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FORUM OF THE AMERICAS
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992
8:00 P.M.

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THANK YOU DAVID, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR VITAL WORK
IN RALLYING PRIVATE SECTOR AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT
FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE
ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE. YOUR PERSONAL
INVOLVEMENT HAS BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE SUCCESS
WE'VE ENJOYED SO FAR WITH BOTH INITIATIVES. I ALSO
WANT TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO GEORGE LANDAU, ANTONIO DEL
VALLE, AND TOM D'AQUINO. \\\

I CAN'T THINK OF A MORE IMPORTANT MOMENT THAN NOW TO CONVENE THIS FORUM ON THE AMERICAS. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN OUR WORLD TRANSFORMED: THE BERLIN WALL TORN DOWN AND GERMANY PEACEFULLY UNIFIED; THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION LIBERATED FROM COMMUNISM; AND SOUTH AFRICA'S HISTORIC VOTE TO REJECT APARTHEID. WE HAVE SEEN ARAB NEIGHBORS NEGOTIATING FOR THE FIRST TIME FACE-TO-FACE WITH ISRAEL; AND A WORLDWIDE COALITION, UNDER THE BANNER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, STAND UP, AND TURN BACK, IRAQI AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT. AND THERE'S BEEN A PROFOUND CHANGE WITH MEANING FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD ON EARTH: WE'VE DRASTICALLY REDUCED THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR. \\\

JUST TODAY, THE UNITED STATES TOOK STEPS TO FACILITATE TRADE IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS, AN INITIATIVE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE CHANGED STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT AND THE PEACEFUL REBIRTH OF FREEDOM IN THE FORMERLY COMMUNIST LANDS. WE RELAXED TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS THAT SERVED US WELL DURING THE COLD WAR ERA -- BUT ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY IN OUR NEW WORLD. OUR ACTIONS TODAY WILL ELIMINATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THOUSANDS OF EXPORT LICENSES, INCLUDING MANY THAT AFFECTED COMPUTERS -- ONE OF OUR STRONGEST EXPORT EARNERS. TRADE COVERED BY TODAY'S DEREGULATION AMOUNTS TO ABOUT \$2.5 BILLION DOLLARS.

HERE IN OUR OWN HEMISPHERE, THE AMERICAS HAVE LAUNCHED AN ERA OF FAR-REACHING AND HOPEFUL CHANGE. WE HAVE MADE HISTORY. WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY TO CREATING SOMETHING MANKIND HAS NEVER SEEN: A HEMISPHERE WHOLLY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC, WITH PROSPERITY FLOWING FROM OPEN TRADE.

FROM MEXICO CITY TO BUENOS AIRES, THAT VISION IS BECOMING A REALITY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS, MORE PRIVATE CAPITAL IS FLOWING INTO THE AMERICAS FOR NEW INVESTMENTS THAN IS FLOWING OUT. IN COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY, THE HYPERINFLATION THAT DEVASTATED THE REGION'S ECONOMIES, PARTICULARLY ITS POOR, HAS BEEN HALTED. IN NEARLY EVERY NATION, REAL GROWTH HAS RETURNED. A GROWING NUMBER OF NATIONS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE BRADY PLAN -- AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE OF MY ADMINISTRATION DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE DEBT BURDEN OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND SET THE STAGE FOR THE RENEWAL OF GROWTH.

BARRIERS TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT ARE COMING DOWN. GO TO THE FINANCIAL CENTERS OF THE WORLD AND YOU WILL GET THE SAME MESSAGE: ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING REGIONS FOR INVESTMENT IS LATIN AMERICA.

ALONGSIDE THIS ECONOMIC REVOLUTION, WE HAVE WITNESSED AND PLAYED A VITAL ROLE TO SHAPE A POLITICAL REVOLUTION JUST AS POWERFUL. TWO YEARS AFTER WE INITIATED OPERATION JUST CAUSE, PANAMA HAS REPLACED THE REPRESSION OF THE NORIEGA ERA WITH FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. IN EL SALVADOR, AFTER 12 YEARS OF CIVIL WAR, OUR CONSISTENT EFFORTS HAVE BROUGHT PEACE. IN NICARAGUA, WE SUCCEEDED IN OUR GOAL OF RESTORING PEACE AND DEMOCRACY THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS. THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA, CIVILIAN PRESIDENTS HOLD OFFICE, AND THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED IS NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. AND IN SOUTH AMERICA, CHILE AND PARAGUAY HAVE REJOINED THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES.

THIS PEACEFUL REVOLUTION THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS DID NOT HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. IT IS THE WORK OF A NEW GENERATION OF COURAGEOUS AND COMMITTED DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY IN PURSUIT OF COMMON GOALS. THE NEW SPIRIT WAS DEMONSTRATED IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR, WHEN THE O.A.S. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED A RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THREATS TO DEMOCRACY.

CONSOLIDATING THIS REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE EASY. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN OUR HEMISPHERE ARE STILL MIRED IN POVERTY AND POLITICAL ALIENATION. RECENT EVENTS IN HAITI, VENEZUELA, AND PERU REMIND US THAT DEMOCRACY IS STILL FRAGILE AND FACES CONTINUED DANGERS. IN ALL OUR NATIONS, POWERFUL SPECIAL INTERESTS CLING TO OLD IDEAS AND PRIVILEGES, PROMOTE PROTECTIONISM, AND RESIST EXPANDED TRADE.

FOR THE DIEHARDS -- FOR CASTRO'S TOTALITARIAN REGIME, FOR THOSE IN THE HEMISPHERE WHO WOULD TURN THE CLOCK BACK TO MILITARY DICTATORSHIP, FOR THE STUBBORN HOLDOUTS FOR ECONOMIC ISOLATION -- I WANT TO MAKE ONE POINT CLEAR: HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF LATIN AMERICANS SHARE A FAITH IN HUMAN FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY. AND I STAND WITH THEM. AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES WILL DEVOTE ITS ENERGIES TO THE TRUE AND LASTING LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

SHARING THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT MAKES A DIFFERENCE ON EVERY ISSUE WE CARE ABOUT: DEMOCRACY'S REBIRTH LED ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL TO JOIN HANDS TO HALT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMS. DEMOCRACY ENERGIZED BRAZIL TO SLOW DEFORESTATION OF THE AMAZON RAINFOREST. DEMOCRACY GAVE ARGENTINA THE WILL TO STOP THE CONDOR BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM FINANCED BY LIBYA AND IRAQ. COLOMBIA'S DEMOCRACY IS LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DRUG TRADE AND WORKING TO RESTORE ITS ECONOMIC VITALITY. THE RESTORED DEMOCRACY IN PANAMA HAS PASSED TOUGH NEW LAWS TO COMBAT MONEY LAUNDERING, AND IT'S WORKING TO RENEW ITS IMPORTANCE AS AN EAST-WEST TRADE CORRIDOR.

AND MAKE NO MISTAKE: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM ARE INSEPARABLE. JUST AS PEOPLE HAVE A GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHO WILL GOVERN THEM, THEY ALSO MUST BE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC CHOICES. AND WHEN WE LIFT BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM WITHIN AND AMONG OUR COUNTRIES, WE UNLEASH POWERFUL FORCES OF GROWTH AND CREATIVITY.

BEFORE I LEAVE OFFICE I WANT MANUFACTURERS IN CLEVELAND TO ENJOY VIRTUALLY THE SAME ACCESS TO MARKETS IN MONTERREY AS THEY NOW HAVE IN MINNEAPOLIS. WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES, CREATORS OF SERVICES IN DENVER MAY BE ABLE TO TAP MARKETS IN SANTIAGO AS READILY AS THOSE IN CHICAGO. AND I'LL WORK TO ASSURE THAT GOVERNMENT PROTECTION AND EXCESSIVE REGULATION DON'T STAND IN THEIR WAY. TO DO THIS, WE'LL HAVE TO OVERCOME THE STUNTED VISION OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS. AND I AM DETERMINED THAT WE CAN AND WILL DO EXACTLY THAT. \\\

I'VE MADE IT A TOP PRIORITY TO CONCLUDE A FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT DESIGNED TO REMOVE ALL TARIFFS ON TRADE
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO. THIS
AGREEMENT WILL BUILD ON OUR HISTORIC FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT WITH CANADA. THE SUCCESS OF THE AGREEMENT
WITH CANADA DEMONSTRATES HOW FREE TRADE CAN BENEFIT ALL
CONCERNED.

WE CAN'T ACHIEVE THIS BREAKTHROUGH BY EQUIVOCATING BETWEEN THE STATUS QUO PROTECTIONISTS AND THE MOVEMENT FOR FREEDOM AND CHANGE. SOME SUGGEST THAT WE CAN HIDE IN A COCOON OF PROTECTION AND PRETEND STILL TO BENEFIT FROM THE FRESH AIR OF COMPETITION. WELL, YOU AND I KNOW THAT IS SIMPLY WRONG-HEADED. OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE MUST NOT DEPEND ON THOSE WHO PAY LIP SERVICE TO FREE TRADE -- BUT FULL SERVICE TO POWERFUL SPECIAL INTERESTS. WE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. IN OUR OWN WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE THOSE WHO TOOK THIS KIND OF STAND WERE KNOWN AS THE "SUMMER SOLDIERS." THEY WANTED THE GLORY OF THE REVOLUTION WITHOUT SHOWING THE GUMPTION TO STAND FOR FREEDOM EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES. MY STAND IS CLEAR: OPEN TRADE IS VITAL TO THE UNITED STATES -- EVERY BIT AS VITAL AS DOMESTIC REFORMS TO RENEW OUR SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. \\\

A FREE TRADE AREA COMPRISING THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO AND CANADA WOULD BE THE LARGEST MARKET IN THE WORLD -- 360 MILLION CONSUMERS IN A \$6 TRILLION ECONOMY. MEXICO IS AMONG THE FASTEST GROWING NATIONAL MARKETS FOR U.S. EXPORTS TODAY. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS ALONE, AMERICAN MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO MEXICO HAVE INCREASED BY TWO-THIRDS. OUR EXPORTS OF AUTOS, AUTO PARTS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO MEXICO HAVE DOUBLED. AND WHILE MEMBERS OF THIS AUDIENCE MAY BE AWARE OF THIS, I DOUBT IT IS WIDELY KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES THAT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL IMPORTS INTO MEXICO COME FROM THE UNITED STATES.

IT'S NOT JUST THE BORDER STATES THAT PROFIT FROM THIS GROWTH. DURING MY PRESIDENCY, 45 OF OUR 50 STATES HAVE INCREASED THEIR EXPORTS TO MEXICO. OUR TOP 10 EXPORTERS TO MEXICO TODAY INCLUDE MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS, NEW YORK, LOUISIANA, PENNSYLVANIA, FLORIDA AND OHIO -- AS WELL AS TEXAS, CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA.

TRADE WITH MEXICO ALREADY SUPPORTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF U.S. JOBS. JUST AS AN EXAMPLE: THOUSANDS OF GOOD JOBS IN WARREN, OHIO AND ROCHESTER, NEW YORK DEPEND ON SISTER PLANTS IN MEXICO TO KEEP THEIR PRODUCTS COMPETITIVE. A NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WOULD CREATE THOUSANDS MORE. IT WOULD CREATE COMPETITIVE EFFICIENCIES AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE THAT WILL HELP AMERICAN COMPANIES COMPETE IN WORLD MARKETS.

FREE TRADE WITH CANADA AND MEXICO WILL MAKE ALL OF US WINNERS IN ECONOMIC ENDEAVOR -- BUT OUR RELATIONSHIP GOES WELL BEYOND TRADE. WE SHARE BORDERS THAT SPAN THE CONTINENT. WE'RE LINKED BY CENTURIES-OLD TIES OF FAMILY AND CULTURE. I SHARE A WARM FRIENDSHIP WITH PRIME MINISTER BRIAN MULRONEY, WHOM I CONSULT FREQUENTLY. I COUNT PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS ALSO AS A DEAR FRIEND -- HE AND I HAVE BEEN PROMOTING THE "SPIRIT OF HOUSTON" EVER SINCE OUR SUMMIT MEETING JUST AFTER BOTH OF US WERE ELECTED IN 1988. BOTH PRESIDENT SALINAS AND PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY ARE BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE LEADERS -- AND I AM COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THEM TO FORGE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP AMONG OUR COUNTRIES, BASED ON OPEN TRADE, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

NOW, YOU MAY HAVE HEARD SOME SUGGEST THAT POLITICS WILL DICTATE DELAYING THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION. WELL, THOSE VOICES ARE NOT SPEAKING FOR ME. \\ THE TIME OF OPPORTUNITY IS NOW. I'VE INSTRUCTED OUR NEGOTIATORS TO ACCELERATE THEIR WORK. I BELIEVE WE CAN CONCLUDE A SOUND, SENSIBLE DEAL BEFORE THE ELECTION -- AND I WANT TO SIGN A GOOD AGREEMENT AS SOON AS IT'S READY. \\

THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IS ONLY A BEGINNING. OUR ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE ALREADY HAS MADE NOTEWORTHY PROGRESS TO OPEN MARKETS, EXPAND INVESTMENT FLOWS, REDUCE OFFICIAL DEBT, AND STRENGTHEN THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE.

THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE REFLECTS A REVOLUTION IN THINKING. THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE, THE UNITED STATES IS NOT SEEKING TO IMPOSE OUR IDEAS ON OUR NEIGHBORS. RATHER, OUR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER THEM TO SUCCEED WITH FREE MARKET ECONOMIC REFORMS THEY HAVE CHOSEN ON THEIR OWN -- IDEAS DEVELOPED IN LATIN AMERICA FOR LATIN AMERICANS.

THE COURAGEOUS LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS WHO ARE REFORMING THEIR ECONOMIES AND BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT NEED OUR SUPPORT. THEY ARE THE TRUE LIBERATORS OF OUR ERA. TRUE SUCCESS WILL MEAN OPENING UP STATIST SYSTEMS FORMERLY RIGGED TO PROTECT WEALTHY ELITES AND CLOSED TO WORKING PEOPLE AND THE POOR. FREE MARKET REFORMS WILL BANISH BURDENSOME REGULATIONS THAT NOW PREVENT THE URBAN POOR FROM STARTING NEW BUSINESSES OR CAMPESINOS FROM GAINING ACCESS TO CREDIT AND TITLE TO THEIR LAND.

ECONOMIC REFORM MUST ALSO INCLUDE HONEST GOVERNMENT. CORRUPTION IS THE ENEMY OF BOTH GROWTH AND DEMOCRACY. NEW INVESTMENT WILL FLOW ONLY WHERE THE RULE OF LAW IS SECURE, THE COURTS ARE FAIR, AND BIDDING PROCESSES ARE OPEN TO ALL.

TO SUPPORT REFORMERS -- TO REALIZE THE HOPEFUL NEW VISION IN LATIN AMERICA -- THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS MUST MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITY. I ASKED CONGRESS TO TAKE LONG OVERDUE ACTION -- TO INVEST \$310 MILLION IN THIS FISCAL YEAR UNDER THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE. WITH THIS, WE COULD WRITE OFF MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN THE HEMISPHERE'S OFFICIAL DEBTS AND GENERATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT. BUT CONGRESS HAS REFUSED TO APPROVE ANY FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. CONGRESS APPARENTLY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN "RETURN ON INVESTMENT" -- BUT I DO. AND OUR TRUCKERS AND RAILROAD PEOPLE DO. AND OUR AUTO AND ELECTRONICS MAKERS DO. AS DO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, AND MANY, MANY MORE.

I'VE HELPED PERSUADE OUR ALLIES IN EUROPE AND JAPAN TO CONTRIBUTE NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF A \$1.5 BILLION FUND TO HELP LATIN AMERICAN REFORMERS. THIS FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WOULD HELP PEOPLE PRIVATIZE OLD STATE ENTERPRISES AT THE GRASS ROOTS -- WITH JOB RETRAINING AND SMALL BUSINESS LOANS. BUT CONGRESS HAS REFUSED TO VOTE A PENNY FOR THE U.S. SHARE.

I'LL KEEP ON FIGHTING FOR THESE VITAL PROGRAMS OF THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE UNTIL CONGRESS DEMONSTRATES THE VISION AND FORTITUDE TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT THEY DESERVE. IF WE CAN INVEST IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE OLD SOVIET UNION -- AND WE MUST DO SO -- THEN WE CAN AND WE MUST INVEST IN THE EFFORTS OF OUR CLOSEST NEIGHBORS ON THEIR PEACEFUL ROAD TO TRUE LIBERATION AND PROSPERITY.

THE UNITED STATES' ECONOMIC DESTINY IS LINKED TO LATIN AMERICA'S. NO ARMY OF PROTECTIONISTS CAN CHANGE THAT. WHEN LATIN AMERICA SUFFERED ITS DEBT CRISIS OF THE EARLY 1980S, WE SUFFERED THROUGH A CORRESPONDING DROP IN TRADE. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK CATERPILLER WORKERS FROM ILLINOIS, OR EMPLOYEES FROM CESSNA IN KANSAS. ASK THEM IF THEY SUFFERED WHEN OUR BEST CUSTOMERS IN LATIN AMERICA WERE IN CRISIS.

