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January 30, 1991  
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LEJEUNE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MARINES & FAMILIES  
CHERRY POINT, N.C.  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1991  
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Every day I think of <sup>our</sup> the brave <sup>service</sup> men and women, like the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing -- eleven squadrons and two battalions deployed in the Gulf. //

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Not far from here yellow ribbons stretch as far as the eye can see. They show what Dwight Eisenhower meant when he said, "Morale is the greatest single factor in successful wars." //

The communities of Jacksonville and Havelock <sup>HAV-lock</sup> care. So like communities all across America, <sup>they</sup> you have joined hands to support military troops and their families. I think of your schools -- touching troops with their letters and their love. And the "Key Wives Program" -- linking families, and hearts. //

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~~There is no better example than the brave men and women~~  
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Wing -- eleven squadrons and two battalions, <sup>now</sup> deployed in the Gulf. I think of the yellow ribbons here stretching as far as the eye can see. And those who have sacrificed abroad -- <sup>among them</sup> including Captain Manuel Rivera, who paid the ultimate price -- for a cause larger than themselves. //

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## 11:30 A.M. NEWS UPDATE

**GROUND BATTLE** (AP) -- U.S. Marines fired anti-tank weapons and called in air strikes to repel a three-pronged attack by tank-led Iraqi forces. Eight to 10 Marines were killed and heavy Iraqi casualties were reported, U.S. military officials said. The Marines were the first American ground forces to die in battle in the war. The clash began when Iraqi tanks were spotted moving into Saudi Arabia and was the heaviest ground fighting so far in the war. Reports from Marines on the ground spoke of hand-to-hand combat in the streets of the Saudi border town of Khafji. The battle began around midnight when a small Iraqi force crossed into Khafji, where Qatari troops destroyed two Iraqi tanks and took 10 prisoners, preliminary reports said.

(Headline News) -- U.S. Army spokesman Pepin: "The latest reports indicate that Saudi forces are engaging an Iraqi mechanized battalion in the vicinity of Khafji. This is an ongoing operation and we continue to receive additional details. Presently, coalition casualties appear to be less than 20."

Iraq's account of the fighting is markedly different from the U.S. version. Baghdad radio reports Iraqi troops destroyed the allied forces in the area and suffered only light losses. The report said the attack was carried out within the framework of Iraq's self-defense.

(AP) -- U.S. officials speculated that an Iraqi attack on American forces in Saudi Arabia was meant for domestic morale. A Pentagon source said the Iraqi attack "was not designed to take and hold ground." "Saddam Hussein has got to do something to show his people he's defending them," said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity. "He has to do something to show that the Iraqi armed forces is at least out there."

**CEASE FIRE OFFER/ISRAEL** (Jerusalem/AP) -- Prime Minister Shamir complained that the U.S. joined the Soviet Union in a cease-fire offer to Iraq without consulting Israel. "I would say that we see a defect here. A political act that involves us, our fate, our future, was taken without consulting with us, without even telling us beforehand," Shamir told reporters.

**IRAQI MILITARY/SOVIET INTELLIGENCE** (Moscow/Reuter) -- The Soviet Union denied it was supplying intelligence to the U.S. about Iraqi military forces. Gen. Mikhail Moiseyev told Tass disclosure of such information would be a breach of existing agreements with Iraq.

**IRAQI PILOTS/IRAN** (Reuter) -- Iraqi pilots who have flown their planes to Iran in recent days are being treated as POWs, Iran's ambassador to the U.N., Kamal Kharrazi, said. In an interview on NBC's "Today," Dr. Kamal Kharrazi also said a report that Iran was considering selling mobile Scud missile launchers to Iraq was "baseless."

**S. KOREAN CONTRIBUTION** (Seoul/UPI) -- South Korea will send another \$280 million in cash and material, five military transport planes and 150 men to join the multinational force in the war, the government announced.

**GREECE/LEFTIST ATTACKS** (Athens/Reuter) -- Leftist Greek guerrillas said they had unleashed a wave of bomb and rocket attacks in Athens to fight "the barbarous Western assault" on Iraq. The November 17 group said in a letter to an Athens newspaper it had staged all six bomb and rocket attacks on U.S., British and French targets since an American-led force began fighting Iraq. Police confirmed the letter as genuine.

**STATE OF THE UNION/CONGRESS** (AP) -- President Bush's promise of victory against Iraq drew cheers but his State of the Union address left Democrats spoiling for a fight over his domestic agenda. "There need to be some things that are dealt with even while we're fighting a war," Speaker Foley said. "We're clearly going to be united in the sense of bringing the war to an end," Foley during an appearance on NBC's "Today." Appearing with Foley, Rep. Michel said, "There's no question but that the regular domestic program tends to get somewhat downgraded because the prosecution of the war is paramount for all of us." "We've got two battles -- one in the Persian Gulf and one in this country," said Rep. Moakley. "[President Bush] just glossed over what's happening back in this country."

(Dave Skidmore, AP) -- President Bush's bid to revive his plan for a cut in capital gains taxes has no chance of success in Congress, Speaker Foley said. "I don't think tax reduction is a good idea at this very moment," he said on NBC's "Today." Would the Bush proposal be "dead on arrival?" Foley was asked. "I think so," he replied.

**ECONOMY** (AP) -- The Index of Leading Economic Indicators inched up 0.1 percent in December, its first gain in six months, the Commerce Department said in a report suggesting the recession may ease in several months.

**MARTIN HEARING** (AP) -- Labor secretary-designate Martin was praised by Sen. Kennedy at the opening of her Senate confirmation hearing for having bucked President Bush on minimum wage legislation. The former House member "is the first and only secretary of labor ever to be nominated by a president, after having voted in Congress to override the President's veto on a critical labor issue," said Kennedy.

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## GULF WAR/OIL SPILL

**CBS's Alan Pizze** reports on the accusation that Iraq has poured an estimated 460 million gallons of oil into the Gulf. U.S. bombing efforts have apparently slowed the flow, which is apparently tapering off. It is still not clear whether most of the oil came from Saddam or the terminal which was accidentally hit by U.S. Naval vessels in an engagement with Iraqi gunboats. The Saudis put full blame on Saddam. (CBS-3)

**NBC's George Lewis** reports the spill is 42 times larger than the Exxon Valdez spill. The loading dock continues to burn, but has died down, a sign that the flow of oil had been cut.

(**Capt. David Harrington, Joint Chiefs:** "Our assessment is that at this point in time it's probably down to a trickle, if at all.") A seven-member U.S. task force sent by President Bush arrived in Riyadh today to begin working on ways of containing the slick. The French are rushing oil booms and other spill containment equipment into the Gulf. (NBC-4)

**Jennings** reports Iraq said today allied bombing caused the oil spill. The U.S. disagrees. The U.N. Environmental Agency called on both sides to let its personnel into the area. U.N. officials say that in addition to the oil spill, they want to know if the bombing of Iraq's nuclear and chemical facilities has released hazardous material into the air. (ABC-3)

## GROUND WAR

*Very forward Marines of the 2nd Marine Division.*

*(5th Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Division is the official designation)*

**ABC's Bill Redeker** reports that U.S. Marines, in what they called their biggest artillery assault yet, today fired 72 eight-inch shells at Iraqi supply lines six miles into Kuwait. They did not know if they hit their targets. For the rest of the ground forces, it is still a matter of moving into position. (ABC-2)

**NBC's Arthur Kent** reports that preparations for a ground offensive are now accelerating as the limited impact of the allied air campaign becomes clear. U.S. commanders have cautioned medics to prepare for 10 percent casualties among front line units within the first month of fighting. Combat veterans estimate much higher casualties, warning of Iraq's great short-range missile capability, able to deliver chemical warheads. In the air war, the U.S. lost its 11th attack plane, a Harrier jump jet from the Marines air corps. There's no word yet on the fate of the pilot. (NBC-2)

**ABC's Linda Pattillo** reports from with the Second Division Marines, preparing a midnight raid on Iraqi forces. They were successful and there was no Iraqi response. (ABC-12, NBC-5, CBS-4)

**NBC's Brad Willis** reports from with Marine Task Force Taro [phonetic] near the Saudi-Kuwaiti border. They look for Iraqi soldiers who have crossed the border, posing as bedouins. (NBC-11)

**ABC's Bill Greenwood** reports there are now 3,100 artillery pieces on the Iraqi side in Kuwait, and 3,600 on the allied side. But some of Iraq's artillery is far more deadly. The allies' M-109 Howitzer can fire three shells every minute at a distance of 15 miles.

