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GREETING TO THE WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS
THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS

THANK YOU ALL AND WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE -- OR BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR SOME OF YOU. IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU HERE, JUST AS IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO WATCH YOU PERFORM IN THE WORLD SERIES.

IN THE I-70 SERIES THAT "SHOW ME" SPIRIT REALLY CAME THROUGH. YOUR TEAM SHOWED THE WORLD, AND YOU DID IT "ROYALLY."

YOU PROVED TO AMERICA WHAT A "NEVER SAY DIE" ATTITUDE CAN DO. EVEN AFTER LOSING THE FIRST TWO GAMES OF THE SERIES AT HOME, YOU MET THE CHALLENGE. YOU KEPT AMERICA IN SUSPENSE FOR SEVEN FULL GAMES AND RALLIED TO BRING THE WORLD SERIES TROPHY TO KANSAS CITY. ONLY FIVE OTHER TEAMS IN WORLD SERIES' HISTORY HAVE MANAGED TO OVERCOME SUCH A MARGIN.

DICK HOWSER, YOU MAY NOT HAVE THE WORDS TO DESCRIBE IT, BUT IN THE WORDS OF BRET SABERHAGEN IT WAS "A DREAM COME TRUE."

AND WHAT A DREAM IT HAS BEEN FOR BRET — A 20-6 REGULAR SEASON RECORD; AT 21, THE YOUNGEST PLAYER EVER TO WIN THE WORLD SERIES MOST VALUABLE PLAYER; A LEADING CANDIDATE FOR THE CY YOUNG AWARD; AND PROUD PAPA TO BRAND NEW DREW WILLIAM.

YOU'RE NOT ONLY A HOT PITCHER, BRET, I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD COACH — TOO. IF YOU DON'T THINK SO, JUST ASK JANEANE.

THE ROYALS HAVE SOME SUPER TALENTED PLAYERS — GEORGE BRETT, THE THIRD-BASEMAN WHO HAS CAPTURED THE "ESSENSE OF HITTING," HAS BECOME SOMETHING OF A KANSAS CITY INSTITUTION. HE's AN INSPIRATION FOR FUTURE BALLPLAYERS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THEN THERE's WILLIE WILSON, WHO BATTED .367 IN THE SERIES;

FRANK WHITE, THE EVER-STEADY SECOND-BASEMAN; SLUGGERS STEVE BALBONI AND HAL MCRAE. AND, OF COURSE, DAN QUISENBERRY, THE PREMIER RELIEF MAN.

BUT IT'S THE ROYALS' TEAM PLAY - A COMBINATION OF THE GREAT SPIRIT AND HARD WORK OF EVERY ONE OF YOU ON THE ROSTER - THAT BROUGHT YOU THIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

I ALWAYS LIKE TO POINT TO EXPERIENCE AS A MAJOR ELEMENT OF SUCCESS, BUT IT'S HARD IN THIS CASE WHEN YOU CAN ADD UP THE AGES OF THREE OF THE FIVE STARTING PITCHERS AND COME UP WITH FEWER BIRTHDAYS THAN I'VE SEEN.

SERIOUSLY, YOU HAVE FOUGHT LONG AND HARD THROUGHOUT THE SEASON AND YOUR DEDICATION HAS PAID OFF. AND NOW THAT YOU'VE PROVED YOU ARE THE CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD, WHAT DO YOU DO FOR AN ENCORE?

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU.

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LAST WEEK THE HOUSE PRODUCED A VERSION WHICH UNFORTUNATELY MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY. BUT I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE AGREE ON A VERSION OF GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS THAT PROVIDES FOR AN ASSURED PATH TO A BALANCED BUDGET WITHOUT TAX INCREASES AND WITHOUT ATTACKING OUR OWN DEFENSES.

THIS BRINGS ME TO THE OTHER GREAT CHALLENGE, TAX REFORM. YES, TAX REFORM HAS HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS - SO DO ALL PROPOSALS OF CONSEQUENCE. BUT TO PARAPHRASE MARK TWAIN, REPORTS OF ITS DEATH ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED. YOU SEE, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TAX REFORM. MANY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS WANT TAX REFORM. AND IT SO HAPPENS THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION, (OVERWHELMINGLY SENT BACK TO OFFICE 1 YEAR AGO TODAY) WANTS TAX REFORM, TOO.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA AT THE NUCLEAR AND SPACE TALKS TO PRESENT A NEW U.S. PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO ADVANCE THE PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING REAL REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR ARMS, ENHANCING STABILITY AND ADDRESSING THE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OUR ALLIES, AS WELL AS OF THE SOVIET UNION. I HAVE ALSO ASKED OUR NEGOTIATORS TO SEEK SOVIET AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THIS ROUND OF THE NEGOTIATIONS INTO NEXT WEEK SO THAT OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM CAN MAKE A FULL PRESENTATION OF OUR PROPOSAL AND HAVE A REAL GIVE AND TAKE WITH THE SOVIETS ON ITS DETAILS. FINALLY, I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE LEADERS OF ALLIED NATIONS AND HAVE TRANSMITTED A PERSONAL LETTER TO GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV ON THIS SUBJECT.

HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT PROGRESS IS MORE SURELY MADE THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE, I AM NOT GOING INTO ANY DETAILS ABOUT OUR PROPOSAL. SUFFICE TO SAY THAT OUR PROPOSAL IS SERIOUS, IT IS DETAILED, AND IT ADDRESSES ALL THREE AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IT BUILDS UPON THE VERY CONCRETE REDUCTIONS PROPOSALS WHICH OUR NEGOTIATORS HAD TABLED EARLIER AS WELL AS THE RECENT SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSAL.

THE SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSAL WAS FIRST PRESENTED TO ME BY FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE AT OUR WHITE HOUSE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING WHICH IT WAS TABLED AT GENEVA BY THE SOVIET NEGOTIATORS. SINCE THAT TIME, OUR ARMS CONTROL EXPERTS HAVE ANALYZED THE SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSAL EXTREMELY CAREFULLY.

THIS ANALYSIS NOW COMPLETED, I HAVE MET WITH MY SENIOR ADVISORS, DECIDED ON OUR RESPONSE AND HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR NEGOTIATORS TO MAKE THIS MOVE.

DURING OUR CAREFUL REVIEW, WE MEASURED THE SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSAL AGAINST OUR CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR DEEP, EQUITABLE, AND VERIFIABLE REDUCTIONS, WHICH WE ALREADY HAD ON THE TABLE, AND AGAINST THE CRITERIA WHICH WE HAVE LONG HELD FOR ATTAINING EFFECTIVE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT, MEASURED AGAINST THESE CRITERIA, THE SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSAL UNFORTUNATELY FELL SIGNIFICANTLY SHORT IN SEVERAL KEY AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, AS I INDICATED IN MY ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK, THE COUNTERPROPOSAL ALSO HAD CERTAIN POSITIVE SEEDS WHICH WE WISH TO NURTURE.

OUR NEW PROPOSAL BUILDS UPON THESE POSITIVE ELEMENTS AND CALLS FOR VERY SIGNIFICANT BALANCED REDUCTIONS OF COMPARABLE NUCLEAR SYSTEMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT ARE THE MOST DESTABILIZING. IT IS MY HOPE THAT OUR NEW PROPOSAL WILL ENABLE BOTH OF OUR NATIONS TO START MOVING AWAY FROM EVER LARGER ARSENALS OF OFFENSIVE FORCES. AT THE SAME TIME, WE SEEK IN GENEVA TO UNDERTAKE WITH THE SOVIETS A SERIOUS EXAMINATION OF THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE FORCES, AND HOW PEOPLE EVERYWHERE CAN BENEFIT FROM EXPLORING THE POTENTIAL OF NON-NUCLEAR DEFENSES WHICH THREATEN NO ONE.

I AM PLEASED THAT WE SEEM TO HAVE MADE A SUCCESSFUL START ON THIS LONG PROCESS. THE SOVIET RESPONSE TO OUR EARLIER PROPOSALS AND THE NEW PROPOSAL WHICH WE ARE MAKING ARE IMPORTANT MILESTONES IN MOVING THESE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD.

ADDITIONALLY, I HOPE WE CAN ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN THE OTHER KEY AREAS OF THE BROAD AGENDA WHICH MR. GORBACHEV AND I WILL DISCUSS IN GENEVA: HUMAN RIGHTS, REGIONAL ISSUES, AND BILATERAL MATTERS. STRENGTHENING THE PEACE AND BUILDING A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE LONG-TERM U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP REQUIRES THAT WE MOVE AHEAD IN ALL OF THESE AREAS. I BELIEVE PROGRESS IS INDEED POSSIBLE IF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP IS WILLING TO MATCH OUR OWN COMMITMENT TO A BETTER RELATIONSHIP.

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PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: ARMS CONTROL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1985

My fellow Americans. Yesterday, in Geneva, American negotiators presented to their Soviet counterparts new proposals designed to achieve real reductions in the nuclear arsenals of both the U.S. and the Soviet Union. On my instructions, our negotiators also asked that this round of the negotiations be extended into this coming week so that our team can make a full presentation of our new proposals and so that the Soviets have the opportunity to ask questions about them.

