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A YEAR AGO IN POLAND, LECH WALESIA DECLARED THAT HE WAS READY TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMUNIST RULERS OF THAT COUNTRY. TODAY, WITH THE FUTURE OF A FREE POLAND IN THEIR OWN HANDS, MEMBERS OF SOLIDARITY LEAD THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. * //

A YEAR AGO, FREEDOM'S PLAYWRIGHT, VACLAV HAVEL [VAHTS-LAHV HA-VEL], LANGUISHED AS A PRISONER IN PRAGUE. TODAY, IT'S VACLAV HAVEL -- PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. * //

AND ONE YEAR AGO, ERICH HONECKER OF EAST GERMANY CLAIMED HISTORY AS HIS GUIDE. HE PREDICTED THE BERLIN WALL WOULD LAST ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS. TODAY -- LESS THAN ONE YEAR LATER -- IT'S THE WALL THAT'S HISTORY. *
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REMARKABLE EVENTS -- EVENTS THAT FULFILL THE LONG-HELD HOPES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE... EVENTS THAT VALIDATE THE LONG-STANDING GOALS OF AMERICAN POLICY -- A POLICY BASED ON A SINGLE, SHINING PRINCIPLE: THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. *

AMERICA -- NOT JUST THE NATION -- BUT AN IDEA, // ALIVE IN THE MINDS OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. AS THIS NEW WORLD TAKES SHAPE, AMERICA STANDS AT THE CENTER OF A WIDENING CIRCLE OF FREEDOM -- TODAY, TOMORROW AND INTO THE NEXT CENTURY. * //

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 [BRAH-NEEK] 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." /////

IT'S NO SECRET THAT, HERE AT HOME, FREEDOM'S DOOR
OPENED LONG AGO. THE CORNERSTONES OF THIS FREE SOCIETY
HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET IN PLACE: DEMOCRACY.
COMPETITION. OPPORTUNITY. PRIVATE INVESTMENT.
STEWARDSHIP. AND OF COURSE, LEADERSHIP.

OUR CHALLENGE TODAY IS TO TAKE THIS DEMOCRATIC
SYSTEM OF OURS -- A SYSTEM SECOND TO NONE -- AND MAKE
IT BETTER. * ///

A BETTER AMERICA, WHERE THERE'S A JOB FOR EVERYONE
WHO WANTS ONE. *

WHERE WOMEN WORKING OUTSIDE THE HOME CAN BE
CONFIDENT THEIR CHILDREN ARE IN SAFE AND LOVING CARE --
AND WHERE GOVERNMENT WORKS TO EXPAND CHILD CARE
ALTERNATIVES FOR PARENTS. *

WHERE WE RECONCILE THE NEEDS OF A CLEAN
ENVIRONMENT AND A STRONG ECONOMY. *

WHERE "MADE IN THE U.S.A." IS RECOGNIZED AROUND
THE WORLD AS THE SYMBOL OF QUALITY AND PROGRESS. *

WHERE EVERY ONE OF US ENJOYS THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE, TO WORK, AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY. AND WHERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE AMERICAN MAINSTREAM INCLUDES ALL OF OUR DISABLED CITIZENS. * //

WHERE EVERYONE HAS A ROOF OVER HIS HEAD -- AND WHERE THE HOMELESS GET THE HELP THEY NEED TO LIVE IN DIGNITY. * //

WHERE OUR SCHOOLS CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT OUR KIDS AND OUR TEACHERS -- AND WHERE ALL OF THEM MAKE THE GRADE. *

WHERE EVERY STREET, EVERY CITY, EVERY SCHOOL AND EVERY CHILD IS DRUG-FREE. * //

AND FINALLY, WHERE NO AMERICAN IS FORGOTTEN. /// OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO OUR HOSTAGES -- OUR HOSTAGES WHO ARE CEASELESSLY ON OUR MINDS AND IN OUR EFFORTS. * //

THAT'S PART OF THE FUTURE WE WANT TO SEE -- THE FUTURE WE CAN MAKE FOR OURSELVES. BUT DREAMS ALONE WON'T GET US THERE. WE NEED TO EXTEND OUR HORIZON -- COMMIT TO THE LONG-VIEW. OUR MISSION FOR THE FUTURE STARTS TODAY. ///

IN THE TOUGH COMPETITIVE MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD, AMERICA FACES GREAT CHALLENGES AND GREAT OPPORTUNITIES. WE KNOW THAT WE CAN SUCCEED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC ARENA OF THE 90'S, BUT TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE WE MUST MAKE SOME FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES -- SOME CRUCIAL INVESTMENTS IN OURSELVES.

YES -- WE ARE GOING TO INVEST IN AMERICA. THIS ADMINISTRATION IS DETERMINED TO ENCOURAGE THE CREATION OF CAPITAL -- CAPITAL OF ALL KINDS. PHYSICAL CAPITAL: EVERYTHING, FROM OUR FARMS AND FACTORIES TO OUR WORKSHOPS AND PRODUCTION LINES, ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO PRODUCE AND DELIVER QUALITY GOODS AND QUALITY SERVICES. INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL: THE SOURCE OF IDEAS THAT SPARK TOMORROW'S PRODUCTS. AND OF COURSE, OUR HUMAN CAPITAL: THE TALENTED WORKFORCE WE'LL NEED TO COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL MARKET.

AND LET ME TELL YOU: IF WE IGNORE HUMAN CAPITAL -- WE LOSE THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN INGENUITY -- THE SPIRIT THAT IS THE HALLMARK OF THE AMERICAN WORKER. AND THE AMERICAN WORKER IS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE WORKER IN THE WORLD. * //

WE NEED TO SAVE MORE -- EXPAND THE POOL OF CAPITAL FOR THE NEW INVESTMENTS THAT MEAN MORE JOBS, MORE GROWTH. THAT'S THE IDEA BEHIND A NEW INITIATIVE I CALL THE FAMILY SAVINGS PLAN, WHICH I WILL SEND TO THE CONGRESS TOMORROW. //

**WE NEED TO CUT THE TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS --
ENCOURAGE RISK-TAKERS -- ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR SMALL
BUSINESSES -- TO TAKE THOSE STEPS THAT TRANSLATE INTO
ECONOMIC REWARD, JOBS, AND A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL OF US.
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**WE'LL DO WHAT IT TAKES TO INVEST IN AMERICA'S
FUTURE. THE BUDGET COMMITMENT IS THERE. THE MONEY IS
THERE. // IT'S THERE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,
R&D -- A RECORD HIGH. IT'S THERE FOR OUR HOUSING
INITIATIVE -- HOPE, TO HELP EVERYONE FROM FIRST-TIME
HOMEBUYERS TO THE HOMELESS. THE MONEY'S THERE TO KEEP
OUR KIDS DRUG-FREE: 70% MORE THAN WHEN I TOOK OFFICE
IN 1989. * IT'S THERE FOR SPACE EXPLORATION -- AND
IT'S THERE FOR EDUCATION: ANOTHER RECORD HIGH. * //**

**AND ONE MORE THING: LAST FALL AT THE EDUCATION
SUMMIT, THE GOVERNORS AND I AGREED TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO
HELP MAKE SURE KIDS ARE READY TO LEARN -- THE VERY
FIRST DAY THEY WALK INTO THAT CLASSROOM. I'VE MADE
GOOD ON THAT COMMITMENT -- BY PROPOSING A RECORD
INCREASE IN FUNDS -- AN EXTRA HALF A BILLION DOLLARS --
FOR SOMETHING NEAR AND DEAR TO ALL OF US: HEAD
START. * //**

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 IS A MATTER OF ASKING MORE -- EXPECTING MORE: OF OUR SCHOOLS, OUR TEACHERS, OF OUR KIDS, AND OUR PARENTS AND OURSELVES. THAT'S WHY TONIGHT I AM ANNOUNCING AMERICA'S EDUCATION GOALS -- GOALS DEVELOPED WITH THE NATION'S GOVERNORS:

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%.

AND WE'RE 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. THIS NATION WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS THAN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. * //

THESE INVESTMENTS WILL KEEP AMERICA COMPETITIVE. AND I KNOW THIS ABOUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: WE WELCOME COMPETITION. WE'LL MATCH OUR INGENUITY AND ENERGY -- OUR EXPERIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- OUR SPIRIT AND ENTERPRISE -- AGAINST ANYONE. LET THE COMPETITION BE FREE -- BUT LET IT BE FAIR. AMERICA IS READY. * //

SINCE WE REALLY MEAN IT -- AND SINCE WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT BEING READY TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE -- WE'RE GETTING OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER. // WE'VE MADE REAL PROGRESS. 7 YEARS AGO, THE FEDERAL DEFICIT WAS 6% OF OUR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT. IN THE NEW BUDGET I SENT UP TWO DAYS AGO -- THE DEFICIT IS DOWN TO 1% OF GNP.

THAT BUDGET BRINGS FEDERAL SPENDING UNDER CONTROL.
IT MEETS THE GRAMM-RUDMAN TARGET. BRINGS THAT DEFICIT
DOWN FURTHER. AND BALANCES THE BUDGET BY 1993 -- WITH
NO NEW TAXES. * //

AND LET ME TELL YOU, THERE'S STILL MORE THAN
ENOUGH FEDERAL SPENDING. FOR MOST OF US, 1.2 TRILLION
DOLLARS IS A LOT OF MONEY. //

AND ONCE THE BUDGET IS BALANCED, WE CAN OPERATE
THE WAY EVERY FAMILY MUST WHEN IT HAS BILLS TO PAY. WE
WON'T LEAVE IT TO OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. WE
WILL START PAYING OFF THE NATIONAL DEBT. * //

AND THERE'S SOMETHING MORE WE OWE THE GENERATIONS
OF THE FUTURE: STEWARDSHIP -- THE SAFEKEEPING OF
AMERICA'S PRECIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL INHERITANCE. *

AS JUST ONE SIGN OF HOW SERIOUS WE ARE, WE WILL
ELEVATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO CABINET
RANK. NOT MORE BUREAUCRACY, NOT MORE RED TAPE -- BUT
THE CERTAINTY THAT HERE AT HOME, AND IN OUR DEALINGS
WITH OTHER NATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES HAVE THE
STATUS THEY DESERVE. * //

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROVIDES OVER \$2 BILLION IN NEW SPENDING TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, WITH OVER \$1 BILLION FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH. AND A NEW INITIATIVE I CALL "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" -- TO EXPAND OUR NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE PRESERVES AND IMPROVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON PUBLIC LANDS.

AND SOMETHING ELSE: SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP KEEP THIS COUNTRY CLEAN, FROM OUR FORESTLAND TO OUR INNER CITIES, AND KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL FOR GENERATIONS TO COME -- THE MONEY TO PLANT A BILLION TREES A YEAR. * /////

AND TONIGHT, LET ME SAY AGAIN TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DID NOT SEND US HERE TO BICKER. THERE'S WORK TO DO -- AND THEY SENT US HERE TO GET IT DONE. AND ONCE AGAIN, I OFFER MY HAND TO ALL OF YOU. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO DO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. CLEAN AIR. CHILD CARE. THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACT. CRIME AND DRUGS. // IT'S TIME TO ACT. /// THE FARM BILL. TRANSPORTATION POLICY. PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM. ENTERPRISE ZONES. IT'S TIME TO ACT TOGETHER. ///

AND THERE'S ONE THING I HOPE WE'LL ALL BE ABLE TO AGREE ON. IT'S ABOUT OUR COMMITMENTS. I'M TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY.