Greenwood continues: Iraq's G-5 Howitzer also fires three times a minute, but covers almost twice the distance. Pentagon briefers say that so far, the allies have been able to take out Iraq's artillery. But the question is how many will remain once the ground war begins.

Jennings discusses the artillery with Gen. Bernard Trainor (ret.), who says the Iraqis, unlike the allies, mass their guns, resulting in reduced mobility. (ABC-14)

NBC's Robert Bazell reports Pentagon and Administration analysts tell NBC News that in a ground war, allied forces will be attacked with poison gas and germ warfare. But even though the U.S. spent hundreds of millions of dollars over the past decade on research to protect against germ warfare, there was little vaccine on hand for troops when the U.S. buildup began. And all the troops have not yet been vaccinated. (NBC-13)

CBS's Mark Phillips reports on Saddam's strategy. Nagging concerns are being expressed that if he is not winning this war, he may not be losing it either. He may be just where he wants to be. Saddam, military analysts say, is doing what he promised to do, hoarding his resources for the mother of all battles. (CBS-13)

#### SCUD ATTACKS

Jennings reports another Scud missile was fired at Saudi Arabia today, but was intercepted by a Patriot missile. No one was hurt and there was no serious damage. There was another Scud attack on Israel, but no Patriots were fired, and it landed in the occupied West Bank, where the overwhelming majority are Palestinian. There are no reports of damage or casualties. (ABC-7)

ABC's Dennis Trout reports that it now appears there may be hundreds of mobile missile launchers to be targeted, rather than the 50 or so first thought by the allies to have been sold to Baghdad by the Soviet Union. This information comes from a picture taken at an Iraqi weapons fair in 1989.

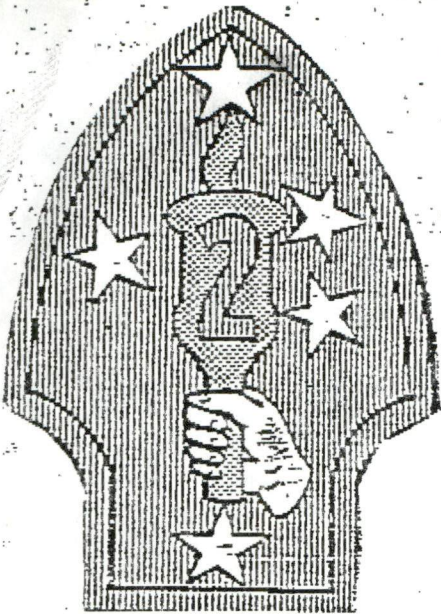
(TV Coverage: Photo of mobile missile launcher.)

It shows a mobile missile launcher made in Iraq itself.

(Henry Dodds, Jane's Soviet Intelligence Review: "What this means is that the Iraqis potentially have the capability to carry on building mobile missile launchers just as fast as they're being knocked out.") (ABC-15)

#### GULF WAR/ISRAEL

NBC's Martin Fletcher reports Israeli intelligence sources say they doubt very much whether Iraq could deliver any nuclear, chemical or biological weapons to Israel. They say his only chance would be Scuds adapted for chemical warheads -- which they doubt he has -- or suicide pilots. Intelligence estimates allied bombing has flattened all above-ground production facilities of the three types -- but they don't know about possible underground facilities. Prime Minister Shamir today warned Saddam Hussein of dire consequences if he attacks Israel with chemical weapons. (NBC-6)



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## 50th Anniversary on Friday

### HISTORY OF THE 2D MARINE DIVISION

The 2d Marine Division was activated on 1 February 1941 at Camp Elliott, California, and organized for amphibious warfare.

The division was built around the 6th Marine Regiment that had helped establish combat records known to fighting men around the world; the 2d Marine Regiment that had protected American interests in Latin America; the 8th Marine Regiment that had seen action in Haiti; and the 10th Marine Regiment, the division's artillery arm. Six separate battalions within the division provide combat and combat service support for the Marine rifleman. These are the 2d Tank Battalion, 2d Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2d Light Armored Infantry Battalion, 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, 2d Reconnaissance Battalion and Headquarters Battalion.

In 1941, the 6th Marines and elements of the 10th Marines, 2d Tank Battalion, and medical and service battalion personnel linked up and sailed for Iceland as part of the first Provisional Marine Brigade to counter the threat of German attack. The 2d Combat Engineer Battalion was sent to Honolulu, where it helped repel the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and then assisted in the clean up.

Immediately after Pearl Harbor, division units deployed along the west coast. The 8th Marines, with an artillery battalion and attached companies sailed for American Samoa.

The division fought in the first and last battle of the war, including the island hopping campaign from the Solomons to Okinawa. In November 1943, the division added fresh laurels to its fighting record by seizing in 76 hours the heavily defended Island of Betio.

After the war and a short occupation tour in Japan, the division was transferred to its permanent home at Camp Lejeune in 1946.

Since then, it has performed an important role as a force-in-readiness. Its units evacuated American citizens from Egypt during the Israeli-Egyptian war and later landed in Lebanon to prevent civil war.

During the Cuban crisis in 1962, division units were deployed in the Caribbean prepared to defend American lives and property.

Later in 1963 and 1964, division units deployed in the Caribbean and Mediterranean areas, again, stood poised and ready during the Haitian-Dominican Dispute and the Panama and Cyprus crisis.

On 28 April 1965, only hours after receiving orders from the President, elements of the 2d Marine Division began landing at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic to protect the lives of American citizens and aid in the evacuation of refugees when the civil war broke out.

The division continually maintains a battalion landing team with the Marine Expeditionary Unit as the Landing Force, Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. Division units participate in the unit deployment program; one infantry battalion is in the Western Pacific for 6 months at any time. Division Marines participate in training exercises in the Atlantic, train extensively on the Northern and Southern flank of NATO and complete a 6-month good will/presence tour of South America with a reinforced rifle company known as UNITAS.

Division Marines acted as the ground combat element of the American Multi-National Peacekeeping force in Beirut, Lebanon, and participated in the rescue mission in Grenada. Most recently, division Marines are serving in Liberia and are also deployed to South West Asia. Marines and sailors from the 2d Marine Division are currently serving well and faithfully on six continents.





