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REMARKS:

AFTER AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE
PAPAL LIBRARY
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1989
7:15 P.M.

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YOUR HOLINESS:

**MRS. BUSH AND I ARE DEEPLY HONORED TO MEET WITH YOU
ONCE AGAIN. LATE IN 1987 -- IN DETROIT -- AT THE CLOSE
OF YOUR SECOND PASTORAL VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY -- I WAS
PRIVILEGED TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW
CITIZENS, FOR THE INSIGHTFUL MESSAGE THAT YOU BROUGHT
TO OUR SHORES. YOU INSPIRED AND CHALLENGED US.**

THIS EVENING, DURING OUR PRIVATE DISCUSSION, I HAVE BENEFITTED ONCE AGAIN FROM YOUR WISE COUNSEL.

WHEN I BECAME PRESIDENT, I SAID IN MY INAUGURAL SPEECH THAT A NEW BREEZE IS BLOWING. THERE IS NO DOUBT WE ARE WITNESS TO DYNAMIC CHANGES IN MUCH OF THE WORLD. CHANGES THAT MOVE TOWARDS GREATER FREEDOM AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN YOUR NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO THE VATICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS, REPRESENTING OVER 100 NATIONS, YOU STRESSED THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE FREE TO WORSHIP GOD -- THEY PREPARE A GROUND IN WHICH A COMMITMENT TO ALL HUMAN RIGHTS CAN GROW STRONG. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS A RIGHT THAT GOVERNMENTS MUST PROTECT, NOT THREATEN.

THE UNITED STATES ALSO SHARES THE HOLY SEE'S CONCERN FOR WORLD PEACE. WHILE WE ARE STILL FAR FROM REALIZING THE BIBLICAL INJUNCTION TO TURN OUR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN REDUCING ARMAMENTS, AND IN DECREASING THE THREAT OF WAR. THAT PROGRESS MUST CONTINUE AND WILL.

FORTUNATELY, IN EUROPE OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. AND AS WE LOOK AROUND THE WORLD, WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT TENSIONS HAVE BEEN REDUCED IN PARTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ASIA. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO HELP BRING PEACE AND GREATER FREEDOM TO CENTRAL AMERICA.

WE HAVE HEARD YOUR ELOQUENT APPEALS FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE IN LEBANON. MY HEART, TOO, ACHES FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS ONCE PEACEFUL LAND.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP BRING PEACE -- AND TO HELP RESTORE LEBANON'S UNITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, WITH THE DISBANDING OF MILITIAS AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES.

YOUR HOLINESS HAS SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT PEACE IS MORE THAN THE ABSENCE OF WAR. WE AGREE.

HISTORY TEACHES US THAT THERE IS NO TRUE, LASTING PEACE UNTIL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RECOGNIZED AND PEOPLE ARE FREE TO DEVELOP TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

YOUR HOLINESS, THIS SPRING, IN THE LAND OF YOUR BIRTH, A HISTORIC ROUNDTABLE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WHICH OPENED THE PATH TO GREATER FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY. THAT ACCORD IS A TRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE -- AS WELL AS TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE POLISH CHURCH AND THE HOLY SEE.

AND JUST THIS MONTH -- DUE IN LARGE PART TO YOUR LEADERSHIP -- THE CHURCH WAS LEGALIZED IN POLAND. THIS TRIUMPH REPRESENTS THE FIRST FULL NORMALIZATION OF CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS IN ANY COMMUNIST STATE -- AND IT IS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR ENDURING COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM.

AS YOU KNOW, I RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A PACKAGE OF FINANCIAL MEASURES THAT SIGNAL OUR ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORM IN POLAND AND ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

WE HOPE THESE PROGRAMS WILL HELP THE POLISH PEOPLE ACHIEVE THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION THEY SO RIGHTLY DESERVE.