I am very pleased that the Soviet Union has agreed to this extension of the talks. I know you join me in hoping that this will be a productive week in Geneva.

Our new proposals address all three areas of these negotiations: strategic nuclear arms, intermediate range nuclear forces, and defense and space systems. They build upon the ~~very~~ concrete reductions proposals ~~which~~ American negotiators have had on the table since early in the talks, and they take into account expressed Soviet concerns. Our objective since the start of our Administration in 1981 has been to achieve real progress in reducing not only nuclear arms, but conventional forces and chemical weapons as well.

We have been firm and consistent in our arms control approach. Just as important, we have placed great value on maintaining the strength and unity of our alliances and ensuring that the security interests of our Allies are enhanced in these

negotiations. And we have demonstrated flexibility in taking legitimate Soviet interests into account.

I am pleased to report to you that our strategy has been working. I believe we've laid the groundwork for productive negotiations in Geneva. The first sign of this was when Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze presented to me at our White House meeting in September a Soviet counter-offer to our own earlier proposals. The Soviet negotiators then presented this in detail in Geneva, and our negotiators and our experts here at home have had a chance to analyze it carefully. Based on this analysis, I decided upon the new U.S. proposals and instructed our negotiating team to present them in Geneva.

Judged against our very careful criteria for reaching sound arms control agreements, we found that the Soviet counterproposal had some ~~serious~~ flaws and in ~~many~~ SOME ways was ~~very~~ one-sided. But as I made clear in my speech to the United Nations, the Soviet move also had certain positive seeds which we wish to nurture.

Our new proposals build upon these positive elements. One of them is the Soviet call for 50-percent reductions in certain types of nuclear arms. For more than 3 years, we have been proposing a reduction of about half in the strategic ballistic missiles of both sides. We, therefore, HAVE ACCEPTED THE ~~accept~~ 50 percent REDUCTION ~~as a worthwhile goal~~ PROPOSED BY THE SOVIETS. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE, ~~but we are~~ making it clear that to have a safer and more stable world, reductions must be applied to systems which are comparable, and especially to those which could give either side a destabilizing first-strike advantage.

We not only want to bring nuclear arms way down to equal levels in a stable way, we also want to decrease our mutual reliance for security on these extremely destructive offensive arsenals. Thus, we are seeking to discuss at the same time with the Soviets in Geneva how, together, we can try to help make the world a safer place by relying more on defenses, which threaten no one, rather than on these offensive arsenals. Each of us is pursuing research on such defenses, and we need to be talking to each other about it.

I have written to both Allied leaders and Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev about our new proposals. And I have informed Mr. Gorbachev how much I am looking forward to our meeting later this month in Geneva. He and I will have a broad agenda at our meeting, one that includes human rights, regional issues and contacts between our peoples, as well as the Geneva and other arms controls negotiations. If we hope to succeed in our efforts to create a safer world, and to bring about a fresh start in the U.S.-Soviet relationship, progress will be needed in all of these areas. And this can only be accomplished if the Soviet leaders share our determination. We are encouraged because after a long wait legitimate negotiations are underway. We have had a proposal on the table in Vienna for quite a while. Now the Soviet U. has offered a counter proposal + we in turn have a new proposal reflecting

I can't give you any more details about our new arms control proposals because we have to let the negotiators work this out behind closed doors in Geneva. But I want to leave you with the four key objectives our American negotiators are seeking: deep cuts; no first-strike advantages; defensive research -- because defense is much safer than offense; and no cheating.

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

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(ROHRABACHER) NOVEMBER 7, 1985

MEDAL OF FREEDOM CEREMONY

THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM IS OUR NATION's HIGHEST HONOR FOR THOSE OUTSIDE THE ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE RENDERED OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY. IT ACKNOWLEDGES DISCIPLINE, COURAGE, HIGH STANDARDS, AND MORAL CHARACTER. THE THREE AMERICANS WE HONOR TODAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED, AMONG THEM, MORE THAN A CENTURY OF PUBLIC SERVICE. THEY HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN ANSWERING THE GREAT QUESTIONS OF THEIR DAY, QUESTIONS OF WAR OR PEACE IN A NUCLEAR AGE. TODAY, WE UNDERSCORE THEIR IMPRESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS WITH A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FROM THEIR FELLOW COUNTRYMEN.

PAUL NITZE BROUGHT UNMATCHED EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO HIS CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.