**HONORS AWARDED 2D MARINE DIVISION**

Presidential Unit Citation Streamer

World War II

Tarawa - 1943

China Services Streamer

American Defense Service Streamer with one Bronze Star

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Streamer

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Streamer with one Silver Star and  
two Bronze Stars

World War II Victory Streamer

Navy Occupation Service Streamer with Asia and European  
Clasps

National Defense Service Streamer with one Bronze Star

Marine Corps Expeditionary Streamer

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamer with two Bronze Stars



### LINEAGE OF 2D MARINE DIVISION

1936 - 1940

Activated July 1936 at San Diego, CA, as the  
2d Marine Brigade

Deployed during August - September 1937  
to Shanghai, China

Relocated during February - April 1938  
to San Diego, CA

1941 - 1957

Redesignated 1 February 1941 as the  
2d Marine Division

Elements deployed to Iceland, July 1941 - March 1942

Deployed to South Pacific in 1942

Participated in the following World War II Campaigns  
Guadalcanal

Southern Solomons

Tarawa

Saipan

Tinian

Okinawa

Deployed during September 1945 to Nagasaki, Japan

Participated in the occupation of Japan

September 1945 - June 1946

Relocated during June - July 1946

to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

1958 - 1984

Elements participated in the landings in Lebanon,  
July - October 1958

Elements participated in Cuban Missile Crisis,  
October - December 1962

Elements participated in the intervention in  
the Dominican Republic, April - June 1965

Elements participated as part of Multinational  
Peacekeeping Force in Lebanon, August 1982-

February 1984

Elements participated in the Landing of Grenada-  
Carriacou October - November 1983

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January 30, 1991  
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LEJEUNE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MARINES & FAMILIES  
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Taking shell-torn hills in France and England. / You have shown  
the same <sup>(kind of)</sup> courage which sets -- and keeps -- men free. //

For 216 years, the U.S. Marine Corps has helped write the  
story of America. And today -- in wartime, as in peacetime --

you write that story still. // As I mentioned Tuesday night in my State of the Union Address, to be an American is a wonderful but demanding thing. It means expressing our deepest values, and our character as a people. <sup>Requiring</sup> ~~Demanding~~ that we enlist in a cause larger than ourselves -- the cause of freedom for all the peoples of the world. //

I speak of a cause as old as America -- and as young as the American spirit -- for America will never grow old. It is the cause of liberty -- to punish naked aggression. // The cause that will end the nightmare of Iraq's brutal occupation -- and ensures that Kuwait once again is free. // It is the cause which has forged unprecedented United Nations solidarity -- and unprecedented unity at home. // Listen to Tom Paine, who said it best: "We fight not to enslave, but to make room upon the earth for honest men to live in." //

Ask the 2nd Marine Division of Camp Lejeune, today celebrating its 50th birthday. Ninety percent of its members are deployed in the Gulf. They believe in a cause larger than themselves. // So do those of you holding a prayer service and ceremony. You know that because of Saddam Hussein's inhumanity to man, we must fight in the Persian Gulf to reassert man's humanity to man. // If there's anyone who wonders what we're fighting for, they need look no further than this room. //

Unfortunately, there are no medals for courage for military families. If there were, there would be as much decoration upon your chests as there is pride within them. To all of you --

spouses, children, parents, Marines -- you're doing more than just keeping the home fires burning. Your dedication and bravery is lighting the heart of every American ~~showing, as Dwight~~ <sup>Dwight</sup> Eisenhower said, ~~how~~ <sup>how</sup> "Morale is the greatest single factor in successful wars." ~~In response, this pledge: We will do~~ <sup>Your sacrifice is heroic</sup> everything we can do hasten the day when your heroes can put down their military arms -- and return to your loving arms. //

Let me close with a verse that always reminds me of the Marines. "Not gold but only men can make a people great and strong," it begins. "Men who for truth and honor's sake stand fast and suffer long. / Brave men who work while others sleep, who dare while others fly." It concludes: "They build a nation's pillars deep and lift them to the sky." //

The Marines abroad -- the Marines at home -- their families and their friends around the world -- all of you are enduring much to lift freedom to the sky. // Thank you from the bottom of America's heart -- and let me leave you with words written nearly a century ago: "The Marines have landed and the situation is well in hand." <sup>1885</sup> Prize given to the Marines

God bless you and this great country. Thank you for your support. And please keep our coalition's armed forces in your thoughts and prayers.

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*Op. 100 3x40 20*  
*1885*  
*Prize given to the Marines*

# CHERRY POINT

8:35 a.m. : Friday Feb. 1, '91

Intro by Gen. Gray, Commandant  
of the Marine Corps

Acknowledge:

Secretary of Navy  
H. Lawrence Garrett III

Lt. Gen. Carl E. Mundy  
Commander, Fleet Marine  
Force, Atlantic (TBD)

Secretary Cheney (TBD)

January 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: CURT  
FROM: CAROLYN  
RE: CAMP LEJEUNE STORIES

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Community Support

Jacksonville, North Carolina is the town/community surrounding Camp Lejeune.

At the very beginning of the deployments, a consortium of businesses, services, professionals, etc. was formed to assist families. Discounts on goods and services are provided and professional services like counseling are always readily available. The program is called the Caring Community Network.

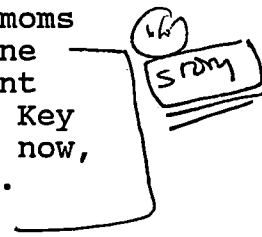
The USO has a program called Adopt A Family. The organization recruits volunteers to do errands, yard work, home and car repairs, etc. for dependents left at home.

Dependents Helping Each Other

Each command has a network called Key Wives. It began as a basic telephone tree, so wives could network their information and messages from the men. It was a fledgling program at the outset, but has blossomed into a group of truly special women doing extraordinary things for each other.

Some of their work is as simple as being the liaison between the command and the dependents. They have also held birthday parties, held babysitting coops; they pick up new moms at the hospital. In one instance, a Key Wife has really gone above and beyond the call of duty. A Marine wife is pregnant with twins and has been confined to her bed until April. A Key Wife has gone to her home every day for two and half months now, cleaning, running errands, helping her get up and down, etc. She'll continue to do this until delivery in April!

The goal of the Key Wives Program : to make this deployment feel more manageable. To teach by example that you can cope. To teach women that they really do need to prepare for times like



lw  
sorry

this, to be able to stand on their own and take care of themselves and their families. That they are not alone.

The Key Wives really are a Thousand Points of Light. They see someone without a car -- and offer them a ride. They see someone without a babysitter -- and babysit for them. They see someone in need of a shoulder to cry on and in need of support - - they are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, ready at a moments notice to help each other.

### Schools

All of the schools in the area have sent packages of goodies, banners, letters, Xmas cards, sports scores. Almost of the dads are deployed -- so each school has in-house counselors and support groups.

CURT:

Some hills taken by Marines:

WW I : Mont Blanc, France

WW II : Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima

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General Richwine. Families, friends, and members of "The few. The proud. The Marines." // There is a song which speaks of "Carolina in the Morning." Well, I'm pleased to be here this morning to salute all of you who form the magnificent "Carolina MAGTF" [[mag-taf]]. //

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## 2:30 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

**FOUR FREEDOMS SPEECH** (AP) -- President Bush invoked the memory of another wartime president, Franklin Roosevelt, to rally support for Operation Desert Storm, and said the goal of the war is the triumph of a new "moral order" in the world. "We ask God to bless us, to guide us and to help us through whatever dark nights we still may face," the President said in remarks to lawmakers in the Capitol. He noted that 50 years ago, with the U.S. on the verge of World War II, Roosevelt articulated four freedoms -- freedom of expression, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear. "No one knew better than President Roosevelt what hard work freedom really is," he said. He quoted Roosevelt as saying, "the justice of morality must and will win in the end." Bush said the 28-nation coalition is "standing up to the evil" in the gulf region, and added: "The triumph of the moral order must still be the vision that compels us," he said.