TO EVERY AMERICAN OUT THERE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, TO EVERY AMERICAN SUPPORTING THAT SYSTEM TODAY, AND TO EVERYONE COUNTING ON IT WHEN THEY RETIRE: WE MADE A PROMISE TO YOU -- AND WE ARE GOING TO KEEP IT. * //

WE RESCUED THE SYSTEM IN 1983 -- AND IT'S SOUND AGAIN. // OUR BUDGET FULLY FUNDS TODAY'S BENEFITS -- AND IT ASSURES THAT FUTURE BENEFITS WILL BE FUNDED AS WELL. THE LAST THING WE NEED TO DO IS MESS AROUND WITH SOCIAL SECURITY. * ////

THERE'S ONE MORE PROBLEM WE NEED TO ADDRESS. WE MUST GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEALTH CARE STUDIES NOW UNDERWAY. THAT'S WHY TONIGHT, I AM INSTRUCTING DR. LOUIS SULLIVAN -- SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -- TO LEAD A DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE QUALITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND COST OF OUR NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. I AM COMMITTED TO BRING THE STAGGERING COSTS OF HEALTH CARE UNDER CONTROL. ////

THE "STATE OF THE GOVERNMENT" DOES INDEED DEPEND ON MANY OF US IN THIS VERY CHAMBER. BUT THE STATE OF THE UNION DEPENDS ON ALL AMERICANS. WE MUST MAINTAIN THE DEMOCRATIC DECENCY THAT MAKES A NATION OUT OF MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS. I HAVE BEEN APPALLED AT THE RECENT MAIL BOMBINGS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. EVERY ONE OF US MUST CONFRONT AND CONDEMN RACISM. ANTI-SEMITISM. BIGOTRY AND HATE. /// NOT NEXT WEEK, NOT TOMORROW, BUT RIGHT NOW. *

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 A STRANGER IN NEED. /// WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THE 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. ///

AND LET ME SAY, THAT SO LONG AS WE REMEMBER THE AMERICAN IDEA -- SO LONG AS WE LIVE UP TO THE AMERICAN IDEAL -- THE STATE OF THE UNION WILL REMAIN SOUND AND STRONG.

AND TO THOSE WHO WORRY WE HAVE LOST OUR WAY -- WELL, I WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO PARTS OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY JAMES MARKWELL -- PFC JAMES MARKWELL, A 20-YEAR-OLD ARMY MEDIC OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 75TH RANGERS. IT'S DATED DECEMBER 18TH -- THE NIGHT BEFORE OUR ARMED FORCES WENT INTO ACTION IN PANAMA. IT'S A LETTER SERVICEMEN WRITE -- AND HOPE WILL NEVER BE SENT. SADLY, PRIVATE MARKWELL'S MOTHER DID RECEIVE THIS LETTER. AND SHE PASSED IT ON TO ME.

HERE IS SOME OF WHAT HE WROTE: "I HAVE NEVER BEEN AFRAID OF DEATH, BUT NOW HE IS WAITING AT THE CORNER.... I HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO KILL AND TO SAVE, SO HAS EVERYONE ELSE. I AM FRIGHTENED OF WHAT LAYS BEYOND THE FOG, YET... DO NOT MOURN FOR ME. REVEL IN THE LIFE THAT I HAVE DIED TO GIVE YOU. ...BUT MOST OF ALL, DON'T FORGET THAT THE ARMY WAS MY CHOICE. SOMETHING THAT I WANTED TO DO." //

"REMEMBER, I JOINED THE ARMY TO SERVE MY COUNTRY AND INSURE THAT YOU ARE FREE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT AND LIVE YOUR LIVES FREELY."

PRIVATE MARKWELL WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO SEE BATTLE
IN PANAMA, AND ONE OF THE FIRST TO FALL. ///

HE KNEW WHAT HE BELIEVED IN. // HE CARRIED THE
IDEA WE CALL AMERICA IN HIS HEART. ////

I BEGAN TONIGHT SPEAKING ABOUT THE CHANGES WE'VE
SEEN THIS PAST YEAR. THERE IS A NEW WORLD OF
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE US. AND THERE IS A
NEED FOR LEADERSHIP THAT ONLY AMERICA CAN PROVIDE.

NEARLY FORTY YEARS AGO, IN HIS LAST ADDRESS TO THE
CONGRESS, PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN PREDICTED SUCH A TIME
WOULD COME. HE SAID: "AS OUR WORLD GROWS STRONGER,
MORE UNITED, MORE ATTRACTIVE TO MEN ON BOTH SIDES OF
THE IRON CURTAIN, THEN INEVITABLY THERE WILL COME A
TIME OF CHANGE WITHIN THE COMMUNIST WORLD."

TODAY, THAT CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE. //

FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS, AMERICA AND ITS ALLIES HELD COMMUNISM IN CHECK, AND ENSURED THAT DEMOCRACY WOULD CONTINUE TO EXIST. 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. ///

TO THE CONGRESS AND TO ALL AMERICANS, I SAY IT IS TIME TO ACCLAIM A NEW CONSENSUS AT HOME AND ABROAD -- A COMMON VISION OF THE PEACEFUL WORLD WE WANT TO SEE.

HERE IN OUR OWN HEMISPHERE, IT'S TIME FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS -- NORTH AND SOUTH -- TO LIVE IN FREEDOM.

IN THE FAR EAST AND AFRICA, IT IS TIME FOR THE FULL FLOWERING OF FREE GOVERNMENTS AND FREE MARKETS THAT HAVE SERVED AS THE ENGINE OF PROGRESS. //

IT IS TIME TO OFFER OUR HAND TO THE EMERGING DEMOCRACIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. SO THAT CONTINENT -- FOR TOO LONG A CONTINENT DIVIDED -- CAN SEE A FUTURE WHOLE AND FREE. //

IT'S TIME TO BUILD ON OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION -- TO ENDORSE AND ENCOURAGE A PEACEFUL PROCESS OF INTERNAL CHANGE TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. //

WE ARE IN A PERIOD OF GREAT TRANSITION, GREAT HOPE, YET GREAT UNCERTAINTY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE SOVIET MILITARY THREAT IN EUROPE IS DIMINISHING, BUT WE SEE LITTLE CHANGE IN SOVIET STRATEGIC MODERNIZATION. THEREFORE, WE MUST SUSTAIN OUR OWN STRATEGIC OFFENSE MODERNIZATION AND THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE.

BUT THE TIME IS RIGHT TO MOVE FORWARD ON A CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT TO MOVE US TO MORE APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE -- A COHERENT DEFENSE PROGRAM THAT ENSURES THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CATALYST FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IN EUROPE. I'VE CONSULTED WITH LEADERS OF NATO -- AND IN FACT, I SPOKE BY PHONE WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV, JUST TODAY.

I AGREE WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES THAT AN AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE IS ESSENTIAL -- AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE TIED SOLELY TO THE SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

BUT OUR TROOP LEVELS CAN STILL BE LOWER. SO
TONIGHT, I AM ANNOUNCING A MAJOR NEW STEP FOR A FURTHER
REDUCTION IN U.S. AND SOVIET MANPOWER IN CENTRAL AND
EASTERN EUROPE TO 195,000 ON EACH SIDE. ///

THIS NUMBER REFLECTS THE ADVICE OF OUR SENIOR
MILITARY ADVISORS. IT IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT AMERICAN
AND EUROPEAN INTERESTS -- AND SUSTAIN NATO'S DEFENSE
STRATEGY. /// A SWIFT CONCLUSION TO OUR ARMS CONTROL
TALKS -- CONVENTIONAL, CHEMICAL AND STRATEGIC -- MUST
NOW BE OUR GOAL. /// THAT TIME HAS COME. ///

STILL, WE MUST RECOGNIZE AN UNFORTUNATE FACT: IN
MANY REGIONS OF THE WORLD TONIGHT, THE REALITY IS
CONFLICT -- NOT PEACE. ENDURING ANIMOSITIES AND
OPPOSING INTERESTS REMAIN. THUS THE CAUSE OF PEACE
MUST BE SERVED BY AN AMERICA STRONG ENOUGH -- AND SURE
ENOUGH -- TO DEFEND OUR INTERESTS AND IDEALS.
IT'S THIS AMERICAN IDEA THAT FOR THE PAST FOUR DECADES
HELPED INSPIRE THE REVOLUTION OF '89. /////

HERE AT HOME -- AND IN THE WORLD -- THERE IS HISTORY IN THE MAKING -- AND HISTORY TO BE MADE. SIX MONTHS AGO, EARLY IN THIS SEASON OF CHANGE, I STOOD AT THE GATES OF THE GDANSK SHIPYARD IN POLAND AT THE MONUMENT TO THE FALLEN WORKERS OF SOLIDARITY. IT'S A MONUMENT OF SIMPLE MAJESTY. THREE TALL CROSSES RISE UP FROM THE STONES. ATOP EACH CROSS, AN ANCHOR -- AN ANCIENT SYMBOL OF HOPE.

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 VERY HEART OF THE IDEA THAT IS AMERICA. ///

GIVING LIFE TO THAT IDEA DEPENDS ON EVERY ONE OF US. OUR ANCHOR HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAITH AND FAMILY.

IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THIS PAST MOMENTOUS YEAR, OUR FAMILY WAS BLESSED ONCE MORE -- CELEBRATING THE JOY OF LIFE WHEN A LITTLE BOY BECAME OUR 12TH GRANDCHILD.

WHEN I HELD THE LITTLE GUY FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE TROUBLES AT HOME AND ABROAD SEEMED MANAGEABLE -- IN PERSPECTIVE.

NOW, I KNOW YOU'RE THINKING: THAT'S A GRANDFATHER TALKING. //

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT I'VE MET A LOT OF CHILDREN THIS PAST YEAR -- ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, AND EVERYWHERE FROM THE FAR EAST TO EASTERN EUROPE. ALL KIDS ARE UNIQUE. YET, ALL KIDS ARE ALIKE. THE BUDDING YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS I MET THIS MONTH, WHO JOINED ME EXPLORING THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES. THE LITTLE LEAGUERS I PLAYED CATCH WITH IN POLAND -- READY TO GO FROM WARSAW TO THE WORLD SERIES. EVEN THE KIDS WHO ARE ILL OR ALONE -- GOD BLESS THOSE BOARDER BABIES, BORN ADDICTED TO DRUGS -- COPING WITH PROBLEMS NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO FACE. BUT, YOU KNOW, WHEN IT COMES TO HOPE AND THE FUTURE: EVERY KID IS THE SAME. FULL OF DREAMS. READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD. ALL SPECIAL: BECAUSE THEY ARE THE VERY FUTURE OF FREEDOM. TO THEM BELONGS THIS NEW WORLD I'VE BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT.