HE HAS SERVED SO LONG AND SO FAITHFULLY IN THE HIGHEST COUNCILS OF STATE THAT HIS PRESENCE HAS BEEN ALMOST TAKEN FOR GRANTED. TODAY, WE ACKNOWLEDGE FOR ALL THE WORLD THAT PAUL IS, INDEED, AN EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL -- A GREAT MAN, AND A GREAT PUBLIC SERVANT.

PAUL NITZE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARSHALL PLAN. HE WAS A PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT OF OUR SECURITY STRATEGY AFTER WORLD WAR II, HELPING US UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WOULD TAKE IN RESOURCES AND COMMITMENT TO MEET THE NEW CHALLENGES EMERGING IN THE POST-WAR WORLD. PAUL, WE MAY NEED TO CALL ON YOU TO GIVE OUR CURRENT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THE SAME BOOST YOU GAVE TO HARRY TRUMAN's.

PAUL NITZE HAS HELD NUMEROUS POSITIONS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS, HE HAS PLAYED A SPECIAL ROLE IN THE NATION's SEARCH FOR SOUND ARMS POLICY. HE WORKED IN GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE OUR APPROACH WAS RIGHT. WHEN HE SAW THINGS HEADED IN A WRONG DIRECTION, HE WORKED OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT TO ALERT HIS FELLOW CITIZENS. PAUL IS NOW PLAYING AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN OUR EFFORTS TO FORGE A BOLD AND CREATIVE ARMS CONTROL POLICY.

PEACE AND EQUILIBRIUM ARE TERMS WE ASSOCIATE WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND YET THEY ALSO DESCRIBE PAUL NITZE, THE MAN WHO SEEKS THEM. HE IS CONSISTENTLY SHREWD, BUT NEVER CYNICAL, IMPRESSIVELY ERUDITE, YET NEVER PEDANTIC, IMMENSELY DIGNIFIED, YET NEVER STUFFY, ALWAYS HOPEFUL, YET EVER REALISTIC.

WE ARE HAPPY, THEN, TO HONOR HIM FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE AND, EVEN MORE, FOR WHAT HE IS.

WE ALSO HONOR ROBERTA AND ALBERT WOHLSTETTER, TWO OF THE FINEST STRATEGIC ANALYSTS AND SECURITY SPECIALISTS OUR COUNTRY HAS KNOWN. IN SAYING THIS, HOWEVER, WE ONLY BEGIN TO DESCRIBE THEIR WORK IN HELPING CITIZENS AND STATESMEN TO UNDERSTAND FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS IN THIS NUCLEAR AGE BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY, POLITICS, HISTORY, AND PSYCHOLOGY.

IT'S BEEN THE GOOD FORTUNE OF OUR COUNTRY TO HAVE THESE TWO BRILLIANT PEOPLE — HELP US MAKE SENSE OF THE UNPRECEDENTED SECURITY PROBLEMS WE'VE FACED IN OUR MODERN AGE. ROBERTA WOHLSTETTER, (A GENERATION AHEAD OF HER TIME) ASSERTED HER INFLUENCE IN AREAS DOMINATED BY AND IN SOME CASES RESERVED FOR MEN. SHE ROSE ABOVE ALL OBSTACLES AND HAS HAD A PROFOUND INFLUENCE. HER INQUIRIES WENT TO THE HEART OF THE SYSTEM OF OUR SOCIETY, FOCUSING ON ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS.

HER ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEMS OF TERRORISM, INTELLIGENCE, AND WARNING, AND, WITH ALBERT, THE PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, BROKE NEW GROUND AND OPENED NEW ALTERNATIVES FOR POLICYMAKERS.

I DARE SAY THAT SHE HAS LIKELY ENJOYED POSING THE SAME PENETRATING QUESTIONS TO HER HUSBAND, THAT SHE HAS TO THE INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY. THAT IS CERTAINLY ONE EXPLANATION FOR THE CLARITY AND PERSUASIVENESS OF HIS OWN VOLUMINOUS WORKS ON STRATEGY, POLITICS, AND WORLD AFFAIRS. ALBERT WOHLSTETTER IS A BRILLIANT MAN WITH ENORMOUS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER. HIS INTELLECTUAL INTEGRITY IS RENOWNED, AND HIS ANALYTICAL STANDARDS HAVE BEEN UNCEASINGLY RIGOROUS.

HE HAS BEEN A STEADY HAND IN AN UNCERTAIN TIME. HIS UNDERSTANDING ON MANY LEVELS HAS BEEN INDISPENSABLE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE FREE WORLD.