(Robert Shepard, UPI) -- A day after President Bush stressed national unity in waging war against Iraq, the granddaughter of another wartime President -- Franklin Roosevelt -- reminded Bush that some Americans have "honest objections" to the conflict. "These are difficult times for persons of conscience," Anne Roosevelt said. "But I do know, as you Mr. President, said last night, it is...concern which supports the protests and honest objections to this war -- not antipatriotism or lack of respect for the bravery of our troops."

**OIL SPILLS** (London/Reuter) -- Iraq has started pumping more crude oil into the waters of the northern gulf to form another oil slick, military sources said. They said pumping had been in progress for some 24 hours from the Iraqi oil terminal of Mina al-Bakr in southern Iraq and many thousands of barrels had been released.

(Saudi Arabia/UPI) -- The 60-mile oil spill in the gulf contains about 7 million barrels of crude oil and is breaking up into patches, increasing the risk of major environmental damage, experts said. "The spill is rapidly becoming probably the largest in history," said Coast Guard Capt. Donald Jensen, head of a U.S. team sent by President Bush to help Saudi Arabia combat the spill. The six-man team representing a variety of U.S. agencies arrived Monday and is conducting surveys to "assess the potential size of the spill and its impact on Saudi Arabia and recommend measures to fight the spill," Jensen told a news conference.

**GROUND BATTLE** (Dhahran/AP) -- U.S. Marines fired anti-tank weapons and called in air strikes to repel a three-pronged attack by tank-led Iraqi forces. Twelve Marines were killed and heavy Iraqi casualties were reported, U.S. military officials said. By late afternoon, about 50 Iraqi troops in armored personnel carriers were holding the central part of the Saudi border town of Khafji, U.S. Marines and Saudi troops deployed on the outskirts said. It was the first time Iraq held any Saudi territory since the war began.

(Nicosia/AP) -- Saddam planned the Iraqi ground assault into Saudi Arabia last weekend, and ordered the "lightning" attack while visiting troops in Basra, Iraq said. In a separate commentary, Iraqi radio branded President Bush a "loathsome criminal." Iraqi radio said two columns of troops launched the attack along a broad front inside Saudi Arabia. "The forces of Saddam Hussein are wiping out renegade invaders and knocking out the forces of infidelity, corruption, and treason," said the broadcast.

**STRIKE ON IRAQI BOATS** (HMS London in the gulf/Reuter) -- U.S. and British helicopters and fighter-bombers destroyed at least six Iraqi missile-carrying patrol boats in a 12-hour battle in the northern gulf. British naval planners said they thought the Iraqi boats, some carrying Exocet anti-ship missiles, had been trying to take advantage of poor visibility to make a combined breakout to escape allied bombing of Iraqi ports.

**IRAQI AIR DEFENSE/SCHWARZKOPF** (Riyadh/AP) -- Gen. Schwarzkopf said that two weeks of bombing raids have forced Iraq to abandon centralized control of its air defense. "The F-117 remains virtually invisible and highly effective," he said. "As a result, the Iraqis have abandoned centralized control of their air defense within Iraq and Kuwait." He said the bombing was aimed at the "systematic destruction" of the Iraqi air force's hardened shelters, and that more than 70 have been destroyed.

**FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER** (Paris/Reuter) -- France's new Defense Minister Pierre Joxe took charge of the armed forces and told troops in the gulf that their battle to oust Iraq from Kuwait was just. In his first statement since taking over from Chevenement, Joxe showed he had none of his predecessor's misgivings about the legitimacy, scope or aims of the war. Joxe said he looked forward "to peace being re-established, with justice in this region of the world so dear to France."

**GERMAN PATRIOTS/ISRAEL** (Bonn/UPI) -- The German government announced it will give Israel one unit of eight Patriot anti-aircraft missile launchers, several chemical-detection vehicles and medical supplies to defend itself against Iraqi attack.

**SDI/PENTAGON** (Reuter) -- Buoyed by the test of a U.S. anti-missile weapon and the success of Patriot defense missiles in the war, the Pentagon next week will seek over \$4.5 billion for the lagging "Star Wars" program, Administration officials said. The 1992 budget proposal would far exceed the \$2.9 billion being spent this year on SDI. Administration officials, who asked not to be identified, said Congress should be prepared to spend more on the program following the successful space test and the destruction of more than 20 Iraqi Scud missiles by U.S. Patriots in the gulf.

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January 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: CURT  
FROM: CAROLYN  
RE: CHERRY POINT STORIES

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Contact: Mrs. Zandy Krulak (919) 353-4436  
Wife of the Commanding General from Camp Lejeune,  
currently deployed in Saudi Arabia  
The General regularly contacts her with information  
to disseminate to "her" wives.

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The Marines are not "hoorah hoorahing" -- the mood is one of quiet competence and determination. No one feels useless -- they all feel that they are an important part of the mission to be accomplished.

The Marines in the desert are going to extraordinary lengths to help their buddies -- after all, that's who they are fighting for. Some are working 18 hour days, 5 days in a row, so that their buddies can sleep. They have worked through the night on several occasions in order to build showers for each other.

Captain Sheila Warren: "I asked to be here. I owe it to my country, and the Marine Corps is the best place to be."

Unidentified Marine: "I'd stay here indefinitely if it means that my kids won't have to come back in 10 years to fight the same war. Tell the people back home to keep their heads up. We are coming home soon!"

Each battalion in the 2nd FSSG made a Christmas video to send back to the families they left behind -- to show them that they are indeed healthy and prepared.

CHERRY POINT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION

SIGN AT MAIN ENTRANCE - "PARDON OUR NOISE. IT'S THE SOUND OF FREEDOM."

HOME OF SECOND MAR. AIR WING - THEY FLY A 8 HARRIERS, E A6'S AND C 130 TANKERS.

SPEECH TIME 8:35AM AIM FOR MORNIGN TV LIVE.

AUDIENCE - 3-4,000 STAND UP INSIDE HANGER WITH AFI MARINE JETS AS BACK UP \\  
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MARINE C P, CAMP LEJEUNE, AND FAMILY MEMBERS  
1 MILE FROM BASE HAVELOCK

JAN 20, 1991 LIT FLAME - PART OF MONUMENT WITH PLAQUE ON MON. THAT HAS 5 SERVICE SEALS AND THIS QUOTE "OPERATION DESERT STORM" THIS BEACON BURNING BRIGHT IS A CONSTANT REMINDER OF HAVELOCK'S HOME FIRES BURNING IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES."

JAN 20, 1991

*Cherry Point*

CNN YESTERDAY - CONTACT HAVELOCK C.O.C. FOR MORE INFO.

THE PUBLIC INFO. OFFICER IS MAJ. KEITH OLIVER OR LT. TAMMY SKIPTON (919) 466-4241 OR 3542

FROM DEC 3-JAN 10 12MIL POUNDS OF CARGO WERE SHIPPED THROUGH THAT BASE.

AROUND ENTIRE MAR BASE AREA, I SAW YELLOW RIBBONS ON MAIL BOXES, FENCE POSTS, TELE. POLES, CAR ANTENNAES, CHURCHES, AND FRONT DOOR

SOME ARE FADED WITH AGE. THEIR ARE 22,000 SERVICE FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE CH. POINT AREA.

