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BEST OF PRESIDENT BUSH
1990

American Farm Bureau -- January 8

"Every one of us dreams of excellence in education; economic opportunity for all citizens; and a clean and healthy environment; and safe, drug-free streets, schools, and workplaces. Together we are working to build a better America.

Bush-Quayle Reunion -- January 18

"Here at home, in the '88 election, we sought power for its potential to help people. We wanted progress for a clean environment and the fight against drugs that savage our streets and for the sake of the family, free institutions, free speech, and free markets, to make an America second to none in education, to ensure economic opportunity for all Americans. We knew what remained to be done."

Executive Forum -- January 18

"...let's recall what we believe and who it is that we serve: not ourselves, not a party, but this nation and her people; moreover, all those for whom America is the conscience of mankind. The working mother in San Antonio and the farmer in Nebraska and the teacher in New Jersey and the uniformed sons and daughters who keep us free -- we serve them, every single one."

"Yet the essence of America, that belief in the individual, eclipses language and border. And so, we must also champion the heroes of Prague and Warsaw, Bucharest and Berlin, and the thousands of people who last July -- I saw it -- greeted me there in Budapest, tears running down their faces, waiting hours in a driving rain, cheering for the principles of liberty and democracy, cheering for the United States of America."

State of the Union -- January 31

"Our nation is the enduring dream of every immigrant who ever set foot on these shores, and the millions still struggling to be free. This nation, this idea called America, was and always will be a new world -- our new world."

"At a workers' rally, in a place called Branik on the outskirts of Prague, the idea called America is alive. A worker, dressed in grimy overalls, rises to speak at the factory gates. He begins his speech to his fellow citizens with these words, words of a distant revolution: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created

equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, and that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

"Education is the one investment that means more for our future because it means the most for our children. Real improvement in our schools is not simply a matter of spending more: it's a matter of asking more -- expecting more -- of our schools, of our teachers, of our kids, of our parents, and ourselves."

"By the year 2000, every child must start school ready to learn. The United States must increase the high school graduation rate to no less than 90 percent. And we are going to make sure our schools' diplomas mean something. In critical subjects -- at the 4th, 8th, and 12th grades -- we must assess our students' performance. By the year 2000, U.S. students must be first in the world in math and science achievement. Every American adult must be a skilled, literate worker and citizen. Every school must offer the kind of disciplined environment that makes it possible for our kids to learn. And every school in America must be drug-free. Ambitious aims? Of course. Easy to do? Far from it. But the future's at stake. The Nation will not accept anything less than excellence in education."

"The state of the Union depends on whether we help our neighbor -- claim the problems of our community as our own. We've got to step forward when there's trouble, lend a hand, be what I call a point of light to stranger in need. We've got to take time after a busy day to sit down and read with our kids, help them with their homework, pass along the values we learned as children. That's how we sustain the state of the Union. Every effort is important. It all adds up. It's doing the things that give democracy meaning. It all adds up to who we are and who we will be."

"For more than 40 years, America and its allies held communism in check and ensured that democracy would continue to exist. And today, with communism crumbling, our aim must be to ensure democracy's advance, to take the lead in forging peace and freedom's best hope: a great and growing commonwealth of free nations."

"The anchor in our world today is freedom, holding us steady in times of change, a symbol of hope to all the world. And freedom is at the heart of the idea that is America. Giving us life to that idea depends on every one of us. Our anchor has always been faith and family."

Commonwealth Club -- February 7

"And from Harry Truman to Ronald Reagan, our strength became the world's shield; our ideals of freedom and democracy, the world's hope."

"... now thanks to the march of freedom and democracy in Eastern Europe, and even in the Soviet Union itself, now the prospects for an enduring peace are greater than ever before. We can now envision a new destiny for the nations of the continent: that of a Europe truly whole and free."

Ohio GOP Fundraiser -- February 8

"People are looking for something new in the 90s -- and that's why they're looking at a new GOP generation. More Americans are turning to the Republican Party because our party really does have more of the new thinking, more of the answers -- the answers people are looking for to help maintain the competitive edge in this global economy -- to clean up our environment, to keep crime and drugs off our street, and to lead a new crusade for excellence in our schools. To see that every American enjoys the opportunity to live and work, to prosper and advance as far as his or her own efforts will take them."