WITH THE RISE OF DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC REFORM, U.S. EXPORTS TO LATIN AMERICA HAVE SURGED BY NEARLY ONE-THIRD IN JUST TWO YEARS -- FROM \$49 BILLION IN 1989 TO \$63 BILLION IN 1991. THIS IS A MUCH FASTER RATE OF GROWTH THAN FOR OUR EXPORTS TO ASIA OR EUROPE. IT POINTS TO THE FACT THAT A STABLE, PROSPEROUS LATIN AMERICA IS A NATURAL MARKET FOR UNITED STATES GOODS AND SERVICES. STRENGTHENING OUR NEIGHBORS' ECONOMIES WILL RESULT IN MORE EXPORTS AND MORE GOOD JOBS FOR PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEN ANY OF US SPEAK WITH OUR FRIENDS OUTSIDE THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, WE NEED TO ASSURE THEM AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE: THERE IS NOTHING EXCLUSIONARY IN OUR VISION OF OPEN TRADE AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN OUR HEMISPHERE. OUR AIM IS SIMPLY TO LOWER BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM WITHIN AND AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE -- NOT, I REPEAT, NOT -- TO CREATE ANY BARRIERS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE NATIONS OF AFRICA, EUROPE AND ASIA. ALL OF OUR AIMS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GLOBAL POLICIES OF GATT -- AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMEND THE SUPERB LEADERSHIP OF ARTHUR DUNKEL, GATT'S DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO SPOKE TO YOU EARLIER TODAY. AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU I URGENTLY WANT TO OPEN UP GLOBAL MARKETS THROUGH SUCCESS WITH THE URUGUAY ROUND.

IF THE EQUIVOCATORS AND THE PLEADERS FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS WANT TO DEBATE THIS, BRING THEM ON. \\ I WILL TAKE THE CASE FOR INCREASED TRADE TO THE PEOPLE IN EVERY CORNER OF THE UNITED STATES. AND I'LL MAKE THIS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR: FREE TRADE MEANS MORE EXPORTS, MORE INVESTMENT, MORE CHOICES, MORE JOBS FOR AMERICANS. THIS GREAT COUNTRY IS THE NUMBER ONE EXPORTER IN THE WORLD -- OVER \$422 BILLION LAST YEAR -- AND WE INTEND TO PURSUE TRADE POLICIES TO KEEP THAT GROWTH UP NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. WE'LL KNOCK DOWN BARRIERS WHEREVER WE FIND THEM -- TO OPEN MARKETS, FOR INSTANCE, FOR OUR COMPUTER SOFTWARE, MOVIES, BOOKS AND PHARMACEUTICALS. WE WILL FIGHT HARD AGAINST PROTECTIONISM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

FIVE CENTURIES AGO, A MAN OF COURAGE AND VISION SET SAIL FROM EUROPE SEARCHING FOR NEW TRADE ROUTES AND OPPORTUNITIES. HE DEFIED THE TIMID COUNSEL OF THOSE WHO SAID THE EARTH WAS FLAT. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS'S VOYAGE TO THE AMERICAS TRANSFORMED HUMAN HISTORY. COLUMBUS WAS AN ENTREPRENEUR -- AND THE RISK HE TOOK 500 YEARS AGO CONTINUES TO PAY OFF ABUNDANTLY TODAY. \\\

TODAY, WE STILL HAVE TO COMBAT THE FLAT-EARTH MENTALITY -- THE MINDSET THAT URGES US TO BARRICADE OUR BORDERS AGAINST COMPETITION, TO SHUT OFF THE FREE EXCHANGE OF FOOD AND MACHINERY AND SKILLS AND IDEAS.

BUT THE FUTURE DOESN'T BELONG TO THE STATUS QUO. IT IS THE LEGACY OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES -- PEOPLE WITH FAR-SIGHTED VISION AND A SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE. THE FUTURE AWAITING THE AMERICAS IS A TIME OF REDISCOVERY. A TIME FOR EMPOWERING THE POOR THROUGH NEW INVESTMENT, TRADE AND GROWTH. A TIME FOR CULTURAL RENEWAL. OUR EFFORTS -- AND THE EFFORTS OF MILLIONS OF CITIZENS OF THE AMERICAS -- CAN ACHIEVE NEW GAINS FOR HONEST, DEMOCRATIC, LIMITED GOVERNMENT. TOGETHER WE CAN USHER IN A NEW ORDER OF PEACE -- A NEW TIME OF PROSPERITY -- BOTH ANIMATED BY PERSONAL FREEDOM.

THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

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3:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

TRADE/JAPAN (Christopher Connell, AP) -- As an approving President Bush looked on, U.S. and Japanese officials signed an agreement widening access to Japan's \$27 billion paper market for foreign producers. Bush called the five-year pact "a milestone for both the U.S. and Japan" and "an important, positive development stemming from our January trip to Japan." John Luke, chairman of the American Paper Institute's international business committee, called the pact "a very significant achievement."

(Helen Thomas, UPI) -- President Bush hailed as "a milestone" in trade relations Japan's agreement to open its \$27 billion paper market to U.S. and other suppliers. Japanese Ambassador Kuriyama assured Bush that the "Japanese government will implement in good faith the measures which are contained in this document."

(AP) -- Japan's trade minister urged top executives from 177 companies to do more to reduce Japan's trade surplus. Kozo Watanabe told the company leaders at a meeting to prepare concrete "voluntary plans" for boosting imports and urged them to take advantage of tax credits for purchases of foreign manufactured goods, MITI said.

PERU (Reuter) -- President Bush telephoned President Fujimori to express disappointment with his suspension of democracy and to urge restoration of constitutional government, a U.S. official said. The anonymous official said Fujimori's response to Bush's entreaties were "pretty much what came in his speech -- a long timetable."

RUSSIAN NUCLEAR TESTS (Boston/Reuter) -- Presidents Bush and Yeltsin have reached a "mutual understanding" for Russia to resume nuclear arms testing after its voluntary moratorium ends in October, a leading anti-nuclear group, the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, said. "One high-ranking Russian official with whom we met stated that Presidents Yeltsin and Bush had reached a mutual understanding that the Russians would resume testing at a relatively low level of four to six tests per year for the next couple of years," the report said.

UKRAINE (AP) -- The head of the IMF and a top Bush Administration official warned Russia against any backsliding on its commitment to economic reform. Both Treasury Undersecretary David Mulford and IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus said at separate news conferences they believed billions of dollars of Western assistance could soon begin flowing. But only, they said, if the government of President Yeltsin sticks with its economic reform package.

MOBUTU (Kinshasa, Zaire/Reuter) -- President Mobutu is ready to surrender a large part of his presidential powers, an aide said. Presidential aide Mombachi Shimbi told French radio Mobutu was ready to negotiate control of the army, the country's finances and the staging of future presidential elections as long as he was allowed to stand as a candidate.

IRAQI OIL (Baghdad/Reuter) -- The Iraqi News Agency said Mohammad Saeed al-Sahaf, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said the U.S., Britain and France were obstructing its efforts to agree on terms with the U.N. for the resumption of oil sales.

PENNSYLVANIA POLL (Pittsburgh/Reuter) -- President Bush has overtaken and would beat Bill Clinton in Pennsylvania if the election were held now, a state-wide poll reported. Bush would beat Clinton 44 to 37 percent, with 19% undecided. The poll was conducted April 14-17 of 887 registered voters. It was taken by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and ABC TV affiliate WTAE-TV.

ENVIRONMENT/SEN. WIRTH (UPI) -- Sen. Wirth, citing Bill Clinton's environmental policies, endorsed Clinton's candidacy. President Bush, Wirth said, "is nowhere to be found on environmental and energy policy." Wirth said Bush "rewrote the rules so that half of all our wetlands had no protection at all" and he charged the Bush Administration with "lobbying for big oil and the auto industry to oppose cleaner cars."

CLINTON/USW (Pittsburgh/UPI) -- The United Steelworkers union endorsed Bill Clinton for the Democratic nomination for president. "To say that Gov. Clinton's agenda is immeasurably superior to that of President Bush and his Administration would be to vastly understate the case," USW International President Lynn Williams said in announcing the endorsement. "The cold truth is, President Bush has no policy, no ideology, no credibility and no clue about what has been happening to American workers, or what should be done to alleviate their suffering," Williams said.

SOUTH AFRICA (Cape Town/AP) -- President de Klerk proposed to hold elections for an interim government that would clear the way for South Africa's first black head of state. In a speech to parliament, de Klerk said each political party would be able to nominate one presidential candidate for a multi-racial election. The three to five people receiving the most votes would form an Executive Council. The leader of the council would be the president, and the post would rotate every six months, he said.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mrs. Alexander Ellis III
288 Warren Street
Brookline, Massachusetts 02146



THE PRESIDENT

9-23-92

Dear Hop -

Yes, there have been ugly
times; but things are improving.
I've never seen such a rough
(and "ugly") time; but we can
take it and soon the blush

will be off the Penot rose,
just as ^{the} once celebrated
Buchanan candidacy withered.
The economy should improve.
That will help.

I will do as Garry has
urged us all "Do your best"
I'll absorb the shots, adding being
strengthened in the process. And with me
Thanks for a lovely letter - GB

CC: (in & out)
Rose Zamaria
(2 copies)

ALEXANDER ELLIS III

April 11, 1992

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President & Aunt Bar:

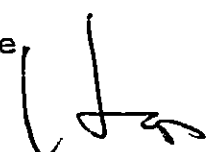
Walker, now age 7, starts almost every day looking at the newspaper - which of course he cannot read - and asks: "Is Uncle George winning?". He doesn't quite have the primary process down yet, but he is getting there.

This is nothing more than a note on a cold April Sunday morning to say we are thinking about you both today - and every day - in this ugly, difficult election season.

I was re-reading an essay "In Defense of Politics", which has a passage the press and Congress would do well to ponder: "Perhaps it all comes down to the fact that there are two great enemies of politics: indifference to human suffering and the passionate quest for certainty in matters which are essentially political. Indifference to human suffering discredits free regimes which are unable, or which fear, to extend the habits and possibility of freedom from the few to the many. The quest for certainty scorns the political virtues - of prudence, of conciliation, of compromise, of variety, of adaptability, of liveliness - in favor of some pseudo-science of government, some absolute-sounding ethic, or some ideology, some world-picture in terms of either race or economics."

When the shouting dies down, when you've stood the rain, citizens across this land will remind themselves that your Presidency is indeed anchored precisely in those political virtues - as it should be.

Love,



FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Jim Yeoman
P.O. Box 662
Price, Utah 84501-0662



THE PRESIDENT

4-23-92

Dear Tim,

Thanks for your nice
note. I'm glad Sandy
Bushne could be helpful
Thanks for your very kind
words of support - Sandy
A. B. A.

CC: (all)
Rose Zamaria ✓
(1 copy)

Ms. Sandra K. Bushue
Office of the Chief of Staff



THE PRESIDENT

4-23-92

Dear Sandy,

The C of Staff showed
me a very nice letter from Tim
Yeoman singing your praises.
Thanks for your sentiment
would be this - *Ag B*

Central Files:
After processing
let's hand
carry to Sandy.
Either you or
I. Thanks!
Robin

Dear Mr President:

I would like to thank you
and your staff for your recent
help in obtaining my unemployment
checks from California that were
seven weeks late. you should
be proud of Mrs Sandy Bushue
of your office she returned my
call and showed great concern
for my problems I would like to
Thank her. I also think you are
doing a great job and my vote
is still for you, Good luck and
God Bless you.

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P.S. if you need any help please let
me know.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 23, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES TAKAKAZU KURIYAMA

The Roosevelt Room

11:49 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: May I thank Ambassador Kuriyama for being here with us today -- Japan's Ambassador to the United States -- and also, Mike Moskow up here. Everybody knows him and we're grateful to him for his participation in all of this.

Today does mark a milestone for both the United States and Japan -- a ceremony representing another step toward our two countries becoming equal partners in trade. The agreement I sign today is an important, positive development, stemming from our January trip to Japan.

And I am pleased that, since January, American companies have begun to enjoy a more positive atmosphere for doing business in Japan. The broader commitment, which Prime Minister Miyazawa and I made during my visit, was the Tokyo Declaration. And an important part that was the Global Partnership Plan of Action, an agreement to strengthen trade between our two countries -- all part of our efforts to make the relationship between us a true partnership. This is a very important relationship. And that all will ensure that U.S. firms have the same degree of access to the Japanese market that Japanese firms enjoy in the United States.

The Paper Market Access Agreement will increase opportunities and sales for foreign firms exporting paper products into Japan. And hereafter, the government of Japan will encourage its paper distributors, converters, printers and major corporate users to increase imports of competitive foreign paper products. That official encouragement will open the way for America's paper industry to export its products into Japan's \$27-billion market.

Today's action is good for all concerned -- good for the Japanese consumer, good for American industry, and good for the American worker. And it is also an important step forward in our large global trading system.

As William McKinley said back in 1897, "Good trade ensures goodwill." And the partnership between the United States of America and Japan ensures that the hallmark of the new globalization of trade will be world-class quality, competitive pricing and, of course, excellent service.

This alliance also recognizes that interactive partnerships like this one strengthen each of us and fire up the engine of economic growth. At the same time, it strengthens the relationship between us and makes the world a better, friendlier place for our children and grandchildren.

So I am delighted to be here. And I welcome all of you from industry and from the diplomatic corridors. And let me just say in conclusion, I view this relationship between the U.S. and Japan as very, very important. And I will do my level best as President of the United States to keep it on a stable, forward-looking basis. It is essential and it is in our best interest that it remain strong.

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So, Mr. Ambassador, you are entitled to equal time, or should we -- why don't you go ahead, and then --

AMBASSADOR: Well, thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you for being with us, sir.

AMBASSADOR KURIYAMA: Well, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, I am most pleased to be here to witness the first concrete result of our joint efforts on the common agenda, which is included in what we call the Action Plan of the Tokyo Declaration, which was issued as you, Mr. President, mentioned during your visit to Tokyo in January.

The measures to increase market access in Japan for foreign paper producers are the fruit of rather intensive consultations undertaken by officials of the two governments. And I would like to pay my deepest respect for those who put so much time and efforts in bringing about this document which Ambassador Moskow and I are about to sign. And my personal tribute goes to Mr. Ambassador Moskow and your colleagues who have made very important contributions to the further strengthening of our economic relations.

Mr. President, you may be rest assured that the Japanese government will implement in good faith the measures which are contained in this document. And I'm confident that this will be fully reciprocated by the American side as well. And with such mutual efforts, which include the efforts by the industries in the respective countries, will help us realize the objective of this document, which is to achieve a substantial increase in the market access in Japan for foreign paper producers; which in turn, undoubtedly, will contribute to further strengthening our mutually profitable trade relations, which is an important component of our partnership.

Thank you, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, sir, very much. Now I will witness if you all do the signing. (Laughter.)

(The agreement is signed.)

THE PRESIDENT: The deed is done. Thank you all very much. (Applause.)

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11:55 A.M. EDT

H. Ross Perot Daybook

Wednesday, April 22, 1992

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Schedule

Today: "Inside Politics" on CNN

Tomorrow: No schedule available from published or electronic sources.

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from Bob Tector

News

- * Paul Tsongas said yesterday that he believes the type of voter he attracted may be lured from the Democratic ranks by Perot. Speaking in Baltimore, Tsongas said "the country, the rank and file, is ready for a change. Ross Perot will fill that vacuum if the Democrats don't try to fill it first, that is until he self-destructs because of his personality." (AP, 4/22)
- * Rutgers University professor Ross Baker says "if I was a strategist for Perot, I would certainly urge him to focus on New Jersey because the level of disaffection is so high." More than 6,000 New Jerseyans have signed Perot's ballot petitions. Only 600 signatures are needed for ballot access. (AP, 4/22)
- * After Perot's strong showing in a Texas poll released yesterday, Democratic and Republican leaders are calling Perot's popularity a media honeymoon. According to former Texas Democratic Party chairman John White, "Perot is like the new girl on the block. She's the most popular girl in town for a while." George W. Bush says: "If elections were held in April, Michael Dukakis would be president of the United States." (AP, 4/22)
- * FEC records show that since 1977, the Perot family has donated \$184,450 to federal elections. The largest individual recipient, Lloyd Bensten, received \$18,000 from the Perots. Ross Perot, Jr. has donated \$75,800, almost double the \$43,625 given by Perot, Sr. (AP, 4/22)
- * AP reports that the Texas poll results "are a slap at adopted Texan George Bush and another sign that Democrat Bill Clinton, who ran a distant third, is having trouble attracting the independent voters who swing presidential elections." (AP, 4/22)

- * The Perot petition committee announced it has retained a New York political consultant who has done polling for such politicians as Ed Koch, Marion Barry and John Anderson. Also, John Squires, former editor of the Chicago Tribune, has been retained to handle media requests. (AP, 4/22)
- * About 50 people attended a Perot organizational meeting in Littleton, N.H. yesterday. "The first meeting was in Littleton because this effort has to come from little towns," a supporter said. (AP, 4/22)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The President's Regulatory Reform Initiative -- At a Glance
April 13, 1992

January 28, 1992 -- The President announced a 90-day moratorium and comprehensive review. In addition, he issued an explanatory memorandum to certain department and agency heads.