IN THESE LAST 30 YEARS, ALBERT HAS BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN HELPING TO DESIGN AND DEPLOY OUR STRATEGIC FORCES, AN AWESOME TASK. HE HAS SOUGHT WAYS TO MAKE OUR FORCES SAFER FROM ATTACK, LESS DESTRUCTIVE, AND THEREBY LESS DANGEROUS TO US ALL. MANY OF THE BASIC CONCEPTS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DETERRENCE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE -- ANALYSIS ON WHICH WE'VE OPERATED -- CAN BE TRACED TO THIS OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL. AND HIS WORK ON THE PROBLEM OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION GAVE US THE INSIGHT WE NEEDED TO BETTER CURB THE IRRESPONSIBLE FLOW OF SENSITIVE MATERIAL AND TECHNOLOGY.

ALBERT HAS ALWAYS ARGUED THAT IN THE NUCLEAR AGE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES CAN -- IF PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD AND APPLIED -- MAKE THINGS BETTER. BUT HIS POINT -- (AND ROBERTA'S) -- HAS BEEN A DEEPER ONE THAN THAT. HE HAS SHOWN US THAT WE HAVE TO CREATE CHOICES, AND THEN EXERCISE THEM.

THE WOHLSTETTERS HAVE CREATED CHOICES FOR OUR SOCIETY WHERE OTHERS SAW NONE. THEY HAVE TAUGHT US THAT THERE IS AN ESCAPE FROM FATALISM.

THOSE WE HONOR TODAY CONTINUE TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS. THEIR GENIUS HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO START ON A NEW PATH WHICH CAN FREE MANKIND OF THE FEAR OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST.

THESE THREE PEOPLE BEGAN THEIR WORK IN FAR DIFFERENT TIMES -- FOUR DECADES AGO, WHEN OUR NATIONAL SUCCESS WAS FAR FROM CERTAIN. WHO WOULD HAVE FORESEEN THE EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST GENERATION? NOT THE LEAST OF THESE A GENERAL PEACE, WHICH HAS REMAINED INTACT FOR 40 YEARS. WE PRAISE THESE THREE EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUALS WHO PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OF ALL PEACE MOVEMENTS.

THEY GAVE US STRENGTH THROUGH CLARITY, SECURITY THROUGH PREPAREDNESS, PROGRESS THROUGH INTELLECT. THEY WERE THE ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS OF A SYSTEM THAT WORKS AND HAS SERVED MANKIND WELL. THEY ARE THE INNOVATORS WHO ARE LEADING MANKIND IN THE NEXT STEP FORWARD - PEACE BASED ON PROTECTION RATHER THAN RETALIATION.

JONATHAN SWIFT, (AUTHOR OF GULLIVER'S TRAVELS) ONCE WROTE, "WHOE'ER EXCELS IN WHAT WE PRIZE, APPEARS A HERO IN OUR EYES." THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE, INDEED, AMERICAN HEROES.

I WILL NOW READ THE CITATIONS WHICH ACCOMPANY OUR EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FOR ALL THAT OUR HONOREES HAVE DONE....

PAUL H. NITZE

IN A CAREER SPANNING NINE PRESIDENCIES, PAUL NITZE HAS MADE ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF HIS COUNTRY. PAUL NITZE EXEMPLIFIES THE POWERS OF MIND, COMMITMENT, AND CHARACTER NEEDED TO FULFILL AMERICA's WORLD RESPONSIBILITIES. HE WAS PRESENT AT THE CREATION OF THE STRATEGY THAT HAS KEPT US AT PEACE FOR 40 YEARS. HIS DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES OF WAR AND PEACE, HIS DISCHARGE OF HIGH PUBLIC ASSIGNMENTS, AND HIS ADVICE TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE TO OUR NATIONAL WELL-BEING. HE REMAINS THE MOST RIGOROUS, DEMANDING, AND INDEPENDENT OF ANALYSTS AND THE WISEST OF COUNSELORS.

ROBERTA AND ALBERT WOHLSTETTER

PARTICIPANTS IN THE NUCLEAR ERA's MOST MOMENTOUS EVENTS, ROBERTA AND ALBERT WOHLSTETTER HAVE SHAPED THE IDEAS AND DEEDS OF STATESMEN, AND HAVE HELPED CREATE A SAFER WORLD. OVER FOUR DECADES, THEY HAVE MARSHALED LOGIC, SCIENCE, AND HISTORY AND ENLARGED OUR DEMOCRACY's CAPACITY TO LEARN AND TO ACT. THROUGH THEIR WORK, WE HAVE SEEN THAT MANKIND's SAFETY NEED NOT REST ON THREATS TO THE INNOCENT, AND THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS NEED NOT SPREAD INEXORABLY.

