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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN BRUSSELS  
BRUSSELS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1989, 7:00 P.M.

Today, we met in Malta, Winston Churchill's "tiny rock of history and romance." Crossroads of East and West. Ancient stepping stone to Europe.

And tonight we meet in Brussels. Tonight we stand at the crossroads of history, and a stepping stone to a Europe that is whole and free.

It is always a pleasure to return to Brussels. This city represents the finest that Europe has to offer in friendship and hospitality. It also represents the strength and vitality of European institutions, nourished and protected for more than 40 years by NATO's security shield -- one of the great success stories of modern times.

And Brussels symbolizes a living and growing trans-Atlantic partnership, one that has helped foster the astounding changes we are seeing today.

Like our meetings in Brussels, inspired by the Malta talks, the modern Atlantic Alliance was born at sea. It was on a battleship off the coast of Newfoundland that Franklin Roosevelt met Winston Churchill during Europe's darkest hour, two super-power leaders in a rendezvous at sea, a rendezvous with destiny.

The legacy of that meeting became known as the Atlantic Charter, significant not for its details, but for its design.

It spoke of a day when there would be established a world in which all the people in all the lands could choose their form of government, and live out their lives in freedom from fear and want. It included a vow that the United States and Britain would seek no new territory, and called for abandoning the use of force to settle conflicts. And it held out the promise of new talks concerning assistance for the Soviet Union.

Endorsed by other democratic states, it became one of the building blocks in the creation of the United Nations.

Today, I have come to Brussels to continue the work that the Atlantic Charter began. I have come here to share with our NATO Allies and the E.C. Commission impressions of my informal talks with Soviet President Gorbachev. And I have come to share our views of the thunderous events taking place a few hundred kilometers east of the tarmac on which we stand.

My presence here, and that of many of my NATO colleagues, attests to the importance we all attach to political consultations within the Alliance. I look forward to my discussions with Prime Minister Martens, my Allied colleagues, and with Manfred Woerner at NATO. And my meeting with E.C. Commission President Delors demonstrates the seriousness with which we view the European Community, an increasingly united political and moral force in the world community.

President Gorbachev and I met in Malta with our guns lowered and our anchors dropped, enjoying friendly talks in a harbor sheltered from the winds of winter, but not the winds of change.

And there may be no better symbol of our changing times and the challenges ahead than the Malta Drydocks, the largest commercial venture in that land. Located on the site where the Royal Navy once maintained the world's most powerful fleet of warships, today the vessels they service are commercial -- built not to enforce free passage, but to expand free trade.

Like the Malta Drydocks, the Atlantic Alliance is working to re-tool, working to make the problems of the past the promise of the future. Here in Brussels, only six months ago, we pledged as Allies to work together to end the division of Europe. And NATO's adoption of my troop reduction initiative, along with our talks in Malta, will help speed the Vienna negotiations to a timely conclusion.

And in this season of hope, we can dream of the day when the troops start coming home, home to a Christmas that is bright with the promise of a far better world than Europe has yet known.

Just as Malta was once a bridgehead to ancient Europe, so today it took its place as a bridgehead to a new Europe, a Europe that is whole and free, and a beacon of bright hopes.

It is an exciting time for the Alliance. An exciting time to be alive. And I will conclude with the way that Roosevelt began, when he greeted Churchill on the high seas. "At last," he said, "At last -- we've gotten together."

And so we have. I come with news of a good beginning, and I look forward to my talks with America's old friends here.

Thank you, God bless you, and good night.

REVISED

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

REVISED

November 29, 1989

Revised 11:00 am

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
DAVID BATES  
ANDREW CARD  
JAMES CICCONI  
DAVID DEMAREST  
MARLIN FITZWATER  
BOYDEN GRAY  
FRED MCCLURE  
BONNIE NEWMAN  
ROGER PORTER  
SIG ROGICH  
BRENT SCOWCROFT  
CHASE UNTERMEYER  
SUSAN PORTER ROSE  
ED ROGERS  
JOE HAGIN  
JIM WRAY  
CHRISS WINSTON

BOBBIE KILBERG  
SICHAN SIV  
PATTY PRESOCK  
LINDA CASEY  
WILLIAM KRISTOL  
TIMOTHY MCBRIDE  
ROSE ZAMARIA  
PAUL BATEMAN  
DAVID VALDEZ  
BILLY DALE  
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THROUGH: SIG ROGICH  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND INITIATIVES

FROM: JOHN G. KELLER, JR. *JGK*  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE

SUBJECT: TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO MALTA AND  
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM ON NOVEMBER 30 -  
DECEMBER 4, 1989

For your use and planning purposes, the attached is a preliminary outline schedule for the Trip of the President to Malta and Brussels, Belgium. Please keep in mind that the following information has not been finally approved and is subject to change.

Attachments

# REVISED

## PRELIMINARY OUTLINE SCHEDULE

Revised 11/29 11:00 am

Malta and Brussels, Belgium

Thursday, November 30, 1989

### OFFICIAL PARTY, GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

- 2:00 pm Baggage Call. All unlocked baggage should be placed in Room 89 1/2, O.E.O.B. at this time.
- 5:25 pm Those with own transportation and baggage should arrive Andrews Air Force Base Distinguished Visitors Lounge for check-in.
- 5:40 pm Vans depart West Basement en route Andrews Air Force Base.
- 6:10 pm Those with own transportation should arrive Andrews Air Force Base Distinguished Visitors Lounge.

6:30 pm MARINE ONE departs South Lawn en route Andrews Air Force Base.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

6:40 pm MARINE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

6:45 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route Valletta, Malta.

(Flying Time: 9 Hours 5 Minutes)  
(Time Change: Ahead 6 Hours)  
(Interchange: Yes)

Friday, December 1, 1989

9:50 am AIR FORCE ONE arrives Luqa Airport, Valletta,  
(3:50 am Malta.  
E.D.T.)

\* ARRIVAL CEREMONY  
(9:55 am - 10:10 am)  
- Open Press

10:15 am MARINE ONE departs Airport en route Independence  
Arena Landing Zone.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

10:25 am MARINE ONE arrives Independence Arena Landing Zone.

10:28 am MOTORCADE departs Independence Arena Landing Zone  
en route Auberge de Castille.

(Drive Time: 2 Minutes)

10:30 am MOTORCADE arrives Auberge de Castille.

(T) \* MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER  
FENECH-ADAMI  
(10:35 am - 11:05 am)  
- Pool Coverage

11:10 am MOTORCADE departs Prime Minister's Office en  
route Independence Arena Landing Zone.

(Drive Time: 2 Minutes)

11:12 am MOTORCADE arrives Independence Arena Landing Zone.