AND FINALLY, LET ALL AMERICANS -- ALL OF US
TOGETHER HERE IN THIS CHAMBER, THE SYMBOLIC CENTER OF
DEMOCRACY -- AFFIRM OUR ALLEGIANCE TO THIS IDEA WE CALL
AMERICA. AND LET US ALL REMEMBER THAT THE STATE OF THE
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A YEAR AGO IN POLAND, LECH WALESZA DECLARED THAT HE WAS READY TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMUNIST RULERS OF THAT COUNTRY. TODAY, WITH THE FUTURE OF A FREE POLAND IN THEIR OWN HANDS, MEMBERS OF SOLIDARITY LEAD THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. * //

A YEAR AGO, FREEDOM'S PLAYWRIGHT, VACLAV HAVEL [VAHTS-LAHV HA-VEL], LANGUISHED AS A PRISONER IN PRAGUE. TODAY, IT'S VACLAV HAVEL -- PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. * //

AND ONE YEAR AGO, ERICH HONECKER OF EAST GERMANY CLAIMED HISTORY AS HIS GUIDE. HE PREDICTED THE BERLIN WALL WOULD LAST ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS. TODAY -- LESS THAN ONE YEAR LATER -- IT'S THE WALL THAT'S HISTORY. *
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REMARKABLE EVENTS -- EVENTS THAT FULFILL THE LONG-HELD HOPES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE... EVENTS THAT VALIDATE THE LONG-STANDING GOALS OF AMERICAN POLICY -- A POLICY BASED ON A SINGLE, SHINING PRINCIPLE: THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. *

AMERICA -- NOT JUST THE NATION -- BUT AN IDEA, // ALIVE IN THE MINDS OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. AS THIS NEW WORLD TAKES SHAPE, AMERICA STANDS AT THE CENTER OF A WIDENING CIRCLE OF FREEDOM -- TODAY, TOMORROW AND INTO THE NEXT CENTURY. * //

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 [BRAH-NEEK] 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." /////

IT'S NO SECRET THAT, HERE AT HOME, FREEDOM'S DOOR
OPENED LONG AGO. THE CORNERSTONES OF THIS FREE SOCIETY
HAVE ALREADY BEEN SET IN PLACE: DEMOCRACY.
COMPETITION. OPPORTUNITY. PRIVATE INVESTMENT.
STEWARDSHIP. AND OF COURSE, LEADERSHIP.

OUR CHALLENGE TODAY IS TO TAKE THIS DEMOCRATIC
SYSTEM OF OURS -- A SYSTEM SECOND TO NONE -- AND MAKE
IT BETTER. * ///

A BETTER AMERICA, WHERE THERE'S A JOB FOR EVERYONE
WHO WANTS ONE. *

WHERE WOMEN WORKING OUTSIDE THE HOME CAN BE
CONFIDENT THEIR CHILDREN ARE IN SAFE AND LOVING CARE --
AND WHERE GOVERNMENT WORKS TO EXPAND CHILD CARE
ALTERNATIVES FOR PARENTS. *

WHERE WE RECONCILE THE NEEDS OF A CLEAN
ENVIRONMENT AND A STRONG ECONOMY. *

WHERE "MADE IN THE U.S.A." IS RECOGNIZED AROUND
THE WORLD AS THE SYMBOL OF QUALITY AND PROGRESS. *

WHERE EVERY ONE OF US ENJOYS THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE, TO WORK, AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY. AND WHERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE AMERICAN MAINSTREAM INCLUDES ALL OF OUR DISABLED CITIZENS. * //

WHERE EVERYONE HAS A ROOF OVER HIS HEAD -- AND WHERE THE HOMELESS GET THE HELP THEY NEED TO LIVE IN DIGNITY. * //

WHERE OUR SCHOOLS CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT OUR KIDS AND OUR TEACHERS -- AND WHERE ALL OF THEM MAKE THE GRADE. *

WHERE EVERY STREET, EVERY CITY, EVERY SCHOOL AND EVERY CHILD IS DRUG-FREE. * //

AND FINALLY, WHERE NO AMERICAN IS FORGOTTEN. /// OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO OUR HOSTAGES -- OUR HOSTAGES WHO ARE CEASELESSLY ON OUR MINDS AND IN OUR EFFORTS. * //

THAT'S PART OF THE FUTURE WE WANT TO SEE -- THE FUTURE WE CAN MAKE FOR OURSELVES. BUT DREAMS ALONE WON'T GET US THERE. WE NEED TO EXTEND OUR HORIZON -- COMMIT TO THE LONG-VIEW. OUR MISSION FOR THE FUTURE STARTS TODAY. ///

IN THE TOUGH COMPETITIVE MARKETS AROUND THE WORLD, AMERICA FACES GREAT CHALLENGES AND GREAT OPPORTUNITIES. WE KNOW THAT WE CAN SUCCEED IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC ARENA OF THE 90'S, BUT TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE WE MUST MAKE SOME FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES -- SOME CRUCIAL INVESTMENTS IN OURSELVES.

YES -- WE ARE GOING TO INVEST IN AMERICA. THIS ADMINISTRATION IS DETERMINED TO ENCOURAGE THE CREATION OF CAPITAL -- CAPITAL OF ALL KINDS. PHYSICAL CAPITAL: EVERYTHING, FROM OUR FARMS AND FACTORIES TO OUR WORKSHOPS AND PRODUCTION LINES, ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO PRODUCE AND DELIVER QUALITY GOODS AND QUALITY SERVICES. INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL: THE SOURCE OF IDEAS THAT SPARK TOMORROW'S PRODUCTS. AND OF COURSE, OUR HUMAN CAPITAL: THE TALENTED WORKFORCE WE'LL NEED TO COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL MARKET.

AND LET ME TELL YOU: IF WE IGNORE HUMAN CAPITAL -- WE LOSE THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN INGENUITY -- THE SPIRIT THAT IS THE HALLMARK OF THE AMERICAN WORKER. AND THE AMERICAN WORKER IS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE WORKER IN THE WORLD. * //

WE NEED TO SAVE MORE -- EXPAND THE POOL OF CAPITAL FOR THE NEW INVESTMENTS THAT MEAN MORE JOBS, MORE GROWTH. THAT'S THE IDEA BEHIND A NEW INITIATIVE I CALL THE FAMILY SAVINGS PLAN, WHICH I WILL SEND TO THE CONGRESS TOMORROW. //

WE NEED TO CUT THE TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS --
ENCOURAGE RISK-TAKERS -- ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR SMALL
BUSINESSES -- TO TAKE THOSE STEPS THAT TRANSLATE INTO
ECONOMIC REWARD, JOBS, AND A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL OF US.
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WE'LL DO WHAT IT TAKES TO INVEST IN AMERICA'S
FUTURE. THE BUDGET COMMITMENT IS THERE. THE MONEY IS
THERE. // IT'S THERE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,
R&D -- A RECORD HIGH. IT'S THERE FOR OUR HOUSING
INITIATIVE -- HOPE, TO HELP EVERYONE FROM FIRST-TIME
HOMEBUYERS TO THE HOMELESS. THE MONEY'S THERE TO KEEP
OUR KIDS DRUG-FREE: 70% MORE THAN WHEN I TOOK OFFICE
IN 1989. * IT'S THERE FOR SPACE EXPLORATION -- AND
IT'S THERE FOR EDUCATION: ANOTHER RECORD HIGH. * //

AND ONE MORE THING: LAST FALL AT THE EDUCATION
SUMMIT, THE GOVERNORS AND I AGREED TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO
HELP MAKE SURE KIDS ARE READY TO LEARN -- THE VERY
FIRST DAY THEY WALK INTO THAT CLASSROOM. I'VE MADE
GOOD ON THAT COMMITMENT -- BY PROPOSING A RECORD
INCREASE IN FUNDS -- AN EXTRA HALF A BILLION DOLLARS --
FOR SOMETHING NEAR AND DEAR TO ALL OF US: HEAD
START. * //

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 IS A MATTER OF ASKING MORE -- EXPECTING MORE: OF OUR SCHOOLS, OUR TEACHERS, OF OUR KIDS, AND OUR PARENTS AND OURSELVES. THAT'S WHY TONIGHT I AM ANNOUNCING AMERICA'S EDUCATION GOALS -- GOALS DEVELOPED WITH THE NATION'S GOVERNORS:

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%.

AND WE'RE 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. THIS NATION WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYTHING LESS THAN EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. * //

THESE INVESTMENTS WILL KEEP AMERICA COMPETITIVE. AND I KNOW THIS ABOUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE: WE WELCOME COMPETITION. WE'LL MATCH OUR INGENUITY AND ENERGY -- OUR EXPERIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- OUR SPIRIT AND ENTERPRISE -- AGAINST ANYONE. LET THE COMPETITION BE FREE -- BUT LET IT BE FAIR. AMERICA IS READY. * //

SINCE WE REALLY MEAN IT -- AND SINCE WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT BEING READY TO MEET THAT CHALLENGE -- WE'RE GETTING OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER. // WE'VE MADE REAL PROGRESS. 7 YEARS AGO, THE FEDERAL DEFICIT WAS 6% OF OUR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT. IN THE NEW BUDGET I SENT UP TWO DAYS AGO -- THE DEFICIT IS DOWN TO 1% OF GNP.

THAT BUDGET BRINGS FEDERAL SPENDING UNDER CONTROL.
IT MEETS THE GRAMM-RUDMAN TARGET. BRINGS THAT DEFICIT
DOWN FURTHER. AND BALANCES THE BUDGET BY 1993 -- WITH
NO NEW TAXES. * //

AND LET ME TELL YOU, THERE'S STILL MORE THAN
ENOUGH FEDERAL SPENDING. FOR MOST OF US, 1.2 TRILLION
DOLLARS IS A LOT OF MONEY. //

AND ONCE THE BUDGET IS BALANCED, WE CAN OPERATE
THE WAY EVERY FAMILY MUST WHEN IT HAS BILLS TO PAY. WE
WON'T LEAVE IT TO OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. WE
WILL START PAYING OFF THE NATIONAL DEBT. * //

AND THERE'S SOMETHING MORE WE OWE THE GENERATIONS
OF THE FUTURE: STEWARDSHIP -- THE SAFEKEEPING OF
AMERICA'S PRECIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL INHERITANCE. *

AS JUST ONE SIGN OF HOW SERIOUS WE ARE, WE WILL
ELEVATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO CABINET
RANK. NOT MORE BUREAUCRACY, NOT MORE RED TAPE -- BUT
THE CERTAINTY THAT HERE AT HOME, AND IN OUR DEALINGS
WITH OTHER NATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES HAVE THE
STATUS THEY DESERVE. * //

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROVIDES OVER \$2 BILLION IN NEW SPENDING TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, WITH OVER \$1 BILLION FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH. AND A NEW INITIATIVE I CALL "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" -- TO EXPAND OUR NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE PRESERVES AND IMPROVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON PUBLIC LANDS.

