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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL PRESS STATEMENT

Last night senseless terrorism again took its toll on Americans, this time in El Salvador. This most recent brutal and mindless terrorist attack which killed four of our Marine Embassy guards and two of our civilian citizens took place at a crowded restaurant in San Salvador. The cowards who perpetrated this attack not only killed Cpl. Bobby Dickson, Sgt. Thomas Handwork, Cpl. Patrick Kwiatkowski, and Cpl. Gregory Weber, and two American businessmen, they also killed nine and injured thirteen other innocent Salvadoran and Guatemalan men and women. This atrocity, like the bombing earlier yesterday in Frankfurt, Germany, is further evidence that the war which terrorists are waging is not only directed against the United States, it is a war against all of civilized society. This is a war in which innocent civilians are targets. This is a war in which innocent civilians are intentional victims and our servicemen have become specific targets. This cannot continue. We must act against those who have so little regard for human life and the values we cherish. And we must do so in concert with other nations who are our democratic institutions and basic disdain for violence and the use of force. We of the western world must act together -- as we once did over a century ago to wipe piracy from the seas, and as we did forty-five years ago against the threat of Nazi tyranny.

In response to the death of our Marines and private citizens in El Salvador I have directed the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, with the help of our intelligence services to immediately provide whatever assistance is necessary to President Duarte's government in order to find and punish the terrorists who perpetrated this act. To this end, I am prepared to use my emergency authorities under the Arms Export Control Act to furnish the Salvadoran Armed Forces with additional military assets which will enable them to better prosecute their campaign against the communist guerrillas. Their hope that terrorism will weaken our resolve or support for the revitalization of democracy in El Salvador is futile. If other U.S. military assets can be effective in this regard, then I shall provide them. I expect our Congress to support these measures, and will be consulting with the appropriate legislative committees of the Congress on what additional steps can be taken in El Salvador and elsewhere to end the external support the Salvadoran terrorists receive from Nicaraguan and the communist bloc.

I have also today appointed Vice President Bush to immediately take the lead within the U.S. government and with our allies to determine what actions, military and otherwise, we and our similarly threatened friends can take to end this increasingly violent and indiscriminate but purposeful affront to humanity. Vice President Bush will report to me on steps we can take, to include action against states which support terrorism and specific terrorist organizations.

Finally, I want you, the American people to know that what we do in these circumstances must not be done in a spate of pointless anger. These events call for reasoned responses to lawless actions by those who do not abide by the norms of civilized society. As your President, I believe that our actions must be appropriate and proportionate to the criminal acts which have been taken against our citizens. Those who are responsible for such lawlessness and those who support it must know that the consequences of their actions will never be capitulation to terrorist demands. We are both a nation of peace and a people of justice. By our very nature, we are slow to anger and magnanimous in helping those in less fortunate circumstances. No nation on earth has been more generous to others in need. But we also have our limits -- and our limits have been reached. We cannot allow our people to be placed at risk simply because they are blessed in being citizens or servants of this great Republic.

THE PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, we are here today to receive, in the name of our country, the remains of four United States Marines killed in the line of duty in a country far away. They were victims of vicious evil. And we grieve for their loss and for the other innocent victims of that vicious attack.

When a nation is a family, and ours is, no death is impersonal, no death is discreet, no death is in and of itself. Each death is a tear in the fabric, a break in the whole. But when a serviceman dies, we feel a special anguish. A serviceman's life is a hard life, a life of sacrifice and risk. And we're never good enough to them. We're never as good as we should be, because that's not possible. No one can treat such men and women as they deserve, because what they give us is beyond our powers to repay.

And so when they're taken from us, when they're taken because they wore our uniform with love and pride, when they're killed because they put themselves in harm's way for our sake, then we feel an anguish that cuts at the heart and cannot forget.

Gregory Weber was 22 years old, and he went to guard the American Embassy because, as he told his father, "Dad, they need a few good men down there."

Thomas Handwork was 24, and a five-year veteran of the Corps. It wasn't a job to him. It was a calling. He'd wanted to be a Marine from the first days he could walk and talk. He dreamt about the Corps. It was all he wanted.

Bobby Dickson was 27 years old and a southerner, raised in tradition of manly honor. He feared nothing.

And Patrick Kwiatkowski was the youngest of the four, only 20 years old. His 21st birthday was yesterday. A volunteer from Wausau, Wisconsin.