11:20 am MARINE ONE departs Landing Zone en route USS  
FORRESTAL.

(Flying Time: 20 Minutes)

11:40 am

MARINE ONE arrives USS FORRESTAL.

- \* VISIT TO FLIGHT DECK CONTROL  
(11:45 am - 11:55 am)  
- Official Photographer Only
- \* AIRCRAFT LAUNCH DEMONSTRATION  
(12:00 noon - 12:40 pm)  
- Pool Coverage
- \* CREW PHOTO  
(12:45 pm - 12:50 pm)  
- Official Photographer Only
- \* AIRCRAFT RECOVERY  
(12:55 pm - 1:15 pm)  
- Pool Coverage
- \* LUNCHEON WITH NAVY PERSONNEL  
(1:17 pm - 1:45 pm)  
- Pool Coverage
- \* ADDRESS TO NAVY PERSONNEL OF USS  
FORRESTAL  
(1:53 pm - 2:10 pm)  
- Expanded Pool  
- Brief Remarks  
- Ropeline

2:35 pm

MARINE ONE departs USS FORRESTAL en route USS  
BELKNAP.

(Flying Time: 20 Minutes)

2:55 pm

MARINE ONE arrives USS BELKNAP.

- \* PRIVATE TIME  
(3:00 pm - RON)

RON USS BELKNAP

Saturday, December 2, 1989

9:35 am ADMIRAL'S BARGE departs USS BELKNAP en route  
SLAVA.

(Boat Time: 10 Minutes)

9:45 am ADMIRAL'S BARGE arrives SLAVA.

- \* PRESIDENTIAL ARRIVAL ON BOARD SLAVA  
(9:45 am - 9:58 am)
  - Expanded Pool
  - Arrival Ceremony
- \* FIRST EXPANDED BILATERAL SESSION  
(10:00 am - 12:00 noon)
  - Pool Coverage (at beginning only)

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
Governor Sununu

General Scowcroft  
Robert Blackwill  
Interpreter

Soviet Participants

President Gorbachev  
Foreign Minister  
Shevardnadze

A. Yakovlev  
A. Bessmertnykh  
A. Chernyaev  
A. Dobrynin  
S. Akhromeev  
Interpreter

- \* RESTRICTED BILATERAL SESSION  
(12:00 noon - 1:00 pm)
  - Official Photographer Only

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Gen. Scowcroft  
Interpreter

Soviet Participants

President Gorbachev  
Notetaker  
Interpreter

- \* LUNCHEON  
(1:05 pm - 2:30 pm)  
- Pool Coverage (at beginning only)  
- No Toasts

2:35 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE departs SLAVA en route USS  
BELKNAP.

(Boat Time: 10 Minutes)

2:45 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE arrives USS BELKNAP.

- \* PRIVATE TIME  
(2:50 pm - 4:20 pm)

4:25 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE departs USS BELKNAP en route  
SLAVA.

(Boat Time: 10 Minutes)

4:35 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE arrives SLAVA.

- \* SECOND EXPANDED BILATERAL SESSION  
(4:40 pm - 6:45 pm)  
- Pool Coverage (at beginning only)

U.S. and Soviet Participants:

Same as First Expanded Session

6:50 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE departs SLAVA en route USS  
BELKNAP.

(Boat Time: 10 Minutes)

7:00 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE arrives USS BELKNAP.

- \* PRIVATE TIME  
(7:05 pm - 7:45 pm)

- \* PRESIDENT GORBACHEV ARRIVAL  
(7:50 pm - 7:55 pm)  
- Expanded Pool

- \* DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT BUSH  
(8:00 pm - 9:30 pm)  
- Official Photographer Only  
- No Toasts  
- 6 per side

RON USS BELKNAP

Sunday, December 3, 1989

On board USS BELKNAP:

- \* CHURCH SERVICE ABOARD USS BELKNAP  
(9:00 am - 9:45 am)  
- Expanded Pool
- \* ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT GORBACHEV  
(9:55 am - 10:04 am)  
- Expanded Pool  
- Arrival Ceremony
- \* PHOTO OPPORTUNITY  
(10:05 am - 10:10 am)  
- Expanded Pool
- \* THIRD EXPANDED BILATERAL SESSION  
(10:15 am - 11:40 pm)  
- Pool Coverage (at beginning only)

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
Governor Sununu  
General Scowcroft  
Robert Blackwill  
Interpreter

Soviet Participants

President Gorbachev  
Foreign Minister  
Shevardnadze  
A. Yakovlev  
A. Bessmertnykh  
A. Chernyaev  
A. Dobrynin  
S. Akhromeev  
Interpreter

- \* FINAL RESTRICTED BILATERAL SESSION  
(11:45 am - 12:45 pm)  
- Official Photographer Only

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Gen. Scowcroft  
Interpreter

Soviet Participants

President Gorbachev  
Notetaker  
Interpreter

- \* JOINT PRESS STATEMENT  
(1:05 pm - 1:25 pm)
  - Expanded Pool
  - Statement
- \* FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT GORBACHEV  
(1:30 pm - 1:40 pm)
  - Pool Coverage
- \* PRESS CONFERENCE  
(2:00 pm - 2:30 pm)
  - Open Press
- \* PRIVATE TIME  
(2:35 pm - 3:15 pm)

3:25 pm           MARINE ONE departs USS BELKNAP en route Luqa  
Airport.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

3:35 pm           MARINE ONE arrives Luqa Airport.

3:50 pm           AIR FORCE ONE departs Valletta, Malta en route  
(9:50 am           Brussels, Belgium.  
E.D.T.)

(Flying Time: 3 Hours)  
(Time Change: None)  
(Interchange: Yes)

6:50 pm           AIR FORCE ONE arrives Zaventem International  
(12:50 pm          Airport, Brussels, Belgium.  
E.D.T.)

- \* AIRPORT ARRIVAL  
(6:55 pm - 7:00 pm)
  - Open Press
  - No Anthems

7:00 pm

MOTORCADE departs Zaventem International Airport en route Chateau Stuyvenberg.

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

7:10 pm

MOTORCADE arrives Chateau Stuyvenberg.