*about a mile from base.*

*= speech theme, "Keep the Home fires burning"*

*POTUS was going to visit - he's not, but ~~will~~ may present Pres'd seal for monument.*

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB - HOME OF 4TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING AND 68TH AIR REFEULING WING. BOTH ARE IN SAUDI. 4TH MOTTO - "4TH BUT 1ST"

LAST SAT., TOWN OF GOLDSBURRO HAD A PROMILITARY PARADE WITH 8,000 PEOPLE. ABOUT 50PERCENT OR 2,000 ACTIVE DUTY ARE LEFT AT THE BASE. THE REST ARE WITH DESERT STORM. FROM S.J. AFB THEIR ARE CURRENTLY TWO POW'S AND TWO MIA'S. POTUS ARRIVAL ABOUT 11:00AM HAVE PICNIC IN PINE PICNIC AREA ON THE BASE. MIX AND MINGLE WITH SERVICE FAMILY MEMBERS. GIVE BRIEF REMARKS WITH TOAST LECTURN THEN HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH POW/MIA FAMILY MEMBERS.

CALL BASE TO FIND OUT PUBLIC AFFAIRS PERSON SHOULDN'T HAVE TOO MUCH TROUBLE

PENTAGON HAS NAMES OF MIA/POW.

BOB SIMON CAN BE REACHED AT (912) 238-1234, ROOM 723.

BOB SIMON'S SUGGESTED THEME:

"KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING."  
ARMY EVENT 24TH INFANTRY DIV. AT FORT STEWART

SAME UNIT POTUS HAD LUNCH WITH THEM IN SAUDI ARABIA. CHECK THANKGIVING FILE FOR MORE INFO.

SOLDIER MAGAZINE HAD BIG ARTICLE IN OCT. OR NOV. OF '90. (COVER STORY) ABOUT ARMY UNIT.



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# DOUG GAMBLE

424 - 36th Place  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
(213) 546-6409

Jan. 29/91

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN  
2 Pages

CAMP LEJEUNE FAMILIES (Curt Smith)

I THOUGHT IT WAS ABOUT TIME I GOT OUT OF WASHINGTON. BARBARA IS TIRED OF ME HANGING AROUND THE HOUSE.

I THOUGHT THAT BEING HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA WOULD GIVE ME A CHANCE TO CHECK UP ON ONE OF MY FAVORITE MARINES, BUT I LEARNED THAT GOMER PYLE HAS BEEN DISCHARGED.

I COULDN'T BE IN NORTH CAROLINA WITHOUT REMEMBERING THAT THIS IS THE 30TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEBUT OF "THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW." WELL I'LL TELL YOU -- WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE, CARE AND SUPPORT, AUNT BEE HERSELF COULDN'T HAVE DONE MORE FOR ANDY AND OPEY THAN YOU'RE DOING FOR OUR MARINES.

WE'VE GOT SOME INCREDIBLY BRAVE PEOPLE OVER THERE. ALL OF OUR MILITARY IS TOUGH, BUT LEAVE IT TO A MARINE TO USE A LIVE SCORPION TAIL AS A TOOTHPICK.

I HEAR A MARINE SENT A LETTER BACK TO THE STATES SAYING "THANKS FOR THE ELECTRIC RAZOR, BUT WE SHAVE WITH BARBED WIRE."

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DOUG GAMBLE

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - CAMP LEJEUNE (CONT'D)

UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE NO MEDALS FOR COURAGE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES. BUT IF THERE WERE, THERE WOULD BE AS MUCH DECORATION UPON YOUR CHESTS AS THERE IS PRIDE WITHIN THEM.

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WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HASTEN THE DAY WHEN YOUR HEROES CAN PUT DOWN THEIR MILITARY ARMS, AND RETURN TO YOUR LOVING ARMS.

ATTN. ALL WRITERS:

I've had some success in the past writing "sound bite" or inspirational-type material. If you think I can contribute to some of the speeches in this way during the uncertain times ahead, please call on me.

Doug

(Smith/Cawley)  
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America's longest-running institutions -- now 31 years old -- The  
Andy Griffith Show. // <sup>Carolina</sup> ~~And to be at the home base of one of the~~  
world's oldest guardians of freedom ~~now 216 years old.~~ The  
United States Marine Corps. // <sup>A sign on the wall of the building, reads  
"Welcome to Camp Lejeune"</sup>

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The U.S. Marine Corps has helped write the story of America  
and the freedoms we embody. And today -- in wartime, as in  
peacetime -- you write them still. // As I mentioned Tuesday  
night in my State of the Union Address, to be an American means  
more than land and history. It means espousing what is right and

Never has the partnership between the White House and each State House been more crucial. Abroad, regular forces, reservists and National Guardsmen are now absent from your communities. In fact, units from virtually every state's national guard are now bravely serving this country in the Gulf. Towns and cities across America are adjusting to their loss and, as their peacetime commanders-in-chief, I salute your efforts to provide help and support to the families and communities left behind.

The sacrifices are real but the sacrifice is necessary. As President James Polk once said of another crisis long ago, ....

So tonight, I am pleased we can join together not as Republicans or Democrats but as Americans who understand that we are part of something larger than ourselves.1

January 29, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: CURT SMITH  
FROM: CAROLYN CAWLEY  
RE: CAMP LEJEUNE REMARKS

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Contacts: LTC Lynn Kimball 919/451-1714  
451-5276  
COL Matthews 919/451-8379  
MAJ Horvath

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Tentative Schedule:

POTUS will arrive at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point, North Carolina with Secretary Cheney. May visit the Marine Air Wing there.

Will travel by Marine One to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.  
At Camp Lejeune: -- Visit the reception processing center.  
(Administrative processing for active duty and reserve troops being deployed.)  
-- Visit the Family Services Center.  
(Family support services, for the dependents of men and women deployed.)  
-- Remarks at base theatre (TBD). The theatre holds about 800 people. The attendees will be wives, children, and other family members of deployed Marines, as well as Marines who are still in the U.S.

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o Please make a reference to the "**Carolina MAGTF**" ((magtaf)) This is very important to all the people in the area. It refers to the North Carolina Marine Air-Ground Task Force, which includes all the Marines deployed from Camp Lejeune, MCAS New River, and MCAS Cherry Point.

"Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as best he can, the same cause -- honor to him, only less than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and the storms of battle."

-- Abraham Lincoln, Letter, 1863

"This extraordinary war in which we are engaged falls heavily upon all classes of people, but the most heavily upon the soldier. For it has been said, all that a man that will he give for his life; and while all contribute of their substance the soldier puts his life at stake, and often yields it up in his country's cause. The highest merit, then, is due to the soldier."

-- Abraham Lincoln, 1864

- o The groups deployed from Camp Lejeune are all over Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf -- not in specific place over there. (Their missions are diverse, the ultimate fighting force.)
  - 2nd Marine Division  
(combat and support)
  - 2nd Force Service Support Group  
(provide "beans, bullets, and Band Aids". This group is very forward, as they refuel tanks, load ammunition, etc.)
  - Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Intelligence Group
  - II Marine Expeditionary Force  
(command element)
  
- o The slogan of the US Marine Corps is "Semper Fidelis". Marines sign off to each other with "**Semper Fi**".

*Alp Fawcett*
  
- o The most famous Marine is General Chesty Puller, a hero from the Korean Conflict. He is considered the quintessential "Marine's Marine" -- the ultimate leader and hero, unpretentious and unpoliticized. I will be looking for a quote from him.