AND SOMETHING ELSE: SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP KEEP THIS COUNTRY CLEAN, FROM OUR FORESTLAND TO OUR INNER CITIES, AND KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL FOR GENERATIONS TO COME -- THE MONEY TO PLANT A BILLION TREES A YEAR. * /////

AND TONIGHT, LET ME SAY AGAIN TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DID NOT SEND US HERE TO BICKER. THERE'S WORK TO DO -- AND THEY SENT US HERE TO GET IT DONE. AND ONCE AGAIN, I OFFER MY HAND TO ALL OF YOU. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO DO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. CLEAN AIR. CHILD CARE. THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACT. CRIME AND DRUGS. // IT'S TIME TO ACT. /// THE FARM BILL. TRANSPORTATION POLICY. PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM. ENTERPRISE ZONES. IT'S TIME TO ACT TOGETHER. ///

AND THERE'S ONE THING I HOPE WE'LL ALL BE ABLE TO AGREE ON. IT'S ABOUT OUR COMMITMENTS. I'M TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY.

TO EVERY AMERICAN OUT THERE ON SOCIAL SECURITY, TO EVERY AMERICAN SUPPORTING THAT SYSTEM TODAY, AND TO EVERYONE COUNTING ON IT WHEN THEY RETIRE: WE MADE A PROMISE TO YOU -- AND WE ARE GOING TO KEEP IT. * //

WE RESCUED THE SYSTEM IN 1983 -- AND IT'S SOUND AGAIN. // OUR BUDGET FULLY FUNDS TODAY'S BENEFITS -- AND IT ASSURES THAT FUTURE BENEFITS WILL BE FUNDED AS WELL. THE LAST THING WE NEED TO DO IS MESS AROUND WITH SOCIAL SECURITY. * ////

THERE'S ONE MORE PROBLEM WE NEED TO ADDRESS. WE MUST GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEALTH CARE STUDIES NOW UNDERWAY. THAT'S WHY TONIGHT, I AM INSTRUCTING DR. LOUIS SULLIVAN -- SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -- TO LEAD A DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE QUALITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND COST OF OUR NATION'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. I AM COMMITTED TO BRING THE STAGGERING COSTS OF HEALTH CARE UNDER CONTROL. ////

THE "STATE OF THE GOVERNMENT" DOES INDEED DEPEND ON MANY OF US IN THIS VERY CHAMBER. BUT THE STATE OF THE UNION DEPENDS ON ALL AMERICANS. WE MUST MAINTAIN THE DEMOCRATIC DECENCY THAT MAKES A NATION OUT OF MILLIONS OF INDIVIDUALS. I HAVE BEEN APPALLED AT THE RECENT MAIL BOMBINGS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. EVERY ONE OF US MUST CONFRONT AND CONDEMN RACISM. ANTI-SEMITISM. BIGOTRY AND HATE. /// NOT NEXT WEEK, NOT TOMORROW, BUT RIGHT NOW. *

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 A STRANGER IN NEED. /// WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THE 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. ///

AND LET ME SAY, THAT SO LONG AS WE REMEMBER THE AMERICAN IDEA -- SO LONG AS WE LIVE UP TO THE AMERICAN IDEAL -- THE STATE OF THE UNION WILL REMAIN SOUND AND STRONG.

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PRIVATE MARKWELL WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO SEE BATTLE
IN PANAMA, AND ONE OF THE FIRST TO FALL. ///

HE KNEW WHAT HE BELIEVED IN. // HE CARRIED THE
IDEA WE CALL AMERICA IN HIS HEART. ////

I BEGAN TONIGHT SPEAKING ABOUT THE CHANGES WE'VE
SEEN THIS PAST YEAR. THERE IS A NEW WORLD OF
CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE US. AND THERE IS A
NEED FOR LEADERSHIP THAT ONLY AMERICA CAN PROVIDE.

NEARLY FORTY YEARS AGO, IN HIS LAST ADDRESS TO THE
CONGRESS, PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN PREDICTED SUCH A TIME
WOULD COME. HE SAID: "AS OUR WORLD GROWS STRONGER,
MORE UNITED, MORE ATTRACTIVE TO MEN ON BOTH SIDES OF
THE IRON CURTAIN, THEN INEVITABLY THERE WILL COME A
TIME OF CHANGE WITHIN THE COMMUNIST WORLD."

TODAY, THAT CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE. //

FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS, AMERICA AND ITS ALLIES HELD COMMUNISM IN CHECK, AND ENSURED THAT DEMOCRACY WOULD CONTINUE TO EXIST. 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. ///

TO THE CONGRESS AND TO ALL AMERICANS, I SAY IT IS TIME TO ACCLAIM A NEW CONSENSUS AT HOME AND ABROAD -- A COMMON VISION OF THE PEACEFUL WORLD WE WANT TO SEE.

HERE IN OUR OWN HEMISPHERE, IT'S TIME FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE AMERICAS -- NORTH AND SOUTH -- TO LIVE IN FREEDOM.

IN THE FAR EAST AND AFRICA, IT IS TIME FOR THE FULL FLOWERING OF FREE GOVERNMENTS AND FREE MARKETS THAT HAVE SERVED AS THE ENGINE OF PROGRESS. //

IT IS TIME TO OFFER OUR HAND TO THE EMERGING DEMOCRACIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. SO THAT CONTINENT -- FOR TOO LONG A CONTINENT DIVIDED -- CAN SEE A FUTURE WHOLE AND FREE. //

IT'S TIME TO BUILD ON OUR NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION -- TO ENDORSE AND ENCOURAGE A PEACEFUL PROCESS OF INTERNAL CHANGE TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. //

WE ARE IN A PERIOD OF GREAT TRANSITION, GREAT HOPE, YET GREAT UNCERTAINTY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE SOVIET MILITARY THREAT IN EUROPE IS DIMINISHING, BUT WE SEE LITTLE CHANGE IN SOVIET STRATEGIC MODERNIZATION. THEREFORE, WE MUST SUSTAIN OUR OWN STRATEGIC OFFENSE MODERNIZATION AND THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE.

BUT THE TIME IS RIGHT TO MOVE FORWARD ON A CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT TO MOVE US TO MORE APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE -- A COHERENT DEFENSE PROGRAM THAT ENSURES THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CATALYST FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE IN EUROPE. I'VE CONSULTED WITH LEADERS OF NATO -- AND IN FACT, I SPOKE BY PHONE WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV, JUST TODAY.

I AGREE WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES THAT AN AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE IS ESSENTIAL -- AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE TIED SOLELY TO THE SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

BUT OUR TROOP LEVELS CAN STILL BE LOWER. SO
TONIGHT, I AM ANNOUNCING A MAJOR NEW STEP FOR A FURTHER
REDUCTION IN U.S. AND SOVIET MANPOWER IN CENTRAL AND
EASTERN EUROPE TO 195,000 ON EACH SIDE. ///

THIS NUMBER REFLECTS THE ADVICE OF OUR SENIOR
MILITARY ADVISORS. IT IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT AMERICAN
AND EUROPEAN INTERESTS -- AND SUSTAIN NATO'S DEFENSE
STRATEGY. /// A SWIFT CONCLUSION TO OUR ARMS CONTROL
TALKS -- CONVENTIONAL, CHEMICAL AND STRATEGIC -- MUST
NOW BE OUR GOAL. /// THAT TIME HAS COME. ///

STILL, WE MUST RECOGNIZE AN UNFORTUNATE FACT: IN
MANY REGIONS OF THE WORLD TONIGHT, THE REALITY IS
CONFLICT -- NOT PEACE. ENDURING ANIMOSITIES AND
OPPOSING INTERESTS REMAIN. THUS THE CAUSE OF PEACE
MUST BE SERVED BY AN AMERICA STRONG ENOUGH -- AND SURE
ENOUGH -- TO DEFEND OUR INTERESTS AND IDEALS.
IT'S THIS AMERICAN IDEA THAT FOR THE PAST FOUR DECADES
HELPED INSPIRE THE REVOLUTION OF '89. /////

HERE AT HOME -- AND IN THE WORLD -- THERE IS HISTORY IN THE MAKING -- AND HISTORY TO BE MADE. SIX MONTHS AGO, EARLY IN THIS SEASON OF CHANGE, I STOOD AT THE GATES OF THE GDANSK SHIPYARD IN POLAND AT THE MONUMENT TO THE FALLEN WORKERS OF SOLIDARITY. IT'S A MONUMENT OF SIMPLE MAJESTY. THREE TALL CROSSES RISE UP FROM THE STONES. ATOP EACH CROSS, AN ANCHOR -- AN ANCIENT SYMBOL OF HOPE.

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 VERY HEART OF THE IDEA THAT IS AMERICA. ///

GIVING LIFE TO THAT IDEA DEPENDS ON EVERY ONE OF US. OUR ANCHOR HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAITH AND FAMILY.

IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THIS PAST MOMENTOUS YEAR, OUR FAMILY WAS BLESSED ONCE MORE -- CELEBRATING THE JOY OF LIFE WHEN A LITTLE BOY BECAME OUR 12TH GRANDCHILD.

WHEN I HELD THE LITTLE GUY FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE TROUBLES AT HOME AND ABROAD SEEMED MANAGEABLE -- IN PERSPECTIVE.

NOW, I KNOW YOU'RE THINKING: THAT'S A GRANDFATHER TALKING. //

WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT I'VE MET A LOT OF CHILDREN THIS PAST YEAR -- ACROSS THIS COUNTRY, AND EVERYWHERE FROM THE FAR EAST TO EASTERN EUROPE. ALL KIDS ARE UNIQUE. YET, ALL KIDS ARE ALIKE. THE BUDDING YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS I MET THIS MONTH, WHO JOINED ME EXPLORING THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES. THE LITTLE LEAGUERS I PLAYED CATCH WITH IN POLAND -- READY TO GO FROM WARSAW TO THE WORLD SERIES. EVEN THE KIDS WHO ARE ILL OR ALONE -- GOD BLESS THOSE BOARDER BABIES, BORN ADDICTED TO DRUGS -- COPING WITH PROBLEMS NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO FACE. BUT, YOU KNOW, WHEN IT COMES TO HOPE AND THE FUTURE: EVERY KID IS THE SAME. FULL OF DREAMS. READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD. ALL SPECIAL: BECAUSE THEY ARE THE VERY FUTURE OF FREEDOM. TO THEM BELONGS THIS NEW WORLD I'VE BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT.

SO TONIGHT I'M GOING TO ASK SOMETHING OF EVERY ONE OF YOU. LET ME START WITH MY GENERATION -- WITH THE GRANDPARENTS OUT THERE. YOU ARE OUR LIVING LINK TO THE PAST. TELL YOUR GRANDCHILDREN THE STORY OF STRUGGLES WAGED, AT HOME AND ABROAD. OF SACRIFICES FREELY MADE FOR FREEDOM'S SAKE. AND TELL THEM YOUR OWN STORY AS WELL -- BECAUSE EVERY AMERICAN HAS A STORY TO TELL.

PARENTS: YOUR CHILDREN LOOK TO YOU FOR DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE. TELL THEM OF FAITH AND FAMILY. TELL THEM WE ARE ONE NATION UNDER GOD. TEACH THEM THAT OF ALL THE MANY GIFTS THEY CAN RECEIVE, LIBERTY IS THEIR MOST PRECIOUS LEGACY. AND OF ALL THE GIFTS THEY CAN GIVE, THE GREATEST . . . THE GREATEST IS HELPING OTHERS.