THEIR POWERS OF THOUGHT AND EXPOSITION ARE, IN THEMSELVES, AMONG THE FREE WORLD's BEST DEFENSES.

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ADDRESS TO THE SOVIET PEOPLE
VOICE OF AMERICA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1985

MY FELLOW AMERICANS, WE'RE EXPANDING THE FORMAT OF OUR RADIO BROADCAST TODAY. DURING THE NEXT 10 MINUTES, I'LL BE SPEAKING TO THE CITIZENS OF THE SOVIET UNION OVER THE VOICE OF AMERICA ABOUT THE UPCOMING GENEVA SUMMIT. MY WORDS WILL BE DIRECTED TO THEM, BUT I WANT YOU TO HEAR WHAT I SAY. MY SPEECH IS ALSO BEING BROADCAST TO OVER 50 NATIONS BY THE WORLDNET TELEVISION NETWORK.

GOOD EVENING, THIS IS RONALD REAGAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SPEAKING TO YOU FROM WASHINGTON. ~~I'D LIKE TO SPEAK~~ ABOUT MY UPCOMING MEETING WITH GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV IN GENEVA AND MY HOPES FOR A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

YOUR LEADERS CAN FREELY APPEAR ON AMERICAN RADIO AND TELEVISION, AND BE INTERVIEWED BY OUR MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS. SO I WAS GRATEFUL FOR MY RECENT AND -- ~~YOU KNOW~~ -- RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET PRESS.-- ~~THE FIRST TIME IN 24 YEARS SUCH AN INTERVIEW HAS TAKEN PLACE.~~ WHILE I APPRECIATE THAT, ONLY PARTS OF THE INTERVIEW WERE PUBLISHED IN IZVESTIA, AND MUCH OF WHAT WAS LEFT OUT I THINK IS IMPORTANT.

SO I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOU PERSONALLY, AS A [redacted] A HUSBAND, FATHER, AND GRANDFATHER WHO SHARES YOUR DEEPEST HOPES -- THAT ALL OUR CHILDREN CAN LIVE AND PROSPER IN A WORLD OF PEACE.

I GREW UP IN A SMALL TOWN IN AMERICA's HEARTLAND, WHERE VALUES OF FAITH IN GOD, FREEDOM, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND CONCERN FOR ONE's NEIGHBORS WERE SHARED BY ALL, VALUES YOU ALSO SHARE. [redacted] DURING MY SCHOOL YEARS I WORKED DURING VACATIONS, FOR A TIME ON CONSTRUCTION AND THEN FOR SEVERAL SUMMERS AS A LIFEGUARD AT A RIVER BEACH. [redacted] AFTER FINISHING MY EDUCATION I BECAME A RADIO SPORTS ANNOUNCER WHICH LED TO ACTING IN HOLLYWOOD WHERE I WAS ELECTED HEAD OF OUR [redacted] ACTORS GUILD. [redacted] I'M THE ONLY AMERICAN PRESIDENT WHO WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF A LABOR UNION.

BACK THEN, I HAD NO INTENTION OF ENGAGING IN NATIONAL POLITICS. BUT AMERICA IS A GREAT COUNTRY FILLED WITH OPPORTUNITIES. [redacted]. IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, INCLUDING MY YEARS AS GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, AND AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE VALUES I LEARNED AS A BOY. NOR HAVE MY FELLOW AMERICANS.

NOW, I KNOW THAT MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN YOUR PRESS ABOUT AMERICA's HOSTILE INTENTIONS TOWARD YOU. I REJECT THESE DISTORTIONS. AMERICANS ARE A PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE; WE DO NOT THREATEN YOUR NATION AND NEVER WILL. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE TOLERANT, SLOW TO ANGER, BUT STAUNCH IN DEFENSE OF THEIR LIBERTIES AND, LIKE YOU, THEIR COUNTRY.

MORE THAN ONCE, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE JOINED TO OPPOSE A COMMON ENEMY. DURING OUR WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE, RUSSIA PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTANT AMERICAN COLONISTS. A CENTURY-AND-A-HALF LATER, WE JOINED TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THE COMMON ENEMY OF FASCISM. BEFORE THAT, WE WERE ALLIES IN WORLD WAR I.

EVEN BEFORE WE ENTERED WORLD WAR II, AMERICA WAS SUPPLYING MASSIVE QUANTITIES OF FOOD AND EQUIPMENT TO THOSE FIGHTING THE NAZIS. WE PROVIDED 14,795 AIRCRAFT TO YOUR FORCES, 7,056 TANKS, MORE THAN HALF A MILLION VEHICLES, AND MORE THAN 6 MILLION TONS OF FOOD AND OTHER STAPLES. [redacted].