January 29, 1992 -- The Department of Labor announced that it would begin implementing its "helper" regulation, which had previously been blocked by an appropriations rider. The regulation gives contractors greater flexibility in staffing construction projects. CBO estimates that implementation of this rule will save \$600 million per year in inflated construction costs.

January 30, 1992 -- The Vice President, Deputy Secretary of Treasury John Robson, and IRS Commissioner Fred Goldberg announced several measures to improve access to capital and to simplify the payroll tax system.

February 4, 1992 -- The Vice President issued a memorandum outlining the mechanics of the 90-day moratorium and review.

February 14, 1992 -- EPA decided to allow broad use of certain pesticides. The decision was based on a study which demonstrated that the health risks to consumers were substantially less than EPA had originally estimated.

February 18, 1992 -- The SEC announced proposals to increase access to capital by small companies. Among others, the SEC proposed to increase from \$500,000 to \$1 million the amount that can be raised through stock offerings without registering with federal or state authorities. The proposals would also make it easier for mutual funds to invest in small and new businesses.

February 19, 1992 -- EPA set a specific timetable to narrow the scope of two hazardous-waste rules which it has determined to be excessively stringent. This change could save more than \$2 billion per year.

February 24, 1992 -- The White House issued new government policy guidance on biotechnology products. The policy states that genetically engineered products are not inherently dangerous, and that safe drugs, agriculture products, and organisms which promote health or help clean the environment should be commercialized without excessive scrutiny from federal regulators.

March 2, 1992 -- A New York Times editorial noted that "the volume of new rules and proposals has shrunk to 25 per week, versus a weekly average of 149 last year," a reduction of over 83 percent.

March 5, 1992 -- The Securities and Exchange Commission issued a rule allowing the American Stock Exchange to establish listing criteria for a new Emerging Company Marketplace.

March 6, 1992 -- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency announced several actions to increase the use of clean-burning natural gas. These actions will mean cleaner air, cheaper energy, and more American jobs to produce it.

March 12, 1992 -- The FCC relaxed ownership limits on radio stations and announced a comprehensive program of regulatory reform.

March 13, 1992 -- The Administration announced that it will not require the auto industry to install small canisters in cars to capture gasoline fumes.

March 18, 1992 -- The Administration announced a plan to help remove old cars -- the biggest polluters and the biggest gas guzzlers -- from the road. This "Cash-for-Clunkers" program will help businesses meet the tough standards of the Clean Air Act at less cost, without sacrificing either the environment or economic growth.

March 18, 1992 -- The Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Maritime Commission trimmed complex regulations that needlessly increase the costs of truck, rail and ocean transportation. These changes will save upwards of \$1 billion per year.

March 19, 1992 -- The Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency announced several steps to help farmers produce and market their products at less cost. Among other things, the Administration announced it is modifying overly stringent labelling requirements.

April 2, 1992 -- The Administration announced several concrete steps to reduce regulatory barriers to lending and to eliminate unnecessary regulatory compliance costs. Among other things, the regulatory agencies that oversee financial services institutions adopted rules to stimulate lending on real estate, to permit interstate branching by federal thrifts, and to increase bank capital by allowing institutions to count purchased mortgage servicing rights and credit card relationships as capital.

April 2, 1992 -- The Administration announced a unified antitrust enforcement policy for mergers and acquisitions by the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission. A unified policy will provide the business community with greater certainty about the standards to be applied in enforcing the antitrust laws. And, where stiff international competition already exists, the new guidelines will make it easier for American companies to achieve the economic clout to compete effectively in the global marketplace.

April 9, 1992 -- The Administration announced four reforms of FDA regulations that will speed up the availability of new drugs and cut years off the drug development process. Earlier access to promising new drugs could ultimately save millions of lives and billions of dollars in the decades ahead. It will also help create jobs by enhancing the competitiveness of American pharmaceutical companies.

April 13, 1992 -- The President signed an Executive Order requiring federal contractors to inform their employees of the employees' rights under the Supreme Court's Beck decision. This action will help ensure that union employees are not forced, through their union dues, to support political causes with which they disagree. The Department of Labor also issued a regulation that will help ensure that unions comply with the Beck decision.

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LETTER FROM SARA BROWN

To
BPPB /

4/7/92

Dear Barbara and George,

What a treat it was to spend time with you at Camp David. It is such a special place - both historically and recreationally. I'm just sorry Bobby couldn't "recreate" more. He is scheduled for shoulder surgery on April 15th. We will be in attendance at the Ranger game April 13th.

It was such fun to be in a place you read and hear about so much, but most of all it was wonderful to have the opportunity to relax with two such extremely busy people.

I will get in touch with Jon Bush about helping with the campaign. I loved getting a glimpse of Doro and Sam at the Baltimore opener. She looks great and I'm so happy for them. (Doro & Bob)

I hope all your traveling, appearances, talks, etc. go well. You are both in our thoughts and prayers all the time.

Again, thanks for thinking of us. We had a great time!

Love,

Sara

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cc
to BPD /

LETTER FROM BOBBY BROWN

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4/8/92

Dear George and Barbara,

We had a great time! Thank you for having us. We really enjoyed being with you both, and to be able to indulge in such a relaxing weekend. I am sorry my shoulder kept me from being a full fledged warrior but I hope the surgery will fix it.

Please let us know if Sara and I can do anything special in the months ahead. Times are a little tough now, but should get better, and you will prevail.

I will check with you at All Star Game and World Series time to see if you want to throw out any more first balls. George P. would be a substitute in case you can't.

Sincerely,

Bobby



CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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4/13/92

Dear Mr. President,

Sir, it was a great honor and pleasure to play golf with you and your friends. It was very kind of you to include me in the foursome.

Mr. President, I wish you every success as you go through this difficult election year. The nation is most fortunate to have you at the helm.

With highest esteem,

Frank B. Kelso II
Adm. U.S. Navy

100 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10017

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April 2, 1992

Dear Mr. President:

I write to thank you formally for your confidence and support in nominating me to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. As we discussed on the telephone, my family and I indeed had a cocktail in your honor that evening (as did everyone else in my father's club in the traditionally Republican suburbs of Albany). I hope that you and Mrs. Bush enjoyed the theatre that night.

My children (Matthew, age 6, and Katherine, age 3) look forward to your next visit to West Point. They were outside our weekend home in Garrison, New York overlooking West Point and watched with great delight as your fleet of helicopters flew in prior to your commencement address last summer. I trust that you will return to the Military Academy frequently during your second term. When you do, please wave to us -- we are right across the river.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Loretta A. Preska

Loretta A. Preska

President George Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

FORUM OF THE AMERICAS
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992
8:00 P.M.

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THANK YOU DAVID, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR VITAL WORK
IN RALLYING PRIVATE SECTOR AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT
FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE
ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE. YOUR PERSONAL
INVOLVEMENT HAS BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE SUCCESS
WE'VE ENJOYED SO FAR WITH BOTH INITIATIVES. I ALSO
WANT TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO GEORGE LANDAU OF THE
AMERICAS SOCIETY, ANTONIO DEL VALLE OF THE BUSINESS
COUNCIL OF LATIN AMERICA, AND TOM D'AQUINO OF THE
BUSINESS COUNCIL ON NATIONAL ISSUES. I'M GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR LEADERSHIP. \\\

I CAN'T THINK OF A MORE IMPORTANT MOMENT THAN NOW TO CONVENE THIS FORUM ON THE AMERICAS. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN OUR WORLD TRANSFORMED: THE BERLIN WALL TORN DOWN AND GERMANY PEACEFULLY UNIFIED; THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION LIBERATED FROM COMMUNISM; AND SOUTH AFRICA'S HISTORIC VOTE TO REJECT APARTHEID. WE HAVE SEEN ARAB NEIGHBORS NEGOTIATING FOR THE FIRST TIME FACE-TO-FACE WITH ISRAEL; AND A WORLDWIDE COALITION, UNDER THE BANNER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, STAND UP, AND TURN BACK, IRAQI AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT. AND THERE'S BEEN A PROFOUND CHANGE WITH MEANING FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD ON EARTH: WE'VE DRASTICALLY REDUCED THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR. \\\

JUST TODAY, THE UNITED STATES TOOK STEPS TO FACILITATE TRADE IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS, AN INITIATIVE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE CHANGED STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT AND THE PEACEFUL REBIRTH OF FREEDOM IN THE FORMERLY COMMUNIST LANDS. WE RELAXED TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS THAT SERVED US WELL DURING THE COLD WAR ERA -- BUT ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY IN OUR NEW WORLD. OUR ACTIONS TODAY WILL ELIMINATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THOUSANDS OF EXPORT LICENSES, INCLUDING MANY THAT AFFECTED COMPUTERS -- ONE OF OUR STRONGEST EXPORT EARNERS. TRADE COVERED BY TODAY'S DEREGULATION AMOUNTS TO ABOUT \$2.5 BILLION DOLLARS.

HERE IN OUR OWN HEMISPHERE, THE AMERICAS HAVE LAUNCHED AN ERA OF FAR-REACHING AND HOPEFUL CHANGE. WE HAVE MADE HISTORY. WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY TO CREATING SOMETHING MANKIND HAS NEVER SEEN: A HEMISPHERE WHOLLY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC, WITH PROSPERITY FLOWING FROM OPEN TRADE.

FROM MEXICO CITY TO BUENOS AIRES, THAT VISION IS BECOMING A REALITY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS, MORE PRIVATE CAPITAL IS FLOWING INTO THE AMERICAS FOR NEW INVESTMENTS THAN IS FLOWING OUT. IN COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY, THE HYPERINFLATION THAT DEVASTATED THE REGION'S ECONOMIES, PARTICULARLY ITS POOR, HAS BEEN HALTED. IN NEARLY EVERY NATION, REAL GROWTH HAS RETURNED. A GROWING NUMBER OF NATIONS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE BRADY PLAN -- AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE OF MY ADMINISTRATION DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE DEBT BURDEN OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND SET THE STAGE FOR THE RENEWAL OF GROWTH.

BARRIERS TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT ARE COMING DOWN. GO TO THE FINANCIAL CENTERS OF THE WORLD AND YOU WILL GET THE SAME MESSAGE: ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING REGIONS FOR INVESTMENT IS LATIN AMERICA.

ALONGSIDE THIS ECONOMIC REVOLUTION, WE HAVE WITNESSED AND PLAYED A VITAL ROLE TO SHAPE A POLITICAL REVOLUTION JUST AS POWERFUL. TWO YEARS AFTER WE INITIATED OPERATION JUST CAUSE, PANAMA HAS REPLACED THE REPRESSION OF THE NORIEGA ERA WITH FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. IN EL SALVADOR, AFTER 12 YEARS OF CIVIL WAR, OUR CONSISTENT EFFORTS HAVE BROUGHT PEACE. IN NICARAGUA, WE SUCCEEDED IN OUR GOAL OF RESTORING PEACE AND DEMOCRACY THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS. THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA, CIVILIAN PRESIDENTS HOLD OFFICE, AND THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED IS NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. AND IN SOUTH AMERICA, CHILE AND PARAGUAY HAVE REJOINED THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES.

THIS PEACEFUL REVOLUTION THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS DID NOT HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. IT IS THE WORK OF A NEW GENERATION OF COURAGEOUS AND COMMITTED DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY IN PURSUIT OF COMMON GOALS. THE NEW SPIRIT WAS DEMONSTRATED IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR, WHEN THE O.A.S. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED A RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THREATS TO DEMOCRACY.

CONSOLIDATING THIS REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE EASY. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN OUR HEMISPHERE ARE STILL MIRED IN POVERTY AND POLITICAL ALIENATION. RECENT EVENTS IN HAITI, VENEZUELA, AND PERU REMIND US THAT DEMOCRACY IS STILL FRAGILE AND FACES CONTINUED DANGERS. IN ALL OUR NATIONS, POWERFUL SPECIAL INTERESTS CLING TO OLD IDEAS AND PRIVILEGES, PROMOTE PROTECTIONISM, AND RESIST EXPANDED TRADE.

FOR THE DIEHARDS -- FOR CASTRO'S TOTALITARIAN REGIME, FOR THOSE IN THE HEMISPHERE WHO WOULD TURN THE CLOCK BACK TO MILITARY DICTATORSHIP, FOR THE STUBBORN HOLDOUTS FOR ECONOMIC ISOLATION -- I WANT TO MAKE ONE POINT CLEAR: HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF LATIN AMERICANS SHARE A FAITH IN HUMAN FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY. AND I STAND WITH THEM. AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES WILL DEVOTE ITS ENERGIES TO THE TRUE AND LASTING LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

SHARING THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT MAKES A DIFFERENCE ON EVERY ISSUE WE CARE ABOUT: DEMOCRACY'S REBIRTH LED ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL TO JOIN HANDS TO HALT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMS. DEMOCRACY ENERGIZED BRAZIL TO SLOW DEFORESTATION OF THE AMAZON RAINFOREST. DEMOCRACY GAVE ARGENTINA THE WILL TO STOP THE CONDOR BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM FINANCED BY LIBYA AND IRAQ. COLOMBIA'S DEMOCRACY IS LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DRUG TRADE AND WORKING TO RESTORE ITS ECONOMIC VITALITY. THE RESTORED DEMOCRACY IN PANAMA HAS PASSED TOUGH NEW LAWS TO COMBAT MONEY LAUNDERING, AND IT'S WORKING TO RENEW ITS IMPORTANCE AS AN EAST-WEST TRADE CORRIDOR.

AND MAKE NO MISTAKE: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM ARE INSEPARABLE. JUST AS PEOPLE HAVE A GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHO WILL GOVERN THEM, THEY ALSO MUST BE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC CHOICES. AND WHEN WE LIFT BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM WITHIN AND AMONG OUR COUNTRIES, WE UNLEASH POWERFUL FORCES OF GROWTH AND CREATIVITY.

BEFORE I LEAVE OFFICE I WANT MANUFACTURERS IN CLEVELAND TO ENJOY VIRTUALLY THE SAME ACCESS TO MARKETS IN MONTERREY AS THEY NOW HAVE IN MINNEAPOLIS. WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES, CREATORS OF SERVICES IN DENVER MAY BE ABLE TO TAP MARKETS IN SANTIAGO AS READILY AS THOSE IN CHICAGO. AND I'LL WORK TO ASSURE THAT GOVERNMENT PROTECTION AND EXCESSIVE REGULATION DON'T STAND IN THEIR WAY. TO DO THIS, WE'LL HAVE TO OVERCOME THE STUNTED VISION OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS. AND I AM DETERMINED THAT WE CAN AND WILL DO EXACTLY THAT. \\\

I'VE MADE IT A TOP PRIORITY TO CONCLUDE A FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT DESIGNED TO REMOVE ALL TARIFFS ON TRADE
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO. THIS
AGREEMENT WILL BUILD ON OUR HISTORIC FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT WITH CANADA. THE SUCCESS OF THE AGREEMENT
WITH CANADA DEMONSTRATES HOW FREE TRADE CAN BENEFIT ALL
CONCERNED.

WE CAN'T ACHIEVE THIS BREAKTHROUGH BY EQUIVOCATING BETWEEN THE STATUS QUO PROTECTIONISTS AND THE MOVEMENT FOR FREEDOM AND CHANGE. SOME SUGGEST THAT WE CAN HIDE IN A COCOON OF PROTECTION AND PRETEND STILL TO BENEFIT FROM THE FRESH AIR OF COMPETITION. WELL, YOU AND I KNOW THAT IS SIMPLY WRONG-HEADED. OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE MUST NOT DEPEND ON THOSE WHO PAY LIP SERVICE TO FREE TRADE -- BUT FULL SERVICE TO POWERFUL SPECIAL INTERESTS. WE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. IN OUR OWN WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE THOSE WHO TOOK THIS KIND OF STAND WERE KNOWN AS THE "SUMMER SOLDIERS." THEY WANTED THE GLORY OF THE REVOLUTION WITHOUT SHOWING THE GUMPTION TO STAND FOR FREEDOM EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES. MY STAND IS CLEAR: OPEN TRADE IS VITAL TO THE UNITED STATES -- EVERY BIT AS VITAL AS DOMESTIC REFORMS TO RENEW OUR SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. \\\

A FREE TRADE AREA COMPRISING THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO AND CANADA WOULD BE THE LARGEST MARKET IN THE WORLD -- 360 MILLION CONSUMERS IN A \$6 TRILLION ECONOMY. MEXICO IS AMONG THE FASTEST GROWING NATIONAL MARKETS FOR U.S. EXPORTS TODAY. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS ALONE, AMERICAN MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO MEXICO HAVE INCREASED BY TWO-THIRDS. OUR EXPORTS OF AUTOS, AUTO PARTS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO MEXICO HAVE DOUBLED. AND WHILE MEMBERS OF THIS AUDIENCE MAY BE AWARE OF THIS, I DOUBT IT IS WIDELY KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES THAT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL IMPORTS INTO MEXICO COME FROM THE UNITED STATES.