Congo Arrival Ceremony -- February 12

"Shortly before he took office, Lincoln stopped in Philadelphia to speak at Independence Hall, and he spoke of war and revolution and of America's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence, signed in that hall less than 100 years earlier. 'The Declaration,' he said, 'gave liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to all the world for all future time.' And today another century has passed, and today liberty and hope are alive in the world as never before."

Czechoslovakia Departure Statement -- February 20

"On the one side stood the state with its prisons and secret police; and on the other, Vaclav Havel, one man alone but with the strength of his convictions, always free with the freedom that comes from living in truth. First one man, and now millions.

President Havel never stopped believing in what he called this unbelievable thought: that any one of us can shake the Earth. Shake the Earth, Mr. President, and part the Iron Curtain. Shake the Earth and knock down the Berlin Wall. Shake the Earth and set in motion a process of change from Budapest to Bucharest, from Warsaw to Wenceslas Square.

And that was the Revolution of '89, and our task now in the 1990's is to move forward from revolution to renaissance, towards a new Europe in which each nation and every culture can flourish and breathe free, a Europe whole and free."

National Governors Association -- February 26

"When people unite behind common goals and demand the freedom to pursue their dreams, no system can stop them. And nothing will stop us.

There is nothing more important to the long-term stability and stature of America than establishing a first-class education system. Nothing is more important to a competitive America in the 21st century. Nothing is more important to improving the quality of life for our citizens. And nothing is more important than the promise inherent in these goals that all children in America can realize their fullest potential and reach our for their dreams."

Los Angeles County Jail -- March 1

"And if you're going to be tough on crime you've got to be tough on criminals. Talk to any law enforcement officer and they'll tell you what that means: No more revolving door. No more criminals out on the street because there isn't enough cell space to hold them."

Santa Ana Anti-Drug Rally -- March 2

"There are so many other hopeful signs, visible in every city in America. In my old congressional district in Houston, Texas, the people got together and took back a park from the drug dealers. In Alexandria, Virginia, I visited a neighborhood where they hold all-night vigils every Friday to keep the pushers away from kids. And then in the heartland, Kansas City, I saw these boarded-up crack houses bearing the six-word victory banner of the local activists -- the words: "This neighborhood fights back against drugs."

"And let no one doubt the commitment we have in Washington as well. The White House has declared war on the crack house. And the only enemy response we'll accept is unconditional surrender."

National Assoc. of Manufacturers -- March 15

"In 1986, on the eve of July 4th, a single blue laser split the darkness over New York Harbor, a manmade lightning bolt relit the torch of a reborn Statue of Liberty. The torch has been held high ever since. And today that light continues to inspire hope from Panama to Prague, from Moscow to Managua."

National Assoc. of Broadcasters -- April 2

"And so, when a lone, brave man stood up to a column of tanks in Tiananamen Square, the world stood with him. When the people of Prague sang the first Christmas carols in over 40 years, the world sang with them. And when the first German took the first hammer to that wall of shame in Berlin, the world shared in an historic act of courage."

"The voice of freedom will not be stilled as long as there is an America to tell the truth."

Dan Coats Fundraiser -- April 3

"Our administration has placed the family at the center of our agenda for the 1990's: to build an America where every man, woman, and child is drug-free; where schools challenge and support our kids and our teachers; and where our families can live in a clean, safe environment."

U.S. Chamber of Commerce -- April 30

"We build democracy whenever we help individuals take their destiny into their own hands. Democracy puts the focus not on government but on the freedom of the individual, not on the state but on society, the private sector. Democracy thrives in direct proportion to the flowering of individual freedom and free enterprise."

National Association of Women Business Owners -- May 1

"What the world learned in the Revolution of 89 is that democracy is another way of saying opportunity, that government's best role and greatest security is not in consolidating power but in empowering the individual. And the truest kindness the state can offer the people is to govern with a gentle hand."

Texas A&I University -- May 11

"The American adventure has always had the capacity to inspire others and to astonish the world: the voyages of Columbus, the Declaration of Independence, the taming of a continent, the invention of flight. American's democracy is the world's greatest experiment in freedom and diversity, an ongoing experiment that continues to unleash the creative energy of the world's most diverse population. It's what took American pioneers to the moon and back. It is what will take you as far as your dreams can soar."

"Thirty years from now I believe man will stand on another planet.... I believe that before Apollo celebrates the 50th anniversary of its landing on the Moon, the American flag should be planted on Mars."