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WAR AND WHY WE ARE THERE

"The greatest Glory of a free born People,  
Is to transmit that Freedom to their Children."  
-- William Harvard, "Regulus, a Tragedy"

"Liberty is the air America breathes...  
In the future days, which we seek to make secure,  
we look forward to a world founded upon four essential freedoms.  
Freedom of speech and expression...  
Freedom of worship...  
Freedom from want...  
Freedom from fear."  
-- Inscription on a plaque in the stairwell of the  
pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. Adopted from  
FDR's "4 Freedoms Speech" (POTUS will be celebrating  
its anniversary)

"We fight not to enslave, but to set a country free, and  
to make room upon the earth for honest men to live in."  
-- Thomas Paine, "Crisis"

"Wars are, of course, as a rule to be avoided; but they are far  
better than certain kinds of peace."  
-- Theodore Roosevelt

SOLDIERS AND PATRIOTS

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in  
the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to  
finish the work we are in...."  
-- Abraham Lincoln, 2nd Inaugural, 1865

"The patriot volunteer, fighting for country and his rights,  
makes the most reliable soldier on earth."  
-- Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson

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① Another important slogan for the Marines:

"The few. The proud. The Marines."

② USMC established on <sup>new</sup> December 10, 1775  
when Congress passed a resolution to do so.

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## CURT : CAMP LEJEUNE UPDATE ⇒

① To come from the Camp Lejeune's Family Support Center :

- soldier on deployment story
- family/kids in Camp Lejeune story
- local business & community support

② Friday is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division of Camp Lejeune. 90% of its members are deployed. The base will hold a prayer service, ceremony/speeches, luncheon, & happy hour on Friday to honor the anniversary.

I am waiting for a fax w/ info on the early days of the Division.

③ To come from Camp Lejeune Base Commander's Office :

any heroic stories involving men & women from Camp Lejeune.

(Lange/Grossman)  
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: THE STATE OF THE UNION, 1991  
THE CAPITOL  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1991

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the United States Congress.

I come to this House of the people, to speak to you and all Americans, certain that we stand at a defining hour.

Halfway around the world, we are engaged in a great struggle in the skies and on the seas and sands. We know why we're there. We \\ are Americans: part of something larger than ourselves.

For two centuries, we've done the hard work of freedom. And tonight, we lead the world in facing down a threat to decency and humanity.

What is at stake is more than one small country, it is a big idea: \\ a new world order \\ -- where diverse nations are drawn together in common cause, to achieve the universal aspirations of mankind: peace and security, freedom, and the rule of law. Such is a world worthy of our struggle, and worthy of our children's future. \\

The community of nations has resolutely gathered to condemn and repel lawless aggression. Saddam Hussein's unprovoked invasion -- his ruthless, systematic rape of a peaceful neighbor -- violated everything the community of nations holds dear. The

world has said this aggression would not stand -- and it will not stand. \\

Together, we have resisted the trap of appeasement, cynicism, and isolation that gives temptation to tyrants. The world has answered Saddam's invasion with 12 United Nations resolutions, starting with a demand for Iraq's immediate and unconditional withdrawal -- and backed up by forces from 28 countries on six continents. With few exceptions, the world now stands as one. \\

The end of the Cold War has been a victory for all humanity. A year and a half ago, in Germany, I said our goal was a Europe whole and free. Tonight, Germany is united. Europe has become whole and free -- and America's leadership was instrumental in making it possible. \\

The triumph of democratic ideas in Eastern Europe and Latin America -- and the continuing struggle for freedom elsewhere around the world -- all confirm the wisdom of our nation's founders.

Tonight, we work to achieve another victory -- a victory over tyranny, and savage aggression. \\

We in this Union enter the last decade of the 20th century thankful for our blessings, steadfast in our purpose, aware of our difficulties, and responsive to our duties at home and around the world.

For two centuries, America has served the world as an inspiring example of freedom and democracy. For generations,

America has led the struggle to preserve and extend the blessings of liberty. And today, in a rapidly changing world, American leadership is indispensable. Americans know that leadership brings burdens, and requires sacrifice.

But we also know why the hopes of humanity turn to us.

We \\ are Americans: we have a unique responsibility to do the hard work of freedom. And when we do -- freedom works.

The conviction and courage we see in the Persian Gulf today is simply the American character in action. The indomitable spirit that is contributing to this victory for world peace and justice, is the same spirit that gives us the power and the potential to meet our toughest challenges at home.

We are resolute and resourceful. If we can selflessly confront evil for the sake of good in a land so far away, then surely we can make this land all that it should be.

If anyone tells you America's best days are behind her, they're looking the wrong way. \\

Tonight, I come before this House, and the American people, with an appeal for renewal. This is not merely a call for new government initiatives, it is a call for new initiative in government, in our communities, and from every American -- to prepare for the next American century.

America has always led by example. So who among us will set this example? Which of our citizens will lead us in this next American century? Everyone who steps forward today, to get one

addict off drugs. To convince one troubled teenager not to give up on life. To comfort one AIDS patient. To help one hungry child.

We have within our reach the promise of a renewed America. We can find meaning and reward by serving some purpose higher than ourselves -- a shining purpose, the illumination of a thousand points of light. It is expressed by all who know the irresistible force of a child's hand, of a friend who stands by you and stays there -- a volunteer's generous gesture, an idea that is simply right.

The problems before us may be different, but the key to solving them remains the same: it is the individual -- the individual who steps forward. And the state of our Union, is the union of each of us, one to the other: the sum of our friendships, marriages, families, and communities.

We all have something to give. So if you know how to read, find someone who can't. If you've got a hammer, find a nail. If you're not hungry, not lonely, not in trouble -- seek out someone who is.

Join the community of conscience. Do the hard work of freedom. That will define the state of our union. \\

Since the birth of our nation, "We the people" has been the source of our strength. What government can do alone is limited -- but the potential of the American people knows no limits. \\

We are a nation of rock-solid realism and clear-eyed idealism. We \\ are Americans: We are the nation that believes in the future. \\ We are the nation that can shape the future.

And we've begun to do just that -- by strengthening the power and choice of individuals, and families.

Together, these last two years, we've put dollars for child care directly in the hands of parents, instead of bureaucracies. Unshackled the potential of Americans with disabilities. Applied the creativity of the marketplace in the service of the environment, for clean air. And made home-ownership possible for more Americans.

The strength of a democracy is not in bureaucracy. It is in the people, and their communities. In everything we do, let us unleash the potential of our most precious resource -- our citizens. We must return to families, communities, counties, cities, states, and institutions of every kind, the power to chart their own destiny, and the freedom and opportunity provided by strong economic growth. That is what America is all about.

I know, tonight, in some regions of our country, people are in genuine economic distress. I hear them.

Earlier this month, Kathy Blackwell of Massachusetts wrote me about what can happen when the economy slows down, saying "My heart is aching, and I think that you should know -- your people out here are hurting badly."

I understand. And I'm not unrealistic about the future. But there are reasons to be optimistic about our economy.

First, we don't have to fight double digit inflation. Second, most industries won't have to make big cuts in production, because they don't have big inventories piled up. And third, our exports are running solid and strong. In fact, American businesses are exporting at a record rate. \\  
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So let's put these times in perspective. Together, since 1981, we've created almost 20 million jobs, cut inflation in half, and cut interest rates in half.

Yes, the largest peacetime economic expansion in history has been temporarily interrupted. But our economy is still over twice as large as our closest competitor.

We will get this recession behind us, and return to growth -- soon. We will get on our way to a new record of expansion, and achieve the competitive strength that will carry us into the next American century.

