL BRAND, (THE NOTED LEPROSY SPECIALIST) IN HIS BOOK, FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.

DR. BRAND TELLS OF HOW, (AFTER WORLD WAR II,) A GROUP OF GERMAN STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP REBUILD A CATHEDRAL IN ENGLAND, A CASUALTY OF THE LUFTWAFFE BOMBINGS.

AS THE WORK PROGRESSED, DEBATE BROKE OUT ON HOW BEST TO RESTORE A LARGE STATUE OF JESUS WITH HIS ARMS OUTSTRETCHED AND BEARING THE FAMILIAR INSCRIPTION, 'COME UNTO ME.'

CAREFUL PATCHING COULD REPAIR ALL DAMAGE TO THE STATUE EXCEPT FOR CHRIST'S HANDS, WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY BOMB FRAGMENTS. SHOULD THEY ATTEMPT THE DELICATE TASK OF RESHAPING THOSE HANDS?

FINALLY THE YOUNG WORKERS REACHED A DECISION THAT STILL STANDS TODAY.

THE STATUE ... JESUS HAS NO HANDS,
BUT ... INSCRIPTION NOW RDs. "CHRIST
HAS NO HND, BUT OURS." IS'NT THAT.

WHT HE REALY WHT. TRYNG TO TELL
US ? - THNK U ALL & GOD BLESS U.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

I'm sorry to have to
cross out so many fine lines
but I wanted to use that
story at the end.

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(Gilder/ARD)

February 3, 1987

4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1987

Thank you all very much. Senators and Congressmen, distinguished guests, all our good friends: Nancy and I are delighted to be here with you today.

It gives one a very good feeling to see so many of our national leaders here, and so many representatives of other countries, gathering together in a community of faith. Two hundred years ago, another group of statesmen gathered together in Philadelphia. ~~They were the representatives of all the American States, and they had come to revise the Articles of Confederation and bring forth our constitution.~~

~~Perhaps it gives us a better perspective on our own times if we think back to those men and the daunting task that faced them. They had come through a long and bitter war of independence, their new Confederation was torn by dissention and threatened with dissolution. The delegates often found themselves at odds, their purpose lost in acrimony and self-interest.~~ UNTIL FRANKLIN STOOD UP

~~As George Washington presided over the convention, he must have reflected that it is easier to win a war, even one fought against such great odds as our American Revolution, than to build a Nation and govern it. It was then that the elderly~~ AND SAID,
~~Ben Franklin stood up to speak. "Sir," he said to Washington, "I have lived... a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground~~

without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

Then he
~~With those words, Ben Franklin called upon the Convention to open each day with prayer. -- prayer to the source of all our strength, to the cause of all our hope.~~

How, with so much against them, could our Founding Fathers have dared so much. ~~To build this thing, so new on Earth, with only vague foreshadowings in the ancient world, this thing they called a democracy.~~ To declare for all the world, and all future generations, the rights of man, the dignity of the individual, the hopes of all humanity.

Was it because they believed that God was on their side? ~~don't think so. No, more likely it was~~ ^{OR WAS IT} because they prayed to discover how they might be on God's side?

~~Many centuries ago, a wise man said that prayer is simply a conversation with God. It is how we discover His will -- no, more than that, it is how we open ourselves up to become vessels of His will, the draftsmen of His design. That is why the simple prayers of the littlest child have more power than the mightiest speeches of statesmen. And that is why our democratic government, because it is built on the firm bedrock of faith, has not only endured through the centuries, but is spreading throughout the world.~~

~~Just as surely as a cathedral is built one stone on top of the other, our Nation was built by prayers: the prayers of the pilgrims at Plymouth Rock; of Washington, kneeling in the snows of Valley Forge; of Lincoln during the dark nights of the~~

~~Civil War; of General Eisenhower who, during the war in Europe, felt the hand of God on his shoulder, guiding him.~~

Our Founding Fathers knew that their hope was in prayer, that's why our Declaration of Independence begins with an affirmation of faith, and why our Congress opens every day with a prayer. It is why both Jefferson and Madison were prepared to set aside an hour every day at the University of Virginia in which students would be "expected" to attend services at the chapel of their own denominations -- because they knew that no man, no nation, could grow in freedom without divine guidance.

~~If we have grown strong and free as a Nation, it is because we rest firmly on the prayers of those delegates at the Constitutional Convention, of those faithful who have come before us, and who today lighten our load and show us our way.~~

If I might be allowed a personal note here. When I attended the commencement ceremonies at the Air Force Academy, ^{I WAS SURPRISED} ~~some of the~~ ^{AT HOW MANY OF THE GRADUATING} cadets came up to me ~~afterwards~~ and told me they were praying for me. ^{WHEN I MENTIONED THIS TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL HE TOLD ME THAT EVERY} ~~I think of those brave young men, and the hazardous training~~ ^{MORNING THERE WERE SEVERAL HUNDRED CADETS IN THE CHAPEL.} ~~they are going through to defend our country, and I know their prayers give me a strength I would not otherwise possess.~~ Hardly a day goes by that I'm not told -- sometimes in letters, sometimes by people I meet -- that they are praying for me. ^{IT IS A WARM BUT HUMBLING FEELING.}

I grew up in a home where I was taught to believe in intercessory prayer. ~~I know that it is those prayers that buoy me up, that are my inspiration. And I know it is those prayers,~~ and millions like them, that are building high and strong this cathedral of freedom that we call America; those prayers and

millions like them that will always keep our country secure and make her a force for good in this too troubled world.

That is why as a Nation we must embrace our faith, for as long as we endeavor to do good -- and we must believe that will be always -- we will find our strength, our hope, and our true happiness in prayer and in the Lord's will.

~~Thank you very much, and God bless you all.~~

I'd like to conclude with a story that is told by Dr. Paul Brand the noted leprosy specialist in his book, "Fearfully & Wonderfully Made".

Dr Brand tells of how

In his book "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" noted leprosy specialist Dr. Paul Brand tells ~~the following story of~~ ^{the following story of}

~~After~~, "After World War II, ^{A GROUP OF} German students volunteered to help rebuild a cathedral in England, ~~one of many~~ ^A casualties of the Luftwaffe bombings.

"As the work progressed, debate broke out on how best to restore a large statue of Jesus with His arms outstretched and bearing the familiar inscription, 'Come unto Me.'

"Careful patching could repair all damage to the statue except for Christ's hands which had been destroyed by bomb fragments. Should they attempt the delicate task of reshaping those hands?

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"Finally the ^{YOUNG} workers reached a
decision that still stands today.

"The statue of Jesus has no hands,
^{BUT}
~~and~~ the inscription now reads,

'Christ has no hands but ours.'"

^{spite}
~~What~~ That what he really was trying to tell us?

I thank you all & God Bless you.

BG/sw

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