IT'S NOT JUST THE BORDER STATES THAT PROFIT FROM THIS GROWTH. DURING MY PRESIDENCY, 45 OF OUR 50 STATES HAVE INCREASED THEIR EXPORTS TO MEXICO. OUR TOP 10 EXPORTERS TO MEXICO TODAY INCLUDE MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS, NEW YORK, LOUISIANA, PENNSYLVANIA, FLORIDA AND OHIO -- AS WELL AS TEXAS, CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA.

TRADE WITH MEXICO ALREADY SUPPORTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF U.S. JOBS. JUST AS AN EXAMPLE: THOUSANDS OF GOOD JOBS IN WARREN, OHIO AND ROCHESTER, NEW YORK DEPEND ON SISTER PLANTS IN MEXICO TO KEEP THEIR PRODUCTS COMPETITIVE. A NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WOULD CREATE THOUSANDS MORE. IT WOULD CREATE COMPETITIVE EFFICIENCIES AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE THAT WILL HELP AMERICAN COMPANIES COMPETE IN WORLD MARKETS.

FREE TRADE WITH CANADA AND MEXICO WILL MAKE ALL OF US WINNERS IN ECONOMIC ENDEAVOR -- BUT OUR RELATIONSHIP GOES WELL BEYOND TRADE. WE SHARE BORDERS THAT SPAN THE CONTINENT. WE'RE LINKED BY CENTURIES-OLD TIES OF FAMILY AND CULTURE. I SHARE A WARM FRIENDSHIP WITH PRIME MINISTER BRIAN MULRONEY, WHOM I CONSULT FREQUENTLY. I COUNT PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS ALSO AS A DEAR FRIEND -- HE AND I HAVE BEEN PROMOTING THE "SPIRIT OF HOUSTON" EVER SINCE OUR SUMMIT MEETING JUST AFTER BOTH OF US WERE ELECTED IN 1988. BOTH PRESIDENT SALINAS AND PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY ARE BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE LEADERS -- AND I AM COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THEM TO FORGE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP AMONG OUR COUNTRIES, BASED ON OPEN TRADE, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

NOW, YOU MAY HAVE HEARD SOME SUGGEST THAT POLITICS WILL DICTATE DELAYING THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION. WELL, THOSE VOICES ARE NOT SPEAKING FOR ME. \ \ THE TIME OF OPPORTUNITY IS NOW. I'VE INSTRUCTED OUR NEGOTIATORS TO ACCELERATE THEIR WORK. I BELIEVE WE CAN CONCLUDE A SOUND, SENSIBLE DEAL BEFORE THE ELECTION -- AND I WANT TO SIGN A GOOD AGREEMENT AS SOON AS IT'S READY. \ \

THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IS ONLY A BEGINNING. OUR ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE ALREADY HAS MADE NOTEWORTHY PROGRESS TO OPEN MARKETS, EXPAND INVESTMENT FLOWS, REDUCE OFFICIAL DEBT, AND STRENGTHEN THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE.

THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE REFLECTS A REVOLUTION IN THINKING. THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE, THE UNITED STATES IS NOT SEEKING TO IMPOSE OUR IDEAS ON OUR NEIGHBORS. RATHER, OUR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER THEM TO SUCCEED WITH FREE MARKET ECONOMIC REFORMS THEY HAVE CHOSEN ON THEIR OWN -- IDEAS DEVELOPED IN LATIN AMERICA FOR LATIN AMERICANS.

THE COURAGEOUS LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS WHO ARE REFORMING THEIR ECONOMIES AND BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT NEED OUR SUPPORT. THEY ARE THE TRUE LIBERATORS OF OUR ERA. TRUE SUCCESS WILL MEAN OPENING UP STATIST SYSTEMS FORMERLY RIGGED TO PROTECT WEALTHY ELITES AND CLOSED TO WORKING PEOPLE AND THE POOR. FREE MARKET REFORMS WILL BANISH BURDENSOME REGULATIONS THAT NOW PREVENT THE URBAN POOR FROM STARTING NEW BUSINESSES OR CAMPESINOS FROM GAINING ACCESS TO CREDIT AND TITLE TO THEIR LAND.

ECONOMIC REFORM MUST ALSO INCLUDE HONEST GOVERNMENT. CORRUPTION IS THE ENEMY OF BOTH GROWTH AND DEMOCRACY. NEW INVESTMENT WILL FLOW ONLY WHERE THE RULE OF LAW IS SECURE, THE COURTS ARE FAIR, AND BIDDING PROCESSES ARE OPEN TO ALL.

TO SUPPORT REFORMERS -- TO REALIZE THE HOPEFUL NEW VISION IN LATIN AMERICA -- THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS MUST MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITY. I ASKED CONGRESS TO TAKE LONG OVERDUE ACTION -- TO INVEST \$310 MILLION IN THIS FISCAL YEAR UNDER THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE. WITH THIS, WE COULD WRITE OFF MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN THE HEMISPHERE'S OFFICIAL DEBTS AND GENERATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT. BUT CONGRESS HAS REFUSED TO APPROVE ANY FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. CONGRESS APPARENTLY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN "RETURN ON INVESTMENT" -- BUT I DO. AND OUR TRUCKERS AND RAILROAD PEOPLE DO. AND OUR AUTO AND ELECTRONICS MAKERS DO. AS DO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, AND MANY, MANY MORE.

I'VE HELPED PERSUADE OUR ALLIES IN EUROPE AND JAPAN TO CONTRIBUTE NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF A \$1.5 BILLION FUND TO HELP LATIN AMERICAN REFORMERS. THIS FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WOULD HELP PEOPLE PRIVATIZE OLD STATE ENTERPRISES AT THE GRASS ROOTS -- WITH JOB RETRAINING AND SMALL BUSINESS LOANS. BUT CONGRESS HAS REFUSED TO VOTE A PENNY FOR THE U.S. SHARE.

I'LL KEEP ON FIGHTING FOR THESE VITAL PROGRAMS OF THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE UNTIL CONGRESS DEMONSTRATES THE VISION AND FORTITUDE TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT THEY DESERVE. IF WE CAN INVEST IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE OLD SOVIET UNION -- AND WE MUST DO SO -- THEN WE CAN AND WE MUST INVEST IN THE EFFORTS OF OUR CLOSEST NEIGHBORS ON THEIR PEACEFUL ROAD TO TRUE LIBERATION AND PROSPERITY.

THE UNITED STATES' ECONOMIC DESTINY IS LINKED TO LATIN AMERICA'S. NO ARMY OF PROTECTIONISTS CAN CHANGE THAT. WHEN LATIN AMERICA SUFFERED ITS DEBT CRISIS OF THE EARLY 1980S, WE SUFFERED THROUGH A CORRESPONDING DROP IN TRADE. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK CATERPILLER WORKERS FROM ILLINOIS, OR EMPLOYEES FROM CESSNA IN KANSAS. ASK THEM IF THEY SUFFERED WHEN OUR BEST CUSTOMERS IN LATIN AMERICA WERE IN CRISIS.

WITH THE RISE OF DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC REFORM, U.S. EXPORTS TO LATIN AMERICA HAVE SURGED BY NEARLY ONE-THIRD IN JUST TWO YEARS -- FROM \$49 BILLION IN 1989 TO \$63 BILLION IN 1991. THIS IS A MUCH FASTER RATE OF GROWTH THAN FOR OUR EXPORTS TO ASIA OR EUROPE. IT POINTS TO THE FACT THAT A STABLE, PROSPEROUS LATIN AMERICA IS A NATURAL MARKET FOR UNITED STATES GOODS AND SERVICES. STRENGTHENING OUR NEIGHBORS' ECONOMIES WILL RESULT IN MORE EXPORTS AND MORE GOOD JOBS FOR PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEN ANY OF US SPEAK WITH OUR FRIENDS OUTSIDE THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, WE NEED TO ASSURE THEM AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE: THERE IS NOTHING EXCLUSIONARY IN OUR VISION OF OPEN TRADE AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN OUR HEMISPHERE. OUR AIM IS SIMPLY TO LOWER BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM WITHIN AND AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE -- NOT, I REPEAT, NOT -- TO CREATE ANY BARRIERS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE NATIONS OF AFRICA, EUROPE AND ASIA. ALL OF OUR AIMS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GLOBAL POLICIES OF GATT -- AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMEND THE SUPERB LEADERSHIP OF ARTHUR DUNKEL, GATT'S DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO SPOKE TO YOU EARLIER TODAY. AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU I URGENTLY WANT TO OPEN UP GLOBAL MARKETS THROUGH SUCCESS WITH THE URUGUAY ROUND.

IF THE EQUIVOCATORS AND THE PLEADERS FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS WANT TO DEBATE THIS, BRING THEM ON. \\ I WILL TAKE THE CASE FOR INCREASED TRADE TO THE PEOPLE IN EVERY CORNER OF THE UNITED STATES. AND I'LL MAKE THIS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR: FREE TRADE MEANS MORE EXPORTS, MORE INVESTMENT, MORE CHOICES, MORE JOBS FOR AMERICANS. THIS GREAT COUNTRY IS THE NUMBER ONE EXPORTER IN THE WORLD -- OVER \$422 BILLION LAST YEAR -- AND WE INTEND TO PURSUE TRADE POLICIES TO KEEP THAT GROWTH UP NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. WE'LL KNOCK DOWN BARRIERS WHEREVER WE FIND THEM -- TO OPEN MARKETS, FOR INSTANCE, FOR OUR COMPUTER SOFTWARE, MOVIES, BOOKS AND PHARMACEUTICALS. WE WILL FIGHT HARD AGAINST PROTECTIONISM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

FIVE CENTURIES AGO, A MAN OF COURAGE AND VISION SET SAIL FROM EUROPE SEARCHING FOR NEW TRADE ROUTES AND OPPORTUNITIES. HE DEFIED THE TIMID COUNSEL OF THOSE WHO SAID THE EARTH WAS FLAT. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS'S VOYAGE TO THE AMERICAS TRANSFORMED HUMAN HISTORY. COLUMBUS WAS AN ENTREPRENEUR -- AND THE RISK HE TOOK 500 YEARS AGO CONTINUES TO PAY OFF ABUNDANTLY TODAY. \\\

TODAY, WE STILL HAVE TO COMBAT THE FLAT-EARTH MENTALITY -- THE MINDSET THAT URGES US TO BARRICADE OUR BORDERS AGAINST COMPETITION, TO SHUT OFF THE FREE EXCHANGE OF FOOD AND MACHINERY AND SKILLS AND IDEAS.

BUT THE FUTURE DOESN'T BELONG TO THE STATUS QUO.
IT IS THE LEGACY OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES -- PEOPLE
WITH FAR-SIGHTED VISION AND A SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE.
THE FUTURE AWAITING THE AMERICAS IS A TIME OF
REDISCOVERY. A TIME FOR EMPOWERING THE POOR THROUGH
NEW INVESTMENT, TRADE AND GROWTH. A TIME FOR CULTURAL
RENEWAL. OUR EFFORTS -- AND THE EFFORTS OF MILLIONS OF
CITIZENS OF THE AMERICAS -- CAN ACHIEVE NEW GAINS FOR
HONEST, DEMOCRATIC, LIMITED GOVERNMENT. TOGETHER WE
CAN USHER IN A NEW ORDER OF PEACE -- A NEW TIME OF
PROSPERITY -- BOTH ANIMATED BY PERSONAL FREEDOM.

THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

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April 23, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RON KAUFMAN (RK)
SUBJECT: Poll

Per yesterday's memo, the following are the final numbers for tomorrow's USA Today poll:

Two-way head-to-head matchup	Bush	50%
	Clinton	34%
Three-way head-to-head matchup	Bush	41%
	Clinton	26%
	Perot	25%

75% of the individuals polled believe you will win re-election, and 58% of those sampled were Democrats.

The headline for the story will be that Bush will regain lead on Clinton and is the better candidate to handle the economy. The numbers on who is better candidate to handle the economy are:

Bush	43%
Clinton	36%

One month ago, the numbers were:

Bush	37%
Clinton	49%

The favorable/unfavorable numbers are:

	<u>Fav/Unfav</u>	
Bush	55%	41%
Clinton	42%	49%

One month ago, favorable/unfavorable numbers are:

	<u>Fav/Unfav</u>	
Bush	48%	44%
Clinton	37%	40%

These are just a sampling of the numbers, but all of them look good!

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RON KAUFMAN

SUBJECT: Poll

A few moments ago, I was informed in strictest confidence that CNN and USA Today will be releasing a poll on Friday.

As of now, the poll is half complete, and I've been told that the story will be basically a "Turnaround for the President"-type story with your numbers up and with the expectation that your approval rating will be over 50 percent for the first time in a while. Also, in regard to the "handling the economy" question, your numbers are expected to be better than Governor Clinton's numbers.

In a 3-way head-to-head matchup, at this point the numbers are as follows:

Bush	42%
Clinton	27%
Perot	25%

Keep in mind that these are preliminary numbers and I should have the final numbers sometime tomorrow.

As I was given these in the strictest confidence, I am only sharing them with you.

The reporter will be calling these figures in to the newspapers this afternoon.

April 23, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RON KAUFMAN (RK)
SUBJECT: Poll

Per yesterday's memo, the following are the final numbers for tomorrow's USA Today poll:

Two-way head-to-head matchup	Bush	50%
	Clinton	34%
Three-way head-to-head matchup	Bush	41%
	Clinton	26%
	Perot	25%

75% of the individuals polled believe you will win re-election, and 58% of those sampled were Democrats.

The headline for the story will be that Bush will regain lead on Clinton and is the better candidate to handle the economy. The numbers on who is better candidate to handle the economy are:

Bush	43%
Clinton	36%

One month ago, the numbers were:

Bush	37%
Clinton	49%

The favorable/unfavorable numbers are:

	<u>Fav/Unfav</u>
Bush	55% 41%
Clinton	42% 49%

One month ago, favorable/unfavorable numbers are:

	<u>Fav/Unfav</u>
Bush	48% 44%
Clinton	37% 40%

These are just a sampling of the numbers, but all of them look good!



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President & Mrs. George Bush
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Dear President & Mrs. Bush:

This year's United Way campaign was our most challenging to date. Thanks to your donation it was successful.

By donating to the United Way campaign, you have shown that one person can make a difference. The dollars you've helped raise begins a process that, in the end, will translate your giving into caring for those in need of help. You can be sure that your dollars allocated by volunteers to 76 agencies providing over 250 programs will go to those who need it most.

Thank you for your gift to our community through the United Way. You've brought out the best in all of us!

With appreciation,

Bob G. Gower

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: C. GREGG PETERSMEYER *HP*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF NATIONAL SERVICE

SUBJECT: Follow-Up to Your Meeting with President Carter
Regarding the Atlanta Project

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with a status report on the White House's relationship with President Carter's Atlanta Project, about which he briefed you on April 1.

As a follow-up to your meeting, on Monday, April 20, President Carter and representatives of the Atlanta Project met with Secretaries Madigan, Martin, Sullivan, Kemp, Alexander, Director Darman, Director Newman and Deputy Attorney General Terwilliger. At this meeting, President Carter briefed the participants about this initiative and requested their support.

All present assured the former President that they would work with him and the Atlanta Project to help it overcome Federal obstacles to its stated goal of aiding the poor residents of Atlanta. Some of those present, however, suggested that maximum success would require President Carter to assist the Administration in persuading Congress to adopt legislative reforms. President Carter agreed with several of the participants who expressed the view that this project should have benefits extending beyond Atlanta; the Administration would extend similar assistance to other cities that request it.

The participants agreed on several actions as initial steps:

- o A memorandum will be signed by the heads of relevant Federal departments and agencies to the regional heads of their departments and agencies in the Atlanta area. This document will express the department heads' desire for their regional representatives to help the Atlanta Project overcome obstacles to its implementation.
- o "SWAT teams" composed of representatives of relevant Federal departments and agencies will be sent to help the Atlanta Project's participants identify obstacles that they can remove on their own, and those obstacles

which would require Federal intervention. This will result in a better understanding of the extent to which waivers of Federal requirements are needed.

- o An internal meeting with these Cabinet secretaries, or their representatives, will be held to consider other ways that the Administration might appropriately respond to the Atlanta Project. (Such meetings will be important to ensure that our participation in this project serves the overall goals of your Administration.)
- o Members of an existing interagency working group, which is coordinating the Administration's response to welfare waiver requests, will meet with representatives of the Atlanta Project once the Atlanta Project has made an initial assessment of the waivers it seeks. As needed, the working group will link the Atlanta Project to appropriate officials and provide a coordinated response to waiver requests. Requests for Federal waivers, other than welfare waivers, will be directed to the appropriate entities for consideration.
- o Relevant Cabinet secretaries will be invited to visit the Atlanta Project sites in the near future. This would provide these department heads an opportunity to experience firsthand what the Atlanta Project is attempting to accomplish.