"We live in a century that began with great promise and hope for the idea we call democracy, then only beginning to assume an important place on the world stage. That hope has been fulfilled and surpassed beyond the wildest dreams of our Founders. And the promise of democracy is beginning to be tasted by more people in more places than ever before. It's their inspiration; and it's our strength, our heritage, and our future. And so, as this century closes, it is in America's hands to help determine the kind of people, the kind of planet, we will become in the next. We will leave the solar system and travel to the stars not only because it is democracy's dream but because it is democracy's destiny."

Memorial Day in Kennebunkport -- May 28

"I can assert to you, as the Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces, that we have never had a better fighting force than we have today; and we should be grateful to every man and woman that wears the uniform of the United States of America."

"The day of the dictator is over, and democracy and freedom are winning all around the world."

Gorbachev Arrival Ceremony -- May 31

"In Germany, where the Wall once stood, a nation moves toward unity, in peace and freedom. And in the other nations of the most heavily militarized continent on Earth, at last we see the long era of confrontation giving way to the prospect of enduring cooperation in a Europe whole and free."

Houston Economic Summit Arrival Statement -- July 9

"A new world of freedom lays before us, hopeful, confident -- a world where peace endures, where commerce has conscience, and where all that seems possible is possible. So, let us begin in good faith to set the sage for the new millennium."

USS George Washington Christening -- July 21

"American power is still the world's paramount force for freedom. And as in time of war, when America waged the fight for freedom far from our shores, so today we must maintain a policy of peacetime engagement and armed forces sufficient to sustain our national interest. We are inescapably the leader of free world defense, the connecting link in a global alliance of democracies, the pivotal factor of stability. We will not shrink from this responsibility."

Captive Nations Week -- July 25

"On that unforgettable morning when the East German borders fell, parents gathered up their kids and brought them to the Brandenburg Gate, the final symbol of tyranny in Berlin. And still in their pajamas, these children on this day of new freedom were passed up from friendly hand to friendly hand to have the thrill of sitting on top of the Wall, looking across at the endless horizon of their dreams. And now, a new generation is coming of age in freedom."

Americans with Disabilities Act Signing Ceremony -- July 26

"For ours will never be a truly prosperous nation until all within it prosper."

"Our problems are large, but our unified heart is larger. Our challenges are great, but our will is greater. And in our American, the most generous, optimistic nation on the face of the Earth, we must not and will not rest until every man and woman with a dream has the means to achieve it."

Oval Office Address on Deploying Forces to Saudi Arabia -- Aug. 8

"In the life of a nation, we're called upon to define who we are and what we believe. Sometimes these choices are not easy. But today as President, I ask for your support in a decision I've made to stand up for what's right and condemn what's wrong, all in the cause of peace."

"The acquisition of territory by force is unacceptable. No one, friend or foe, should doubt our desire for peace; and no one should underestimate our determination to confront aggression."

"We're beginning a new era. This new era can be full of promise, an age of freedom, a time of peace for all peoples. But if history teaches us anything, it is that we must resist aggression or it will destroy our freedoms."

Address to Pentagon Employees -- August 15

"And so, when the question is asked: Where does America stand? I answer: America stands where it always has -- against aggression."

Veterans of Foreign Wars -- August 20

"When some ask: Where does America stand? Our answer is: America stands where it always has -- against aggression, against those who would use force to replace the rule of law."

"... recall the 8-year-old who, watching her dad leave for the Mediterranean, spoke truth from the mouths of babes. "I just think," she said, "that they shouldn't let daddies go away this long. But they still have to, to keep the world safe."

"Most Americans know, too, that giving peace a chance does not mean taking a chance on peace. So, they endorse giving the military the tools to do its job; the Peacekeeper, the Midgetman, B-2 bomber, and the Strategic Defense Initiative."

"Let us never forget that our strong national defense policies have helped us gain the peace. We need a strong defense today to maintain that peace."

"I will never send young men and women into battle with less than the very best that this nation can provide them. I will never -- I will never, ever -- let Americans like this down."

"Half a century ago, the world had the chance to stop a ruthless aggressor and missed it. I pledge to you: We will not make that mistake again. For you see, together we can successfully oppose tyranny and help those nations who look to us for leadership and vision."

White House Briefing on National Drug Control Strategy -- Sept. 5

"My administration will remain on the front lines until this scourge is licked for good. Block by block, school by school, child by child, we will take back the streets. We will never surrender."