We should focus our efforts today on encouraging economic growth, investing in the future, and giving power and opportunity to the individual.

We must begin with control of federal spending. That's why I am submitting a budget that holds the growth in spending to less than the rate of inflation. And that's why, amid all the sound and fury of last year's budget debate, we put into law new, enforceable spending caps -- so that future spending debates will mean a battle of ideas, not a bidding war.

Though controversial, the budget agreement finally put the federal government on a pay-as-you-go plan -- and cut the growth of debt by nearly 500 billion dollars. And that frees funds for saving and job-creating investment.

Now, let's do more. My budget again includes tax-free family savings accounts; penalty-free withdrawals from I.R.A.'s for first-time home-buyers; and, to increase jobs and growth, a reduced tax for long-term capital gains.

I know there are differences among us about the impact and the effects of a capital gains incentive. So tonight, I am asking the Congressional leaders and the Federal Reserve to cooperate with us in a study -- led by Chairman Alan Greenspan -- to sort out our technical differences so that we can avoid a return to unproductive partisan bickering.

But just as these efforts will bring economic growth now, and in the future, they must also be matched by long term investments for the next American century.

That requires a forward looking plan of action -- and that's exactly what we will be sending to the Congress. We have prepared a detailed series of proposals, that include:

- \* A Budget that promotes investment in America's future -- in children, education, infrastructure, space, and high technology.
- \* Legislation to achieve excellence in education -- building on the partnership forged with the 50 governors at the Education Summit -- enabling parents to choose their children's schools -- and helping to make America #1 in math and science.

\* A blueprint for a new National Highway System -- a critical investment in our transportation infrastructure.

\* A research and development agenda that includes record levels of federal investment, and a permanent tax credit to strengthen private R & D, and create jobs.

\* A comprehensive National Energy Strategy that calls for energy conservation and efficiency, increased development, and greater use of alternative fuels.

\* A banking reform plan to bring America's financial system into the 21st century -- so that our banks remain safe and secure, and can continue to make job-creating loans for our factories, businesses and home-buyers. I do think there has been too much pessimism. Sound banks should be making more sound loans, now -- and interest rates should be lower, now.

In addition to these proposals, we must recognize that our economic strength depends upon being competitive in world markets. We must continue to expand America's exports, and a successful Uruguay Round of world trade negotiations will create more real jobs, and more real growth -- for all nations. But you and I know, that if the playing field is level, Americans can out-work and out-produce anyone, anytime, anywhere. \\

And with a Mexican Free Trade Agreement, and our Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, we can help our partners strengthen their economies, and move toward a free trade zone throughout this entire hemisphere.

The budget also includes a plan of action right here at home to put more power and opportunity in the hands of the individual. That means new incentives to create jobs in our inner cities, by encouraging investment through enterprise zones. It also means tenant control and ownership of public housing. Freedom and the power to choose should not be the privilege of wealth. They are the birthright of every American. \\

Civil Rights are also crucial to protecting equal opportunity. Every one of us has a responsibility to speak out against racism, bigotry, and hate. We will continue our vigorous enforcement of existing statutes, and I will once again press the Congress to strengthen the laws against employment discrimination without resorting to the use of preferences.

We're determined to protect another fundamental right -- freedom from crime, and the fear that stalks our cities. The Attorney General will soon convene a Crime Summit of our nation's law enforcement officials. And to help us support them, we need tough crime control legislation, and we need it now. \\

As we fight crime, we will fully implement our National Strategy for Combatting Drug Abuse. Recent data show we are making progress, but much remains to be done. We will not rest until the day of the dealer is over, forever. \\

Good health care is every American's right, and responsibility. So we are proposing an aggressive program of new prevention initiatives -- for infants, for children, for adults,

and for the elderly -- to promote a healthier America, and to help keep costs from spiralling.

It's time to give people more choice in government, by reviving the ideal of the citizen politician who comes not to stay, but to serve. One of the reasons there is so much support for term limitations is that the American people are increasingly concerned about big-money influence in politics. We must look beyond the next election, to the next generation. The time has come to put the national interest above the special interest -- and totally eliminate Political Action Committees. \\

That would truly put more competition in elections, and more power in the hands of individuals. And where power cannot be put directly in the hands of the individual, it should be moved closer to the people -- away from Washington.

The federal government too often treats government programs as if they are of Washington, by Washington, and for Washington. Once established, federal programs seem to become immortal.

It's time for a more dynamic program life cycle: Some programs should increase. Some should decrease. Some should be terminated. And some should be consolidated and turned over to the States.

My budget includes a list of potential programs for turn-over totalling over \$20 billion. I propose we select at least \$15 billion in such programs and turn them over to the States in a single consolidated grant -- fully funded -- for flexible management by the States.

The value of this turn-over approach is straightforward. It allows the Federal Government to reduce overhead. It allows States to manage more flexibly and more efficiently. It moves power and decision-making closer to the people. And it reinforces a theme of this Administration: appreciation and encouragement of the innovative power of "States as Laboratories."

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY MAURO  
 This nation was founded by leaders who understood that power belongs in the hands of people. They planned for the future.  
 FROM: Drucie Scaling  
 And so must we here, and around the world.  
 Office of Communications  
 Room 122 OEOB Ext. 2170

RE: As Americans, we know there are times when we must step forward, and accept our responsibility to lead the world away from the dark chasms of dictators, toward the brighter promise of a better day.  
 Soft Drinks

May we please have the following soft drinks. We had turned in this order before and only received a portion of it.

1 case Diet Coke  
 1/2 case Coke  
 1/2 case Cherry Coke  
 1/2 case Sprite  
 1/2 case Plain Poland Springs  
 aggressive and totalitarian Communism. Now we face another

Thank you so very much for helping us with this.  
 defining hour for America and the world.

There is no one more devoted, more committed to the hard work of freedom, than every soldier and sailor, every marine, airman and coastguardsman -- every man and woman now serving in the Persian Gulf. \\

Each of them has volunteered to provide for this nation's defense -- and now they bravely struggle, to earn for America, for the world, and for future generations, a just and lasting peace.

Our commitment to them must be the equal of their commitment to their country. They are truly America's finest. \\

This is not a war we wanted. We worked hard to avoid war. For more than five months we, along with the Arab League, the European Community, and the United Nations, tried every diplomatic avenue. But time and again, Saddam Hussein flatly rejected the path of diplomacy and peace.

The world well knows how this conflict began, and when: It began on August 2nd, when Saddam invaded and sacked a small, defenseless neighbor. And I am certain of how it will end. So that peace can prevail, we will prevail. \\

Tonight, I am pleased to report that we are on course. Iraq's capacity to sustain war is being destroyed. Our investment, our training, our planning -- all are paying off. Time will not be Saddam's salvation. \\

Our purpose in the Persian Gulf remains constant: to drive Iraq out of Kuwait, to restore Kuwait's legitimate government, and to ensure the stability and security of this critical region.

Let me make clear what I mean by the region's stability and security. We do not seek the destruction of Iraq, its culture, or its people. Rather, we seek an Iraq that uses its great resources, not to destroy, not to serve the ambitions of a tyrant, but to build a better life for itself, and its neighbors. We seek a Persian Gulf where conflict is no longer the rule, where the strong are neither tempted nor able to intimidate the weak.

Most Americans know instinctively why we are in the Gulf. They know we had to stop Saddam now, not later. They know this brutal dictator will do anything; will use any weapon; will commit any outrage, no matter how many innocents must suffer.