Following his meeting with you, and again in his meeting with members of your Cabinet, President Carter indicated the central role that volunteers must play if the Atlanta Project is to succeed. Based on his belief in one-to-one service, President Carter sees the connection between Points of Light, Communities of Light and the Atlanta Project. He has offered me the opportunity to come to Atlanta to brief the participants in the Atlanta Project on this subject.

I shall provide you with further updates of the status of the Administration's efforts to assist the Atlanta Project, as necessary. Ede Holiday has had to recuse herself from this project because of her husband's involvement with the Carter Center. However, her staff will be engaged with us in the effort.

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FORUM OF THE AMERICAS
SHERATON WASHINGTON HOTEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1992
8:00 P.M.

THANK YOU DAVID, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR VITAL WORK
IN RALLYING PRIVATE SECTOR AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT
FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT AND THE
ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE. YOUR PERSONAL
INVOLVEMENT HAS BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE SUCCESS
WE'VE ENJOYED SO FAR WITH BOTH INITIATIVES. I ALSO
WANT TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO GEORGE LANDAU OF THE
AMERICAS SOCIETY, ANTONIO DEL VALLE OF THE BUSINESS
COUNCIL OF LATIN AMERICA, AND TOM D'AQUINO OF THE
BUSINESS COUNCIL ON NATIONAL ISSUES. I'M GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR LEADERSHIP. \ \

may I particularly salute
all our guests from South & the
Rio Grande - leaders of from both
the public & private sectors. We
salute you for your leadership
We are glad to be your partners.

I CAN'T THINK OF A MORE IMPORTANT MOMENT THAN NOW TO CONVENE THIS FORUM ON THE AMERICAS. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN OUR WORLD TRANSFORMED: THE BERLIN WALL TORN DOWN AND GERMANY PEACEFULLY UNIFIED; THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION LIBERATED FROM COMMUNISM; AND SOUTH AFRICA'S HISTORIC VOTE TO REJECT APARTHEID. WE HAVE SEEN ARAB NEIGHBORS NEGOTIATING FOR THE FIRST TIME FACE-TO-FACE WITH ISRAEL; AND A WORLDWIDE COALITION, UNDER THE BANNER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, STAND UP, AND TURN BACK, IRAQI AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT. AND THERE'S BEEN A PROFOUND CHANGE WITH MEANING FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD ON EARTH: WE'VE DRASTICALLY REDUCED THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR. \\\

JUST TODAY, THE UNITED STATES TOOK STEPS TO FACILITATE TRADE IN HIGH TECHNOLOGY GOODS, AN INITIATIVE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE CHANGED STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT AND THE PEACEFUL REBIRTH OF FREEDOM IN THE FORMERLY COMMUNIST LANDS. WE RELAXED TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS THAT SERVED US WELL DURING THE COLD WAR ERA -- BUT ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY IN OUR NEW WORLD. OUR ACTIONS TODAY WILL ELIMINATE REQUIREMENTS FOR THOUSANDS OF EXPORT LICENSES, INCLUDING MANY THAT AFFECTED COMPUTERS -- ONE OF OUR STRONGEST EXPORT EARNERS. TRADE COVERED BY TODAY'S DEREGULATION AMOUNTS TO ABOUT \$2.5 BILLION DOLLARS.

HERE IN OUR OWN HEMISPHERE, THE AMERICAS HAVE LAUNCHED AN ERA OF FAR-REACHING AND HOPEFUL CHANGE. WE HAVE MADE HISTORY. WE'RE WELL ON OUR WAY TO CREATING SOMETHING MANKIND HAS NEVER SEEN: A HEMISPHERE WHOLLY FREE AND DEMOCRATIC, WITH PROSPERITY FLOWING FROM OPEN TRADE.

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FROM MEXICO CITY TO BUENOS AIRES, THAT VISION IS BECOMING A REALITY. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS, MORE PRIVATE CAPITAL IS FLOWING INTO THE AMERICAS FOR NEW INVESTMENTS THAN IS FLOWING OUT. IN COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY, THE HYPERINFLATION THAT DEVASTATED THE REGION'S ECONOMIES, PARTICULARLY ITS POOR, HAS BEEN HALTED. IN NEARLY EVERY NATION, REAL GROWTH HAS RETURNED. A GROWING NUMBER OF NATIONS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE BRADY PLAN -- AN IMPORTANT INITIATIVE OF MY ADMINISTRATION DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE DEBT BURDEN OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND SET THE STAGE FOR THE RENEWAL OF GROWTH.

BARRIERS TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT ARE COMING DOWN. GO TO THE FINANCIAL CENTERS OF THE WORLD AND YOU WILL GET THE SAME MESSAGE: ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING REGIONS FOR INVESTMENT IS LATIN AMERICA.

ALONGSIDE THIS ECONOMIC REVOLUTION, WE HAVE WITNESSED AND PLAYED A VITAL ROLE TO SHAPE A POLITICAL REVOLUTION JUST AS POWERFUL. TWO YEARS AFTER WE INITIATED OPERATION JUST CAUSE, PANAMA HAS REPLACED THE REPRESSION OF THE NORIEGA ERA WITH FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. IN EL SALVADOR, AFTER 12 YEARS OF CIVIL WAR, OUR CONSISTENT EFFORTS HAVE BROUGHT PEACE. IN NICARAGUA, WE SUCCEEDED IN OUR GOAL OF RESTORING PEACE AND DEMOCRACY THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS. THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA, CIVILIAN PRESIDENTS HOLD OFFICE, AND THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED IS NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. AND IN SOUTH AMERICA, CHILE AND PARAGUAY HAVE REJOINED THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES.

THIS PEACEFUL REVOLUTION THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAS DID NOT HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. IT IS THE WORK OF A NEW GENERATION OF COURAGEOUS AND COMMITTED DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE WORKED CLOSELY IN PURSUIT OF COMMON GOALS. THE NEW SPIRIT WAS DEMONSTRATED IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR, WHEN THE O.A.S. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED A RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THREATS TO DEMOCRACY.

CONSOLIDATING THIS REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE EASY. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN OUR HEMISPHERE ARE STILL MIRED IN POVERTY AND POLITICAL ALIENATION. RECENT EVENTS IN HAITI, VENEZUELA, AND PERU REMIND US THAT DEMOCRACY IS STILL FRAGILE AND FACES CONTINUED DANGERS. IN ALL OUR NATIONS, POWERFUL SPECIAL INTERESTS CLING TO OLD IDEAS AND PRIVILEGES, PROMOTE PROTECTIONISM, AND RESIST EXPANDED TRADE.

FOR THE DIEHARDS -- FOR CASTRO'S TOTALITARIAN REGIME, FOR THOSE IN THE HEMISPHERE WHO WOULD TURN THE CLOCK BACK TO MILITARY DICTATORSHIP, FOR THE STUBBORN HOLDOUTS FOR ECONOMIC ISOLATION -- I WANT TO MAKE ONE POINT CLEAR: HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF LATIN AMERICANS SHARE A FAITH IN HUMAN FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY. AND I STAND WITH THEM. AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES WILL DEVOTE ITS ENERGIES TO THE TRUE AND LASTING LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

SHARING THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT MAKES A DIFFERENCE ON EVERY ISSUE WE CARE ABOUT: DEMOCRACY'S REBIRTH LED ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL TO JOIN HANDS TO HALT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMS. DEMOCRACY ENERGIZED BRAZIL TO SLOW DEFORESTATION OF THE AMAZON RAINFOREST. DEMOCRACY GAVE ARGENTINA THE WILL TO STOP THE CONDOR BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM FINANCED BY LIBYA AND IRAQ. COLOMBIA'S DEMOCRACY IS LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DRUG TRADE AND WORKING TO RESTORE ITS ECONOMIC VITALITY. THE RESTORED DEMOCRACY IN PANAMA HAS PASSED TOUGH NEW LAWS TO COMBAT MONEY LAUNDERING, AND IT'S WORKING TO RENEW ITS IMPORTANCE AS AN EAST-WEST TRADE CORRIDOR.

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AND MAKE NO MISTAKE: POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM ARE INSEPARABLE. JUST AS PEOPLE HAVE A GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHO WILL GOVERN THEM, THEY ALSO MUST BE FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN ECONOMIC CHOICES. AND WHEN WE LIFT BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM WITHIN AND AMONG OUR COUNTRIES, WE UNLEASH POWERFUL FORCES OF GROWTH AND CREATIVITY.

BEFORE I LEAVE OFFICE I WANT MANUFACTURERS IN CLEVELAND TO ENJOY VIRTUALLY THE SAME ACCESS TO MARKETS IN MONTERREY AS THEY NOW HAVE IN MINNEAPOLIS. WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES, CREATORS OF SERVICES IN DENVER MAY BE ABLE TO TAP MARKETS IN SANTIAGO AS READILY AS THOSE IN CHICAGO. AND I'LL WORK TO ASSURE THAT GOVERNMENT PROTECTION AND EXCESSIVE REGULATION DON'T STAND IN THEIR WAY. TO DO THIS, WE'LL HAVE TO OVERCOME THE STUNTED VISION OF THE SPECIAL INTERESTS. AND I AM DETERMINED THAT WE CAN AND WILL DO EXACTLY THAT. \\\

I'VE MADE IT A TOP PRIORITY TO CONCLUDE A FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT DESIGNED TO REMOVE ALL TARIFFS ON TRADE
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO. THIS
AGREEMENT WILL BUILD ON OUR HISTORIC FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT WITH CANADA. THE SUCCESS OF THE AGREEMENT
WITH CANADA DEMONSTRATES HOW FREE TRADE CAN BENEFIT ALL
CONCERNED.

WE CAN'T ACHIEVE THIS BREAKTHROUGH BY EQUIVOCATING BETWEEN THE STATUS QUO PROTECTIONISTS AND THE MOVEMENT FOR FREEDOM AND CHANGE. SOME SUGGEST THAT WE CAN HIDE IN A COCOON OF PROTECTION AND PRETEND STILL TO BENEFIT FROM THE FRESH AIR OF COMPETITION. WELL, YOU AND I KNOW THAT IS SIMPLY WRONG-HEADED. OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE MUST NOT DEPEND ON THOSE WHO PAY LIP SERVICE TO FREE TRADE -- BUT FULL SERVICE TO POWERFUL SPECIAL INTERESTS. WE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. IN OUR OWN WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE THOSE WHO TOOK THIS KIND OF STAND WERE KNOWN AS THE "SUMMER SOLDIERS." THEY WANTED THE GLORY OF THE REVOLUTION WITHOUT SHOWING THE GUMPTION TO STAND FOR FREEDOM EVEN IN TOUGH TIMES. MY STAND IS CLEAR: OPEN TRADE IS VITAL TO THE UNITED STATES -- EVERY BIT AS VITAL AS DOMESTIC REFORMS TO RENEW OUR SYSTEMS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. \\\

A FREE TRADE AREA COMPRISING THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO AND CANADA WOULD BE THE LARGEST MARKET IN THE WORLD -- 360 MILLION CONSUMERS IN A \$6 TRILLION ECONOMY. MEXICO IS AMONG THE FASTEST GROWING NATIONAL MARKETS FOR U.S. EXPORTS TODAY. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS ALONE, AMERICAN MERCHANDISE EXPORTS TO MEXICO HAVE INCREASED BY TWO-THIRDS. OUR EXPORTS OF AUTOS, AUTO PARTS, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO MEXICO HAVE DOUBLED. AND WHILE MEMBERS OF THIS AUDIENCE MAY BE AWARE OF THIS, I DOUBT IT IS WIDELY KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES THAT TWO-THIRDS OF ALL IMPORTS INTO MEXICO COME FROM THE UNITED STATES.

IT'S NOT JUST THE BORDER STATES THAT PROFIT FROM THIS GROWTH. DURING MY PRESIDENCY, 45 OF OUR 50 STATES HAVE INCREASED THEIR EXPORTS TO MEXICO. OUR TOP 10 EXPORTERS TO MEXICO TODAY INCLUDE MICHIGAN, ILLINOIS, NEW YORK, LOUISIANA, PENNSYLVANIA, FLORIDA AND OHIO -- AS WELL AS TEXAS, CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA.

TRADE WITH MEXICO ALREADY SUPPORTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF U.S. JOBS. JUST AS AN EXAMPLE: THOUSANDS OF GOOD JOBS IN WARREN, OHIO AND ROCHESTER, NEW YORK DEPEND ON SISTER PLANTS IN MEXICO TO KEEP THEIR PRODUCTS COMPETITIVE. A NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WOULD CREATE THOUSANDS MORE. IT WOULD CREATE COMPETITIVE EFFICIENCIES AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE THAT WILL HELP AMERICAN COMPANIES COMPETE IN WORLD MARKETS.

FREE TRADE WITH CANADA AND MEXICO WILL MAKE ALL OF US WINNERS IN ECONOMIC ENDEAVOR -- BUT OUR RELATIONSHIP GOES WELL BEYOND TRADE. WE SHARE BORDERS THAT SPAN THE CONTINENT. WE'RE LINKED BY CENTURIES-OLD TIES OF FAMILY AND CULTURE. I SHARE A WARM FRIENDSHIP WITH PRIME MINISTER BRIAN MULRONEY, WHOM I CONSULT FREQUENTLY. I COUNT PRESIDENT CARLOS SALINAS ALSO AS A DEAR FRIEND -- HE AND I HAVE BEEN PROMOTING THE "SPIRIT OF HOUSTON" EVER SINCE OUR SUMMIT MEETING JUST AFTER BOTH OF US WERE ELECTED IN 1988. BOTH PRESIDENT SALINAS AND PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY ARE BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE LEADERS -- AND I AM COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH THEM TO FORGE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP AMONG OUR COUNTRIES, BASED ON OPEN TRADE, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL RESPECT.

NOW, YOU MAY HAVE HEARD SOME SUGGEST THAT POLITICS WILL DICTATE DELAYING THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION. WELL, THOSE VOICES ARE NOT SPEAKING FOR ME. \\ THE TIME OF OPPORTUNITY IS NOW. I'VE INSTRUCTED OUR NEGOTIATORS TO ACCELERATE THEIR WORK. I BELIEVE WE CAN CONCLUDE A SOUND, SENSIBLE DEAL BEFORE THE ELECTION -- AND I WANT TO SIGN A GOOD AGREEMENT AS SOON AS IT'S READY. \\

THE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IS ONLY A BEGINNING. OUR ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE ALREADY HAS MADE NOTEWORTHY PROGRESS TO OPEN MARKETS, EXPAND INVESTMENT FLOWS, REDUCE OFFICIAL DEBT, AND STRENGTHEN THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE.

THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE REFLECTS A REVOLUTION IN THINKING. THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE, THE UNITED STATES IS NOT SEEKING TO IMPOSE OUR IDEAS ON OUR NEIGHBORS. RATHER, OUR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER THEM TO SUCCEED WITH FREE MARKET ECONOMIC REFORMS THEY HAVE CHOSEN ON THEIR OWN -- IDEAS DEVELOPED IN LATIN AMERICA FOR LATIN AMERICANS.

THE COURAGEOUS LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS WHO ARE REFORMING THEIR ECONOMIES AND BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT NEED OUR SUPPORT. THEY ARE THE TRUE LIBERATORS OF OUR ERA. TRUE SUCCESS WILL MEAN OPENING UP STATIST SYSTEMS FORMERLY RIGGED TO PROTECT WEALTHY ELITES AND CLOSED TO WORKING PEOPLE AND THE POOR. FREE MARKET REFORMS WILL BANISH BURDENSOME REGULATIONS THAT NOW PREVENT THE URBAN POOR FROM STARTING NEW BUSINESSES OR CAMPESINOS FROM GAINING ACCESS TO CREDIT AND TITLE TO THEIR LAND.

ECONOMIC REFORM MUST ALSO INCLUDE HONEST GOVERNMENT. CORRUPTION IS THE ENEMY OF BOTH GROWTH AND DEMOCRACY. NEW INVESTMENT WILL FLOW ONLY WHERE THE RULE OF LAW IS SECURE, THE COURTS ARE FAIR, AND BIDDING PROCESSES ARE OPEN TO ALL.

TO SUPPORT REFORMERS -- TO REALIZE THE HOPEFUL NEW VISION IN LATIN AMERICA -- THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS MUST MEET ITS RESPONSIBILITY. I ASKED CONGRESS TO TAKE LONG OVERDUE ACTION -- TO INVEST \$310 MILLION IN THIS FISCAL YEAR UNDER THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE. WITH THIS, WE COULD WRITE OFF MORE THAN \$1 BILLION IN THE HEMISPHERE'S OFFICIAL DEBTS AND GENERATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT. BUT CONGRESS HAS REFUSED TO APPROVE ANY FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. CONGRESS APPARENTLY DOESN'T BELIEVE IN "RETURN ON INVESTMENT" -- BUT I DO. AND OUR TRUCKERS AND RAILROAD PEOPLE DO. AND OUR AUTO AND ELECTRONICS MAKERS DO. AS DO OUR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS, AND MANY, MANY MORE.