Fundraiser for Kansas Gov. Mike Hayden -- September 6

"And we will not stand by while one country devours another unthreatening country. We will stand firm against the aggression now condemned around the entire world. Our cause may not be easy, but it will always be right."

Joint Session of Congress -- September 11

"... there is no substitute for American leadership. In the face of tyranny, let no one doubt American credibility and reliability. Let no one doubt our staying power. We will stand by our friends."

"... we will not let this aggression stand."

"For America to lead, America must remain strong and vital. Our world leadership and domestic strength are mutual and reinforcing -- a woven piece, strongly bound as Old Glory."

United Nations General Assembly -- October 1

"We've seen a century sundered by barbed threats and barbed wire give way to a new era of peace and competition and freedom."

"And so, let it be said of the final decade of the 20th century: This was a time when humankind came into its own, when we emerged from the grit and the smoke of the industrial age to bring about a revolution of the spirit and the mind and began a journey into a new day, a new age, and a new partnership of nations."

Hickam Air Force Base, Pearl Harbor -- October 28

"The invasion of Kuwait was without provocation. The invasion of Kuwait was without excuse. And the invasion of Kuwait will not stand."

Senate Republican Leadership Dinner, Union Station -- November 13

"Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably in themselves will not be realized. Make big plans. Aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble idea once recorded will never die, but long after we are gone will be a living thing." [quotation by Daniel Burnham, architect of Union Station]

Clean Air Act Signing Ceremony -- November 15

"There's an old saying: 'We don't inherit the Earth from our parents. We borrow it from our children.' We have succeeded today because of a common sense of global stewardship, a sense that it is the Earth that endures and that all of us are simply holding a sacred trust left for future generations."

Wenceslas Square, Prague Czechoslovakia -- November 17

"Today a Europe whole and free is within our reach. We've seen a new world of freedom born amid shouts of joy; born full of hope, barreling with confidence toward a new century; a new world born of a revolution that linked this square with others -- Gdansk, Budapest, Berlin -- a revolution that joined together people fueled by courage and by humanity's essential quest for freedom."

"We will continue along the road mapped out by our Presidents more than 70 years ago, a road whose goal was described by Woodrow Wilson: 'to bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free.'"

Speyer, Germany -- November 18

"When we were here last year, Germans still lived in two societies: one free and one oppressed; one alive, the other frozen in tyranny; two very different governments, but one people, one Germany."

"I will never forget November 1989, when word came from Berlin: The wall has been breached. And soon the world was transfixed by startling images, scenes of celebration and triumph as thousands of Germans joined hands across a mass of concrete that had divided your nation for far too long."

Dhahran Air Base, Saudi Arabia -- November 22

"Kuwait is small, but one conquered nation is one too many. And remember, remember, the invasion of Kuwait was without provocation. The invasion of Kuwait was without excuse. And the invasion of Kuwait simply will not stand."

"In World War II, the world paid dearly for appeasing an aggressor who could have been stopped early on. We're not going to make that mistake again. We will not appease this aggressor."

"There is no way Americans can forget the contribution you are making to world peace and to our country. Year after year on this very special day, special to every American, no doubt each of you has given thanks to your country. This year your country gives thanks to you. We think of you with pride in our hearts and a prayer on our lips."

18th Airborne, Saudi Arabia -- November 22

"Today we have a vision of a new partnership of nations united by principle and seeking a lasting peace for this generation and generations to come."

1st Marine Division, Saudi Arabia -- November 22

"No president is quick to order American troops abroad. But there are times when any nation that values its own freedom must confront aggression."

Farm Bill Signing Ceremony -- November 28

"Our farmers are the best. Period! They outproduce every other nation in the world by far, and even outproduce some continents. They're world champions providers."

National Affordable Housing Act Signing Ceremony -- November 28

"The status quo of centralized bureaucracy is not working for the people -- the ones who need affordable housing; the ones who want to choose the best schools for their kids or child care for their younger children; the ones who want to pull themselves out of dependency and into a life of self-sufficiency in a safe, clean, and drug-free community. It's the people who have the best answers for themselves and their families, not the government."

White House News Conference -- November 30

"I want peace, not war. But if there must be war, we will not permit our troops to have their hands tied behind their backs. And I pledge to you: There will not be any murky ending. If one American soldier has to go into battle, that soldier will have enough force behind him to win."