YOUR HOLINESS, I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND TO SHARE IN YOUR WISDOM. I ASSURE YOU OF OUR INTENT TO WORK EVER MORE FERVENTLY FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND FREEDOM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *aw*

FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*

SUBJECT: STATEMENT AFTER AUDIENCE WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II

I. SUMMARY

Attached are brief remarks to be given after your audience with Pope John Paul II on Saturday, May 27, at 7:15 pm. There will be roughly 20 people in attendance and the press is open.

II. DISCUSSION

As opposed to the remarks that you will present at your meeting with the Seminarians, this statement addresses the Pope in his capacity as a global statesman. The major issues covered by this statement are freedom of worship, the expansion of democracy, freedom of expression, the pursuit of world peace, and changes underway in Poland.

(Lange/Wallace)
May 25, 1989
11:20 a.m.
[POPE.DOC]

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Your Holiness:

Mrs. Bush and I are deeply honored to meet with you once again. Late in 1987 -- at the close of your second pastoral visit to our country -- I was privileged to thank you on behalf of my fellow citizens, for the insightful message that you brought to our shores. You inspired and challenged us.

This evening, during our private discussion, I have benefitted once again from your wise counsel.

When I assumed the responsibilities of the American Presidency, I said in my inaugural remarks that a new breeze is blowing. There is no doubt we are witness to dynamic changes in much of the world. Changes that move towards greater freedom and basic human rights.

In your New Year's greeting to the Vatican diplomatic corps, representing over 100 nations, you stressed the fundamental importance of religious freedom.

When people are free to converse with God -- in service, rite, or prayer -- they prepare a ground in which a commitment to all human rights can grow strong. When people can choose their children's religious education, they can nourish their families'

spirits and shape the future. Religious freedom is a right that governments must protect, not threaten.

The United States also shares the Holy See's concern for world peace. While we are still far from realizing the Biblical injunction to turn our swords into plowshares, we have made progress in reducing armaments, and in decreasing the threat of war. That progress must continue and will.

Fortunately, in Europe our efforts to maintain peace have been successful. And as we look around the world, we are pleased to see that tensions have been reduced in parts of Southern Africa and Asia. We are working hard to help bring peace and greater freedom to Central America.

We have heard your eloquent appeals for an end to the violence in Lebanon. I can assure you that we will continue to do everything we can to bring peace -- and to help restore Lebanon's unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity, with the disbanding of militias and the withdrawal of all foreign forces.

Your Holiness has said several times that peace is more than the absence of war. We agree. History teaches us that there is no true, lasting peace until human rights are recognized and people are free to develop to their full potential.

We believe that freedom in all its manifestations -- the freedom to choose leaders, to discuss ideas, to exchange goods and services, to worship -- leads to dynamic, creative societies.

Your Holiness, this spring, in the land of your birth, a historic roundtable agreement was reached which opened the path

to greater freedom and opportunity. That accord is a tribute to the spirit of the Polish people -- as well as to the determination of the Polish Church and the Holy See.

And just this month -- due in large part to your leadership -- the Church was legalized in Poland. This triumph represents the first full normalization of church-state relations in any communist state -- and it is a tribute to your enduring commitment to freedom.

As you know, I recently announced a package of financial measures that signed our active engagement in encouraging economic and political reform in Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe. We hope these programs will help the Polish people achieve the economic recovery and political participation they so rightly deserve.

Your Holiness, I am grateful for this opportunity to visit with you and to share in your wisdom. I assure you of our intent to work ever more fervently for peace, justice, and freedom throughout the world.

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(Lange/Wallace)
May 17, 1989
1:15 p.m.
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World Day of Peace

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The United States shares the Holy See's concern for world peace. While we are still far from the biblical injunction to turn swords into plowshares, we have made progress in reducing armaments, and in decreasing the threat of war. We will seek more reductions through bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

We also believe, however, that it is not armaments which cause conflict. It is political divisions -- many times stemming from disputes over basic human values and freedoms -- which so often lie at the base of disputes among nations.

When those divisions exist, we work to maintain peace through military stability. Fortunately, in Europe our efforts have been successful. As NATO celebrates a 40th birthday, we celebrate 40 years without a European war.

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