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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TOAST AT LUNCHEON WITH CHAIRMAN DENG
FUJIAN HALL
BEIJING, CHINA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1989

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Honesty and frankness characterize our dialogue, as they must when two great countries engage in the monumental task of the last two decades: building enduring ties where virtually none had existed before. The personal bonds developed between our leaders, especially those in this room, have allowed us to withstand adversity and to find creative solutions to common problems.

Even as there is cause for optimism, there is also no shortage of problems in the world today, some of which have the

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here today to assure you that I intend to continue on our steady
and fruitful course. I am determined to see us work together
during the span of my Administration, so that we not only
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great task that holds such promise for the people of our two
Nations.

To the health of Chairman Deng; to the health of General
Secretary Zhao; to the health of President Yang and Premier Li;
and to the future of Sino-American friendship. Ganbei!

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Public Statements for the President's Trip to the
Far East

Attached is a proposed toast for the President's luncheon
with Deng Xiaoping in Beijing.

Melvyn Levitsky

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Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated.

Toast by President Bush at Luncheon
Hosted by Chairman Deng Xiaoping
Beijing
February 26, 1989

Chairman Deng, other Laopengyoumen (old friends).

As I look around our tables this afternoon, I see many familiar faces, faces from my early days in our Liaison Office in Beijing and faces of those I have met over the years here and in Washington. In the early 1970's, few could have imagined the extent of our relationship as we enter the last decade of this century. The phenomenal growth of US-China ties is a tribute to those I see before me now. You have worked to overcome decades of mistrust and misunderstanding. On many occasions you have fought hard, as have I, for a goal which you perceived correctly to be in the best interests of world peace: friendly relations between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China.

Honesty and frankness characterize our dialogue, as they must when two great countries engage in the monumental task of the last two decades: building enduring ties from near zero. The personal bonds developed between our leaders, especially those in this room, have allowed us to withstand adversity and to find creative solutions to common problems. There is no shortage of problems in the world today, some of which have the potential to affect our relations if we are not careful. I am here today to assure you that I intend to stay the course. I am determined to see to it that US-China relations in the Bush Administration not only preserve our past achievements, but break new ground. I am counting on you, the leaders of China, to join with me in this task.

Visit of President Li Xiannian of China

Toast at the State Dinner. July 23, 1985

I don't think I can do that for every state dinner, but—[laughter].

Well, good evening, and welcome to the White House. Tonight it's my pleasure to return the hospitality that was extended to us by President Li during our visit to China. And I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to develop a personal relationship with him. And it's my honor, President Li, to greet you affectionately as *lao pengyou*. Now, for most of those—you who don't speak Chinese, that means "old friend." [Laughter]

Today when President Li and I renewed our friendship, he expressed his wishes for my full recovery. In fact, he told me that once I was totally back on my feet, a young man like myself could expect to have a long and distinguished career ahead of him. [Laughter]

President Li comes from a nation whose people are known for their traditional respect for the elders. President Li, I can assure you I'm doing my best to reestablish that tradition in our own country. [Laughter]

But I learned about that and many other wonderful aspects of China during our visit last year. Although our stay was brief, I did, as the Chinese say, "look at the flowers while riding horseback"—capturing lasting impressions not only of the magnificence of the culture and the land but also the bold vision of those directing China's future.

The progress we've made is a tribute to individuals with courage and foresight, like President Li, on both sides of the Pacific. The relationship we've built improves the material well-being and increases the security of our countries. Areas of disagreement exist; these should not be ignored, nor should they be permitted to inhibit us from acting together in these many areas of commonality. Historic truths determine our fundamental national interests, and they continue to draw our two peoples together.

After our meeting today, I'm happy to say I remain confident that Chinese-American cooperation will grow and strengthen in the years ahead. Underscoring the momentum of our relationship, I am delighted

tonight to announce that the Chinese Government has invited Vice President Bush to China and that he has accepted this most gracious invitation.

Such visits as yours, Mr. President, elevate the relationship of the leaders of our two nations, enhance our joint efforts, and open new doors of cooperation.

President Li, by the time you return home you will have seen much of the United States and met many Americans in and out of government. You will have seen our industry, our people, and our land. We Americans came here from almost every nation, including China, to an undeveloped land, a wilderness. We're proud of what we've accomplished. And today we're proud to stand beside the people of China, who are striving to build a better life.

By working together, we can and will create a more prosperous and peaceful world. So, let us drink a toast to that and to President Li and Madame Lin, his wife.

Note: The President spoke at 9:25 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House.

United States Ambassador to Portugal

*Nomination of Frank Shakespeare.
July 24, 1985*

The President today announced his intention to nominate Frank Shakespeare, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Portugal. He would succeed Henry Allen Holmes.

Mr. Shakespeare served as president of CBS Television Services, CBS, Inc., in New York in 1950-1969. He was named Director of the United States Information Agency in 1969 and served there until 1973. In 1973-1975 he was executive vice president of Westinghouse in New York. In 1975 he became president/vice chairman, RKO General, Inc., in New York, and from 1981 to the present he has been Chairman, Board for International Broadcasting.

He graduated from Holy Cross College (B.S., 1946). He has received honorary degrees from the Colorado School of Mines

(Klugmann)
February 21, 1989
7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1989

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