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Inaugural Address -- January 20

"We live in a peaceful, prosperous time, but we can make it better. For a new breeze is blowing, and a world refreshed by freedom seems reborn. For in man's heart, if not in fact, the day of the dictator is over.... A new breeze is blowing, and a nation refreshed by freedom stands ready to push on."

"We know what works: Freedom works. We know what's right: Freedom is right. We know how to secure a more just and prosperous life for man on Earth: through free markets, free speech, free elections, and the exercise of free will unhampered by the state."

"I take as my guide the hope of a saint: In crucial things, unity; in important things, diversity; in all things, generosity."

"America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral principle. We as a people have such a purpose today. It is to make kinder the face of the Nation and gentler the face of the world."

"We will stay strong to protect the peace. The offered hand is a reluctant fist, once made, strong and can be used with great effect."

"This scourge will stop."

"For our problems are large, but our heart is larger. Our challenges are great, but our will is greater. And if our flaws are endless, God's love is truly boundless."

USS America -- January 31

"And in every corner of the globe, millions recognize you, and the flag you carry is their symbol of hope. And yes, wherever you go, you take America and all it represents with you; and you do it with a pride and dedication that few have ever matched."

"When the record of our time is finally written, I hope it will be the story of the final triumph of peace and freedom throughout the globe, the story of the sunrise in the day of mankind's age-old aspirations. And on that day,

Who were the heroes, generations to come will ask? Who drove the chariots of fire across the sky? Who brought the day to the Earth? And the answer will be you. During the next 4 years, I will not be just your Commander in Chief but your friend. And together we will work to spin the gossamer thread of human dreams into a sturdy fabric of peace that will last for generations to come."

Joint Session of Congress -- February 9

"We're a people whose energy and drive have fueled our rise to greatness. And we're a forward-looking nation -- generous, yes, but ambitious, not for ourselves but for the world. Complacency is not in our character -- not before, not now, not ever."

"We will not have the luxury of taking it easy, spendthrift approach to solving problems because higher spending and higher taxes put economic growth at risk. Economic growth provides jobs and hope. Economic growth enables us to pay for social programs. Economic growth enhances the security of the Nation. And low tax rates create economic growth.

"I believe in giving Americans greater freedom and greater choice. And I will work for choice for American families, whether in the housing in which they live, the schools to which they send their children, or the child care they select for their young....

"I believe in a society that is free from discrimination and bigotry of any kind. And I will work to knock down the barriers left by past discrimination and to build a more tolerant society that will stop such barriers from ever being built again."

"When some of our students actually have trouble locating America on a map of the world, it is time for us to map a new approach to education. We must reward excellence and cut through bureaucracy. We must help schools that need help the most. We must give choice to parents, students, teachers, and principals; and we must hold all concerned accountable. In education, we cannot tolerate mediocrity. I want to cut that dropout rate and make America a more literate nation, because what it really comes down to is this: The longer our graduation lines are today, the shorter our unemployment will be tomorrow."

"Just last week, as I settled into this new office, I received a letter from a mother in Pennsylvania who had been struck by my message in the Inaugural Address. "Not 12 hours before," she wrote, "my husband and I received word that our son was addicted to cocaine. He had the world at his feet. Bright, gifted, personable -- he could have done anything with his life. And now he has chosen cocaine." "And please," she wrote, "Get tough with the pushers. Our son needs your help."

"There are voices who say that America's best days have passed, that we're bound by constraints, threatened by problems, surrounded by troubles which limit our ability to hope. Well, tonight I remain full of hope. We Americans have only begun on our mission of goodness and greatness. And to those timid souls, I repeat the plea: "Give us the tools, and we will do the job."

Education Forum, New Jersey -- April 13

"In New York City, where thousands of volunteers are helping in hundreds of schools, my wife Barbara met with a group helping Cambodian children learn English. And while she was there, one older lady told Barbara how desperately lonely she had been until she volunteered. And her eyes filled up with tears at the memory. Then her face lit up as she told Barbara, "I have never been lonely a day since." Helping others made this woman's life have so much more meaning."

Hamtramck, Michigan -- April 17

"We dream of the day when Eastern European peoples will be free to choose their system of government and to vote for the party of their choice in regular, free, contested elections. And we dream of the day when Eastern European countries will be free to choose their own peaceful course in the world, including closer ties with Western Europe.... We share an unwavering conviction that one day all the peoples of Europe will live in freedom."