- \* MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MARTENS  
(7:15 pm - 7:45 pm)  
- Expanded Pool

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
Ambassador Glitman  
Gov. Sununu  
Gov. Scowcroft  
Marlin Fitzwater  
Robert Zoellick  
Paul Wolfowitz  
Margaret Tutwiler  
Dennis Ross  
Condoleezza Rice

Belgian Participants

Prime Minister Martens  
Foreign Minister Eyskens  
TBD

- \* DINNER WITH CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL  
(8:15 pm - 9:30 pm)  
- Pool Coverage

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
Gov. Sununu  
Gen. Scowcroft  
Robert Blackwill  
Interpreter

German Participants

Chancellor Kohl  
TBD

RON Chateau Stuyvenberg

Monday, December 4, 1989

At Chateau Stuyvenberg:

- \* COFFEE WITH EEC PRESIDENT DELORS  
(8:00 am - 8:25 am)
  - Pool Coverage
  - Photo Opportunity

U.S. Participants

EEC Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
Ambassador Niles  
Gov. Sununu  
Gen. Scowcroft  
Condoleezza Rice  
TBD

President Jacques Delors  
Pascal Lamy (notetaker)  
TBD

8:30 am MOTORCADE departs Chateau Stuyvenberg en route  
Laeken Palace.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

8:35 am MOTORCADE arrives Laeken Palace.

- \* MEETING WITH KING BAUDOUIN I  
(8:40 am - 9:10 am)
  - Pool Coverage
  - Photo Opportunity

U.S. Participants

Belgian Participants

THE PRESIDENT

King Baudouin

9:15 am MOTORCADE departs Laeken Palace en route NATO  
Headquarters.

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

9:30 am MOTORCADE arrives NATO Headquarters.

- \* MEETING WITH SECRETARY  
GENERAL WOERNER  
(9:35 am - 9:50 am)
  - Expanded Pool
  - Photo Opportunity

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
NATO Amb. Taft  
Gov. Sununu  
Gen. Scowcroft  
Robert Blackwill

NATO Participants

Secretary General Woerner  
Deputy Secretary General  
Amedeo deFranchis  
Mr. James Cunningham,  
Director of the Secretary  
General's Private Office

- \* FIRST WORKING SESSION  
(10:00 am - 12:30 pm)
  - Open Press (at beginning only)
  - Photo Opportunity

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
Ambassador Taft  
Gov. Sununu  
Gen. Scowcroft  
Marlin Fitzwater  
Robert Zoellick  
Paul Wolfowitz  
TBD (1)  
Robert Blackwill

- \* LUNCH WITH NATO HEADS OF STATE  
AND GOVERNMENT  
(12:45 pm - 1:45 pm)
  - Closed Press
  - No Toasts

- \* SECOND WORKING SESSION  
(2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)
  - Closed Press

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker

Ambassador Taft  
Gov. Sununu  
Gen. Scowcroft  
Robert Zoellick  
Paul Wolfowitz

\* PRIVATE TIME  
(3:35 pm - 3:55 pm)

\* PRESS CONFERENCE  
(4:00 pm - 4:30 pm)  
- Pool Coverage  
- Brief Remarks  
- Question and Answer

4:45 pm MOTORCADE departs NATO Headquarters en route  
Zaventem International Airport.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

4:50 pm MOTORCADE arrives Zaventem International Airport.

5:00 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Brussels, Belgium en route  
(11:00 am Andrews Air Force Base.  
E.D.T.)

(Flying Time: 8 Hours 20 Minutes)  
(Time Change: Back 6 Hours)  
(Interchange: Yes)

7:20 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

\* ARRIVAL STATEMENT  
(7:25 pm - 7:30 pm)  
- Open Press

7:35 pm MARINE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route  
White House.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

7:45 pm MARINE ONE arrives White House.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

DAVID BATES	BOBBIE KILBERG
ANDREW CARD	SICHAN SIV
JAMES CICONI	PATTY PRESOCK
DAVID DEMAREST	LINDA CASEY
MARLIN FITZWATER	WILLIAM KRISTOL
BOYDEN GRAY	TIMOTHY MCBRIDE
FRED MCCLURE	ROSE ZAMARIA
BONNIE NEWMAN	PAUL BATEMAN
ROGER PORTER	DAVID VALDEZ
SIG ROGICH	BILLY DALE
BRENT SCOWCROFT	JAY ALLISON
CHASE UNTERMEYER	JOHN HERRICK
SUSAN PORTER ROSE	LAURIE FIRESTONE
ED ROGERS	PEGGY SWIFT
JOE HAGIN	JEAN LAMB
JIM WRAY	DEB ANDERSON
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THROUGH: SIG ROGICH  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
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FROM: JOHN G. KELLER, JR. *JK*  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE

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- 6:00 pm Those with own transportation should arrive Andrews Air Force Base Distinguished Visitors Lounge.

6:20 pm MARINE ONE departs South Lawn en route Andrews Air Force Base.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

6:30 pm MARINE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

\* DEPARTURE STATEMENT  
(6:35 pm - 6:40 pm)  
- Open Press

6:45 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route Valletta, Malta.

(Flying Time: 9 Hours 5 Minutes)  
(Time Change: Ahead 6 Hours)  
(Interchange: Yes)

Friday, December 1, 1989

9:50 am AIR FORCE ONE arrives Luqa Airport, Valletta,  
(3:50 am Malta.  
E.D.T.)

\* ARRIVAL CEREMONY  
(9:55 am - 10:10 am)  
- Open Press

10:15 am MARINE ONE departs Airport en route Independence Arena Landing Zone.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

10:25 am MARINE ONE arrives Independence Arena Landing Zone.

10:28 am MOTORCADE departs Independence Arena Landing Zone en route Auberge de Castille.

(Drive Time: 2 Minutes)

10:30 am MOTORCADE arrives Auberge de Castille.

\* BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER FENECH-ADAMI  
(10:35 am - 11:05 am)  
- Expanded Pool  
- Photo Opportunity

11:10 am MOTORCADE departs Prime Minister's Office en route Independence Arena Landing Zone.

(Drive Time: 2 Minutes)

11:12 am MOTORCADE arrives Independence Arena Landing Zone.

11:20 am MARINE ONE departs Landing Zone en route USS FORRESTAL.

(Flying Time: 20 Minutes)

11:40 am MARINE ONE arrives USS FORRESTAL.

- \* VISIT TO FLIGHT DECK CONTROL  
(11:45 am - 11:55 am)  
- Official Photographer Only
- \* AIRCRAFT LAUNCH DEMONSTRATION  
(12:00 pm - 12:40 pm)  
- Pool Coverage
- \* CREW PHOTO  
(12:45 pm - 12:50 pm)  
- Official Photographer Only
- \* AIRCRAFT RECOVERY  
(12:55 pm - 1:15 pm)  
- Pool Coverage
- \* LUNCHEON WITH NAVY PERSONNEL  
(1:17 pm - 1:45 pm)  
- Pool Coverage
- \* ADDRESS TO NAVY PERSONNEL OF USS FORRESTAL  
(1:53 pm - 2:10 pm)  
- Expanded Pool  
- Brief Remarks  
- Ropeline

2:35 pm MARINE ONE departs USS FORRESTAL en route USS BELKNAP.