They were all volunteers. They were four young men who chose to follow an honored and ancestral path.

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And so they swung the bag over their shoulders, kissed their parents goodby, and went off to serve their country. They chose to follow the life of service and selflessness and courage. They did it for love and honor -- Semper Fi.

To those who love them and who will take them to their rest, we know that no words can console. But we thank you for your sons and daughters, and your brothers. We thank you for these fine young men. No words can console, but we know of the promise in the Bible, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

As we mourn these children of God, we remember another promise: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

They say the men who murdered these sons of America escaped, disappeared into the city streets. But I pledge to you today, they will not evade justice on earth any more than they can escape the judgment of God. We and the Salvadoran leaders will move any mountain and ford any river to find the jackals and bring them and their colleagues in terror to justice.

And now, today, we grieve for four young men taken from us too soon. And we receive them in death as they were on the last night of their lives, together, and following a radiant light -- following it toward heaven, toward home. And if we reach -- or when we reach heaven's scenes, we truly will find it guarded by United States Marines.

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THE PRESIDENT: My fellow Americans, later today, Nancy and I will be going to Andrews Air Force Base to be with the families and friends of four American Marines, four young men whose bodies are being returned after they were murdered by communist guerrillas in El Salvador last Wednesday night. We will carry with us all of the grief and sorrow and rising anger of a nation whose patience has been stretched to its limit.

I will speak to the country and to the loved ones of those brave men who defended our freedom. But before we go, I must also speak to you about important deliberations that are now taking place in Congress.

We've made considerable progress this year in achieving the spending reductions needed to bring down the budget deficit and keep our economy growing and producing new jobs. The Senate has passed a plan for \$56 billion of budget savings which would also allow us to keep most of our defense-rebuilding program on track. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the Senate for their courage.

Unfortunately, we cannot say the same about the plan passed by the House. It is not a true budget savings plan. Many of its so-called savings are simply phantom cuts. Further, the House makes no meaningful effort to shrink this gargantuan federal spending machine that gobbles up your taxes and divvies them out to a multitude of special interests.

Unlike the Senate, which has proposed real, substantial, and permanent reforms, the cuts of the House budgeteers are not enough and certainly not permanent. The freezes and other one-time measures the House proposes are not solutions that would permit us to get a handle on federal over-spending, they would only postpone the inevitable. And what's even worse, in these perilous times, the House budget would send a signal of weakness by cutting purchasing power for vital defense needs.

All of us know that there's been waste in defense spending. But after years of others closing their eyes to this problem, it's our administration that has begun uncovering and rooting out that waste and going after the defense contractors who shamelessly cheat America. And this is why we've taken an additional step.

This week, I appointed a special bipartisan blue ribbon commission to review defense management and procurement. So, yes, we can and must eliminate waste. But it is sheer folly to blindly weaken ourselves when our adversaries are conspiring and working so hard to bleed and cripple America. It is time to stop treating our defense establishment and intelligence agencies like enemies and concentrate our attention and anger on the true enemies of freedom and democracy in the world.

For the past two weeks, the House and Senate have been meeting in a conference committee trying to come up with a final budget for the next fiscal year. I'm sorry to report that they haven't made much progress. So far, the House has turned away from

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realism on defense and refused to accept the many program reforms and permanent savings in domestic spending that are proposed in the Senate version.

And as is predictable whenever sufficient will is lacking to make the tough decisions on spending, calls are raised for tax increases. Well, if I must, I'll repeat it until I'm blue in the face: I will veto any tax increase the Congress sends me. And I'm pleased to say I have been promised the votes to sustain that veto.

All of us have a great deal at stake in the outcome of these Senate-House negotiations for the sake of both our national security and our economic well-being. If the conference committee reports a budget that achieves substantial and permanent changes, it will pave the way for continuing the low inflation and falling interest rates that will keep our economy growing and keep Americans working.

If, on the other hand, the process breaks down and the Congress can't do what's right on defense or on controlling domestic spending, then the consequences will be very bad. America will be seen as too weak to respond to threats, and all the progress we've made in our economy will be placed at risk.

I'm asking for your support to make Congress understand this is a moment in our history when all of us should pull together and put our national interest above partisan politics. The challenges we face are big, but not too big if we Republicans and Democrats unite for a stronger and safer America. We still have time. So, let's get started.

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

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