AND TO THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OUT THERE TONIGHT: WITH YOU RESTS OUR HOPE -- ALL THAT AMERICA WILL MEAN IN THE YEARS AND DECADES AHEAD. FIX YOUR VISION ON A NEW CENTURY -- YOUR CENTURY. ON DREAMS WE CANNOT SEE. ON THE DESTINY THAT IS YOURS -- AND YOURS ALONE. //

AND FINALLY, LET ALL AMERICANS -- ALL OF US
TOGETHER HERE IN THIS CHAMBER, THE SYMBOLIC CENTER OF
DEMOCRACY -- AFFIRM OUR ALLEGIANCE TO THIS IDEA WE CALL
AMERICA. AND LET US ALL REMEMBER THAT THE STATE OF THE
UNION DEPENDS ON EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. AND MAY GOD BLESS THIS
GREAT NATION, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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AS I SIT HERE listening to the
radio I have mixed emotions.
I have never been afraid of
death, but I now he is
waiting at the corner. For
me I don't know, I may
walk by, he may stop me.
I have been trained to kill
and to save, so has everyone
else. I am ~~frightened~~ frightened
of what lays beyond the fog,
yet intrigue and curiosity have
brought me through my training
this far. I must go through the
fog whether the other side is
a plane ride home for Christmas
or the fog never ends. Do
not ~~miss~~ mourn for me,
revel in the life that I have

died to give you.

P.F.C James W. Maxwell
19:20 18 DEC 1989

TICIA KNOPP - I LOVE YOU ^{I'LL BE WAITING}
STACEY JARREL - WE ALREADY HAD OUR ^{BEHIND THE SILVER RAINBOW}
TALK.

BRIAN - HAVE THAT PARTY FOR ME (THE
BIG ONE I'VE BEEN WANTING) & INVITE
EVERYONE. JUST DON'T FORGET THE
FUN WE'VE HAD

FAMILY - REMEMBER, I JOINED THE ARMY
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THAT YOU ARE FREE TO DO WHAT YOU
WANT & LIVE YOUR LIVES FREELY. BUT
MOST OF ALL, DON'T FORGET THAT
THE ARMY WAS MY CHOICE & SOMETHING
THAT I WANTED TO DO.

MOM - MAKE SURE THAT DAD KNOWS &
IS ABLE TO COME.

BRANDON (OR) DAWN - TAKE CARE OF MY
CAR & STUFF.

*MOM - IF ANYONE WANTS SOMETHING
SPECIFICALLY OF MINE, MAKE SURE
THEY GET IT. MAKE SURE PAUL
VALLIERES KNOWS & TELLS THE REST
OF MY COLLEGE FRIENDS & HAVE TIME
TO GET THERE. PLEASE MAKE SURE
THAT EVERYONE IN MY ADDRESS BOOK
GETS CALLED.
*EVERYONE - HAVE A BEER WITH & FOR ME.
I LOVE YOU ALL

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Sean Byrnes

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WE MUST MOVE FORWARD TO LIMIT -- AND ELIMINATE -- WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. FIVE YEARS AGO, AT THE UN CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN GENEVA, I PRESENTED A U.S. DRAFT TREATY OUTLAWING CHEMICAL WEAPONS. SINCE THEN, PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE -- BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT. THE THREAT IS GROWING. MORE THAN 20 NATIONS NOW POSSESS CHEMICAL WEAPONS OR THE CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE THEM. AND THESE HORRIBLE WEAPONS ARE NOW FINDING THEIR WAY INTO REGIONAL CONFLICTS. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

FOR THE SAKE OF MANKIND, WE MUST HALT AND REVERSE THIS THREAT. TODAY, I WANT TO ANNOUNCE STEPS THE U.S. IS READY TO TAKE -- STEPS TO RID THE WORLD OF THESE TRULY TERRIBLE WEAPONS --TOWARDS A TREATY THAT WILL BAN, ELIMINATE, ALL CHEMICAL WEAPONS FROM THE EARTH TEN YEARS FROM THE DAY IT IS SIGNED.

THIS INITIATIVE CONTAINS THREE MAJOR ELEMENTS:

FIRST, IN THE FIRST EIGHT YEARS OF A CHEMICAL WEAPONS TREATY, THE U.S. IS READY TO DESTROY NEARLY ALL -- 98% -- OF OUR CHEMICAL WEAPONS -- STOCKPILE -- PROVIDED THE SOVIET UNION JOINS THE BAN. I THINK THEY WILL.

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SECOND, WE ARE READY TO DESTROY ALL OF OUR CHEMICAL WEAPONS -- 100%, EVERY ONE -- WITHIN TEN YEARS, ONCE ALL NATIONS CAPABLE OF BUILDING CHEMICAL WEAPONS SIGN THE TOTAL BAN TREATY.

AND THIRD, THE U.S. IS READY TO BEGIN NOW. WE'LL ELIMINATE MORE THAN 80% OF OUR STOCKPILE -- EVEN AS WE WORK TO COMPLETE A TREATY -- IF THE SOVIET UNION JOINS US IN CUTTING CHEMICAL WEAPONS TO AN EQUAL LEVEL, AND WE AGREE ON THE CONDITIONS -- INCLUDING INSPECTIONS -- UNDER WHICH STOCKPILES ARE DESTROYED.

WE KNOW THAT MONITORING A TOTAL BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS WILL BE A CHALLENGE. BUT THE KNOWLEDGE WE'VE GAINED FROM OUR RECENT ARMS CONTROL EXPERIENCE -- AND OUR ACCELERATING RESEARCH IN THIS AREA -- MAKES ME CONFIDENT WE CAN ACHIEVE THE LEVEL OF VERIFICATION THAT GIVES US CONFIDENCE TO GO FORWARD WITH THE BAN.

THE WORLD HAS LIVED TOO LONG IN THE SHADOW OF CHEMICAL WARFARE. LET US ACT TOGETHER -- BEGINNING TODAY -- TO RID THE EARTH OF THIS SCOURGE. [PAUSE]

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OPERATION "JUST CAUSE" HAS ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVE. THE NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN PANAMA IS NOW CLOSE TO WHAT IT WAS BEFORE THE OPERATION BEGAN. AND TONIGHT, I AM ANNOUNCING THAT -- WELL BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY -- ALL OF THE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN TROOPS -- THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES WHO MADE THIS MISSION A SUCCESS -- WILL BE BACK HOME." * ///

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A YEAR AGO, FREEDOM'S PLAYWRIGHT, VACLAV HAVEL [VAHTS-LAHV HA-VEL], LANGUISHED AS A PRISONER IN PRAGUE. TODAY, IT'S VACLAV HAVEL -- PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. * //

McGroarty/Dooley
January 29, 1990
9:30 pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS
THE CAPITOL
JANUARY 31, 1990
9:00 P.M.

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And tonight I'm proud to announce the formal termination of Operation JUST CAUSE. [[Tonight, troop levels in Panama are just 1000 above where they stood before our operation began.]] By the last day of February, our personnel will be at the same levels as before the operation -- all of the additional American troops who made this mission a success will be back home. ///

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goals of American policy -- a policy based on a single, shining principle: the cause of freedom.

America -- not just the nation -- but an idea, alive in the minds of people everywhere. As this new world takes shape, America stands at the center of a widening circle of freedom -- today, tomorrow and into the next century. //

Our America is the shining 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.

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Our challenge today is to take this democratic system of ours -- **a system second to none** -- and make it better. That's the American idea.

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Czech Desk Officer
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A better America, where there's a job for everyone who wants one.

Where women who work outside the home can be confident their children are in safe and loving care -- and where government works to **expand** child care alternatives for parents.

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That's part of the future we want to see -- the future we can make for ourselves. But dreams alone won't get us there. We need to extend our horizon -- commit to the long-view. Our [plans] for the future start today. ///

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that become tomorrow's products. And of course, America's human capital: the talented workforce we'll need to compete in the global market.

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We need to save more -- expand the pool of capital for the new investments that mean more jobs, more growth. That's the idea behind a new initiative I call the Family Savings [Package], which I will send to the Congress tomorrow. //

We need to encourage risk-takers to take those steps that translate into economic reward, jobs and a better life for all of us -- that's why we've got to cut the tax on capital gains. //

We'll do what it takes to invest in America's future. The commitment is there. The money is there. // It's there for Research and Development, R&D -- a record high. It's there for our housing initiative -- HOPE, to help everyone from first-time homebuyers to the homeless. The money's there to keep our kids drug-free: a 70% increase in funds to fight drugs since last year. It's there for Space -- and it's there for education: another record high. //

And one more thing: last fall at the Education Summit, the Governors and I agreed to look for ways to help make sure kids are ready to learn the very first day they walk into that classroom. I've made good on that commitment -- by proposing a

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Ambitious aims? Of course. Guaranteed success? Far from it. But the future's at stake. **This nation will not accept anything less than excellence in education**. //

These investments will **keep America competitive**. And I know this about the American people: **we welcome competition**. We'll match our ingenuity and energy -- our experience and technology -

- our spirit and enterprise -- against anyone. **Let the competition be free -- but let it be fair. America is ready.** //

Since we really mean it -- and since we are serious about being ready to meet that challenge -- let's get our house in order. // We've made real progress. 5 years ago, the federal deficit was 6% of our Gross National Product. This year -- in the budget I sent up two days ago -- **the deficit's down to 1% of GNP.**

That budget brings federal spending **under control.** It meets the Gramm-Rudman target. Brings that deficit down further. And balances the budget by 1993 -- **with no new taxes.** //

And once the budget is balanced, we can operate the way every family in America has to when it has bills to pay. We won't leave it to our children and grandchildren. We will start **paying off the national debt.** //

And there's something more we owe the generations of the future: stewardship -- the safekeeping of **America's precious environmental inheritance.** As just one sign of how serious we are, we will elevate the Environmental Protection Agency to cabinet rank. **Not more bureaucracy, not more red tape** -- but the certainty that here at home, and in our dealings with other nations, **environmental issues have the status they deserve.** //

[[And this year's budget provides over \$2 billion in **new** spending to protect our environment. Over \$1 billion for global change research.]] And a new initiative I call the **America the Beautiful Fund** -- to **expand our national parks and wildlife**

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refuges and **improve** recreational facilities on public lands. And something else: something that will help keep this country clean, from our forestland to our inner cities, and keep American beautiful for generations to come -- **the money to plant a billion trees a year. /////**

And tonight, let me say again to all the members of Congress: The American people did not send us here to bicker. There's work to do -- and they sent us here to **get it done**. And once again, I offer my hand to all of you. Let's work together to do the will of the American people. **Clean Air. Child Care. Crime and Drugs. It's time to act. /// The farm bill. Transportation policy. Tort reform. Enterprise Zones. It's time to act together. ///**

And there's one thing I hope we'll all be able to agree on. It's about our commitments. I'm talking about Social Security.