(Flying Time: 20 Minutes)

2:55 pm MARINE ONE arrives USS BELKNAP.

\* PRIVATE TIME  
(3:00 pm - RON)

RON USS BELKNAP

Saturday, December 2, 1989

9:35 am ADMIRAL'S BARGE departs USS BELKNAP en route  
SLAVA.

(Boat Time: 10 Minutes)

9:45 am ADMIRAL'S BARGE arrives SLAVA.

\* PRESIDENTIAL ARRIVAL ON BOARD SLAVA  
(9:45 am - 9:58 am)  
- Expanded Pool  
- Arrival Ceremony

\* FIRST EXPANDED BILATERAL SESSION  
(10:00 am - 10:55 am)  
- Pool Coverage (at beginning only)

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
Governor Sununu  
General Scowcroft  
TBD  
TBD  
Notetaker  
Interpreter

Soviet Participants

President Gorbachev  
Foreign Minister  
Shevardnadze  
A. Yakovlev  
A. Bessmertnykh  
A. Chernyaev  
A. Dobrynin  
S. Akhromeev  
Interpreter

\* RESTRICTED BILATERAL SESSION  
(11:00 am - 12:00 noon)  
- Official Photographer Only

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Notetaker  
Interpreter

Soviet Participants

President Gorbachev  
Notetaker  
Interpreter

- \* LUNCHEON  
(12:15 pm - 1:45 pm)
  - Pool Coverage (at beginning only)
  - No Toasts

1:50 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE departs SLAVA en route USS BELKNAP.

(Boat Time: 10 Minutes)

2:00 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE arrives USS BELKNAP.

- \* PRIVATE TIME  
(2:05 pm - 3:25 pm)

3:30 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE departs USS BELKNAP en route SLAVA.

(Boat Time: 10 Minutes)

3:40 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE arrives SLAVA.

- \* SECOND EXPANDED BILATERAL SESSION  
(3:45 pm - 5:15 pm)
  - Pool Coverage (at beginning only)

U.S. and Soviet Participants:

Same as First Expanded Session

5:20 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE departs SLAVA en route USS BELKNAP.

(Boat Time: 10 Minutes)

5:30 pm ADMIRAL'S BARGE arrives USS BELKNAP.

- \* PRIVATE TIME  
(5:35 pm - 6:45 pm)
- \* PRESIDENT GORBACHEV ARRIVAL  
(6:48 pm - 6:55 pm)
  - Expanded Pool

- \* DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT BUSH  
(7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)  
- Official Photographer Only  
- No Toasts  
- 15 per side

RON USS BELKNAP

Sunday, December 3, 1989

On board USS BELKNAP:

- \* CHURCH SERVICE ABOARD USS BELKNAP  
(9:00 am - 9:45 am)  
- Expanded Pool
- \* ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT GORBACHEV  
(9:55 am - 10:04 am)  
- Expanded Pool  
- Arrival Ceremony
- \* PHOTO OPPORTUNITY  
(10:05 am - 10:10 am)  
- Expanded Pool
- \* THIRD EXPANDED BILATERAL SESSION  
(10:15 am - 11:40 pm)  
- Pool Coverage (at beginning only)

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Secretary Baker  
Governor Sununu  
General Scowcroft  
TBD  
TBD  
Notetaker  
Interpreter

Soviet Participants

President Gorbachev  
Foreign Minister  
Shevardnadze  
A. Yakovlev  
A. Bessmertnykh  
A. Chernyaev  
A. Dobrynin  
S. Akhromeev  
Interpreter

- \* FINAL RESTRICTED BILATERAL SESSION  
(11:45 am - 12:45 pm)  
- Official Photographer Only

U.S. Participants

THE PRESIDENT  
Notetaker  
Interpreter

Soviet Participants

President Gorbachev  
Notetaker  
Interpreter

- \* JOINT PRESS STATEMENT  
(1:10 pm - 1:30 pm)  
- Expanded Pool  
- Statement
- \* FAREWELL TO PRESIDENT GORBACHEV  
(1:35 pm - 1:40 pm)  
- Pool Coverage
- \* PRESS CONFERENCE  
(2:00 pm - 2:30 pm)  
- Open Press
- \* PRIVATE TIME  
(2:35 pm - 3:45 pm)

4:00 pm MARINE ONE departs USS BELKNAP en route Luqa Airport.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

4:10 pm MARINE ONE arrives Luqa Airport.

- \* AIRPORT DEPARTURE  
(4:10 pm - 4:20 pm)  
- Open Press

4:25 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Valletta, Malta en route  
(10:25 am Brussels, Belgium.  
E.D.T.)

(Flying Time: 3 Hours 10 Minutes)  
(Time Change: None)  
(Interchange: Yes)

7:35 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Zaventem International  
(1:35 pm Airport, Brussels, Belgium.  
E.D.T.)

- \* AIRPORT ARRIVAL  
(7:40 pm - 7:45 pm)
  - Open Press
  - No Anthems

7:45 pm MOTORCADE departs Zaventem International  
Airport en route Chateau Stuyvenberg.

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

7:55 pm MOTORCADE arrives Chateau Stuyvenberg.

- \* MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER MARTENS  
(8:00 pm - 8:15 pm)
  - Expanded Pool
- \* DINNER WITH CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL  
(8:30 pm - 10:00 pm)
  - Pool Coverage

RON Chateau Stuyvenberg

Monday, December 4, 1989

At Chateau Stuyvenberg:

- \* COFFEE WITH EEC PRESIDENT DELORS  
(8:00 am - 8:25 am)
  - Pool Coverage
  - Photo Opportunity

8:30 am MOTORCADE departs Chateau Stuyvenberg en route  
Laeken Palace.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

8:35 am MOTORCADE arrives Laeken Palace.

- \* MEETING WITH KING BADOUIN I  
(8:40 am - 9:10 am)
  - Pool Coverage
  - Photo Opportunity

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9:15 am            MOTORCADE departs Laeken Palace en route NATO Headquarters.

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

9:30 am            MOTORCADE arrives NATO Headquarters.