"We will not waver in our dedication to freedom now. And if we're wise, united, and ready to seize the moment, we will be remembered as the generation that made all Europe free."

"The cause of liberty knows no limits; the friends of freedom, no borders."

Associated Press -- April 24

"But the fact is, what it takes to move a nation can't be captured in one word. It's a matter of principles and performance, ideology and action on the issues. And this administration understands that the American people expect all of this and something more: They expect results."

Mississippi State University -- May 13

"The individual is important, but the family unit can be our secret weapon and our shield. And as President, I want to strengthen it. To help the family, we must keep America prosperous, strong, and free. We must stop the scourge of drug abuse, and we will. We must build an educational system which invests in our children. And for those who, for whatever reason-sickness, poverty, the death of a loved one- feel alone and isolated, let us become their family, not in a legal sense but in a human sense: helping, supporting, caring for our neighbor."

Coast Guard Academy -- May 24

"The economic foundation of this new era is the proven success of the free market, and nurturing that foundation are the values rooted in freedom and democracy. Our country, America, was founded on these values, and they gave us the confidence that flows from strength."

Mainz, Germany -- May 31

"For 40 years, the seeds of democracy in Eastern Europe lay dormant, buried under the frozen tundra of the Cold War. And for 40 years, the world has waited for the Cold War to end... But the passion for freedom cannot be denied forever. The time is right. Let Europe be whole and free."

"Just as the barriers are coming down in Hungary, so must they fall throughout all of Eastern Europe. Let Berlin be next. Let Berlin be next! Nowhere is the division between East and West seen more clearly than in Berlin. And there this brutal wall cuts neighbor from neighbor, brother from brother. And that wall stands as a monument to the failure of communism. It must come down."

Clean Air Announcement -- June 12

"Every American expects and deserves to breathe clean air, and as President, it is my mission to guarantee it -- for this generation and for the generations to come."

Grand Tetons -- June 13

"All America lies at the end of the wilderness road, and our past is not a dead past, but still lives in us. Our forefathers had civilization inside themselves and the wild outside. We live in the civilization they created, but within us the wilderness still lingers. And what they dreamed, we live, and what they lived, we dream."

"... there is a new breeze blowing. And borne upon that wind is a new breed of environmentalism. Our mission is not just to defend what's left but to take the offense, to improve our environment across the board."

"We need action and we need it now. Every American deserves to breathe clean air, and you shouldn't have to drive 2,000 miles to come out here to do it."

"We must pioneer new technology, find new solutions, dream new dreams. So, look upon these American peaks and at the America people around you and remember: We've hardly scratched the surface of what God put on Earth and what God put in man."

Gdansk, Poland -- July 11

"We know what works: Freedom works. We know what's right: Freedom is right. We know how to secure a more just and prosperous land for man on Earth."

Leiden, The Netherlands -- July 17

"Our time is a time of great hope and a time of enormous challenges. The new world we seek is shaped by an idea, an idea of universal appeal and undeniable force, and that idea is democracy. The power of the democratic idea is evident everywhere -- in the halls of government, in the hearts of people around the world. In the words of Victor Hugo: 'No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come.' And, ladies and gentlemen, freedom's time has come."

"Concerns like the environment -- global warming, acid rain, and pollution of the world's oceans: these are problems that know no borders, that no line on a map has the power to stop. And pollution crosses continents and oceans, and it's time for nations to join forces in common defense of our environment."

"Our hope is that the unnatural division of Europe will now come to an end, that the Europe behind the wall will join its neighbors to the West, prosperous and free."

"At the shipyards of Gdansk and at the statue of the great Hungarian hero Kossuth, tens of thousands of people - - literally tens of thousands filled the streets -- new voices, full of new hope. And theirs were the faces of pilgrims on a journey, fixed on the horizon, on the new world coming into view."

"Freedom can never be extinguished -- not then, not now. Even in the Europe behind the wall, the dream of freedom for all Europe has never died. It's alive today in Warsaw and Gdansk, in Budapest and, yes, across the Soviet Union."

Return Trip From Europe -- July 18

"... history's great wheel is turning once again. And just as the wind of hope carried the Pilgrims to a New World, we, too, now find a new world within our reach, a world where the yearnings for freedom and democracy flourish for others, as they have for this great country of ours."