AMERICANS WILL NEVER FORGET THE VALOR, PAIN, AND, AT LAST, THE JOY OF VICTORY THAT OUR PEOPLES SHARED. I REMEMBER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT's PRAISE FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE's HEROISM. HOW CAN ANY OF US ALIVE THEN FORGET THAT TERRIBLE YEAR OF 1941 WHEN THE NAZIS WERE REPULSED AT THE GATES OF MOSCOW, THE COURAGE OF LENINGRADERS DURING THE 900-DAY SIEGE, THE VICTORY AT STALINGRAD, OR OUR HISTORIC MEETING ON THE ELBE IN 1945?

AMERICANS FOUGHT FOR 4 YEARS ON ALL FRONTS. ~~AND~~ MANY LIE BURIED IN NORTHERN AFRICA, EUROPE, BURMA, CHINA, THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA. SOME ARE BURIED ON SOVIET SOIL -- IN THE HERO CITY OF MURMANSK, WHERE THEY HAD BROUGHT PRECIOUS SUPPLIES THROUGH THE TREACHEROUS CONVOY ROUTE.

YET, AFTER THAT VICTORY, AMERICANS GAVE GENEROUSLY TO HELP REBUILD WAR-TORN COUNTRIES, EVEN TO FORMER ENEMIES, BECAUSE WE HAD MADE WAR ON A VICIOUS IDEOLOGY, NOT ON A PEOPLE. AND WE DEMONSTRATED OUR DESIRE FOR PEACE BY RAPIDLY DEMOBILIZING. AT THE END OF 1945, WE HAD AN ARMED FORCE OF ALMOST 12 MILLION; BY 1948, WE HAD REDUCED THAT NUMBER TO LESS THAN 1.5 MILLION.

I[redacted] WE WERE THE ONLY COUNTRY WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WE PROPOSED GIVING THOSE WEAPONS UP ALTOGETHER TO AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY SO THAT NO COUNTRY WOULD HAVE SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER AT ITS DISPOSAL. WHAT A PITY THIS IDEA WAS NOT ACCEPTED.

TODAY, WE MUST BOTH FACE THE CHALLENGE OF ELIMINATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES, AND WILL SAY AGAIN TO YOU: A NUCLEAR WAR CANNOT BE WON AND MUST NEVER BE FOUGHT. I PRAY GOD THAT WE CAN RID THE WORLD OF THESE DANGEROUS WEAPONS, IN PART BY FINDING A RELIABLE DEFENSE AGAINST THEM.

OUR NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA ARE WORKING HARD TO REACH A BREAK-THROUGH. I AM PLEASED THAT THE SOVIET UNION FINALLY RESPONDED TO OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSALS. WE STUDIED THE RESPONSE CAREFULLY AND REPLIED QUICKLY. THESE ARE COMPLICATED NEGOTIATIONS AND SATISFACTORY RESULTS WILL TAKE LONG, HARD WORK.

LET ME BE CLEAR ABOUT OUR RESEARCH AND TESTING PROGRAM ON STRATEGIC DEFENSE TECHNOLOGIES. OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFER THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF NON-NUCLEAR SECURITY SHIELDS THAT WOULD PROTECT PEOPLE BY PREVENTING WEAPONS FROM REACHING THEIR TARGETS AND, HOPEFULLY, RENDER BALLISTIC MISSILES OBSOLETE. [redacted] YOUR OWN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING LONG-STANDING AND EXTENSIVE PROGRAMS ON ITS OWN DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING ADVANCED RESEARCH.

[redacted] THE UNITED STATES IS JUST BEGINNING A LONG PROCESS OF INVESTIGATING DEFENSES. IF AND WHEN OUR RESEARCH PROVES THAT A DEFENSIVE SHIELD AGAINST NUCLEAR MISSILES IS PRACTICAL, I BELIEVE OUR TWO NATIONS, AND THOSE OTHERS THAT HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, SHOULD COME TOGETHER AND AGREE ON HOW, GRADUALLY, TO ELIMINATE OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS WE MAKE OUR DEFENSIVE SYSTEM AVAILABLE TO ALL. [redacted], WE OUGHT TO START TALKING ABOUT THIS PROCESS AT THE GENEVA ARMS TALKS[redacted].