- \* MEETING WITH SECRETARY  
GENERAL WOERNER  
(9:35 am - 9:50 am)
  - Expanded Pool
  - Photo Opportunity
  
- \* FIRST WORKING SESSION  
(10:00 am - 12:30 pm)
  - Open Press (at beginning only)
  - Photo Opportunity
  
- \* LUNCH WITH NATO HEADS OF STATE  
AND GOVERNMENT  
(12:45 pm - 1:45 pm)
  - Closed Press
  - No Toasts
  
- \* SECOND WORKING SESSION  
(2:00 pm - 3:30 pm)
  - Closed Press
  
- \* PRIVATE TIME  
(3:35 pm - 3:55 pm)
  
- \* PRESS CONFERENCE  
(4:00 pm - 4:30 pm)
  - Pool Coverage
  - Brief Remarks
  - Question and Answer

4:45 pm            MOTORCADE departs NATO Headquarters en route Zaventem International Airport.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

4:50 pm            MOTORCADE arrives Zaventem International Airport.

5:00 pm  
(11:00 am  
E.D.T.)

AIR FORCE ONE departs Brussels, Belgium en route  
Andrews Air Force Base.

(Flying Time: 8 Hours 20 Minutes)  
(Time Change: Back 6 Hours)  
(Interchange: Yes)

7:20 pm

AIR FORCE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

\* ARRIVAL STATEMENT  
(7:25 pm - 7:30 pm)  
- Open Press

7:35 pm

MARINE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route  
White House.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

7:45 pm

MARINE ONE arrives White House.

Ship history

Malta history

other shipboard incidents

Soviet role in WW II

433-4071

433-3643

433-2585

Mr. John  
Riley

Nov. 1964 → first ship in class of  
Atlantic Fleet 9

2 deployments to Vietnam 67-69

11/75 ran into JFK - 7 killed

RAOM George Belknap - served  
son RAOM Reginald Belknap - WW I

ST Belknap - ex stock destroyer built after WW I  
sea plane tender - WW II fast transport  
Hankston - L10204

Alaska -

1982

mostly

Surface to surface

"Glory"

Slave - 1982

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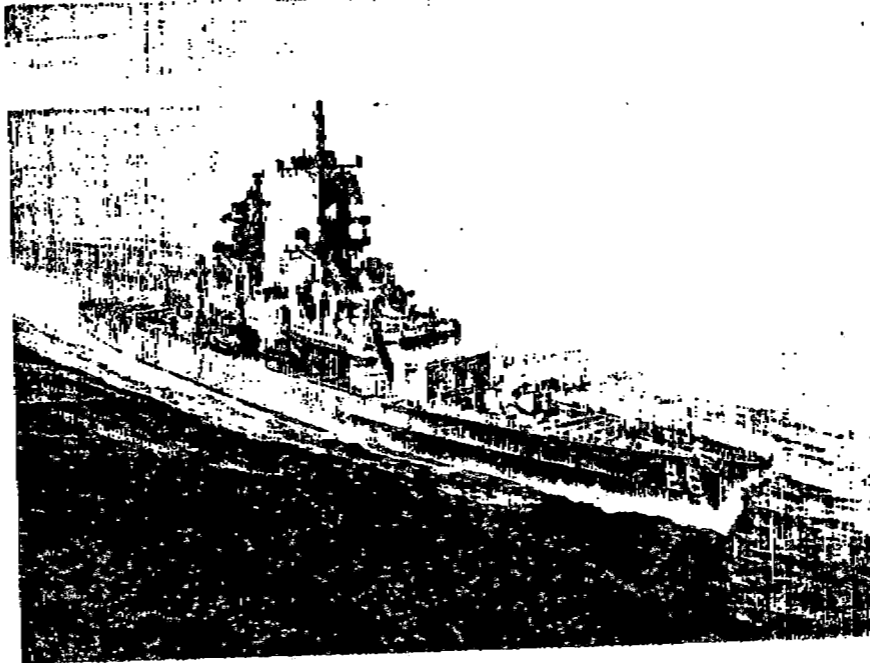


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USS BELKNAP (CG-26)  
"FIGHTING FLAGSHIP"





## THE REMARKABLE BELKNAPS



RADM GEORGE E. BELKNAP

USS BELKNAP (CG-26) is named in honor of Rear Admiral George Eugene Belknap and his son, Rear Admiral Reginald Rowan Belknap.

Rear Admiral George E. Belknap's career spanned 47 years, from his appointment as midshipman in 1847 at age 15 until his 62nd birthday when he accepted mandatory retirement.

His service included deployments to Africa, South America, and the Far East; riverine combat operations in China; extensive Civil War combat operations; a survey for an inter-ocean canal through Panama; and internationally acclaimed coastal and deep ocean surveys in the Pacific.

His son, Reginald R. Belknap, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1891, embarking on a career that continued for 36 years until his retirement with the rank of Rear Admiral in 1926 plus one year of post-retirement active duty.

As Commander, Mine Squadron ONE, Mine Force, North Sea, during World War I, he received the Distinguished Service Medal for "...laying mines in the North Sea, and for excellent work...equipping these ships for mine laying duty." Admiral Henry T. Mayo, CINCLANTFLT during WWI, commented in 1925 that, "The Navy and our country owe to Captain Belknap a debt which can hardly be over estimated; for it was the knowledge and experience acquired and the doctrine and methods established in the Mine Force under command of Commander Belknap that enabled the Navy to, first, fit out improvised but very efficient mine-laying vessels and, second, to operate them under war conditions in a manner which brought commendation from all."



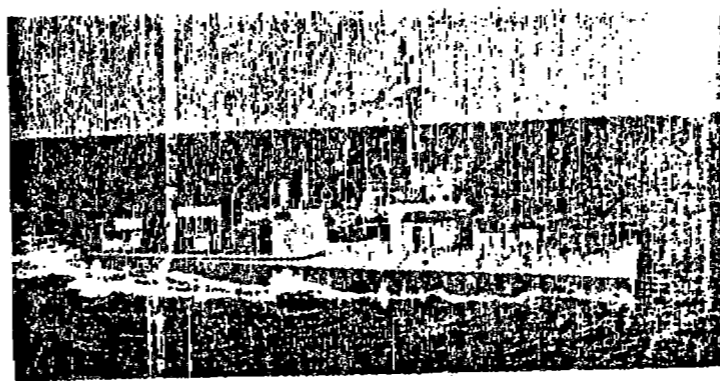
RADM REGINALD R. BELKNAP

## USS BELKNAP

USS BELKNAP (CG-26) is the second ship of the Navy to bear the BELKNAP name. The first, DD-215 launched January 14, 1919, was named in honor of Rear Admiral George Eugene Belknap, USN. Decommissioned in 1922, she was recommissioned as a seaplane tender (AVD-8) in 1940, and served in various roles (Destroyer -- DD-215, High Speed Transport -- APD-38) throughout WWII. Damaged by a Japanese suicide plane in early 1945 near Luzon, Philippines, she was decommissioned in 1945.