I'VE HELPED PERSUADE OUR ALLIES IN EUROPE AND JAPAN TO CONTRIBUTE NEARLY TWO-THIRDS OF A \$1.5 BILLION FUND TO HELP LATIN AMERICAN REFORMERS. THIS FUND, ADMINISTERED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WOULD HELP PEOPLE PRIVATIZE OLD STATE ENTERPRISES AT THE GRASS ROOTS -- WITH JOB RETRAINING AND SMALL BUSINESS LOANS. BUT CONGRESS HAS REFUSED TO VOTE A PENNY FOR THE U.S. SHARE.

I'LL KEEP ON FIGHTING FOR THESE VITAL PROGRAMS OF THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE UNTIL CONGRESS DEMONSTRATES THE VISION AND FORTITUDE TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT THEY DESERVE. IF WE CAN INVEST IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE OLD SOVIET UNION -- AND WE MUST DO SO -- THEN WE CAN AND WE MUST INVEST IN THE EFFORTS OF OUR CLOSEST NEIGHBORS ON THEIR PEACEFUL ROAD TO TRUE LIBERATION AND PROSPERITY.

THE UNITED STATES' ECONOMIC DESTINY IS LINKED TO LATIN AMERICA'S. NO ARMY OF PROTECTIONISTS CAN CHANGE THAT. WHEN LATIN AMERICA SUFFERED ITS DEBT CRISIS OF THE EARLY 1980S, WE SUFFERED THROUGH A CORRESPONDING DROP IN TRADE. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK CATERPILLER WORKERS FROM ILLINOIS, OR EMPLOYEES FROM CESSNA IN KANSAS. ASK THEM IF THEY SUFFERED WHEN OUR BEST CUSTOMERS IN LATIN AMERICA WERE IN CRISIS.

WITH THE RISE OF DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC REFORM, U.S. EXPORTS TO LATIN AMERICA HAVE SURGED BY NEARLY ONE-THIRD IN JUST TWO YEARS -- FROM \$49 BILLION IN 1989 TO \$63 BILLION IN 1991. THIS IS A MUCH FASTER RATE OF GROWTH THAN FOR OUR EXPORTS TO ASIA OR EUROPE. IT POINTS TO THE FACT THAT A STABLE, PROSPEROUS LATIN AMERICA IS A NATURAL MARKET FOR UNITED STATES GOODS AND SERVICES. STRENGTHENING OUR NEIGHBORS' ECONOMIES WILL RESULT IN MORE EXPORTS AND MORE GOOD JOBS FOR PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEN ANY OF US SPEAK WITH OUR FRIENDS OUTSIDE THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, WE NEED TO ASSURE THEM AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE: THERE IS NOTHING EXCLUSIONARY IN OUR VISION OF OPEN TRADE AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN OUR HEMISPHERE. OUR AIM IS SIMPLY TO LOWER BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM WITHIN AND AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE -- NOT, I REPEAT, NOT -- TO CREATE ANY BARRIERS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE NATIONS OF AFRICA, EUROPE AND ASIA. ALL OF OUR AIMS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GLOBAL POLICIES OF GATT -- AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO COMMEND THE SUPERB LEADERSHIP OF ARTHUR DUNKEL, GATT'S DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO SPOKE TO YOU EARLIER TODAY. AND I WANT TO ASSURE YOU I URGENTLY WANT TO OPEN UP GLOBAL MARKETS THROUGH SUCCESS WITH THE URUGUAY ROUND.

IF THE EQUIVOCATORS AND THE PLEADERS FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS WANT TO DEBATE THIS, BRING THEM ON. \\ I WILL TAKE THE CASE FOR INCREASED TRADE TO THE PEOPLE IN EVERY CORNER OF THE UNITED STATES. AND I'LL MAKE THIS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR: FREE TRADE MEANS MORE EXPORTS, MORE INVESTMENT, MORE CHOICES, MORE JOBS FOR AMERICANS. THIS GREAT COUNTRY IS THE NUMBER ONE EXPORTER IN THE WORLD -- OVER \$422 BILLION LAST YEAR -- AND WE INTEND TO PURSUE TRADE POLICIES TO KEEP THAT GROWTH UP NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. WE'LL KNOCK DOWN BARRIERS WHEREVER WE FIND THEM -- TO OPEN MARKETS, FOR INSTANCE, FOR OUR COMPUTER SOFTWARE, MOVIES, BOOKS AND PHARMACEUTICALS. WE WILL FIGHT HARD AGAINST PROTECTIONISM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD.

FIVE CENTURIES AGO, A MAN OF COURAGE AND VISION SET SAIL FROM EUROPE SEARCHING FOR NEW TRADE ROUTES AND OPPORTUNITIES. HE DEFIED THE TIMID COUNSEL OF THOSE WHO SAID THE EARTH WAS FLAT. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS'S VOYAGE TO THE AMERICAS TRANSFORMED HUMAN HISTORY. COLUMBUS WAS AN ENTREPRENEUR -- AND THE RISK HE TOOK 500 YEARS AGO CONTINUES TO PAY OFF ABUNDANTLY TODAY. \\\

TODAY, WE STILL HAVE TO COMBAT THE FLAT-EARTH MENTALITY -- THE MINDSET THAT URGES US TO BARRICADE OUR BORDERS AGAINST COMPETITION, TO SHUT OFF THE FREE EXCHANGE OF FOOD AND MACHINERY AND SKILLS AND IDEAS.

BUT THE FUTURE DOESN'T BELONG TO THE STATUS QUO.
IT IS THE LEGACY OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES -- PEOPLE
WITH FAR-SIGHTED VISION AND A SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE.
THE FUTURE AWAITING THE AMERICAS IS A TIME OF
REDISCOVERY. A TIME FOR EMPOWERING THE POOR THROUGH
NEW INVESTMENT, TRADE AND GROWTH. A TIME FOR CULTURAL
RENEWAL. OUR EFFORTS -- AND THE EFFORTS OF MILLIONS OF
CITIZENS OF THE AMERICAS -- CAN ACHIEVE NEW GAINS FOR
HONEST, DEMOCRATIC, LIMITED GOVERNMENT. TOGETHER WE
CAN USHER IN A NEW ORDER OF PEACE -- A NEW TIME OF
PROSPERITY -- BOTH ANIMATED BY PERSONAL FREEDOM.

THANK YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU.

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COMMERCE EASES LICENSING
REGULATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Commerce Department delivered to the Federal Register today amendments to three important areas of the Export Administration Regulations, which represent a substantial liberalization in export controls on trade in high volume export markets.

Consistent with the President's priority to eliminate unnecessary regulations, the new rules ease licensing requirements on controlled exports to COCOM members in Western Europe and Japan, and reexports from those countries. Procedures to make bulk shipments of goods -- including computers -- to most "Free World" countries are also being expanded.

"We estimate these regulations will eliminate the need for prior Commerce approval on two or three thousand exports annually, and de-regulate \$2 to \$3 billion in annual U.S. trade," said Commerce Secretary Barbara Hackman Franklin.

These changes reflect improvements in export control cooperation with foreign governments, and are necessary to ensure that export controls are not an obstacle for U.S. companies marketing in the European Common Market. The changes do not weaken U.S. non-proliferation export controls.

The rules will be issued in interim form and comments will be considered and taken into account by the department in developing final regulations.

The Commerce Department administers and enforces export controls established for reasons of national security, foreign policy and short supply.

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FACT SHEET

Intra-COCOM Trade and Reexports

The Commerce Department is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to ease the licensing requirements on controlled exports to our COCOM partners, in addition to nations cooperating with COCOM controls and to reduce reexport licensing requirements.

The new regulations represent a substantial liberalization in export trade controls in high volume export markets. The rules will be issued in interim form and comments will be considered and will be taken into account by the Department in developing final regulations.

Intra-COCOM Trade

- o The rule expands eligibility for additional controlled items for export under General License COCOM Trade (GCT). Items that no longer require a validated license for export to COCOM and countries cooperating with COCOM controls now include the full range of semiconductor manufacturing equipment, materials technology, computers, and others items controlled for national security purposes.
- o Specifically, the rule makes nine types of goods and technologies eligible for export under General License GCT. Commerce validated licensing will no longer be required on roughly 95 percent of all national security controlled items exported to COCOM members and cooperating countries.
- o Items not eligible for exporting under this General License are limited to only a few critical items: supercomputers, cryptographic equipment, night-vision equipment, high-speed streak cameras, flash discharge x-ray equipment, and items controlled for missile non-proliferation reasons.
- o Supercomputers, streak cameras, and flash x-ray equipment have applicability in nuclear weapons development.
- o Cryptographic equipment can be utilized for the encryption and decryption of military and intelligence data.
- o Night-vision equipment has a variety of uses in military operations during night or other reduced visibility conditions, and in combat systems requiring enhanced imaging capability.
- o In order to comply with COCOM's understanding on intra-COCOM trade, certain COCOM Munitions List and Atomic Energy List items now eligible for GCT are made ineligible and will require a validated license.

Reexports

- o The rule addresses a major concern of U.S. industry and our allies regarding reexport controls.
- o The rule lifts a substantial burden on foreign customers of U.S. controlled items and recognizes that COCOM and cooperating countries have effective export control systems that meet COCOM standards and therefore exercise appropriate national controls.
- o The rule eliminates reexport controls on most U.S. controlled items reexported from a COCOM or COCOM cooperating countries to non-COCOM countries with two exceptions:
 - Reexport restrictions will continue to apply for items not eligible for General License GCT, plus items controlled for nonproliferation reasons (e.g. missile, nuclear, chemical, biological) and other items subject to foreign policy controls.
 - All reexports to regions and countries, other than COCOM proscribed countries, on Commerce's nonproliferation lists (Supplements 4, 5, and 6 to EAR Part 778).

FACT SHEET

Revised Distribution License (DL)

The Commerce Department is amending the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to expand the types of computers eligible for export under the Distribution License (DL) procedure. The rule will be issued in interim form and comments will be considered and taken into account by the Department in developing the final regulations.

The DL permits exports of items on the Commerce Control List (CCL) to approved consignees in eligible countries without review of individual transactions. It authorizes approved U.S. exporters to export a pre-approved list of commodities to a pre-approved list of foreign consignees.

- o The new rule amends the Distribution License (DL) procedure by raising computer eligibility levels for exports to various countries based on the Composite Theoretical Performance (CTP) of the computers measured in million theoretical operations per second (MTOPS).
- o The rule revises thresholds and countries to determine eligibility for DL computer exports:
 - Supercomputers (i.e. computers 195 MTOPS and above) are eligible to Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and the United Kingdom. (Previously, each supercomputer export required an individual validated license. Supercomputer exports to Canada and Japan can be made under General License.)
 - Computers with a CTP of less than 195 MTOPS continue to be eligible for export to COCOM member nations and other countries that cooperate with COCOM (listed in Supplements 2 and 8 to Part 773 of the EAR).
 - The threshold is increased from 41 to 100 MTOPS for DL computer exports to most other "Free World" countries (listed in Supplement 3 to Part 773 of the EAR).
 - The threshold is increased from 23 to 41 MTOPS for DL computer exports to all countries not listed in Supplements 2, 3, and 8 to Part 773, except Argentina, Brazil, India, Israel, Pakistan, and the Republic of South Africa.
- o DL holders are required to maintain a comprehensive internal control program, including training of company employees, record retention, and special procedures for processing orders. Approximately 150 U.S. exporters presently utilize the DL special licensing procedure.

- o DL exports are not permitted to controlled countries or to countries strictly controlled or embargoed for foreign policy purposes (e.g., Cuba, North Korea, Vietnam, Libya, Iran, Iraq, Syria, etc). Certain items are not eligible for the DL, including those controlled for missile and nuclear non-proliferation reasons, chemical weapons precursors and equipment, certain biological items and equipment, and some additional entries on the CCL (listed in Supplement 1 of Part 773).

Addendum

Free World Countries -- countries not subject to the COCOM trade embargo.

Nine Categories Dropped from List

- Semiconductor Manufacturing Equipment
- Certain Computers
- Test Facilities/Equipment for Aircraft and Gas Turbine Engine Design
- Coatings Equipment
- Acoustical Items
- Submersible Systems and Components
- Deep Submergence Vehicles
- Certain Aircraft, Helicopters & Engines
- Materials and Production Equipment

Categories Remaining on List

- Supercomputers
- Cryptographic Equipment
- High Speed Streak Cameras
- Night Vision Devices
- Flash Discharge X-ray Equipment
- plus items controlled for missile non-proliferation reasons

Regulation Time Frame

Regulations signed yesterday, April 22, and sent to the Federal Register. The regulations go on public display April 27. They should be published on April 28. The regulations become effective upon publication.

TALKING POINTS

- o President Bush has made it a priority to reduce the burden of government regulations. Today the Commerce Department approved regulations that will ease the licensing requirements on controlled exports to our trading partners in Western Europe, Japan and Australia. In addition, procedures to make bulk shipments of goods to most "Free World" countries are being expanded.
- o We estimate that these changes will result in the filing of two to three thousand fewer license applications each year, representing two to three billion dollars in exports.
- o Specifically, nine product categories are being dropped from the list of items that currently require prior Commerce Department approval when exported to our allies. In addition, requirements to obtain prior Commerce permission for reexports of most U.S. products are being dropped in cases in which an item transits Western Europe, Japan and/or Australia.
- o Exporters -- especially computer exporters -- using Commerce's Distribution License, a license that permits multiple exports, will also benefit. In particular, the changes permit all computers -- including supercomputers -- to be exported to many European destinations without prior Commerce approval of each transaction.
- o These changes are necessary to ensure export controls are not an obstacle for U.S. companies marketing in the European Community. These changes however, do not weaken U.S. non-proliferation controls.
- o The commitment to reduce the regulatory burden on the exporter will not stop here. We will continue to review the export control regulations to ensure that they do not unnecessarily inhibit exporters.

If needed

- o The regulations will be issued in interim form, and are effective immediately. Comments will be considered and taken into account as the Commerce Department develops the final regulations.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 23, 1992

The President today recognized the volunteers of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program (VVLP) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the 753rd Daily Point of Light for the Nation. VVLP volunteers help veterans prepare for and secure meaningful employment opportunities.

Since 1983, VVLP, a non-profit corporation, successfully has taught job search skills to veterans, many of whom have since secured employment. VVLP draws from the talents of 50 volunteers. The volunteers include both client-veterans, who counsel those with similar experiences, and non-veterans, who assist in the daily operations of the office.

A large number of VVLP's clients are homeless veterans who receive shelter, a shower, and a set of clean clothes through the program. Many veterans need both emotional and career counseling. Once they have received sufficient emotional support from VVLP, they are offered direct, one-to-one job assistance and participate in informational interviews. With the help and guidance of understanding volunteers, veterans learn resume writing, interviewing, and job retention skills.

VVLP volunteers, who include corporate CEOs and resource managers, often serve as motivational speakers. Other professionals offer some of their time each week to teach employment skills and offer support and advice to veterans in search of employment.

The President salutes the volunteers of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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THE U.S.-JAPAN PAPER AGREEMENT

Fact Sheet

The President today participated in a White House signing ceremony for an agreement between the United States and Japan on measures to open to foreign suppliers Japan's \$27 billion market for paper and paperboard products. The agreement was formalized in an exchange of letters between Ambassador Michael H. Moskow, the Acting United States Trade Representative, and Ambassador Takakazu Kuriyama, Embassy of Japan.

The paper agreement resulted from commitments made during President's January 1992 trip to Japan. As part of the "Global Partnership Plan of Action," President Bush and Prime Minister Miyazawa announced on January 9 that the two governments would intensify negotiations regarding measures to substantially increase access by foreign firms to the Japanese paper market with the goal of completion by early spring.

Key Elements of the Agreement

The agreement requires the Government of Japan to encourage Japanese paper distributors, converters, printers, and major corporate users to:

- Increase imports of competitive foreign paper products;
- Develop long-term buyer-supplier relationships with foreign producers;
- Establish and implement open and non-discriminatory purchasing practices; and
- Prepare and adopt company-specific, written purchasing guidelines, applicable to both domestic and foreign suppliers.

In addition, the Government of Japan will encourage major Japanese producers, distributors, converters and printers to establish and implement Anti-Monopoly Act compliance programs. The Japanese Government affirmed its commitment to effectively enforce the Anti-Monopoly Act with respect to the paper market.

Of particular importance, the Government of Japan has agreed to focus its efforts on major users of paper products, including companies that are members of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry's (MITI) Import Expansion Program as well as other major users in the food processing, cosmetics, pharmaceutical, and publishing industries. More than 164 companies participate in the Import Expansion Program, including those in the automotive, electrical, electronics, machinery, airline, communications, iron and metal industries, chemicals, textiles, printing, and other sectors.