To every American out there on Social Security, to every American supporting that system today, and to everyone counting on it when they retire: **We made a promise to you -- and we're going to keep it. //**

We rescued the Social Security system in 1983 -- and it's sound again. // Social Security is fully funded in our budget - - and fully funded for the future. The last thing we need to do is tinker with the system. /////

There's one more problem we need to address. We must give careful consideration to the recommendations of the **health care** studies now underway. That's why tonight, I am requesting that

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Dr. Louis Sullivan -- Secretary of Health and Human Services -- lead a Domestic Policy Council review of recommendations on the quality, accessibility and cost of our nation's health care system. ////

The "state of the government" does indeed depend on many of us in this very chamber. But the State of the Union depends on all Americans. We must maintain the democratic decency that makes a nation out of millions of individuals. I have been appalled at the recent letter bombings across this country. Every one of us must confront and condemn racism. Anti-semitism. Bigotry and hate. /// Not tomorrow, not next week, but today.

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 a point of light to a stranger in need. /// We've got to take the 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. ///

And let me say, that so long as we remember the American idea -- so long as we live up to the American ideal -- the State of the Union will remain sound and strong.

And to those who worry we have lost our way -- well, I want you to listen to a letter written by James Markwell -- PFC James

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Markwell, a 20-year old Army medic. It's dated December 18th -- the night before our Armed Forces went into action in Panama. It's a letter servicemen write -- and hope will never be sent. Sadly, Private Markwell's mother did receive this letter. And she passed it on to me.

He writes: "I have never been afraid of death, but I know now he is waiting at the corner.... I have been trained to kill and to save, so has everyone else. I am frightened of what lays beyond the fog, yet... I must go through the fog -- whether the other side is a plane ride home for Christmas, or the fog never ends. Do not mourn for me. Revel in the life that I have died to give you. ...And most of all, don't forget that the Army was my choice. Something that I wanted to do." //

Private Markwell was among the first to see battle in Panama, and one of the first to fall. ///

He knew what he believed in. // **He carried the idea we call America in his heart. ////**

I began tonight speaking about the changes we've seen this past year. There is a new world of challenges and opportunities before us. And there is a need for **leadership that only America can provide.**

Nearly forty years ago, in his last address to the Congress, President Harry Truman predicted such a time would come. He said: "As our world grows stronger, more united, more attractive to men on both sides of the iron curtain, then inevitably there will come a time of change within the communist world."

Harry S. Truman, State of the Union Address, 1953

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Today, that change is taking place. //

For more than forty years, America and its allies held communism in check, and ensured that **democracy would continue to exist**. 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**. ///

dict - I say to the Congress and to all Americans: **It is time to acclaim a new consensus at home and abroad -- a common vision of the peaceful world we want to see.**

It's time to reconcile a new relationship with the Soviet Union -- to endorse and extend the peaceful process of internal change toward democracy and economic opportunity. //

It is time to offer our hand to the **emerging democracies of Eastern Europe**. So that continent -- for too long a continent divided -- can see a future whole and free. //

DM **In the Far East, it is time for the full flowering of free governments and free markets that have served as the engine of progress. In China, ^{nearly} two decades ago, we opened the door, awakening a love of democracy in the Chinese people.** // **The key to democracy in China today is to keep that door open -- to rekindle the flame of freedom.** /////

And finally, the time is right -- here in our own hemisphere for all the people of the Americas, North and South, to live in freedom.

Still, we must recognize an unfortunate fact: In many regions of the world tonight, the reality is conflict -- not peace. Enduring animosities, opposing interests remain. Thus the cause of **peace must be served by an America strong enough -- and sure enough -- to defend our interests and ideals.** /////
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Here at home -- and in the world -- there is **history in the making -- and history to be made.** Six months ago, early in this season of change, I stood at the gates of the Gdansk Shipyard in Poland at the monument to the fallen workers of Solidarity. It's a monument of simple majesty. Three tall crosses rise up from the stones. **Atop each cross, an anchor -- an ancient symbol of hope.**

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 very heart of **the idea that is America.** ///

Giving life to that idea depends on every one of us. In America, our anchor has always been faith and family. And you know, **in the last few days of this past momentous year, our family was blessed once more -- blessed when a little boy born back in November became our newest grandchild -- our twelfth. Charles Walker Bush.** [WITH GRANDCHILDREN IN GALLERY] Those 12 are their grandparents' pride and joy. //

Now, I know you're thinking: that's a grandfather talking. // Well, I've met a lot of children this past year -- across this country, and everywhere from the Far East to Eastern Europe.

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All kids are unique. Yet, all kids are alike. The budding young environmentalists I met this month, who joined me exploring the Florida Everglades. The little leaguers I played catch with in Poland -- ready to go from Warsaw to the World Series. Even the kids who are ill or alone, coping with problems no child should have to face. **When it comes to hope and the future: Every kid is the same. Full of dreams. Ready to take on the world. All special: because they are the very future of freedom.** To them belongs this new world I've been speaking about.

So tonight I'm going to ask something of every one of you. Let me start with my generation -- with the grandparents out there. You are our living link to the past. Tell your grandchildren the story of struggles waged, at home and abroad. Of sacrifices freely made for freedom's sake. And tell them your own story as well -- because every American has a story to tell.

Parents: your children look to you for direction and guidance. Tell them of faith and family. Teach them that of all the many gifts they can receive, **liberty** is their most precious legacy. And of all the gifts they can give, the greatest is **servng others**.

And of course, let me say to the children and young people out there tonight: with you rests our hope -- all that America will mean in the years and decades ahead. Fix your vision on a new century -- your century. On dreams we cannot see. On the destiny that is yours -- and yours alone. //

And finally, let all Americans -- all of us together here in this chamber, the symbolic center of American democracy -- affirm our allegiance to this idea we call America. And let us all remember that the State of the Union depends on each and every one of us.

God bless all of you. God bless every American -- and may God bless this great nation, the United States of America.

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McGroarty/Dooley
January 30, 1990
7:30 pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS
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Paris AFP in English, 5 Jan 1989

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Speech to mtg of Thomas Muentzer Committee in Berlin, 1/19/89

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New York Times
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That budget brings federal spending **under control.** It meets the **Gramm-Rudman target.** Brings that deficit down further. **And balances the budget by 1993 -- with no new taxes. * //**

And once the budget is balanced, we can operate the way every family must when it has bills to pay. We won't leave it to our children and grandchildren. **We will start paying off the national debt. * //**

And there's something more we owe the generations of the future: **stewardship -- the safekeeping of America's precious environmental inheritance. ***

As just one sign of how serious we are, we will elevate the Environmental Protection Agency to cabinet rank. Not more bureaucracy, not more red tape -- but the certainty that here at

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home, and in our dealings with other nations, **environmental issues have the status they deserve. * //**

This year's budget provides over \$2 billion in new spending to protect our environment, with over \$1 billion for global change research. And a new initiative I call the **"America the Beautiful" Fund** -- to **expand** our national parks and wildlife preserves and **improve** recreational facilities on public lands.

And something else: something that will help keep this country clean, from our forestland to our inner cities, and keep America beautiful for generations to come -- **the money to plant a billion trees a year. * /////**

And tonight, let me say again to all the members of Congress: The American people did not send us here to bicker. There's work to do -- and they sent us here to get it done. And once again, I offer my hand to all of you. Let's work together to do the will of the ^{American} people. **Clean Air. Child Care. Crime and Drugs. // It's time to act. /// The farm bill. [[Transportation policy.]] Product liability reform. Enterprise Zones. It's time to act together. ///**

And there's one thing I hope we'll all be able to agree on. It's about our commitments. I'm talking about Social Security.

To every American out there on Social Security, to every American supporting that system today, and to everyone counting on it when they retire: We made a promise to you -- and we are going to keep it. * //

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We rescued the system in 1983 -- and it's sound again. // Our budget fully funds today's benefits -- and it assures that future benefits will be funded as well. The last thing we need to do is tamper with Social Security. * ////

There's one more problem we need to address. We must give careful consideration to the recommendations of the health care studies now underway. That's why tonight, I am instructing Dr. Louis Sullivan -- Secretary of Health and Human Services -- to lead a Domestic Policy Council review of recommendations on the quality, accessibility and cost of our nation's health care system. I am committed to bring the staggering costs of health care under control. ////

The "state of the government" does indeed depend on many of us in this very chamber. But the State of the Union depends on all Americans. We must maintain the democratic decency that makes a nation out of millions of individuals. I have been appalled at the recent ^{mail} letter bombings across this country. Every one of us must confront and condemn racism. Anti-semitism. Bigotry and hate. /// Not next week, not tomorrow, but right now. *

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 a stranger in need. /// We've got to take the 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. ///

And let me say, that so long as we remember the American idea -- so long as we live up to the American ideal -- the State of the Union will remain sound and strong.

And to those who worry we have lost our way -- well, I want you to listen to a letter written by James Markwell -- PFC James Markwell, a 20-year old Army medic. It's dated December 18th -- the night before our Armed Forces went into action in Panama. It's a letter servicemen write -- and hope will never be sent. Sadly, Private Markwell's mother did receive this letter. And she passed it on to me.

He wrote: "I have never been afraid of death, but I know he is waiting at the corner.... I have been trained to kill and to save, so has everyone else. I am frightened of what lays beyond the fog, yet... I must go through the fog, whether the other side is a plane ride home for Christmas, or the fog never ends. Do not mourn for me, revel in the life that I have died to give you. ...But most of all, don't forget that the Army was my choice. Something that I wanted to do." //

Private Markwell was among the first to see battle in Panama, and one of the first to fall. ///

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Army Casualties
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James Markwell
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He knew what he believed in. // **He carried the idea we call America in his heart. ////**

I began tonight speaking about the changes we've seen this past year. There is a new world of challenges and opportunities before us. And there is a need for leadership that only America can provide.

Nearly forty years ago, in his last address to the Congress, President Harry Truman predicted such a time would come. He said: "As our world grows stronger, more united, more attractive to men on both sides of the iron curtain, then inevitably there will come a time of change within the communist world."

Harry S. Truman, State of the Union Address, 1953

Today, that change is taking place. //

For more than forty years, America and its allies held communism in check, and ensured that **democracy would continue to exist**. 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**. ///

To the Congress and to all Americans, I say it is time to acclaim a new consensus at home and abroad -- a common vision of the peaceful world we want to see.

Here in our own hemisphere, it's time for all the people of the Americas -- North and South -- to live in freedom.

In the Far East, it is time for the full flowering of free governments and free markets that have served as the engine of

progress. // The key to democracy in the Far East today is to keep the door open -- to rekindle the flame of freedom. //

It is time to offer our hand to the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe. So that continent -- for too long a continent divided -- can see a future whole and free. //

And it's time to forge a new relationship with the Soviet Union -- to endorse and encourage a peaceful process of internal change toward democracy and economic opportunity. //

It's time to reach a Strategic Arms Treaty with the Soviets this year -- to make the freer world we seek a safer world. It's time -- past time -- to act on the proposal I laid out at the United Nations to ban chemical weapons from the face of the earth. And finally, it's time to reach agreement on a Conventional Arms Treaty -- this year. A treaty that will transform Europe....

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Still, we must recognize an unfortunate fact: In many regions of the world tonight, the reality is conflict -- not peace. Enduring animosities and opposing interests remain. Thus the cause of peace must be served by an America strong enough -- and sure enough -- to defend our interests and ideals. It's this American idea that for the past four decades helped inspire the Revolution of '89. //

Here at home -- and in the world -- there is history in the making -- and history to be made. Six months ago, early in this season of change, I stood at the gates of the Gdansk Shipyard in

Solidarity
Workers
Monument
7/10/89

Poland at the monument to the fallen workers of Solidarity. It's a monument of simple majesty. Three tall crosses rise up from the stones. Atop each cross, an anchor -- an ancient symbol of hope.