The current BELKNAP was built by Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine and commissioned on November 7, 1964. The lead ship of a new class of guided missile frigates, she was named in honor of Rear Admiral George Eugene Belknap and his son, Rear Admiral Reginald Rowan Belknap. Redesignated as a guided missile cruiser (CG) on July 1, 1975, the ship departed in mid August for operations with the Sixth Fleet. On the night of November 22, she was extensively damaged in a collision with the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67). Decommissioned on December 20, 1975, she was towed to Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. Following an extensive planning and survey period, she was restored and modernized, and recommissioned on May 10, 1980. Chosen in January 1985 to become the Sixth Fleet Flagship, she entered Norfolk Naval Shipyard on May 1, 1985, for modification and updating, and completed the modification on February 8, 1986.

Powered by four boilers which develop 85,000 shaft horsepower through twin screws, BELKNAP can sustain speeds in excess of 30 knots. Equipped with long range digital radars and sonar, the Naval Tactical Data Systems (NTDS), the latest communications systems, and extensive command and control systems; and armed with long range, SM-2 (Standard Missile) missiles, Anti-Submarine rocket (ASROC), HARPOON anti-surface missiles, a 5"54 caliber gun mount, and two Close In Weapons Systems (CIWS); the ship can operate offensively with a Battle Force in a multi-threat environment as well as act as the command ship for the embarked Fleet Commander. One of the world's most modern and powerful cruisers, she is well suited to her mission as a "Fighting Flagship."



The first USS BELKNAP (DD-215)

THANKSGIVING ADDRESS  
TO THE NATION  
NOV. 22, 1989

GOOD EVENING. LIKE YOU, I'M SPENDING TOMORROW WITH MY FAMILY. WE'LL SAY GRACE, CARVE THE TURKEY, AND GIVE THANKS FOR SO MANY BLESSINGS -- A STRONGER ECONOMY, A KINDER, GENTLER AMERICA . . . AND PEACE. AND MANY OF YOU CAN COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS BY THE TIME YOU SHARE WITH LOVED ONES.

THIS HOLIDAY ALSO MARKS THE ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS. AND IN WORKING WITH CONGRESS, I'VE EXTENDED MY HAND ACROSS THE PARTY AISLE, ADVANCING LEGISLATION TO FREE OUR STREETS OF THE FEAR OF CRIME AND DRUGS. WE PROPOSED WAYS TO CLEAN THE AIR, THE WATER AND THE LAND AROUND US. WE'VE JOINED WITH THE NATION'S GOVERNORS TO ENTER AN HISTORIC COMPACT TO BETTER OUR SCHOOLS. AND WE ARE ESPECIALLY TOUCHED THAT SO MANY AMERICANS HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT INITIATIVE, BY ROLLING UP THEIR SLEEVES AND PITCHING IN ((FOR THE HOPELESS, THE HELPLESS)) . . . EACH VOLUNTEER, A BEACON OF LIGHT FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST HIS WAY.

THIS WILL BE A VERY SPECIAL THANKSGIVING. IT MARKS AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR. BUT BEFORE OUR FAMILIES SIT DOWN TOMORROW, WE WILL GIVE THANKS FOR YET ANOTHER REASON: AROUND THE WORLD TONIGHT, NEW PILGRIMS ARE ON A VOYAGE TO FREEDOM\ . . . AND FOR MANY, IT IS NOT A TRIP TO SOME FAR-AWAY PLACE, BUT TO A WORLD OF THEIR OWN MAKING.

ON OTHER THANKSGIVINGS, THE WORLD WAS HAUNTED BY THE IMAGES OF WATCHTOWERS, GUARD DOGS AND MACHINE GUNS. IN FACT, MANY OF YOU HAD NOT EVEN BEEN BORN WHEN THE BERLIN WALL WAS ERECTED IN 1961. BUT NOW THE WORLD HAS A NEW IMAGE -- REFLECTING A NEW REALITY -- THAT OF GERMANS, EAST AND WEST, PULLING EACH OTHER TO THE TOP OF THE WALL -- A HUMAN BRIDGE BETWEEN NATIONS. ENTIRE PEOPLES IN EASTERN EUROPE, BRAVELY TAKING TO THE STREETS DEMANDING LIBERTY. THIS IS NOT THE END OF THE BOOK OF HISTORY, BUT IT'S A JOYFUL END TO ONE OF HISTORY'S SADDEST CHAPTERS.

NOT LONG AFTER THE WALL BEGAN TO OPEN, WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR KOHL TELEPHONED, AND ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU A MESSAGE OF THANKS. HE SAID THAT THE REMARKABLE CHANGE IN EASTERN EUROPE WOULD NOT BE TAKING PLACE WITHOUT THE STEADFAST SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES. FITTING PRAISE FROM A GOOD FRIEND. FOR FORTY YEARS, YOU, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HAVE NOT WAVERED IN YOUR COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM. AND TO OUR AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM -- WE ARE GRATEFUL. WE SHOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL TO OUR POSTWAR LEADERS. YOU SEE, WE HELPED REBUILD A CONTINENT THROUGH THE MARSHALL PLAN, AND WE BUILT A SHIELD, NATO, BEHIND WHICH EUROPEANS AND AMERICANS COULD FORGE A FUTURE IN FREEDOM.

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 1940's, WEST BERLIN REMAINED FREE BECAUSE HARRY TRUMAN SAID: HANDS OFF. IN THE 1950's, IKE BACKED AMERICA'S WORDS WITH MUSCLE. IN THE 1960's, WEST BERLINERS TOOK HEART, WHEN JOHN F. KENNEDY SAID: I AM A BERLINER. IN THE 1970's, PRESIDENTS NIXON, FORD AND CARTER STOOD BY BERLIN -- BY STANDING WITH NATO. \ \ AND IN THE 1980's, RONALD REAGAN WENT TO BERLIN TO SAY: TEAR DOWN THIS WALL.

NOW WE ARE AT THE THRESHOLD OF THE 1990's. AND AS WE BEGIN THE 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. \ \

WE CAN MAKE SUCH A BOLD BID BECAUSE AMERICA IS STRONG, AND FORTY YEARS OF PERSEVERANCE AND PATIENCE ARE FINALLY PAYING OFF. MORE RECENTLY, QUIET DIPLOMACY, WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES, HAS ACHIEVED RESULTS. WE CAN NOW DARE TO IMAGINE A NEW WORLD, WITH A NEW EUROPE, RISING ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY.