As part of the agreement, the Japanese Government will conduct a number of surveys on conditions in the Japanese paper products market and on the efforts of various paper consumers to use competitive foreign paper products. The U.S. Government will have an opportunity to review the survey questions and discuss methodology with the Japanese Government.

An important feature of the five-year agreement is that the Government of Japan is committed to making ongoing efforts to implement its measures. Both governments will review jointly on a semiannual basis progress made in implementing the measures in the agreement, taking into consideration: changes in the level of imports, changes in the level of import penetration, efforts by Japanese companies and by U.S. paper companies, efforts of both governments to implement the measures, and other factors.

For its part, the United States will continue to make existing export promotion programs available to U.S. exporters of paper products and will work closely with U.S. companies in their effort to achieve greater access to the Japanese market.

Key Statistics

The American Paper Institute (API) has estimated that the Japanese market for primary paper and paperboard products is \$27 billion (1990 data) and the value of the entire Japanese paper industry (including pulp, paper, and paper product manufactures), measured by total value of shipments, is \$65 billion (1989 data). API estimated that the total foreign share of the Japanese paper and paperboard products market was 3.7 percent in 1991, with the U.S. share of the Japanese market amounting to 1.7 percent. The U.S. share for printing and writing papers was 0.3 percent.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN PRESENTATION OF WHITE HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

The Rose Garden

3:30 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mike, very much. And greetings to all of you. May I greet Edward Horgan and Kenneth Hunter, Associate Postmasters General. Mike, thank you, sir, for the introduction and those remarks. Old friend, George Haley, here, the Chairman of the Postal Rate Commission.

And welcome to Peerce Farm, or as we call it nowadays, the White House. George Washington selected this site for the President's house more than 200 years ago amid apple orchards owned by a colonial farmer named Peerce. Being a surveyor by trade, Washington knew what he was doing. Abigail Adams, the first lady to live here, wrote, "This is a beautiful spot. And the more I view it the more I am delighted with it."

It was Thomas Jefferson who suggested a national competition to design the President's house. Washington himself chose the design of the winner, James Hoban, an Irish immigrant then living in Charleston. Hoban's plan won out over grander designs, some of which included vast central courts, rotundas and -- here's an intriguing idea --- a draped throne for the President. (Laughter.) His design was plainer than the others, more befitting the house of a democratic leader but it was still stately and dignified, as Washington wanted.

Incidentally, when he won the contest, Hoban began another capital tradition. He promptly leaked the news to his hometown papers in Charleston. (Laughter.) And after many revisions to the original design, and after some unfortunate redecorating by British troops in 1814, the President's house assumed the graceful form that we celebrate today.

And 1992 marks the 200th anniversary of this magnificent building. The cornerstone was laid in October of 1792, just a few yards from here, though the stone itself, I'm told by the historians and the custodians, has never been found. You'll notice we're restoring the exterior stone walls of the residence as part of the anniversary -- a celebration that includes commemorative books and museum exhibitions and symposiums. The far side of the house has been stripped down and painted. And I'm told again by the historians that this is the first time that the building has been taken down to its original stone.

The celebration also includes a commemorative postage stamp, which is what brings us here this afternoon. And I thank everyone who worked so hard to make this stamp possible, particularly the former Postmaster General Anthony Frank, who authorized it; Jack Ruther, who we just met, who did the superb design.

And I hope the stamp serves as a reminder to every American that this place is truly the people's house. One of the

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things I enjoy the most is taking our foreign visitors over here when the tours are on. And I'll never forget the reaction when I introduced a monarch to the visiting tourists coming through here. And one of the kids started yelling, "It's a real live king, Dad. It's a real live king." (Laughter.) And it was a good experience for the real live king to see how the people consider this properly "their" house.

One of the great blessings of the presidency, obviously, is to live within the walls of this house, to roam its hallways, to absorb its history, and to be reminded at every turn of the noble men who have lived here and of their families. But a President can never, obviously, be more than a caretaker or a tenant in this House, for the White House belongs, as it has for 200 years, to every American.

And we are very grateful, Barbara and I both. And we pray that God continues to bless his House, as he blesses the United States of America.

Thank you all very much for coming. And now, Mike, do the honors. (Applause.)

(The stamp is unveiled.) (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: That concludes our brief ceremony, but thank you all very much for coming. (Applause.)

END

3:35 P.M. EDT

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Mr. President:

You are slated to leave for Camp David at 4 P. M. QUESTION:

DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE ANY EARLIER?

YES ☒

NO ☐

*unless that means missing
some appointment.*

DEPART @ 3 PM

OK

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are arriving at 12:30 Friday. Susan indicated that Mrs. Bush could have lunch with them and was going to suggest it. The Bells could then attend the reception at 2:30 in the residence, if they wanted.

According to Susan, Mrs. Bush could leave the reception and you could take off for C. D. by three, if you wanted.

Also, did you want Griffin Bell to meet with anyone while he was here.

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Told Kathy Super*

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PRESIDENT BUSH

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2036	Arrive North Grounds
2038	Residence



*Marlin Fitzwater
cc'd.*

April 23, 1992

Dear Trude,

The interview in INSIGHT
came out very well, I
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Everyone around here felt
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Thanks.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Bush", is written below the "Best Wishes," text.

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ms. Trude Feldman
2020 "F" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006



A handwritten signature, likely "G. H. W. Bush", is written in dark ink to the right of the presidential seal.

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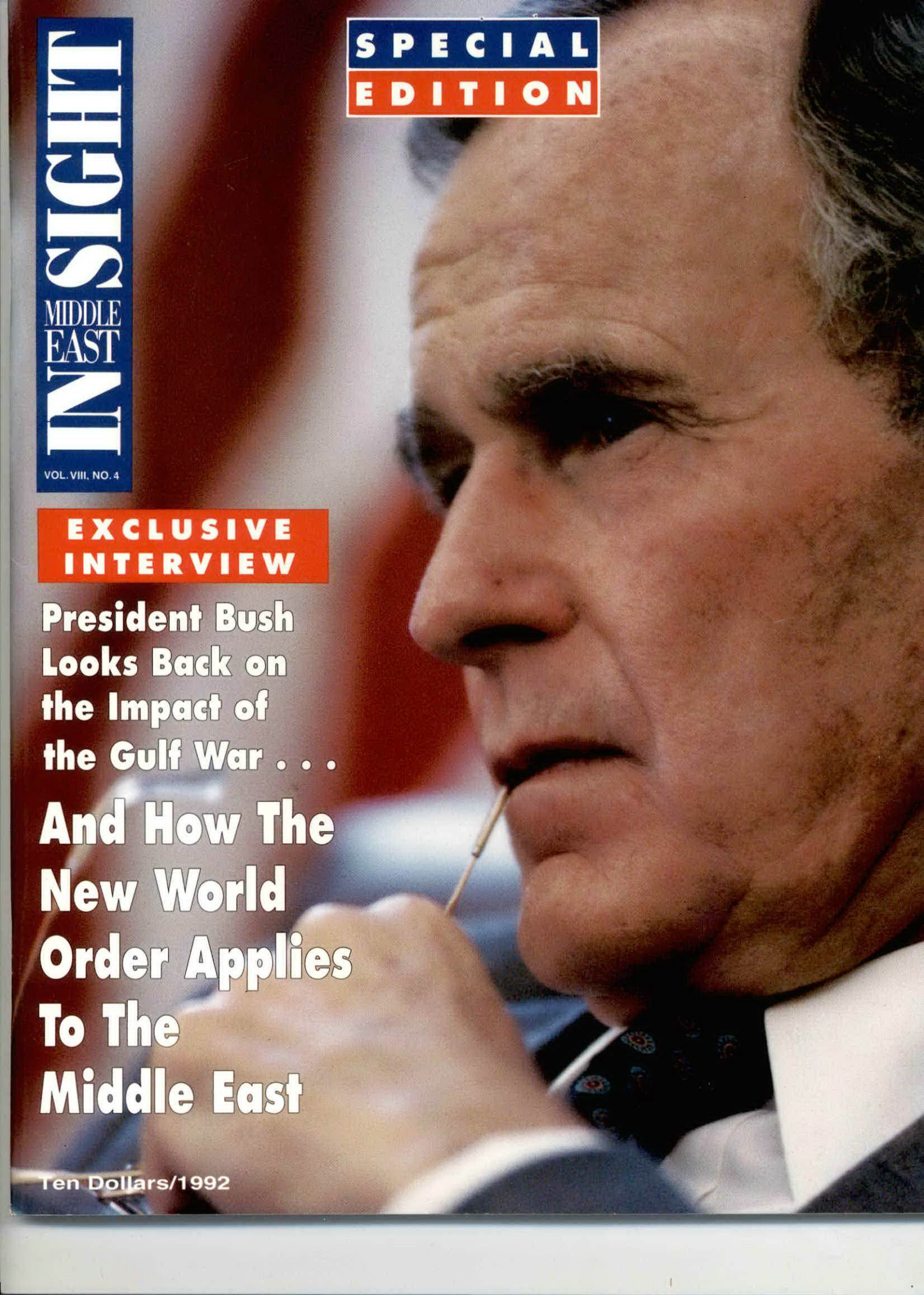
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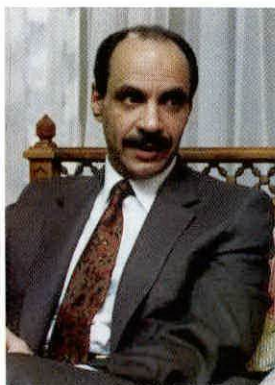
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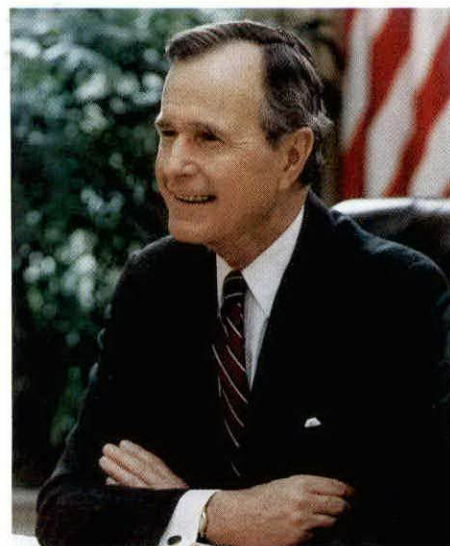
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Twelve years ago, when we began publishing *Middle East Insight*, the world picture was quite different from today. The world was still in the midst of the Cold War, the Middle East was in turmoil, and U.S. credibility was at its lowest. It was in this atmosphere that we found our niche, with a vision to serve as an impartial forum to promote understanding, to allow for diverse opinions, solid analysis, and interviews straight from regional leaders.

These years have been challenging, exciting, and productive. We expanded and began publishing special reports, holding policy symposia, and just recently began publishing a newsletter for our members and sponsors.

Over the years we have been able to be the first in the Western press to present interviews straight from the source including those with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak; the leader of the Iranian revolution and founder of the Islamic regime, Ayatollah Khomeini; and Sultan Qaboos of Oman, to name just a few.

Now we are pleased to crown our progress with an exclusive interview with President George Bush. The interview is very special to us, not only because it is the first comprehensive interview to be granted a year after the Gulf War, but also because it is a far-reaching look at the President's Mideast policy and reveals his vision of the future for the Middle East.

Complementing our look back at the impact of the Gulf War is an analysis of the economies of Middle Eastern countries a year later by Amy Kaslow and Scott MacDonald, members of our economics editorial board, as well as an analysis of President Bush's Mideast policy by Graham Fuller.

In continuing to present a variety of policy perspectives, we are delighted to highlight an interview with Kuwaiti Ambassador Saud Nasir Al-Sabah, a key player in the Gulf crisis who has been deeply involved in the liberation and rebuilding of his country. We are also pleased to share with you the Syrian perspective on the peace process by the head of the Syrian delegation, Ambassador Mouaffak Al-Allaf. This is one in a series of viewpoints on the peace process and follows the Israeli and Lebanese perspectives presented in our last issue.

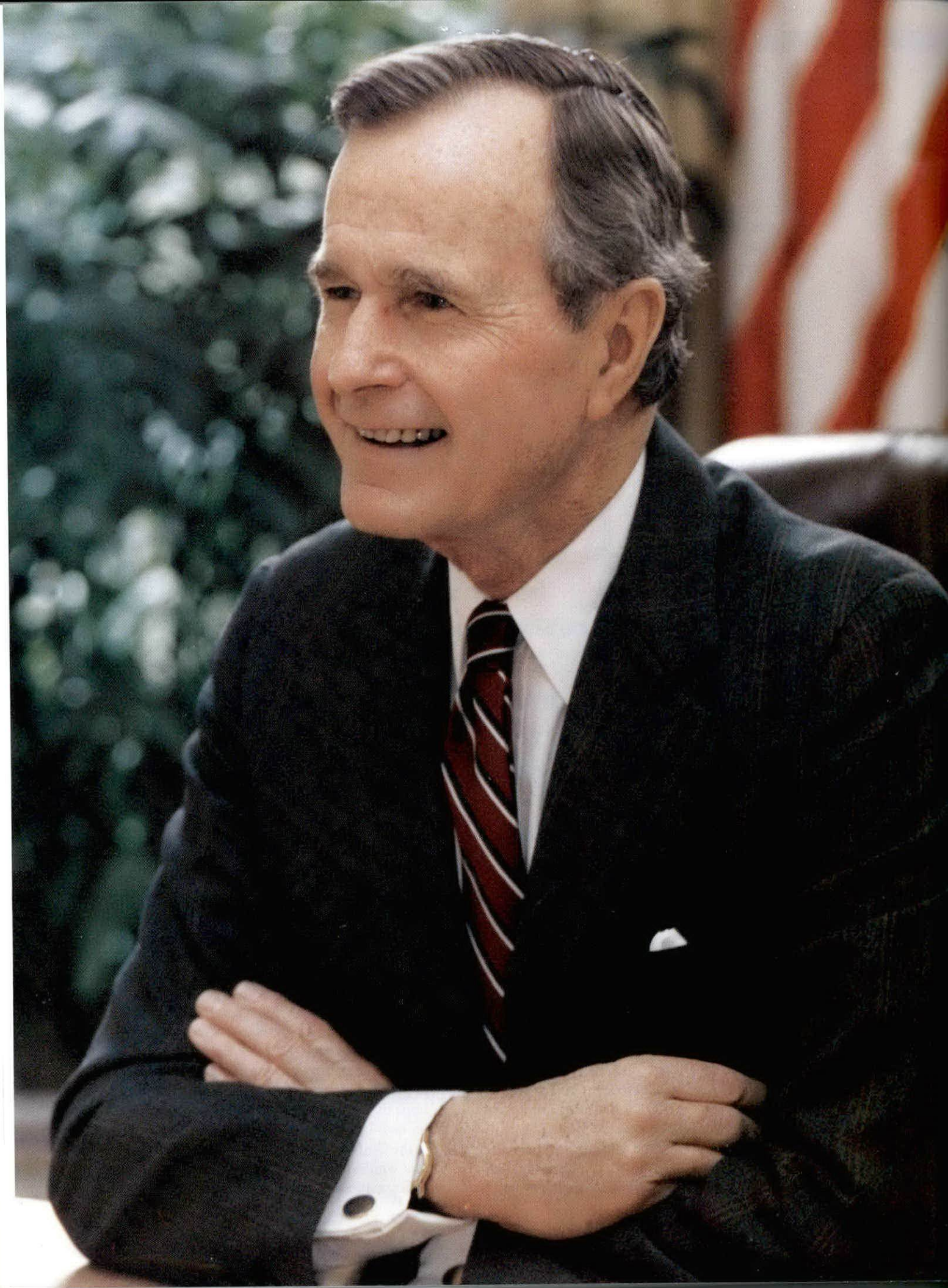
The upcoming Israeli elections will be a watershed for the future of the peace talks. Given the far-ranging effects of the choices made by the Israeli electorate, we are presenting three articles in a special section on the elections by renowned specialists in Israeli politics.

In an in-depth study of Iranian foreign policy, James Bill discusses the background and future of U.S.-Iranian relations and the renewed role for Iran in the Persian Gulf. Bill's study is complemented by an article on the Iranian economy by Hassan Golriz of the International Monetary Fund.

We are pleased to announce a new feature in our economics section profiling the experience of successful business leaders. In this issue Richard Jacobs shares with us his experiences in doing business in the former Soviet Union.

As we celebrate our twelfth anniversary, we hope that our long-time supporters and sponsors, as well as our new readers, will enjoy this special edition of *Middle East Insight*. As the international editor for *The Economist* has said: "*Middle East Insight* is one of the coolest, fairest, and most intelligent voices emerging from Washington on the Middle East policy debate." We take this opportunity to confirm our intent to continue to present an indepth, impartial publication as a forum for thoughtful debate, funded by concerned, responsible, and serious readers and sponsors like you.

—George A. Nader



An Interview with President George Bush

**A Year Later: Bush Looks Back on the Impact of the Gulf War
...And How His New World Order Applies to the Mideast**

By Trude B. Feldman

One year ago, President George Bush halted the 42-day war in the Persian Gulf. Kuwait was liberated and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's army routed with few American casualties.