They know we must make sure that control of the world's oil resources doesn't fall into his hands, only to finance further aggression. They know that we need to build a new, enduring peace -- based not on arms races and confrontation, but on shared principles, and the rule of law.

And we all realize that our responsibility to be the catalyst for peace in the Middle East does not end with the successful conclusion of this war.

Democracy brings the undeniable value of thoughtful dissent -- and we have heard some dissenting voices here at home. The fact that all voices have the right to speak out, is one of the reasons we've been united in purpose and principle for 200 years.

Our progress in this great struggle is the result of years of vigilance, and a steadfast commitment to a strong defense. Now, with remarkable technological advances like the Patriot missile, we can defend against terror attacks by ballistic missiles aimed at innocent civilians.

Looking forward, I have directed that the SDI program be refocused on providing protection from limited ballistic missile strikes -- from whatever their source. Let us pursue an SDI program that can deal with any future threat to the United States, to our forces overseas, and to our friends and allies.

American technology, and the American worker, have enabled us to successfully deal with difficult military conditions, and help minimize loss of life. We have given our men and women the very best. And they deserve it. \\

We all have a special place in our hearts for the families of our men and women serving in the Gulf. They are represented here tonight, by Mrs. Norman Schwarzkopf. \\ We are very grateful to General Schwarzkopf, and to all those serving with him. And to the families, let me say, our forces in the Gulf will not stay there one day longer than is necessary to complete their mission. \\

The courage and success of the RAF pilots -- of the Kuwaiti, Saudi, French -- the Canadians, Italians -- the pilots of Qatar and Bahrain -- all are proof that for the first time in the post-war era, the international community is united. The leadership of the United Nations, once only a hoped-for ideal, is now confirming its founders' vision.

I am heartened that we are not being asked to bear alone the financial burden of this struggle. Last year, our friends and allies provided the bulk of the economic costs of Desert Shield, and based on responses so far, I am confident they will do no less as we move through Desert Storm.

But the world has to wonder what the dictator of Iraq is thinking. If he thinks that by targeting innocent civilians in Israel and Saudi Arabia, that he will gain advantage -- he is dead wrong. If he thinks that he will advance his cause through

tragic and despicable environmental terrorism -- he is dead wrong. And if he thinks that by abusing the coalition POWs, he will benefit -- he is dead wrong. \\

We will succeed in the Gulf. And when we do, the world community will have sent an enduring warning to any dictator or despot, present or future, who contemplates outlaw aggression.

The world can therefore seize this opportunity to fulfill the long-held promise of a new world order -- where brutality will go unrewarded, and aggression will meet collective resistance.

Yes, the United States bears a major share of leadership in this effort. Among the nations of the world, only the United States of America has had both the moral standing, and the means to back it up. We are the only nation on this earth that could assemble the forces of peace. \\

This is the burden of leadership -- and the strength that has made America the beacon of freedom in a searching world.

This nation has never found glory in war. Our people have never wanted to abandon the blessings of home and work, for distant lands and deadly conflict. If we fight in anger, it is only because we have to fight at all. And all of us yearn for a world where we will never have to fight again.

Each of us will measure, within ourselves, the value of this great struggle. Any cost in lives is beyond our power to measure. But the cost of closing our eyes to aggression is beyond mankind's power to imagine.

This we do know: Our cause is just. Our cause is moral.  
Our cause is right. \\  
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Let future generations understand the burden and the blessings of freedom. Let them say, we stood where duty required us to stand.

Let them know that together, we affirmed America, and the world, as a community of conscience.

The winds of change are with us now. The forces of freedom are united. We move toward the next century, more confident than ever, that we have the will at home and abroad, to do what must be done -- the hard work of freedom.

May God bless the United States of America.

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(Smith/Cawley)  
January 29, 1991  
1 P.M.  
LEJEUNE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MARINES & FAMILIES  
CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1991

Commander \_\_, Families, friends, and members of "The few.  
The proud. The Marines." // There is a song which speaks of  
"Carolina in the Morning." Well, I'm pleased to be here on this  
magnificent Carolina afternoon. //

It is a special privilege to be at a home base of freedom's  
Horatio at the bridge. <sup>Ne quibus a dany de the</sup> ~~What~~ -- forgive me -- a Navy man, Admiral  
Bull Halsey, ~~once~~ called not merely "the elite Corps of this  
country. ~~I think,~~" he said, "it is" the elite Corps of the  
world." // The United States Marine Corps. //

((First, a personal note. I couldn't be in North Carolina  
without thinking that this is the 30th anniversary of the first  
year of "The Andy Griffith Show." I'll tell you -- when it comes  
to love, care, and support, Aunt Bee herself couldn't have done  
more for Andy and Opey than you're doing for our Marines.)) //

Think of "Semper Fidelis" -- always faithful. So you have  
been to self-determination and human dignity. // Think of the  
silhouettes which define the term "Marine Corps." Storming the  
beaches of Iwo Jima. Scaling the cliffs of the South Pacific.  
Taking shell-torn hills in France and England. You have shown  
the same courage which sets -- and keeps -- men free. //

For 216 years, the U.S. Marine Corps has helped write the  
story of America. And today -- in wartime, as in peacetime --

you write that story still. // As I mentioned Tuesday night in my State of the Union Address, to be an American is a wonderful but demanding thing. It means <sup>means</sup> expressing our deepest values, and our character as a people. It demands that we enlist in a cause larger than ourselves -- the cause of freedom for all the peoples of the world. //

I speak of a cause as old as America -- and as young as the American spirit -- for America will never grow old. It is the cause of liberty -- to punish <sup>named</sup> aggression. // The cause that will end the nightmare of Iraq's brutal occupation -- and <sup>see that</sup> ~~see that~~ Kuwait once again will <sup>be</sup> ~~be~~ free. // It is the cause which has forged unprecedented United Nations solidarity -- and unprecedented unity at home. // Listen to Tom Paine, who said it best: "We fight not to enslave, but to make room upon the earth for honest men to live in." //

Ask the 2nd Marine Division of Camp Lejeune, today celebrating its 50th birthday. Ninety percent of its members are deployed in the Gulf. They believe in a cause larger than themselves. // So do those of you holding a prayer service and ceremony. You know that <sup>given</sup> ~~given~~ Saddam Hussein's inhumanity to man -- we must fight in the Persian Gulf to reassert man's humanity to man. // If there's anyone who wonders what we're fighting for, they need look no further than this room. //

Unfortunately, there are no medals for courage for military families. If there were, there would be as much decoration upon your chests as there is pride within them. To all of you --

spouses, children, parents, Marines -- you're doing more than just keeping the home fires burning. Your dedication and bravery is lighting the heart of every American. In response, <sup>pledge</sup> ~~this~~ ~~pledge~~: We will do everything we can do hasten the day when your heroes can put down their military arms -- and return to your loving arms. //

Let me close with a verse that always reminds me of the Marines. "Not gold but only men can make a people great and strong," it begins. "Men who for truth and honor's sake stand fast and suffer long. / Brave men who work while others sleep, who dare while others fly." It concludes: "They build a nation's pillars deep and lift them to the sky." //

The Marines abroad -- the Marines at home -- their families and their friends around the world -- all of you are enduring much to lift freedom to the sky. // Thank you from <sup>to Sub</sup> my -- and from America's heart -- and let me leave you with words written nearly a century ago: "The Marines have held, and the situation is well in hand."

God bless you and this great country. Thank you for your support. And please keep our coalition's armed forces in your thoughts and prayers.

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