THIS NEW WORLD WAS TAKING SHAPE WHEN MY PRESIDENCY BEGAN WITH THESE WORDS: "THE DAY OF THE DICTATOR IS OVER." I SET FORTH A VISION OF THIS NEW WORLD IN MICHIGAN, LAST APRIL, SAYING "LIBERTY IS AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME IN EASTERN EUROPE." THEN, IN TEXAS IN MAY, WE ASKED THE SOVIETS TO JOIN US IN MOVING BEYOND CONTAINMENT TO A NEW PARTNERSHIP. IN FACT, WHEN I SAID THEN THAT WE WANT PRESIDENT GORBACHEV'S REFORMS, KNOWN AS PERESTROIKA, TO SUCCEED, SOME WONDERED IF WE WERE ASKING FOR TOO MUCH TOO FAST. NOW, THOUGH WE ARE STILL ON THE COURSE WE SET LAST SPRING, EVENTS ARE MOVING FASTER THAN ANYONE IMAGINED OR PREDICTED.

LOOK AROUND THE WORLD -- IN THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, THE PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING FREEDOM. POLAND AND HUNGARY ARE NOW FLEDGLING DEMOCRACIES -- A NON-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN POLAND, AND FREE ELECTIONS COMING SOON IN HUNGARY. AND IN THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF, THE FORCES OF REFORM UNDER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV ARE BRINGING UNPRECEDENTED OPENNESS AND CHANGE.

BUT 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 . . . INDEED, IN ALL OF EAST GERMANY.\ \ IF I MAY PARAPHRASE THE WORDS OF A GREAT POET, ROBERT FROST: THERE IS CERTAINLY SOMETHING IN US THAT DOESN'T LOVE A WALL.

WHEN I SPOKE TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE IN MAINZ LAST MAY, I APPLAUDED THE REMOVAL OF THE BARRIERS BETWEEN HUNGARY AND AUSTRIA, SAYING: "LET BERLIN BE NEXT." AND THE WEST GERMAN PEOPLE JOINED US IN A CALL FOR A EUROPE WHOLE AND FREE.

SEVEN YEARS AGO, I WENT TO A TOWN IN GERMANY KNOWN AS LITTLE BERLIN. A VILLAGE, REALLY, ITS COBBLED STREETS WERE BARRICADED BY BARBED WIRE AND CONCRETE BLOCKS. I TALKED WITH THE TOWNSPEOPLE, NOT A HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS FROM THE SPECTRE OF ARMED GUARDS IN TOWERS. NOW I WANT TO GO BACK TO LITTLE BERLIN, AND SEE FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORS ONCE APART,\ \ COMING TOGETHER. ((HOW WONDERFUL THAT WOULD BE.))

CHANGE IS COMING SWIFTLY. NO ONE FORESAW THAT THE WALL WOULD COME TUMBLING DOWN BEFORE THE HANDWRITING COULD EVEN APPEAR ON IT. THE NEW EUROPE THAT IS COMING IS BEING BUILT -- MUST BE BUILT -- ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES; AND WITH IT THE DRAMATIC VINDICATION OF FREE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS. BUT THE FASTER THE PACE, THE SMOOTHER OUR PATH MUST BE. AFTER ALL, THIS IS SERIOUS BUSINESS. THAT IS WHY IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY UPCOMING VISIT WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV OFF A SMALL MEDITERRANEAN ISLAND CALLED MALTA, I WILL GO TO BRUSSELS TO CONSULT WITH OUR NATO PARTNERS --THE VERY ALLIANCE THAT HAS KEPT THE WEST FREE FOR FORTY YEARS. WE MUST ADAPT TO A NEW ERA, BUT OUR TRADITIONAL UNITY OF PURPOSE IS NEEDED AS NEVER BEFORE. I WILL ASSURE THEM THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE ALLIANCE.

FOR IN A NEW EUROPE, THE AMERICAN ROLE MAY CHANGE IN FORM BUT NOT IN FUNDAMENTALS. AFTER ALL, THE SOVIET UNION MAINTAINS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF TROOPS THROUGHOUT EASTERN EUROPE. STUDY THE MAP, REVIEW HISTORY AND YOU'LL SEE THAT THIS PRESENCE, COUPLED WITH THE SOVIET UNION'S NATURAL ADVANTAGE OF GEOGRAPHY, CANNOT BE IGNORED. SO EVEN IF FORCES ARE REDUCED ON BOTH SIDES, WE MUST REMAIN IN EUROPE AS LONG AS OUR FRIENDS WANT AND NEED US.\

THE PEACE WE ARE BUILDING MUST BE DIFFERENT THAN THE KIND OF PEACE YOU AND I HAVE KNOWN FOR SO LONG -- A HARD, JOYLESS PEACE BETWEEN TWO ARMED CAMPS. THE SCARS OF THE CONFLICT THAT BEGAN A HALF CENTURY AGO STILL DIVIDE A CONTINENT. SO THE HISTORIC TASK BEFORE US NOW, IS TO BEGIN THE HEALING OF THIS OLD WOUND.

WHEN I VISITED POLAND AND HUNGARY LAST JULY, I SAW FIRST HAND ACTS OF HEALING AND RECONCILIATION. IT WAS IN WARSAW THAT I MET A WOMAN WHO HAD WORKED, AT GREAT PERSONAL RISK, FOR THE RELEASE OF JAILED SOLIDARITY MEMBERS. SHE WAS ASKED: "HOW IS IT POSSIBLE, AFTER SUCH A SHORT TIME, TO BREAK BREAD WITH THE MEN WHO ORDERED THOSE IMPRISONMENTS -- WHY THE ABSENCE OF BITTERNESS?" AND SHE REPLIED: "OUR JOY AT WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW IS MORE POWERFUL THAN MEMORY."

I WISH YOU COULD HAVE BEEN THERE, FOR WHAT WE WITNESSED \ \ WAS EXTRAORDINARY. THE OLD ANTAGONISMS MELTED AWAY AS MEN AND WOMEN STOOD UP, OFTEN WITH TEARS IN THEIR EYES, AND TOASTED THE FUTURE -- TOGETHER. A COMMON RECOGNITION SPREAD AMONG OUR GUESTS THAT HISTORY WOULD JUDGE ALL BY HOW WELL THEY COULD COOPERATE. \ \ WELL, THEY DID COOPERATE. POLAND AND HUNGARY ARE BEING TRANSFORMED.

THEY DESERVE OUR SUPPORT, AND THEY'RE GETTING IT. WE HAVE MATCHED OUR WORDS WITH ACTION -- NEW LOANS AND GRANTS -- TEAMS OF AMERICAN ECONOMIC EXPERTS -- WORKING TO HELP THEM ADJUST TO A FREE MARKET SOCIETY. OUR GOVERNMENT -- CLEARING THE WAY FOR U.S. INVESTMENT AND TRADE WITH POLAND AND HUNGARY. NOW THE PEOPLES OF THESE TWO NATIONS CAN FINALLY EXPECT THEIR HARD WORK TO LEAD TO A BETTER LIFE.