20th Anniversary Apollo 11 -- July 20

"From the voyages of Columbus to the Oregon Trail to the journey to the Moon itself: history proves that we have never lost by pressing the limits of our frontiers."

"And to those who may shirk from the challenges ahead, or who doubt our chances of success, let me say this: To this day, the only footprints on the Moon are American footprints. The only flag on the Moon is an American flag. And the know-how that accomplished these feats is American know-how. What Americans dream, Americans can do."

"Why the Moon? Why Mars? Because it is humanity's destiny to strive, to seek, to find. And because it is America's destiny to lead."

American Legion -- September 7

"For the flag, like America, is more than sentiment. It lives on the rugged island called Iwo Jima. It lifts the tiny hand of a little girl that I saw on a street corner in Gdansk, Poland, waving the Stars and Stripes. For both encapsulate freedom -- the freedom to vote as we want, to pray when and where we choose, the freedom to go about our daily lives without tyranny or fear."

"First, our plan seeks to rid America of violent criminals with an attack on four fronts: new laws to punish them, new agents to arrest them, new prosecutors to convict them, and new prisons to hold them. Our crime proposals are based on these principles: Criminals in this nation must understand that if they commit a crime, they will be caught; and if caught, they will be prosecuted; and if convicted, they will do time. But, you see, by taking the hoods off the streets, we can and we will take back the streets."

"When it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last."

"We can have an America free from war, free from drugs and crime -- an America free from fear. What a wonderful legacy for this and generations of children to come. Some might call it only a dream. To them, I say, okay, America is the land of dreams -- dreams that come true."

National Baptist Convention -- September 8

"Family life -- plus our faith -- but family life must be a major source of our strength... Strong families are bound by more than blood... They're bound by a toddler's first step or a grandfather's tall tales to his grandkids or the lasting pride of a graduation ceremony. And our families are bound together by something else: simple acts of learning and teaching; simple acts to instill the values of fairness, compassion, honesty, and hard work."

United Nations General Assembly -- September 25

"Make no mistake; Nothing can stand in the way of freedom's march. There will come a day when freedom is seen the world over to be a universal birthright of every man and woman, of every race and walk of life. Even under the worst circumstances, at the darkest of times, freedom has always remained alive -- a distant dream, perhaps, but always alive. Today that dream is no longer distant. For the first time, for millions around the world, a new world of freedom is within reach. Today is freedom's moment."

"The world has experienced enough of the ideologies that have promised to remake man in some new and better image. We've seen the colossal tragedies and dashed hopes. We know now that freedom and democracy hold the answers. What men and nations want is the freedom to live by their own lights and a chance to prosper in peace."

Most Favored Nation Status for Hungary -- October 26

"At Karl Marx University, before the very statue of Marx himself, I met students, teachers, and entrepreneurs who are making a bold break with the past. And in their bright faces I saw a burning idealism and a determination to escape the dead hand of ideology forever."

"In Budapest, Radio Free Europe is broadcasting from its first bureau in Eastern Europe. It's a remarkable thing. And in Warsaw, a dissident who once languished in prison now presides over their Parliament -- incredible. In East Germany, hundreds of thousands of courageous men and women march arm in arm through the streets of Leipzig to make a peaceful stand for freedom -- inspiring. It is in these amazing scenes that we see a portrait of the indomitable spirit of man. Throughout Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union itself we see evidence of the ascendancy of freedom. We see signs of a new Europe which no one need fear, a Europe whole and free."

National Association of Realtors -- November 10

"I don't know any better way to revive hope in our inner cities than to give tenants themselves a say in running their communities, a stake in the future, and the belief that they, too, can own a home. Because the true measure of success isn't how many families we add to housing assistance rolls; it's how many families move up and out and into the ranks of homeowners."

Texas Vietnam Veterans Memorial -- November 11

"Look to the very heart of Europe, to Berlin, and you will see a great truth shining brighter with each passing day: The quest for freedom is stronger than steel, more permanent than concrete. Victor Hugo said: 'Nothing can stop an idea whose time has come.' ...the idea is democracy. And around the world, the 1990s will be the decade of democracy."

"Well, what did they value, these brave young soldiers? And we must tell them they valued freedom, they valued human dignity, and they loved the U.S. And so, they overcame their fear, which after all is the very definition of courage. In a struggle which, like every war, showed man's inhumanity to man, they strove to prove man's fidelity to honor."