Today, however, George Bush does not hide his concern at some of the unfinished business of that conflict. He is clearly concerned that Saddam Hussein is still in power, but will neither deny nor confirm published reports that the U.S. is now waging a "War of Nerves" to oust the Iraqi leader. Nonetheless, he rejects criticism that he diminished his own victory by ending the war too soon.

In an interview, President Bush also reflects on the consequences of his decisions as seen one year later. He is convinced that the possible existence of biological, chemical, and atomic weapons, as well as the use of terrorism, are threats that still need to be eradicated in the region.

The President tells of his vision for the Middle East and how it might fit into his new world order. He believes that America's strengthened credibility in the aftermath of the Gulf War has made it possible to finally launch direct Arab-Israeli negotiations. And he praises Secretary of State James A. Baker III for "superb efforts" in bringing the parties together for their first face-to-face peace talks.

Displaying a comprehensive knowledge of the Middle East powder keg and its complexities, the President remains cautiously optimistic about the current peace process.

The exclusive interview in the White House Oval Office follows:

Trude B. Feldman is Middle East Insight's White House Correspondent.

Feldman: It's now a year since you halted the war in the Persian Gulf. Looking back today, what are some of your reflections?

President Bush: I am more certain than ever that we—America and the coalition—did the right thing. A tyrant who threatened world peace and the world economy was forced to retreat. Kuwait is liberated, and on the road to free elections in October.

The oil fires set by Saddam Hussein's defeated army have been extinguished. His arsenal of weapons of mass destruction has been significantly damaged, and what remains is under United Nations scrutiny. We will not relax our vigil to destroy that arsenal in accordance with UN resolutions. The Gulf—an area that is vital to our economic well-being—is secure from political and economic blackmail.

However, the results go beyond the Gulf. Our strength and resolve have sent a message everywhere. In the Mideast, direct peace talks between Israel and all of its Arab neighbors have begun for the first time. Multilateral negotiations on arms control, economic cooperation and other issues have begun.

We fought a limited war for a vital purpose. We prevailed. Saddam is weak and on the defensive at home and in the region. We'll stand by our determination to maintain UN sanctions and inspections and to keep Iraq isolated until the Iraqi people and army free themselves of this dictator. We will be ready to be a partner with a new leadership in Baghdad that accepts the UN resolutions and is ready to live at peace with Iraq's neighbors and the Iraqi people.

Q: If you had it to do over, would you have halted the war when you did? Or, would you have given our troops a day or two longer to continue the destruction of the Republican Guard?

A: No, I would not. We had a unanimous recommendation from all the commanders, so I would not have done it differently.

Q: Critics say you snatched away your own victory by halting the war with Saddam still in power. How do you answer them?

A: I haven't heard that from any critic I would give credence to. I don't agree with that. I'd refer any critic to General Colin Powell [Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff], in whom the country has great confidence.

Q: Are you satisfied with the conduct of the Gulf War and its outcome? In retrospect, what would you have done differently?

A: I am absolutely satisfied. With unanimous consent, we fulfilled our objectives. The troops were superb and the commanders were superb. What I am not satisfied about is that Saddam refuses to abide by subsequent resolutions of the UN and refuses to keep his word on doing something about reparations on the environmental damage that he wrought.

Q: What are some of your regrets about the outcome of the war?

A: We fulfilled every UN-stated goal under the resolutions and we still have some to fulfill, like reparations. But we fulfilled the repelling of aggression. Now, we're being second-guessed. Some say we ought to have gone into Baghdad and taken out Saddam. If we did, we'd probably be bogged down in horrible urban guerrilla warfare. Having said that, I'd like to see Saddam out of power, but that was not an objective. Instant democracy in Kuwait was not an objective, changing of life style in the region was not an objective, pushing Israel into something it doesn't want to do was not an objective. The objectives were clear and spelled out. And now we have a lot of revisionists because of

the brutality to the Kurds and for other reasons—like brutality to the Shiites in the south. They are saying we should have done something differently. Many of them are critics who did not want us to use force in the first place. Now, they are doing some revisionistic thinking, and saying we should use force to get Saddam out. I can tell you this now, though: relations with Iraq will never be normal as long as Saddam is in power. I will not release sanctions—from the U.S. standpoint—as long as he is in

power. People talk about instant democracy in countries to the south of Iraq. What about Iraq? What about the people who were brutalized by this man? What about the environmental degradation and raping of people in Kuwait? We're not going to forget. So there are things I wish were handled differently. But I'm not going to let people use revisionist standards to say what we should

have done. We did what we said we would do.

Q: Is there anything you regret about Desert Storm?

A: I regret that Saddam is still there. That is a major regret, but taking him out wasn't an objective. I regret the loss of life, but our troops performed brilliantly. The fact that we now have a lot of second guessing doesn't bother me a bit. The American people understand something good, something patriotic when they see it.

Q: How effective is the "War of Nerves" being carried on now to remove Saddam from power?

A: I don't know. I read a lot of things [in the media] that are not true. But lest there be any doubt that we want to see him out of there, the answer is yes. He is a menace. He is a bully. He is brutal and he is tyrannizing his own people.

Q: How close is Saddam to a nuclear capability?

A: I don't think he is that "close" right now. But I'd



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say he must fully comply with the UN inspections and I don't think he is doing that. So this is a worry we have. We will keep pressing for full implementation of UN resolutions, and they cover that.

Q: How long will it take Iraq to recover its nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons capabilities if Saddam remains in power, and/or if he is replaced?

A: I think it will take a long time, but we have to be sure of that. The way to be sure is to see that these inspections are fully carried out, and then they won't have the capability. Even if Saddam is removed from power, I believe that the international community should continue to monitor what is going on in Iraq to ensure that its weapons of mass destruction—nuclear, biological, chemical, and missile—no longer exist and cannot, and will not, be rebuilt.

Q: Is Saddam now a threat to your peace process?

A: I don't think he is a threat to the peace process per se. But he is a threat to stability in the Mideast. He is much less of a threat than he was. But if he struggles to acquire nuclear weapons at all, we have to stop him. We have to be sure he doesn't get them.

Q: What's your reaction to the evidence that Saddam was on the brink of having nuclear weapons, as well as your view that he was determined to use them against Israel and Saudi Arabia?

A: We debated up to, and during the war, as to exactly what Saddam's nuclear potential was. There are some differences on that, but we found that the inspections confirm the view that Saddam was getting pretty close to having nuclear weapons. And he is so hostile to Israel, so determined to threaten it and so reckless, that I believe he might well have threatened Israel with nuclear weapons. He certainly could have threatened Saudi Arabia with them as well.



Trude B. Feldman, Middle East Insight's White House correspondent, interviews President Bush at the White House Oval Office

Q: As you reflect on the level of armaments in the Mideast, which contributed to the Gulf War, should the United States now try to restrict the flow of arms to that part of the world?

A: We're concerned, of course, about the level of armaments in the Mideast. That's why I launched my Mideast arms control initiative last year. The major arms suppliers to the region

have since held two meetings in which they agreed to consult on the flow of arms there. In addition, my administration has been vigorously pursuing its goal of halting the spread of nuclear and other unconventional weapons. As a top priority, the UN is actively engaged in identifying and destroying Iraq's arsenal and ability to develop all weapons of mass destruction.

Q: How significant is China? Is it true that China is helping to rearm Iraq? If so, how can that be halted?

A: It's true that we need to get missile proliferation under control by whoever does what, and I'm not sure China has admitted to that. We don't know all the answers to that one. But one of the good things about arms control discussions would be to be sure China is not rearming Iraq. China's position is, "Hey, you sell lots of arms to the Mideast...why shouldn't we?" Now, if we can get a breakthrough on proliferation through agreement—then we won't have to worry about these questions.

Q: Now that the hostages in Lebanon are home, what are the prospects for improved relations with Iran?

A: The release of these brave men and the return of the remains of two American heroes, Bill Buckley and Rich Higgins, is a testament to the correctness of the policy of not bargaining with terrorists. Our firm stand on that principle and the strength we demonstrated in

Desert Storm were the two keys to the hostages' release.

We're pleased that Iran used its influence constructively on this matter. Nonetheless, we remain deeply troubled by other aspects of Iranian policy, including continued support for terrorism, and its opposition to the Arab-Israeli peace process. That said, we recognize that Iran has an important role to play in the Gulf and we're open to talks with the leadership in Tehran on the issues that divide our two countries.

Q: What chances does Lebanon have in 1992 to restore its full independence and sovereignty?

A: The U.S. firmly supports Lebanon's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Lebanon. As a result of the Ta'if process, significant progress has been made toward restoring stability and extending central government authority. We expect that all parties will continue to implement the provisions of the Ta'if accords, including withdrawal of Syrian forces to the Beka'a valley in September.

As a separate matter, we also support implementation of UN Security Council resolution 425, including the withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Lebanon. We believe the current bilateral negotiations between Lebanon and Israel can be helpful in assuring Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as Israel's right to a secure northern border.

Q: How do you feel about the present state of democracy in Kuwait?

A: I'm glad Kuwait is talking about more democracy. I'd remind you that the war wasn't fought over instant democracy in Kuwait, but as it moves toward democracy, so much the better. We'd like to see democracy in every country. But again, there are many who do not add up to these standards with whom we have good relations.

Q: What is your reaction to the rise of Muslim fundamentalism in the Mideast?

A: The U.S. maintains good relations with the vast majority of Muslim countries and has been able to cooperate effectively with their governments. There are also many Muslims in this country who are active in civic and foreign affairs. We do have differences with political movements when they seek to use Islam as a political banner to justify intolerance, the abridgement of fundamental human rights, or interference in the affairs of others.

Q: What effect will the dissolution of the Soviet Union have on the security and stability of the Mideast, and on the U.S. national interests in the region?

A: The USSR played an important and useful role in the Gulf crisis, in trying to end the war in Afghanistan, and in opening the way for Arab-Israeli negotiations. We have been pleased to work with the Soviet leadership on these and other issues.

The new leadership in Russia has assured us of their determination to continue this constructive role and has underscored that determination by joining us in ending arms supplies to the Afghan parties and by hosting the Moscow multilateral talks on Arab-Israeli peace.

I'm confident that this spirit of cooperation will continue to help improve the prospects for stability in the region.

Q: What impact is your success in the Gulf War now having on the peace process?

A: I think the fact that the U.S. took such a strong leadership role has given us a newfound credibility with all the countries of the Mideast. They saw that when we said we would do something, we did it. A lot of countries in the Mideast did not believe that. So we have credibility unlike anything we had before. I want to use that to have these peace talks succeed, and we are trying to encourage all participants to be forthcoming.

The success of the Gulf War also established a climate in the region that allowed the peace process to take place. Moderates felt safer taking risks for peace. And now representatives of eleven Arab states have met with Israel to organize multilateral negotiations on regional issues ranging from arms control to water.

While we are ready to assist in these efforts, it is up to the parties involved to overcome centuries of prejudice and conflict and take the steps toward peace.

Q: Looking back to Desert Storm when Israel was attacked by Iraqi Scud missiles, what was your reaction when Israel did not retaliate?

A: It is a good thing Israel stayed out of the war because the coalition could have fallen apart. I give Israel a lot of credit for that. And the U.S. should get credit for the fact that we have significantly reduced the threat to Israel from a militant, highly-armed Saddam Hussein. If the threat is still there, we must continue to keep on it until we eliminate that threat, and that means fulfillment of the [relevant] UN resolutions.

Q: How far would you lean on Israel—as far as reducing our aid to them—for example, aid for absorption of Russian Jewish immigration? Or the proposal to reduce correspondent amounts for West Bank settlements?

A: As far as we lean on other countries. We're not trying to threaten or to bully. We still have a relationship with Israel that is sound and strong, but we have some differences. One is on the policy of settlements. They do not contribute at all to peace talks. Some people get upset with us about this, but it is long-standing policy. It is correct, and I'm not going to change that policy. We have made clear to the Israelis that the settlements are an obstacle to peace.

Q: What do you consider secure borders for Israel?

A: That must be worked out in negotiations, and has to be resolved between the parties. The U.S. cannot set those boundaries nor are we trying to.

Q: Can you understand the Israelis' fears?

A: I can, yes. They have very legitimate security concerns. We take those seriously, and remain committed to Israel's security. That's a fundamental principle of our Middle East policy.

Let me also say I think the Israelis watched and wondered, as the UN did something in Desert Storm—which they failed to do in past conflicts—that is, come together against a common aggressor, who happens to be a major enemy of Israel. So let's hope there are some new lessons for every country involved in this newly revitalized United Nations.

Q: How does your new world order apply to the Mideast?

A: We should use America's new-found credibility in a wide array of countries to try to bring peace to the area. We found out, through our efforts to put together an international coalition, that the world can stand



"Secretary of State Baker and his State Department team are doing a superb job..." President Bush with Baker at the White House Oval Office.

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together against the common enemy—in this instance, Saddam Hussein — and the principle being that aggression should not stand.

We should now use this new cooperative spirit—that exists around the world—to try to be a catalyst of peace in a region where peace has long escaped us.

Q: How would you sum up the current situation in the Mideast?

A: I would like the countries to recognize that we have an historic opportunity for peace and I hope they will reach out in the spirit of this new world order and try to lay aside, as much as one can, past prejudices and recognize that the world—not just the United States—wants to see peace, and to recognize that trade and commerce are far better than arms and hostile rhetoric. Let's see if we can't take this historic opportunity to bring peace to the Mideast.

Q: What do you mean by "historic" opportunity?

A: The fact that U.S. credibility is better than it ever has been in every Mideastern country—including some with whom we've had lousy relations, like Syria. Our relations are much stronger with Syria today because of what we did in the Gulf. It is historic. The fact that the world came together, disparate countries, and gunned down aggression, went back and punished an aggressor. That in itself says something about a new world order, and all countries—including the U.S.—should learn from that.

Q: If you could influence one factor, or the actions of one leader in the Mideast equation, what would you do? And which leader would you select?

A: There is no one leader or one factor alone. But the establishment of direct talks between Israel and its antagonists has always been our goal. It has also been Israel's objective for the past forty-three years. I'd like to see removal of boycotts and to see peace treaties with other countries, like the one that exists between Egypt and Israel.

I'd also like to see a solution to the Palestinian question. But I can't single out one because all the parties ought to be forthcoming. The key countries at this juncture are Israel, Jordan, and Syria. And in terms of elimination of the boycott, we need cooperation from the Gulf countries. I don't think the failure to move can be attributed to one country or to one leader. There is a recalcitrance on the part of several key leaders. Egyptian President Mubarak is playing a strong, catalytic role, encouraging the very things I'm now telling you about. The main participants must realize that what we have proposed in the way of the talks is in their interests, not against them. We now have a good opportunity, and a good plan, and I hope everyone in the region will accept it. I think the world wants what we're trying to do—that is, to bring peace to the Mideast.

Secretary of State [James A.] Baker and his State Department team are doing a superb job in bringing the various parties together. While he is being criticized for not having instant success, no one who understands the area expects instant success. But we have the parties talking, and that creates the possibility for real progress.

Q: What role will the United States take in the next round of peace talks?

A: We have attempted to be a catalyst for peace. We won't try to dictate solutions, but will continue to be an honest broker, and decide how best to contribute to the process.

Q: Jordan's King Hussein once told me that if anyone could bring peace to the Mideast, it would be you. So how will you begin to take on his challenge?

A: We've had our differences with the king over the Gulf War. He knows what they are. But he is an important player in the region, important for stability, and important for making progress toward peace. He

has recently accepted my invitation for lunch at the White House and I look forward to our meeting.

Q: What are the chances of your being the first U.S. president to break the deadlock in the Mideast?

A: Well, right now, I don't know. But we did break the taboo on direct bilateral talks and that's very significant. That's an essential step toward breaking the deadlock. In addition, the ingredients are there because our credibility has been enhanced by what we did in the Gulf. We defended Israel, in a sense, by taking out its number one enemy, and we did that definitively. The people of Israel seem to be appreciative. We came to the defense of the Saudis and Kuwaitis. People in the Gulf give us a new degree of respectability and credit. I think even Syria and Jordan understand—Syria being on our side, Jordan being on Saddam's side—that the word of the U.S. means something. So I think we have a chance.

But I don't look at this on personal terms. As we deal with this multifaceted problem, I need to look at what is best for world peace, and always have in mind what's best for the security interests of the United States.

Q: And finally, what's your vision for the Mideast now, on the first anniversary of the end of the Gulf War?

A: I'd like to see an area where people come and go in peace, where there is no economic boycott, where people discuss their problems one-on-one; where the Palestinians are accorded recognition and right of existence, with some designated place to be; where Israel's real security demands are guaranteed, not by arms, but by peace agreements.

Maybe that's too idealistic, but we will continue to try, recognizing that it is extraordinarily difficult because of ancient enmities. But, Trude, you can be sure that, as long as I'm president of the United States, I will be working for peace in the Mideast. □

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