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 very heart of the idea that is America. ///

Giving life to that idea depends on every one of us. Our anchor has always been faith and family. Our future -- vested in our children and grandchildren. //

Now, I know you're thinking: that's a grandfather talking.

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Well, maybe you're right. But I've met a lot of children this past year -- across this country, and everywhere from the Far East to Eastern Europe. All kids are unique. Yet, all kids are alike. The budding young environmentalists I met this month, who joined me exploring the Florida Everglades. The little leaguers I played catch with in Poland -- ready to go from Warsaw to the World Series. Even the kids who are ill or alone -- God bless those boarder babies, born addicted to drugs -- coping with problems no child should have to face. But, you know, when it comes to hope and the future: Every kid is the same. Full of dreams. Ready to take on the world. All special: because they are the very future of freedom. To them belongs this new world I've been speaking about.

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Everglades
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Polish Little
League
7/10/89

D.C. General
Hospital
9/6/89

So tonight I'm going to ask something of every one of you. Let me start with my generation -- with the grandparents out there. You are our living link to the past. Tell your grandchildren the story of struggles waged, at home and abroad. Of sacrifices freely made for freedom's sake. And tell them **your** own story as well -- because every American has a story to tell.

Parents: your children look to you for direction and guidance. Tell them of faith and family. Tell them we are one nation under God. Teach them that of all the many gifts they can receive, **liberty** is their most precious legacy. And of all the gifts they can give, the greatest ... the greatest is **servicing others.**

And to the children and young people out there tonight: with you rests our hope -- all that America will mean in the years and decades ahead. Fix your vision on a new century -- **your century.** On dreams we cannot see. On the destiny that is yours -- and yours alone. //

And finally, let all Americans -- **all of us together here in this chamber, the symbolic center of democracy -- affirm our allegiance to this idea we call America.** And let us all remember that the **State of the Union** depends on each and every one of us.

God bless all of you. And may God bless this great nation, the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH
TO
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1990

EVENT: Reception with Congressional Leadership

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 1990

TIME: 8:48 pm - 8:59 pm

LOCATION: The House Speaker's Conference Room
U.S. Capitol

ATTENDEES: 6

PRESS: Closed

SCENARIO: THE PRESIDENT departs Holding Room and proceeds to The Speaker's Conference Room (Room H-204). THE PRESIDENT arrives Speaker's Conference Room and is greeted by: The Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the House of Representatives; The Honorable George J. Mitchell, Senate Majority Leader; The Honorable Robert Dole, Senate Minority Leader; The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt, House Majority Leader; and The Honorable Robert H. Michel, House Minority Leader. THE PRESIDENT concludes Greetings and begins participation in Reception and Staff Photo with Leaders of the House and Senate. THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Reception and, escorted by Mr. Jack Russ, House Sergeant-At-Arms; and Mr. Henry Giugni, Senate Sergeant-At-Arms, departs Speaker's Conference Room and proceeds to House Chamber.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

TO

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1990

EVENT: State of the Union Address

DATE: Wednesday, January 31, 1990

TIME: 9:05 pm - 9:35 pm

LOCATION: House Floor
U.S. Capitol

ATTENDEES: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives,
U.S. Senate, and Guests

PRESS: Travel Pool/Live Television Coverage

SCENARIO: THE PRESIDENT, escorted by Mr. Jack Russ, House Sergeant-At-Arms; and Mr. Henry Giugni, Senate Sergeant-At-Arms, arrives House Chamber Off-Stage Announcement Area and holds briefly. THE PRESIDENT is announced onto the House Floor by Mr. James T. Molloy, Doorkeeper, U.S. House of Representatives, and proceeds to Podium. THE PRESIDENT takes Podium and gives State of the Union Address. THE PRESIDENT concludes State of the Union Address, departs House Chamber, and proceeds to Holding Room (EF-100). THE PRESIDENT arrives Holding Room and holds briefly. (NOTE: Mrs. Bush will re-join THE PRESIDENT at this time.) THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Holding Room and proceed to Motorcade. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart U.S. Capitol en route White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH
FOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1990

EVENTS:

Reception with Congressional Leadership
State of the Union Address

DRESS:

Men - Business Suit
Women - Day Dress

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

FOR

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1990

8:30 pm

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart White House en route U.S. Capitol.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Lead

Spare

T. McBride
Doctor

LIMO

THE PRESIDENT
Mrs. Bush
Marvin Bush
Margaret Bush

Follow Up

Control

Gov. Sununu
Gen. Scowcroft
Mil. Aide

Support

M. Fitzwater
J. Parmer
P. Swift
Official Photographer
Medic

Guest I

Rev. Bagby
Mrs. Bagby

Guest II

Rev. Graham
Mrs. Graham

Staff I
(Van)

A. Card
D. Demarest
J. Cicconi
F. McClure
R. Porter
S. Rogich
C. Untermeyer
E. Rogers
R. Ailes

	J. Gardner
	K. Greene
Press Van I	J. Herrick
Press Van II	

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GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Upon arrival at the U.S. Capitol, Guests and Staff will be escorted into the Capitol building via the Law Library entrance to respective viewing areas.

8:40 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive U.S. Capitol, House entrance, and proceed to Holding Room (EF-100).

8:42 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive Holding Room and hold briefly.

Met by:

Mr. George M. White
Architect of the Capitol

Mr. Jack Russ
U.S. House of Representatives Sergeant-At-Arms

8:45 pm THE PRESIDENT departs Holding Room and proceeds to The Speaker's Conference Room (H-204).

NOTE: Mrs. Bush will assume separate schedule at this time.

EVENT: RECEPTION WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

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STAFF PHOTO

8:48 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Speaker's Conference Room and begins participation in Reception with Congressional Leadership.

Met by:

The Honorable Thomas S. Foley
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable George J. Mitchell
Senate Majority Leader

The Honorable Robert Dole
Senate Minority Leader

The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt
House Majority Leader

The Honorable Robert H. Michel
House Minority Leader

8:59 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes participation in Reception, departs Speaker's Conference Room, and, escorted by Mr. Jack Russ, House Sergeant-At-Arms, and Mr. Henry Ciugni, Senate Sergeant-At-Arms, proceeds to House Chamber.

9:00 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives House Chamber Off-Stage Announcement Area and holds briefly.

EVENT: STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

TRAVEL POOL/LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE

OFF-STAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

REMARKS

TELEPROMPTER

9:01 pm THE PRESIDENT is announced onto the House Floor by Mr. James T. Molloy, Doorkeeper, House of Representatives, and proceeds to Podium.

9:05 pm THE PRESIDENT gives State of the Union Address.

9:35 pm THE PRESIDENT concludes State of the Union Address, departs House Chamber, and proceeds to Holding Room (EF-100).

9:42 pm THE PRESIDENT arrives Holding Room and holds briefly.

NOTE: Mrs. Bush will re-join THE PRESIDENT at this time.

9:45 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush depart Holding Room and proceed to Motorcade.

9:50 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush board Motorcade and depart U.S. Capitol en route White House.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS:

Same as on Arrival.

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

10:00 pm THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Bush arrive White House.

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NETWORK TELEVISION COVERAGE

following the President's State of the Union Address

ABC

TED KOPPEL called the address "extremely effective," judging from Congressional reaction.

BRIT HUME commented that the President's distinction between the State of the Union and the state of the government was "useful" for him at a time where he doesn't propose much in the way of new spending. Says it was an "unquestionably effective" speech from the President's point of view.

SPEAKER FOLEY, in the Democratic response, says it was wrong for the President to yield to Beijing on the Chinese students bill, calling it "timid." Outlining Democratic priorities, Foley says the President's words don't match his rhetoric, calling the President's planned 2% spending increase "meager." He criticizes the capital gains tax reduction plan, calling instead for a restoration of IRAs.

CBS

BOB SCHIEFFER: ...A fairly low-key address, very much in keeping with the President's personality.... I suspect that many people will be surprised that not once in this address, much of which was about freedom...despite that, the President did not once mention China.

DAN RATHER discusses the address with SERGEI PLEKHANOV, deputy director of the Institute on the United States and Canada in the Soviet Union: RATHER: ...The President talked about the challenge to the United States and what amounts to a more interdependent world. What is the challenge of the United States with the Soviet Union today?

PLEKHANOV: I think the challenge is to forget about the Cold War...and put our relationship on a new basis. I think that process has already started.... And more concentration on domestic problems, like the ones that the President mentioned in his speech.

LESLEY STAHL: As you can see, the President was extremely well-received by both the Republicans and the Democrats on the Hill as the President again extended a hand to Congress, saying he doesn't want to bicker. He says that, but despite the good personal relations, the President had one of the worst records of any President since World War II with this Congress, and he is, in effect, governing by veto, and I think he's probably going to have to do that in the coming year.

NBC

TOM BROKAW ...The most significant news, of course, to come out of this speech tonight is the President's announcement that he had proposed to the Soviet Union in a telephone call to Mikhail Gorbachev today that the U.S. will cut back -- if we get commensurate cuts from the Soviet Union -- will cut back its troops in Western Europe to 195,000.... Most of the proposals that the President made tonight, for example the goals in education, in health care, in the environment -- he made those proposals without attaching to them any proposals for funding the money. He said, "Well, we're spending enough at \$1.2 trillion, and we do have a deficit." He talked about taxes only on two counts: one, we're not going to raise them; two, we ought to have the capital gains tax cut which will, in the eyes of a lot of Democrats, be a benefit primarily to the wealthy in this country or to those who are more privileged. John Cochran is our White House correspondent. John, in that telephone conversation with Mikhail Gorbachev today, did the President get any sense of how Gorbachev is responding to this idea for this very substantial troop cutback now?

JOHN COCHRAN: From what little we know, we believe that Gorbachev only referred to that almost jocularly, jokingly, and really didn't give Bush much of a feel. They hear at the White House, according to what Gorbachev said in public, that it's nonsense that he's going to step down as the head of the Communist Party.

BROKAW: And what about the education goals?... Will there be any additional federal money or programs to assist those programs?

COCHRAN: What you're seeing is actually a decrease in federal funding for education if you allow for inflation. There's actually some more money, but not if you count the inflation rate. Now, of course this goal for the year 2000 -- George Bush will have long left the White House by that time.


ANDREA MITCHELL: ...They [Democrats] will concede that it was a good political speech but they will say that it was short on specifics on how to pay for all the priorities.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 31, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Marlin Fitzwater 
SUBJECT: Reaction to Your State of the Union Address

Within the first 30 minutes after your State of the Union Address, the Comments Office received 606 calls: 571 positive; 31 negative.