Presidential Medal of Freedom for Lech Walesa -- November 13

"World War II, fought for freedom, ironically left the world divided between the free and the unfree; and most of us alive today were born into that sundered world. And now almost 50 years have passed, and some have wondered all these years why we stayed in Berlin. And let me tell you! We stayed because we knew, we just knew -- all Americans -- that this day would come. And now a century that was born in war and revolution may bequeath a legacy of peace unthinkable only a few years ago."

"The story of our times is the story of brave men and women who seized a moment, who took a stand. Lech Walesa showed how one individual could inspire others -- in them a faith so powerful that it vindicated itself -- changed the course of a nation. History may make men, but Lech Walesa has made history. And I believe history continues to be made every day by small daily acts of courage, by people who strive to make a difference. Such people, says Lech, 'are everywhere, in factory, steel mill, mine, and shipyard -- everywhere.'"

"Our own humble electrician, Ben Franklin, declared that 'Our cause is the cause of all mankind, for we are fighting for their liberty in defending our own.' And like Franklin, who seized lightning from the skies and brought it to Earth, Lech Walesa seized an idea, a powerful idea, and with it electrified the world. The idea is freedom. And the time is now."

National Assoc. of State Universities -- November 21

"... now we stand at the dawn of a new age, an age in which the triumphant will be not those who master the potential of the machine but rather those who master the potential of the mind."

Memphis Commercial Appeal -- November 22

"Maybe you read about Pauline Hord, 82 years old.... She goes about 100 miles each way to the prison, every Wednesday, to teach inmates how to read.... Lillie Bell Witcher -- she's only 79 -- and she works hard for nearly half a dozen causes. And she says, 'If a day goes by and I haven't done something for somebody, it just seems like a wasted day.' Forget fortune, fame, and glory, and glittering prizes. The people I've been describing to you -- they're powerful reminders that everyone can do something for somebody else."

"From disk jockeys to truck drivers to CEO's to children to the retired, service to others should be a central part of American life. And it's never been more needed than it is now. It ought to be talked about in the boardrooms and the bowling alleys and the factories and the rotaries and the fraternities, sororities, farms families, cities, union halls, suburbs and shopping malls -- everywhere in America. Everyone has a gift to give. And every one of us has a special talent that can help solve America's problems."

"Just imagine an America where service to others is a fact of life, part of everyone's everyday thinking.... Imagine if every institution from the airlines to dry cleaners to high schools to neighborhood softball teams, were to join us in regularly honoring as heroes those who are engaged in the war against drug abuse of illiteracy, AIDS, homelessness, hunger, and the other problems. We are nearing the dawn of a new decade. And so, let it be a decade with no dark corners, no forgotten people, no forgotten places.

"And so, if you've got a hammer, find a nail. If you can read, find someone who can't. If you're well, do it like the volunteers I just saw at St. Jude's. Help someone who isn't well. If you're not in trouble, seek out someone who is. Because everywhere there is a need in America, there is a way to fill it. And everywhere there is a dream in America, there's a way to make it come true."

Thanksgiving Address -- November 22

"For so many of these 40 years, the test of Western resolve, the contest between the free and the unfree, has been symbolized by an island of hope behind the Iron Curtain: Berlin. In the 1940s, West Berlin remained free because Harry Truman said: Hands off! In the 1950s, Ike backed America's words with muscle. In the 1960s, West Berliners took heart when John F. Kennedy said: 'I am a Berliner.' In the 1970s Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter stood with Berlin by standing with NATO. And in the 1980s Ronald Reagan went to Berlin to say: 'Tear down this wall!' And now we are at the threshold of the 1990s. And as we begin a new decade, I am reaching out to President Gorbachev, asking him to work with me to bring down the last barriers to a new world of freedom."

"... nowhere in the world today, or even in the history of man, have the warm hearts of men and women triumphed so swiftly, so certainly, over cold stone as in Berlin."

Acres Homes War on Drugs Rally -- December 7

"But in recent years, the dream on Main Street has become the 'Nightmare on Elm Street' -- a twisted, backwards world where our children and our playgrounds are taken away by an evil menace called cocaine, often in broad daylight."

"That's when your community people and your police came together to declare a new independence day.... One thousand people swept into the park, and one thousand people swept the drug dealers out of the park. ... one thousand people took back what's yours: took back your parks, took back your kids. And you not only put the drug dealers out, you put pride back in."