WE MUST LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE. AMERICA's WHOLE HISTORY HAS BEEN A SEARCH FOR PEACE AND OPPORTUNITY BY PIONEERS SEEKING FREEDOM, MANY FROM THE OLD EUROPEAN ORDER. WE ARE PROUD OF THE RUSSIANS, THE UKRAINIANS, THE JEWS, THE ARMENIANS, AND MANY OTHERS WHO SAILED BY OUR STATUE OF LIBERTY AND REACHED OUR SHORES.[redacted]

DIVERSITY IS ONE OF OUR GREAT STRENGTHS. THAT IS PARTLY WHY WE ARE CONFUSING TO OUTSIDERS. OUR GOVERNMENT IS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE; IT IS NOT ABOVE THE PEOPLE OR ABOVE THE LAW.

WE BELIEVE THAT TRUTH IS FOUND THROUGH DEBATE AND DISCUSSION. "TRUTH DOES NOT BURN IN THE FIRE, OR DROWN IN THE WATER." OUR SYSTEM IS OFTEN UNCOMFORTABLE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, BECAUSE ONE OF OUR PROUDEST INSTITUTIONS IS A FREE PRESS. THE PRESS CRITICIZES ME, AND SOMETIMES IT HURTS, BUT THAT IS THEIR ROLE -- TO RAISE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS AND KEEP OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE. BUT NO ONE SHOULD MISTAKE OUR FREEDOMS FOR WEAKNESS.

WE FAVOR FREE AND OPEN DIALOGUE NOT JUST FOR AMERICANS, BUT FOR ALL PEOPLES. WE BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL. FREEDOM OF WORSHIP, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ARE, AS OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE SAYS, UNALIENABLE RIGHTS OF ALL MEN.

TEN YEARS AGO, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ALONG WITH 33 OTHER COUNTRIES SIGNED THE HELSINKI ACCORDS. WE ALL PLEDGED TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS, PERMIT OUR CITIZENS FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND TRAVEL, AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE SIGNATORY NATIONS. AMERICA ASKS THE WORLD's LEADERS TO ABIDE BY WHAT THEY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO. [redacted]

AS THE WORLD's TWO STRONGEST NATIONS, WE OWE IT TO THE REST OF HUMANITY NOT ONLY TO KEEP OUR WORD, BUT TO HELP FIND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL CONFLICTS -- IN AFGHANISTAN, AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, AND ELSEWHERE.

WE MUST ALSO JOIN FORCES AGAINST TERRORISM. THERE IS NO PLACE IN A CIVILIZED WORLD FOR ASSASSINATIONS, TERRORIST BOMBINGS, AND OTHER MINDLESS VIOLENCE. I STRONGLY URGE YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO JOIN US IN COMBATTING TERRORISM AND ENSURING THAT NO COUNTRY WILL OFFER SUCCOR OR COMFORT TO TERRORISTS.

WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. AMERICANS HAVE LONG BEEN ENRICHED BY YOUR CULTURAL GIANTS. THE WORKS OF TOLSTOY, DOSTOEVSKY, TURGENEV, CHEKOV, AND PASTERNAK ARE TAUGHT IN MANY AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. JUST AS AMERICAN AUTHORS FROM JAMES FENIMORE COOPER, MARK TWAIN AND JACK LONDON, TO ERNEST HEMINGWAY AND WILLIAM FAULKNER ARE POPULAR IN YOUR COUNTRY.

I WANT [redacted] EXPANDED CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR TWO GREAT SOCIETIES, WHEREVER THERE IS MUTUAL INTEREST. I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN INCREASING EXCHANGES AMONG OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. WE SHOULD OPEN A DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR NATIONS, SO LEADERS OF EACH COUNTRY WOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE TO COMMUNICATE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE OTHER T~~HROUGH THE~~ [redacted] ON TELEVISION. IF MORE OF YOUR CITIZENS VISITED US, YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT OUR PEOPLE WANT PEACE AS FERVENTLY AS YOU DO. [redacted]

I HOPE MY DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. GORBACHEV IN GENEVA WILL BE FRUITFUL AND WILL LEAD TO FUTURE MEETINGS. WE SEEK PEACE NOT ONLY FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR ALL THOSE WHO INHABIT THIS SMALL PLANET.

[redacted] WE SHARE BORDERS WITH THREE COUNTRIES -- MEXICO, CANADA, AND THE SOVIET UNION. WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND OPEN BORDERS WITH OUR TWO NORTH AMERICAN NEIGHBORS. AND I HOPE THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THAT NARROW CHAIN OF ISLANDS STRETCHING FROM ALASKA TO THE EASTERN SHORE OF SIBERIA WILL SYMBOLIZE THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO GREAT PEOPLES, NOT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US.

EVERYTHING HAS A SEASON. LET US HOPE AS WE NEAR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR THAT THIS WILL BE THE SEASON FOR PEACE. THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING ME INTO YOUR HOMES.

GOD BLESS YOU.

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