THESE SAME WINDS OF CHANGE ARE SWEEPING OUR OWN HEMISPHERE, DEMOCRACY TRANSFORMING THE AMERICAS WITH STUNNING SPEED. IN BRAZIL, IN ARGENTINA, IN CHILE, WE HAVE SEEN THE SPREAD OF LIBERTY. IN FACT, THERE ARE ONLY THREE HOLDOUTS LEFT IN ALL OF THE AMERICAS -- PANAMA, NICARAGUA AND CUBA. AND THESE LAST TWO ARE HOLDING OUT AGAINST THEIR PEOPLE ONLY BECAUSE OF THE MASSIVE SUPPORT OF WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES FROM THE SOVIET UNION. SO WHEN I SEE PRESIDENT GORBACHEV, I'LL ASK HIM \ \ TO JOIN WITH US TO HELP BRING FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICA.

SO AS WE CELEBRATE THE EVENTS OF EASTERN EUROPE, REMEMBER THAT SOME WALLS STILL REMAIN BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. THESE ARE THE INVISIBLE WALLS OF SUSPICION. THE WALLS OF DOUBT, MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISCALCULATION.

THAT IS ONE REASON I DECIDED, WHILE IN EASTERN EUROPE LAST SUMMER, TO MAKE A PERSONAL EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH THESE LAST BARRIERS.

BACK IN MAY, I SET DOWN FIVE STEPS PRESIDENT GORBACHEV SHOULD MEET IF WE ARE TO TAKE HIS NEW THINKING SERIOUSLY: FIRST, REDUCE SOVIET FORCES; SECOND, SUPPORT SELF-DETERMINATION IN EASTERN EUROPE; THIRD, WORK WITH US TO END REGIONAL DISPUTES; FOURTH, ACHIEVE A LASTING PLURALISM AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS; AND FIFTH, JOIN WITH US IN ADDRESSING GLOBAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG MENACE AND DANGERS TO THE ENVIRONMENT. SERIOUS PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN, ESPECIALLY REGIONAL CONFLICTS. BUT THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS MADE PROGRESS IN THESE FIVE AREAS IS UNDENIABLE.

THAT IS WHY I INVITED PRESIDENT GORBACHEV TO MEET ME TEN DAYS FROM NOW. THIS IS A FIRST MEETING -- A TIME FOR EXPLORATION.

OF COURSE, I WANT PRESIDENT GORBACHEV TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE UNITED STATES STANDS. LET ME BE CLEAR -- AMERICA STANDS WITH FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. WE ARE NOT MEETING TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF EUROPE -- AFTER ALL, THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE ARE DETERMINING THEIR OWN FUTURE. THERE WILL BE NO SURPRISES SPRUNG ON OUR ALLIES. THE TIME FOR ARMS-CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS IS AT NEXT YEAR'S SUMMIT. AND TO THOSE WHO QUESTION OUR PRUDENT PACE, I SAY THAT A TIME OF HISTORIC CHANGE IS NO TIME FOR RECKLESSNESS. THE PEACE, THE SECURITY OF OUR FRIENDS IN EUROPE -- IT'S JUST TOO IMPORTANT.

I WILL SEEK PRESIDENT GORBACHEV'S ASSURANCE THAT THIS PROCESS OF REFORM IN EASTERN EUROPE WILL CONTINUE. AND I WILL GIVE HIM MY ASSURANCE THAT AMERICA WELCOMES REFORM NOT AS AN ADVERSARY SEEKING ADVANTAGE, BUT AS A FRIEND OFFERING SUPPORT. OUR GOAL IS TO SEE THIS HISTORIC TIDE OF FREEDOM BROADENED, DEEPENED -- AND SUSTAINED. WE FIND ENORMOUS ENCOURAGEMENT IN ITS PEACEFUL ADVANCE, AND ITS ACCEPTANCE BY THE SOVIET UNION. WE CAN NOW RAISE OUR HOPES ON OTHER ISSUES -- OUR COMMON ENVIRONMENT, OUR COMMON WAR AGAINST DRUGS, AND THE REGIONAL CONFLICTS THAT REMAIN.

OFF MALTA, MIKHAIL GORBACHEV AND I WILL BEGIN THE WORK OF YEARS. WE CAN HELP THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE ACHIEVE A NEW DESTINY, A EUROPE WHOLE AND FREE. AND I THINK PRESIDENT GORBACHEV KNOWS BY NOW THAT AMERICA WANTS THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION TO FULFILL THEIR DESTINY. THERE IS NO GREATER ADVOCATE OF PERESTROIKA THAN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEN WE MEET, WE WILL BE ON SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN A MEDITERRANEAN BAY THAT HAS SERVED AS A SEALANE OF COMMERCE AND CONFLICT FOR MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS. THIS ANCIENT PORT HAS BEEN CONQUERED BY CAESAR AND SULTAN, CRUSADER AND KING. ITS FORTS AND WATCHTOWERS SURVEY A SEA THAT ENTOMBS THE SCUTTLED SHIPS OF EMPIRES LOST -- SLAVE GALLEYS, GALLEONS, DREADNOUGHTS, DESTROYERS. THESE SHIPS, ONCE MEANT TO GUARD LASTING EMPIRES, NOW LITTER THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND GUARD NOTHING MORE THAN REEFS OF CORAL.

SO IF THE MILLENNIA OFFER US A LESSON, PERHAPS IT IS THIS: TRUE SECURITY DOES NOT COME FROM EMPIRE AND DOMINATION. TRUE SECURITY CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN THE GROWING TRUST OF FREE NATIONS.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT PEACE IS NOT THE WORK OF A SINGLE DAY, NOR WILL IT BE THE CONSEQUENCE OF A SINGLE ACT. YET EVERY CONSTRUCTIVE ACT CONTRIBUTES TO ITS GROWTH; EVERY OMISSION IMPEDES IT. PEACE WILL COME, IN THE END, AS A CHILD GROWS TO MATURITY -- SLOWLY, UNTIL WE REALIZE ONE DAY IN INCREDULOUS SURPRISE THAT THE CHILD IS ALMOST GROWN.

IT IS OUR HOPE THAT MALTA WILL BE SUCH A  
CONSTRUCTIVE ACT -- GUIDING BRAVE PILGRIMS ON THEIR  
JOURNEY TO A NEW WORLD OF FREEDOM.

I WISH YOU A GOOD NIGHT, AND SAFE TRAVEL FOR YOU  
AND YOUR LOVED ONES. HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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