Following are some of the comments made by the callers:

- Eight more years. He was grand.
- Fantastic speech.
- Liked it very much.
- Gloria Gonzales of Republican Women's Club. Reached a lot of people. Nation heading in the right direction.
- Disagree with Head Start. Loves Quayle. President is great.
- Support President in his speech.
- Betty Hardlin of Los Angeles. Most of speech she approved of. He talked lower and emphasized better. Not enough on social security.
- Best speech he has made. Outlined sound goals for the future.
- We can all sleep better.
- The best speech we have ever heard.
- The President is so personable. He is just the leader we need.
- Want to congratulate the President for a wonderful speech.
- The President outdid Reagan.
- Did not grasp issues of education, health, and war on drugs. But I love the President.

- Speech was wonderful aims, 90 percent good but hard to achieve.
- A woman called to say she had six words: Thank you, thank you, thank you, and yes, yes, yes.
- Texas supports Bush's very inspirational speech.
- In favor of everything he said -- good speech.
- General and Mrs. Johnson congratulate an absolutely magnificent speech.
- President's speech absolutely fantastic from the Los Angeles Republican Women's Group.
- Mother called to say family was watching and the ten-year-old son was very enthusiastic about the President's speech.
- Joan Goodstone of Massachusetts. Her husband is an Eastern Airline Captain. Totally upset about the President's speech. Doesn't like him and didn't vote for him.
- He has really changed. he is just so strong now. He is wonderful.
- I wish the Congress would remember that he is the President and not them.
- Danny Quayle is doing great.
- I wish we could keep this President forever.
- Well-delivered speech.
- Comes across more sincere than Reagan. Bush low key, but gets the job done.
- Have had no respect for a President since Johnson. I am a Democrat, but I love the President and Barbara.
- It was interesting watching Tom Foley's face.
- San Diego: The President's speech was great.

- Arleen Goody of Augusta, Georgia, former Young Republican, was very pleased. Possible to give him suggestions. Use the closed military bases as prison camps and use them for rehab and military as guards.
- Tom Foley, boo.
- Tom Foley is a real turkey. They talk cooperation, and then they don't.
- Best speech he ever gave.
- One grandfather fully supports the President's recommendations. From Arthur Haig of Houston, Texas.
- The speech was outstanding in every way.
- The best State of the Union I have heard in 40 years.
- Hope he can whip the Democrats.
- All for capital gains reduction.
- What a fantastic President we have.
- Great speech.
- Total support, tremendous, one of the best ever.
- Excellent speech. Concerned about quality products from Brownsville, Texas.
- He's doing a great, great job.

Media reaction is attached.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1990

MR. PRESIDENT:

Calls received last night
at the WH regarding your
speech were

687 positive

44 negative

A sampling of comments is
attached. The topic most
often mentioned was education.

We closed the lines at 10:30.


Jim Cicconi

STATE OF UNION MESSAGE
JANUARY 31, 1990
COMMENTS OFFICE CALLS

EIGHT MORE YEARS. HE WAS GRAND.

FANTASTIC SPEECH.

LIKED IT VERY MUCH.

GLORIA GONZALES OF REPUBLICAN WOMENS CLUB. POTUS REACHED A LOT OF PEOPLE. NATION HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

DISAGREE WITH HEAD START. LOVES QUAYLE. PRESIDENT IS GREAT.

SUPPORT PRESIDENT IN HIS SPEECH.

BETTY HARDLIN OF LOS ANGELES. MOST OF SPEECH SHE APPROVED OF. HE TALKED LOWER AND EMPHASIZED BETTER. NOT ENOUGH ON SOCIAL SECURITY.

BEST SPEECH HE HAS MADE. OUTLINED SOUND GOALS FOR THE FUTURE.

WE CAN ALL SLEEP BETTER.

PRESIDENT LEFT OUT TWO MILLION AMERICANS WITH AIDS.

THE BEST SPEECH WE HAVE EVER HEARD.

THE PRESIDENT IS SO PERSONABLE-HE IS JUST THE LEADER WE NEED.

WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE PRESIDENT FOR A WONDERFUL SPEECH.

THE PRESIDENT OUTDID REAGAN.

DID NOT GRASP ISSUES OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND WAR ON DRUGS. BUT I LOVE THE PRESIDENT.

SPEECH HAS WONDERFUL AIMS, 90% GOOD BUT HARD TO ACHEIVE.

A WOMAN CALLED TO SAY SHE HAD SIX WORDS, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND YES, YES, YES.

TEXAS SUPPORTS BUSH'S VERY INSPIRATIONAL SPEECH.

IN FAVOR OF EVERYTHING HE SAID - GOOD SPEECH.

GENERAL AND MRS. JOHNSON CONGRATULATE AN ABSOLUTELY MAGNIFICENT SPEECH.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC FROM THE LOS ANGELES REPUBLICAN WOMENS GROUP.

MOTHER CALLED TO SAY FAMILY WAS WATCHING AND THE TEN YEAR OLD SON WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PRESIDENTS SPEECH.

JOAN GOODSTONE OF MASSACHUSETTS. HER HUSBAND IS AN EASTERN AIRLINE CAPTAIN. TOTALLY UPSET ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. DOESN'T LIKE HIM AND DIDN'T VOTE FOR HIM.

HE HAS REALLY CHANGED. HE IS JUST SO STRONG NOW. HE IS WONDERFUL.

I WISH THE CONGRESS WOULD REMEMBER THAT HE IS THE PRESIDENT AND NOT THEM.

DANNY QUAYLE IS DOING GREAT.

I WISH WE COULD KEEP THIS PRESIDENT FOREVER.

WELL DELIVERED SPEECH.

COMES ACROSS MORE SINCERE THAN REAGAN. BUSH LOW KEY, BUT GETS THE JOB DONE.

HAVE HAD NO RESPECT FOR A PRESIDENT SINCE JOHNSON. I AM A DEMOCRAT BUT I LOVE THE PRESIDENT AND BARBARA.

IT WAS INTERESTING WATCHING TOM FOLEY'S FACE.

SAN DIEGO, THE PRESIDENTS SPEECH WAS GREAT.

ARLEEN GOODY OF AUGUSTA, GEORGIA FORMER YOUNG REPUBLICAN WAS VERY PLEASED. POSSIBLE TO GIVE HIM SUGGESTIONS? USE THE CLOSED MILITARY BASES AS PRISON CAMPS AND USE THEM FOR REHAB AND MILITARY AS GUARDS.

TOM FOLEY, BOO.

TOM FOLEY IS A REAL TURKEY. THEY TALK COOPERATION, AND THEN THEY DON'T.

BEST SPEECH HE EVER GAVE.

ONE GRANDFATHER FULLY SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENTS RECOMMENDATIONS.
FROM ARTHUR HAIG OF HOUSTON, TEXAS.

THE SPEECH WAS OUTSTANDING IN EVERY WAY.

THE BEST STATE OF THE UNION I HAVE HEARD IN FORTY YEARS.

HOPE HE CAN WHIP THE DEMOCRATS.

ALL FOR CAPITAL GAINS REDUCTION.

WHAT A FANTASTIC PRESIDENT WE HAVE.

GREAT SPEECH.

TOTAL SUPPORT, TREMENDOUS, ONE OF THE BEST EVER.

EXCELLENT SPEECH. CONCERNED ABOUT QUALITY PRODUCTS FROM
BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

HE'S DOING A GREAT, GREAT JOB.

TOM FOLEY BLEW HIM OFF THE DOCK IN HIS TALK. (THE REBUTTAL)

MR. AND MRS. J. A. BADILLO OF MAC ALLEN, TEXAS WHO ARE BOTH IN
THEIR 90's FELT THE TALK WAS BRILLIANT.

TWO PEOPLE WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE PRESIDENT DID NOT MENTION
REAGAN IN HIS SPEECH.

COMMENTS AFTER FIRST REPORT

FROM JOHN J. MURRAY, FORMER MAYOR OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA
(415) 574-3330 - THE PRESIDENT JUST OUT DID HIMSELF.

FOLEY'S COMMENTS WERE THE SAME OLD DEMOCRATIC GARBAGE WE'VE HEARD
TIME AND TIME AGAIN.

IF THE DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS WILL WORK WITH PRESIDENT BUSH, WE'LL
HAVE A COUNTRY AGAIN.

LETS GIVE HIM A 10 OUT OF A 10.

I LOVE EVERYTHING HE STANDS FOR. I'M EXCITED.

VERY COMFORTABLE WITH HIS LEADERSHIP. VERY PROUD OF THE PRESIDENT - FROM PITTSBURGH, PA.

MOST UNIQUE PRESIDENT WE'VE EVER HAD...A FAMILY MAN. YOU CAN SEE IT. YOU CAN FEEL IT...WE TRUST HIM FULLY. I NEVER FELT SO GOOD IN MY LIFE AS WHEN I HEARD HIM TONIGHT.

RIGHT ON ABOUT CUTTING TROOPS IN EUROPE FROM A RETIRED ARMY OFFICER. WE COULD JUST KEEP A TOKEN FORCE IN GERMANY. ENOUGH OF THEIR BIG TALK WITH OUR MONEY.

100% BEHIND VETO ON CHINESE. 28 YEARS IN INTELLIGENCE AND DAMM GLAD NORIEGA IT OUT.

ONE OF THE FINEST SPEECHES I HAVE EVER HEARD ANYONE MAKE. FOLEY IN HIS COMMENTS COULD NOT EVEN COMPARE.

ONE OF THE BEST SPEECHES FROM TWO SENIOR CITIZENS IN LAGUNA NIQUEL, CA.

NEED STRONGER COMMITTMENT TO HOMELESS.

MANY CALLERS WANTED MORE TALK ABOUT AIDS.

HE'S BITTEN OFF A BIG CHUNK, BUT WE ARE ALL BEHIND HIM.

MANY CALLERS FROM TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA JUST LOVED POTUS SPEECH.

VERY DOWN TO EARTH MAN WITH A WONDERFUL MESSAGE FOR ALL PEOPLE HERE ON EARTH.

I AM 68 YEARS OLD AND THIS IS THE BEST SOU SPEECH EVER.

HE IS POPULAR AND THERE IS A GOOD REASON FOR IT. HE HAS BRAINS.

OPPOSED TO DEFENSE CUTS. MANY CALLS ON THIS.

POTUS HAS GOT TO STOP MOHNIHAN FROM TAMPERIN WITH SOCIAL SECURITY.

PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOMES WON'T BE HELPED.

TOO QUICK REDUCTION IN DEFENSE.

NOT MORE MONEY FOR EDUCATION, BUT EXPECT MORE FROM PARENTS. YES.

JEAN MC ALVIN OF ESSEX, IOWA LIKED THAT PARENTS SHOULD TALK TO CHILDREN.

I TAPED THE SPEECH - WONDERFUL.

THE PRESIDENT DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON IN EDUCATION.

THE PEOPLE AREN'T STUPID. THE PRESIDENT APPEALS TO OUR INTELLIGENCE.

I HAVE NEVER MISSED VOTING FOR A PRESIDENT IN 61 YEARS AND I AM MOST HAPPY ABOUT HAVING VOTED FOR GEORGE BUSH.

PRESIDENT IS THE BEST EVER.

WISH THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT GO TO COLUMBIA. NEED TO KEEP HIM SAFE.

SPEECH WAS WONDERFUL TOUCHED MY HEART AND MY MIND.

GOD BLESS THE PRESIDENT FROM HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND.