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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Crystal City Marriott Hotel
Arlington, Virginia

11:15 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, thank you. My heavens, what a wonderfully warm welcome. I'm just delighted to be with you. I want to salute Archbishop Saliba, a man I've known for many years.

My pleasure to see you again, sir. And congratulations on celebrating 25 years as the leader of this church. (Applause.)

I think our timing on this meeting is pretty good, because just three days ago -- who is this guy? -- (laughter) -- I returned from Turkey, the nation that is the home to the ancient city that gives your church its name. And Ancient Antioch is where the name "Christian" first came into use -- (applause) -- a city where a tradition of tolerance took shape around a faith that would one day light the lives of millions. The strength of your faith -- and the welcome it has found in America -- is testimony that the spirit of Antioch lives today and flourishes.

The spirit of Antioch and the spirit of America really have much in common. For many years now, I've been blessed with the privilege to represent, in one way or another, this great country. And wherever I've gone -- on every continent, in every corner of the world -- I find people who have tremendous admiration for America and all it stands for. And yes, part of it grows out of the fascination with our music and our movies, and with the clothes we wear or the cars we drive. But what attracts people to America more than any material thing is an idea -- and that idea is freedom. (Applause.)

And we must remember -- especially in this, the bicentennial year of our Bill of Rights -- that a central part of that American idea is a freedom of faith: the right of every man and woman to worship, to witness God, as they see fit. From the settlers and seekers who landed at Plymouth Rock -- to the Pilgrims of our own day -- America has long been a safe haven, a welcome refuge from persecution.

They come to our shores to trade tyranny for tolerance. And all faiths are welcome here. Tolerance is our way of recognizing the limits of our own earthbound understanding. Tolerance testified to the fact that we are human -- only human: that before God, our vast knowledge, all our science, all the wisdom of the ages, is a single drop of water -- and our ignorance an ocean.

Faith has a power of its own. As in the earliest days at Antioch, the means of moving men remains the same: The power of example, of life lived in harmony with an ideal.

The image of the good shepherd was present in Peter's mind when he wrote: "Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint, but willingly; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not as domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock."

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The same ethnic governs not simply men, but nations. And when America acts in the world, we must act as a moral agent -- as a force for good. Many times, the path forward is full of obstacles -- and the choices we confront neither black nor white, in a world of lesser evils. And still, we must choose. To advance American ideals, we must act.

Nowhere are the choices more difficult than in the Persian Gulf and the Middle East. Many of you came to this country from that region, leaving friends and family -- leaving a part of yourselves behind. For you, the suffering and turmoil in that part of the world is not simply political, but personal. You feel it deeply in your hearts. And I cannot share your private anguish, but I can say from my heart, it pains me deeply to see the Middle East -- sacred ground of three great faiths -- riven by hatred and conflict.

In Iraq, we confronted a country under the rule of a man of brutal means and, in my view, unmitigated evil -- a man who made war on his own people, menaced his neighbor, and threatened the world's peace.

I believed then -- and I believe now -- that what we and our coalition partners did to stand up against Saddam Hussein's aggression was right, it was just, it was moral. And we did the right thing. (Applause.)

Who can doubt this now -- knowing as we do just how close Saddam Hussein was to possessing nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them against defenseless men, women and children.

We fought not for a narrow interest, but for a noble ideal. And we fought to liberate a nation, to defeat an aggressor who brought misery -- who brings it still -- to many millions of innocent people. I've said over and over again -- and I'll repeat it here today -- we have no quarrel at all -- none -- with the people of Iraq. But Iraq will not realize its potential as a nation -- rejoining the family of nations -- so long as Saddam stays in power. (Applause.)

At every point during the Gulf conflict, I held out hope that out of the horrors of war might come new prospects for peace. That hope is even stronger now. In Lebanon, we see the first tangible signs of political progress -- of domestic reconciliation and restored order -- after a decade and a half of nightmarish civil war. Thanks to the Taif Accords, a truly sovereign Lebanon -- one free of all armed militias and foreign forces -- is no longer just a dream.

Just last week, Secretary Jim Baker undertook his fifth mission to the Middle East -- fifth -- since the Gulf war. His purpose: to bring about a peace conference designed to launch direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Building on the positive response from Syria, we've gained the agreement -- (applause) -- of Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and the six-state Gulf Cooperation Council -- GCC -- to attend a peace conference with Israel.

As a result, we know for certain now that the Israelis are studying our proposal seriously. We hope that they will respond favorably to this historic opportunity for peace and security. I know the Palestinians are closely examining their choices. And here, too, I would ask only that they do everything possible to take advantage of this unprecedented situation to attain their legitimate rights -- and at the same time further the cause of peace. (Applause.)

And as you also know -- you all know -- we also have the public commitment of several Arab states -- including Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia -- to suspend the economic boycott of Israel, if Israel suspends settlement activity in the occupied territories. (Applause.) In the Middle East, as in Lebanon, our objective remains a peace that is fair to all parties -- a peace that promotes the

security of our friends and true stability in the entire region.

At the same time, all of us must understand the challenges to come and the limits to what we can do. No one -- not this President, not the United States, not the U.S.S.R. or the U.N. or our European allies -- no one can impose a solution that the parties in the Middle East do not welcome and cannot live with. But the difficulties must never stand in our way. We can -- and will -- be catalysts for peace. That is the mission of the United States of America. (Applause.)

Just as the Christians of Antioch led by example -- so, too, we who would ask others to follow must begin by asking more of ourselves. As Paul wrote to the Romans, "Let us, therefore, follow after the things which make for peace."

Once again, let me tell you what a joy it is to be here. Let me give you the commitment I've given to the American people that I will go the extra mile, walk the extra distance to try to bring this peace, lasting peace, long-sought-for peace -- to this troubled corner of the world. I feel it deeply in my heart.

Thank you. And may God bless this great nation, the United States of America. (Applause.)

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11:30 A.M. EDT

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT BUSH
TO THE GREEK PARLIAMENT

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MR. SPEAKER:

I APPEAR BEFORE THIS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF PARLIAMENT WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HONOR.

THE LAST HEAD OF STATE WHO SPOKE TO THIS CHAMBER WAS THE GREAT FRENCH STATESMAN CHARLES DE GAULLE. AND FOUR YEARS BEFORE THAT PRESIDENT DE GAULLE, ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST BELOVED PRESIDENTS, DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF STANDING HERE.

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ONE MAN WHO WAS ACTUALLY PRESENT ON THAT COLD WINTER MORNING TO HEAR PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S WORDS IS ALSO HERE TODAY. HE IS A MAN WHO LED HIS PEOPLE THROUGH THE DANGERS AND CHALLENGES OF THOSE SAME YEARS. ONE WHO LATER RESTORED DEMOCRACY TO GREECE, AND THEN BROUGHT HIS COUNTRY INTO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. THAT GREAT STATESMAN IS, OF COURSE, YOUR PRESIDENT, THEN PRIME MINISTER -- CONSTANTINE KARAMANLIS.

(TURN TO ADDRESS KARAMANLIS) TO HONOR YOU AND OUR FRIEND AND ALLY WHOSE PRESIDENT YOU ARE, I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO WASHINGTON IN 1992. I HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT, AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOU IN OUR CAPITAL.

PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM DURING PERILOUS TIMES. BUT THE U.S. AND GREECE HAVE A LONGSTANDING RECORD OF FIGHTING TOGETHER ON THE SIDE OF THOSE SACRED PRINCIPLES. WE HAVE SHARED A UNITY OF PURPOSE IN ALL OF THE MAJOR CONFLICTS IN THIS CENTURY. WORLD WAR I. WORLD WAR II. THE KOREAN WAR. WHILE ALL WERE TERRIBLE STRUGGLES, THE FORCES OF JUSTICE AND RIGHT TRIUMPHED EACH TIME.

WE WERE VICTORIOUS ONCE AGAIN OVER AGGRESSION WHEN SADDAM HUSSEIN ATTEMPTED TO ANNEX HIS NEIGHBOR, KUWAIT. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ROSE UP TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THIS TYRANT. IT WAS AN AWESOME COLLECTIVE EFFORT. AND PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS RESPONDED JUST AS I EXPECTED HE WOULD. HE KNEW WHAT WAS AT STAKE. HE GAVE THE FULL, UNSTINTING SUPPORT OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO THAT NOBLE CAUSE. I HAVE TOLD HIM, BUT WISH NOW TO ALSO SAY TO ALL OF YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED GREECE'S HELP IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO MOVE US FORCES AND EQUIPMENT QUICKLY TO THE REGION. WE WILL REMEMBER THIS.

AS I STAND HERE NOW, I AM REMINDED OF THE GOALS WE SHARE AS PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. TO SAFEGUARD THE FREEDOM, COMMON HERITAGE AND CIVILIZATION OF OUR PEOPLES. OF THE FOUNDATION WHICH THOSE GOALS REST -- THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND THE RULE OF LAW. SINCE 1949 THESE IDEAS HAVE GUIDED THE ALLIANCE IN STANDING FIRM AGAINST THE FORCES OF AGGRESSION AND TOTALITARIANISM. WE HAVE PERSEVERED. AND WE HAVE SUCCEEDED. THE WARSAW PACT IS NO MORE. GREECE IS NOT ONLY MORE SECURE, BUT WE ARE WITNESSING IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE USSR THE EMERGENCE OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND FREE MARKETS. FRAGILE IN SOME CASES BUT NURTURED BY THE LONG SUPPRESSED HOPES OF MILLIONS.

GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER FOR ALL THESE EPOCHAL CHANGES. WE WERE NATO PARTNERS. WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS. OUR WORK IS NOT FINISHED . WE MUST AND CAN MEET THE NEW CHALLENGES OF PEACE JUST AS WE DID THE OLD -- BY WORKING TOGETHER CLOSELY.

THE FACE OF EUROPE -- ITS INSTITUTIONS AND ITS STRUCTURES -- ARE CHANGING ALMOST DAILY. CHANGE REPRESENTS NEW OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND HORIZONS FOR THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE. WE DISCUSSED MANY OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN LONDON FROM WHICH I HAVE JUST COME. I WANT TO MENTION A FEW OF WHAT SEEM TO ME TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS FROM THAT MEETING TO YOU NOW.

INSERT SUMMIT POINTS

WE ARE HEADING, I BELIEVE, TOWARD A NEW WORLD ORDER THAT HAS AS A CENTRAL COMPONENT A TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY WHICH STRETCHES FROM VANCOUVER TO VLADIVOSTOK. A COMMUNITY BASED ON THE CENTRAL VALUES OF INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC LIBERTY WHICH UNDERPIN DEMOCRATIC, FREE MARKET SOCIETIES. A COMMUNITY FREE AND AT PEACE.

GREECE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW ORDER. MANY OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THE BALKANS ARE VALIANTLY STRUGGLING -- SOME FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER -- TO IMPLEMENT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND TO RESTRUCTURE THEIR POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEMS.

BUT THERE IS YET MORE WHICH GREECE CAN DO. THE BALKANS HAVE BEEN AN HISTORICALLY TROUBLED REGION. AND NOW, RESURGENT ETHNICITY AND NATIONALISM ONCE AGAIN THREATEN STABILITY AND PEACE. THESE FORCES UNDERMINE THE ONGOING ATTEMPTS TO NURTURE STILL INFANT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. WE LOOK TO GREECE TO SERVE AS A FORCE FOR STABILITY IN THE BALKAN REGION.

I HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ABILITY OF STATES IN THE NEW TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY WHICH IS UNFOLDING BEFORE US TO PUT OLD ENMITIES BEHIND THEM. THE UNITED STATES ENJOYS GREATLY IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE ALLIANCE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED A TREATY ON CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE. GERMANS HAVE SET ASIDE THE BITTER DIVISIONS OF THE COLD WAR YEARS AND REUNITED THEIR COUNTRY. GERMANY AND POLAND HAVE AGREED ON THE DEMARCATION OF THEIR BORDER. THE EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES HAVE EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN AFFILIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WE ARE WITNESSES TO ONE OF THE GREATEST REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES FOR THE GOOD THAT MODERN MAN HAS EVER SEEN.

TOMORROW I WILL TRAVEL TO CRETE. WHILE THERE, I WILL LAY A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF ONE OF GREECE'S GREAT MODERN STATESMAN -- ELEUTHERIOS VENIZELOS. I WILL STOP THERE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF HIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT OF 1930 -- THE TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COMMERCE WITH TURKEY. THIS HISTORIC MILESTONE WAS ACHIEVED

BECAUSE VENIZELOS' VISION OF THE FUTURE WAS SHARED BY THE FOUNDER OF MODERN TURKEY -- KEMAL ATATURK. THEIR PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP, AND THE PEACE THEY ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, REMAIN AS PROUD LEGACIES TODAY.

IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF 1930 MAY TODAY INSPIRE THESE TWO GREAT COUNTRIES, BOTH VALUED FRIENDS AND ALLIES OF THE UNITED STATES, TO INVOKE THAT SAME SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND PEACE. I BELIEVE THAT BOTH COUNTRIES SHARE THE ASPIRATION FOR SUCCESS IN THIS REGARD. IT IS A DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED NOT ONLY BY THE UNITED STATES, BUT THROUGHOUT EUROPE. YOU HAVE MY EVERY WISH FOR SUCCESS.

IN THIS CONTEXT I ALSO SHOULD BRIEFLY MENTION CYPRUS. WE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING TO SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL IN HIS GOOD OFFICES MISSION. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MUST ACCEPT THAT COMPROMISE AND GOOD-WILL ARE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF ANY SOLUTION. AND ANY SOLUTION MUST, OF COURSE, PROVIDE FOR A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT. SUCH A SOLUTION NEEDS TO BE FOUND SOON AND CAN BE. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP, BUT IN THE END, THE SOLUTION MUST BE NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

THESE ISSUES ARE AMONG THE ONES WHICH I EXPECT TO DISCUSS WITH PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS WHEN WE MEET LATER TODAY. I WAS

PLEASED TO MEET HIM IN WASHINGTON WHEN HE VISITED THERE IN JUNE 1990. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE DEVELOPED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, EXCHANGING IDEAS OVER THE PHONE AND BY LETTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO RENEWING OUR PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCESHIP IN ATHENS, AND WHEN I VISIT HIS HOME IN CHANIA. I WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN HIS HOSPITALITY WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON THIS FALL FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

I BELIEVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER. WE ENJOY GOOD COMMUNICATION, EXCELLENT COOPERATION, AND MUTUAL TRUST. PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH US TO FIND WAYS OF IMPROVING EVEN FURTHER THE MUTUAL RESPECT AND BENEFIT WHICH CHARACTERIZES OUR RELATIONSHIP.

OF COURSE, PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS AND I HAVE HAD MANY ADVANTAGES IN THIS ENDEAVOR. THERE IS A LONG HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. AMERICANS OF GREEK DESCENT ARE AN ACTIVE ETHNIC GROUP IN THE PLURALISTIC MELTING-POT WHICH IS AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE ALSO HAVE OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE. FINALLY, WE SHARE A COMMITMENT TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH UNDERLIE OUR SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENTS, AND A DESIRE TO SEE THESE PROSPER AND FLOURISH THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

WE OWE YOUR ANCESTORS A GREAT DEBT. THEIR CONCEPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES SHOWN AS A LIGHT WHICH WAS NEVER EXTINGUISHED, EVEN DURING THE DARKEST MOMENTS OF HUMAN HISTORY. GREECE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 2500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES IN ATHENS THIS FALL. FREE PEOPLES EVERYWHERE WILL WISH YOU WELL IN THIS. FOR WE ALL ENJOY THE LEGACY YOUR ANCIENT FORBEARERS LEFT AS A GIFT FOR ALL MANKIND.

BUT GREECE TODAY IS NOT A SIMPLE REFLECTION OF ITS PAST. IT IS A VIBRANT SOCIETY WITH A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS EXPANDING ITS DIPLOMACY AND ITS INTERESTS. WE WELCOME THAT PROCESS AND LOOK FORWARD TO COOPERATING WITH YOU TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. MAY THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES NOURISH RELATIONS BETWEEN US. AND MAY OUR COMMON DEVOTION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, AND MARKET ECONOMIES HASTEN THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY WHERE FREE MEN DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINIES.

WE HAVE MUCH TO ACCOMPLISH. LET US NOT DELAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

President's Trip to Greece and Turkey
Concept Paper

Overview

The President's July 18-22 trip to Greece and Turkey provides a major opportunity for us to advance our relationships with the Mitsotakis and Ozal governments. The President will be the first American President since Eisenhower (1959) to visit both countries. His trip has dominated the Greek and Turkish press since it was announced and has assumed enormous symbolic importance in each country. Ozal and Mitsotakis have signalled that they expect new security and economic assistance initiatives from us and their publics have high expectations that the visit will result in stronger and closer relations with the U.S.

We are well positioned to use the trip to strengthen and broaden our relationships with both countries. We should announce new initiatives to convey in concrete terms our interest in closer ties with Greece and Turkey. We should also emphasize our willingness to work with them to promote better Greek-Turkish relations and progress on Cyprus. This will be more difficult to achieve. We will have to use the President's speeches and remarks to pound away at this theme and should prepare ideas for the President to put forward on the trip.

The stop in Greece is in many ways the more important of the two. Prime Minister Mitsotakis has adopted a clear U.S. bias since taking office in April 1990. He has consistently backed us on major international issues, such as the Gulf crisis, and has not pushed the President publicly on Cyprus.

Mitsotakis has been criticised by Papandreou and even some in his own party for having allowed the U.S. to tilt toward Turkey on his watch without having received anything tangible in return for Greece. In essence, Mitsotakis cannot now demonstrate that his close relationship with the U.S. has paid off for Greece. Retaining only a slim, two-vote majority in Parliament, Mitsotakis wants and needs a greater demonstration of support from the President during the visit.

The President's visit to Turkey, on the other hand, will likely take on a celebratory air of the extraordinary expansion of the relationship during the past year. Total U.S. aid has never been greater and Ozal's close relationship with the President has convinced many Turks and Greeks that the U.S. has chosen to shift

its traditionally careful balance of Greek and Turkish interests decidedly in favor of Ankara.

The Turks want the President to articulate an even more expansive vision of the relationship, however, during his visit. They are pressing us for a joint statement proclaiming new strategic cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East. They want more U.S. defense and economic aid. The challenge for the President's trip to Turkey is to convey the sense of a closer relationship while avoiding promising more than we can deliver. Ozal will also insist on joining himself to the President for the entire two days in Turkey. While the President will want to show support for him, he should also go out of his way to demonstrate an interest in and respect for Turkey itself and the interests and values that have made us partners for forty years.

OBJECTIVES FOR BOTH COUNTRIES

- 1) Emphasize U.S. desire to improve and expand relations with both countries, especially on defense and security issues.

-Public remarks should emphasize what U.S. has in common with both Turkey and Greece--NATO partnership; democratic and free market values; interest in stability for the Eastern Mediterranean.

-We should avoid, however, arguing publicly the merits of 7:10. — ratios of aid

- 2) Affirm U.S. willingness to help resolve Greek-Turkish differences, including Cyprus, stressing need for compromise and flexibility on major, divisive issues.

-President should suggest ways to move forward on Cyprus: we should support UNSYG's attempt to convene an international conference by September.

-President should also convince Ozal and Mitsotakis to agree to a bilateral meeting this summer on major differences, including a non-aggression pact, agreement on avoiding altercations in Aegean; and agreement on Aegean seabed issues.

-We should hold open the possibility of the President suggesting Ozal and Mitsotakis meet with him together during the trip on Crete or in Istanbul to seek progress on some of these issues.

OBJECTIVES FOR GREECE

- 1) Encourage Mitsotakis' inclinations to seek closer ties with the U.S. but demonstrate to him, the Greek political establishment and public that pro-U.S. policies pay off in concrete terms.
 - Visit itself will help to draw attention to long-standing ties between U.S. and Greece. We should emphasize in remarks fact that this is first Presidential visit in 30 years.
 - President should announce in speech to Parliament invitation for Karamanlis to make State visit in 1992. He should also reaffirm invitation for Mitsotakis to make an official working visit.
 - Announce initiatives in security assistance: *Collocated operating bases* F-16 purchases; lease of Knox frigates; COBS MOU; continued healthy \$350 million in security assistance. *Limnos - 6th Fleet*
- 2) Work with the Greeks to forge compromises on key issues with Turkey--Cyprus, Aegean issues, non-aggression pact.
 - As noted previously, will require Presidential involvement with both leaders and possible tripartite meeting.
- 3) Consult closely with Greece to maintain stability in the Balkans.
 - Follow up June 27 bilateral discussions on Balkans by stressing U.S.-Greek consultation on this issue during visit.
 - We should refer to our support of Greek interests in Balkans in public statements. This will also reinforce message of benefits of close relationship with U.S.
 - In addition, we should propose joint U.S.-Greek technical assistance for Albania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria to emphasize Greek expertise and our common objectives.
- 4) Communicate privately and publicly our rationale for a strong U.S. relationship with Turkey and need for increased aid.

-President should make this point in meetings with Mitsotakis, as he has done before so that Greeks understand from him necessity of continued expanded ties to Turkey.

-We should be careful about framing this publicly. May be able to do best by reference to Turkey's Gulf war commitment in speech and remarks.

OBJECTIVES FOR TURKEY

- 1) Seek agreement on continued, enhanced U.S.-Turkish security relationship produced by the Gulf conflict.

-We will want to maintain greater access to Turkish facilities enjoyed during the Gulf conflict for at least as long as our redeployed forces from northern Iraq are in Turkey.

-Frame enhanced U.S. access as manifestation of our desire for a strategic dialogue/understanding with Turkey on the Gulf and Middle East.

-Emphasize strategic dialogue in public remarks but avoid a joint statement which could antagonize Greece. Compromise could be both Presidents mentioning strategic dialogue and common interests in their respective press statements at joint press conference.

- 2) Strengthen Turkish military capabilities to respond to future regional contingencies:

-Make commitment to 80-plane F-16 buy. President could dramatize by visiting F-16 plant at Murted.

-Reconfirm Administration commitment to greater FY-92 FMS level--assert privately and publicly that we will seek full funding (\$625 FMS, \$75 ESF).

-Resell package of security assistance Administration produced for Turkey since start of Gulf conflict.

- 3) Support Turkey's desire for further economic integration with West.

--Reaffirm support for EC membership and enhanced trade and investment relationship with EC in meantime.

-Suggest ways to expand U.S.-Turkish trade but hold off on FTA. Point to greater Turkish use of GSP privileges and personal involvement of Mosbacher and Hills as avenues for more active discussion of these issues.

-Keep pushing for international community to make good on Gulf crisis economic support payments to Turkey, including Saudi oil aid.

- 4) Convey support for Ozal to help him domestically while being careful to not personalize the relationship excessively. President should also pay respect to importance of Turkey and its institutions to western security.

-Since Ozal will be with President for entire schedule, their personal friendship and Gulf alliance will be emphasized. President will want to continue to praise Ozal's leadership and courage during Gulf conflict.

-At the same time, President should stress our respect for the Turkish people, the military and other leaders to convey an interest in Turkey beyond Ozal. We can do this by meeting with opposition leaders, praising the role of the Turkish military in the Gulf conflict and paying attention to this theme in the public statements.

-Visit to the Ataturk Mausoleum and historic sites in Istanbul will also help on this theme.

- 5) As with Greece, emphasize the importance of movement on Cyprus and Greek-Turkish issues and need for compromise and flexibility on both sides.

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PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM DURING PERILOUS TIMES. BUT THE U.S. AND GREECE HAVE A LONGSTANDING RECORD OF FIGHTING TOGETHER ON THE SIDE OF THOSE SACRED PRINCIPLES. WE HAVE SHARED A UNITY OF PURPOSE IN ALL OF THE MAJOR CONFLICTS IN THIS CENTURY. WORLD WAR I. WORLD WAR II. THE KOREAN WAR. WHILE ALL WERE TERRIBLE STRUGGLES, THE FORCES OF JUSTICE AND RIGHT TRIUMPHED EACH TIME.

WE WERE VICTORIOUS ONCE AGAIN OVER AGGRESSION WHEN SADDAM HUSSEIN ATTEMPTED TO ANNEX HIS NEIGHBOR, KUWAIT. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ROSE UP TOGETHER TO DEFEAT THIS TYRANT. IT WAS AN AWESOME COLLECTIVE EFFORT. AND PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS RESPONDED JUST AS I EXPECTED HE WOULD. HE KNEW WHAT WAS AT STAKE. HE GAVE THE FULL, UNSTINTING SUPPORT OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO THAT NOBLE CAUSE. I HAVE TOLD HIM, BUT WISH NOW TO ALSO SAY TO ALL OF YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATED GREECE'S HELP IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO MOVE US FORCES AND EQUIPMENT QUICKLY TO THE REGION. WE WILL REMEMBER THIS.

AS I STAND HERE NOW, I AM REMINDED OF THE GOALS WE SHARE AS PARTIES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY. TO SAFEGUARD THE FREEDOM, COMMON HERITAGE AND CIVILIZATION OF OUR PEOPLES. OF THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH THOSE GOALS REST -- THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND THE RULE OF LAW. SINCE 1949 THESE IDEAS HAVE GUIDED THE ALLIANCE IN STANDING FIRM AGAINST THE FORCES OF AGGRESSION AND TOTALITARIANISM. WE HAVE PERSEVERED. AND WE HAVE SUCCEEDED. THE WARSAW PACT IS NO MORE. GREECE IS NOT ONLY MORE SECURE, BUT WE ARE WITNESSING IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE USSR THE EMERGENCE OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND FREE MARKETS. FRAGILE IN SOME CASES BUT NURTURED BY THE LONG SUPPRESSED HOPES OF MILLIONS.

GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER FOR ALL THESE EPOCHAL CHANGES. WE WERE NATO PARTNERS. WE WERE GOOD FRIENDS. OUR WORK IS NOT FINISHED. WE MUST AND CAN MEET THE NEW CHALLENGES OF PEACE JUST AS WE DID THE OLD -- BY WORKING TOGETHER CLOSELY.

THE FACE OF EUROPE -- ITS INSTITUTIONS AND ITS STRUCTURES -- ARE CHANGING ALMOST DAILY. CHANGE REPRESENTS NEW OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND HORIZONS FOR THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE. WE DISCUSSED MANY OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN LONDON FROM WHICH I HAVE JUST COME. I WANT TO MENTION A FEW OF WHAT SEEM TO ME TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS FROM THAT MEETING TO YOU NOW.

INSERT SUMMIT POINTS

WE ARE HEADING, I BELIEVE, TOWARD A NEW WORLD ORDER THAT HAS AS A CENTRAL COMPONENT A TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY WHICH STRETCHES FROM VANCOUVER TO VLADIVOSTOK. A COMMUNITY BASED ON THE CENTRAL VALUES OF INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC LIBERTY WHICH UNDERPIN DEMOCRATIC, FREE MARKET SOCIETIES. A COMMUNITY FREE AND AT PEACE.

GREECE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW ORDER. MANY OF YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THE BALKANS ARE VALIANTLY STRUGGLING -- SOME FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER -- TO IMPLEMENT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND TO RESTRUCTURE THEIR POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEMS.

BUT THERE IS YET MORE WHICH GREECE CAN DO. THE BALKANS HAVE BEEN AN HISTORICALLY TROUBLED REGION. AND NOW, RESURGENT ETHNICITY AND NATIONALISM ONCE AGAIN THREATEN STABILITY AND PEACE. THESE FORCES UNDERMINE THE ONGOING ATTEMPTS TO NURTURE STILL INFANT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. WE LOOK TO GREECE TO SERVE AS A FORCE FOR STABILITY IN THE BALKAN REGION.

I HAVE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ABILITY OF STATES IN THE NEW TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUNITY WHICH IS UNFOLDING BEFORE US TO PUT OLD ENMITIES BEHIND THEM. THE UNITED STATES ENJOYS GREATLY IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE ALLIANCE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED A TREATY ON CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE. GERMANS HAVE SET ASIDE THE BITTER DIVISIONS OF THE COLD WAR YEARS AND REUNITED THEIR COUNTRY. GERMANY AND POLAND HAVE AGREED ON THE DEMARCATION OF THEIR BORDER. THE EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES HAVE EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN AFFILIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WE ARE WITNESSES TO ONE OF THE GREATEST REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES FOR THE GOOD THAT MODERN MAN HAS EVER SEEN.

TOMORROW I WILL TRAVEL TO CRETE. WHILE THERE, I WILL LAY A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF ONE OF GREECE'S GREAT MODERN STATESMEN -- ELEUTHERIOS VENIZELOS. I WILL STOP THERE TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF HIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENT OF 1930 -- THE TREATIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COMMERCE WITH TURKEY. THIS HISTORIC MILESTONE WAS ACHIEVED

BECAUSE VENIZELOS' VISION OF THE FUTURE WAS SHARED BY THE FOUNDER OF MODERN TURKEY -- KEMAL ATATURK. THEIR PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP, AND THE PEACE THEY ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY, REMAIN AS PROUD LEGACIES TODAY.

IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF 1930 MAY TODAY INSPIRE THESE TWO GREAT COUNTRIES, BOTH VALUED FRIENDS AND ALLIES OF THE UNITED STATES, TO INVOKE THAT SAME SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND PEACE. I BELIEVE THAT BOTH COUNTRIES SHARE THE ASPIRATION FOR SUCCESS IN THIS REGARD. IT IS A DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD BE WARMLY WELCOMED NOT ONLY BY THE UNITED STATES, BUT THROUGHOUT EUROPE. YOU HAVE MY EVERY WISH FOR SUCCESS.

IN THIS CONTEXT I ALSO SHOULD BRIEFLY MENTION CYPRUS. WE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING TO SUPPORT THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL IN HIS GOOD OFFICES MISSION. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MUST ACCEPT THAT COMPROMISE AND GOOD-WILL ARE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF ANY SOLUTION. AND ANY SOLUTION MUST, OF COURSE, PROVIDE FOR A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT. SUCH A SOLUTION NEEDS TO BE FOUND SOON AND CAN BE. WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP, BUT IN THE END, THE SOLUTION MUST BE NEGOTIATED BY THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

THESE ISSUES ARE AMONG THE ONES WHICH I EXPECT TO DISCUSS WITH PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS WHEN WE MEET LATER TODAY. I WAS

PLEASED TO MEET HIM IN WASHINGTON WHEN HE VISITED THERE IN JUNE 1990. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE DEVELOPED A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, EXCHANGING IDEAS OVER THE PHONE AND BY LETTER. I LOOK FORWARD TO RENEWING OUR PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCESHIP IN ATHENS, AND WHEN I VISIT HIS HOME IN CHANIA. I WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN HIS HOSPITALITY WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON THIS FALL FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

I BELIEVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER. WE ENJOY GOOD COMMUNICATION, EXCELLENT COOPERATION, AND MUTUAL TRUST. PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH US TO FIND WAYS OF IMPROVING EVEN FURTHER THE MUTUAL RESPECT AND BENEFIT WHICH CHARACTERIZES OUR RELATIONSHIP.

OF COURSE, PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS AND I HAVE HAD MANY ADVANTAGES IN THIS ENDEAVOR. THERE IS A LONG HISTORY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. AMERICANS OF GREEK DESCENT ARE AN ACTIVE ETHNIC GROUP IN THE PLURALISTIC MELTING-POT WHICH IS AMERICAN SOCIETY. WE ALSO HAVE OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE. FINALLY, WE SHARE A COMMITMENT TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH UNDERLIE OUR SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENTS, AND A DESIRE TO SEE THESE PROSPER AND FLOURISH THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

WE OWE YOUR ANCESTORS A GREAT DEBT. THEIR CONCEPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES HAVE SHOWN AS A LIGHT WHICH WAS NEVER EXTINGUISHED, EVEN DURING THE DARKEST MOMENTS OF HUMAN HISTORY. GREECE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 2500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES IN ATHENS THIS FALL. FREE PEOPLES EVERYWHERE WILL WISH YOU WELL IN THIS. FOR WE ALL ENJOY THE LEGACY YOUR ANCIENT FORBEARERS LEFT AS A GIFT FOR ALL MANKIND.

BUT GREECE TODAY IS NOT A SIMPLE REFLECTION OF ITS PAST. IT IS A VIBRANT SOCIETY WITH A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS EXPANDING ITS DIPLOMACY AND ITS INTERESTS. WE WELCOME THAT PROCESS AND LOOK FORWARD TO COOPERATING WITH YOU TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER THE TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. MAY THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES NOURISH RELATIONS BETWEEN US. AND MAY OUR COMMON DEVOTION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, AND MARKET ECONOMIES HASTEN THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY WHERE FREE MEN DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINIES.

WE HAVE MUCH TO ACCOMPLISH. LET US NOT DELAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

RETURN TOAST TO KARAMANLIS
STATE DINNER -- JULY 18

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR THAT WARM WELCOME AND THOSE KIND WORDS. I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW PLEASED I AM TO BE IN GREECE ONCE AGAIN AFTER SO LONG A TIME.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE OFTEN SPEAK OF THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES, INDIVIDUAL HUMAN LIBERTIES AND THE RULE OF LAW. THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS GROUNDED ON RECOGNITION OF THOSE PRINCIPLES. MANY OTHER COUNTRIES LONG AGO BASED THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON THESE IDEAS. AND WE ARE NOW WITNESSING THE TRIUMPH OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT OVER TOTALITARIANISM AS THE SPARK OF DEMOCRACY FLICKERS AND CATCHES IN VIRTUALLY EVERY CORNER OF EUROPE.

WITH THE REFORMS OF CLEISTHENES, SOME 2,500 YEARS AGO, DEMOCRACY WAS FIRST BORN HERE IN ATHENS. GREECE WILL BE CELEBRATING THAT SEMINAL OCCASION THIS FALL, AND I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AND CONGRATULATIONS.

YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE PLAYED A TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PRESERVING THE FLAME OF DEMOCRACY. IT WAS YOU WHO RESTORED DEMOCRACY TO GREECE IN 1974. MANY WORLD LEADERS HAVE WORKED WITHIN AN OPERATING DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. BUT ONLY A GALLANT FEW HAVE FACED THE CHALLENGE OF REVERSING AUTOCRACY AND RETURNING

DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES TO GOVERNMENT AND SOCIETY. YOU ARE A BEACON IN THAT SMALL, VERY DISTINGUISHED GROUP. YOUR SUCCESS IN THIS PROFOUND ENDEAVOR WAS A VICTORY FOR GREECE AND FOR US ALL.

TWICE PRIME MINISTER OF GREECE, AND NOW TWICE PRESIDENT YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION NOT ONLY TO YOUR PEOPLE, BUT TO ME AND MANY OTHERS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I ASK YOU TO RISE AND JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENT KARAMANLIS, TO THE ENDURING TIES OF ALLIANCE AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, AND TO THE IDEALS FOR WHICH WHICH WE STAND. LONG MAY THEY PROSPER.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT
AT SOUDA BAY, CRETE

PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS, CAPTAIN AND CREWS OF THE LEMNOS AND
USS _____, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

I CAN'T IMAGINE A MORE GLORIOUS SETTING FOR HONORING THE
SERVICEMEN -- AND WOMEN -- OF GREECE AND THE UNITED STATES THAN
THIS MAGNIFICENT HARBOR. I WAS, AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, A NAVAL
PILOT DURING WWII. IT IS THEREFORE ALWAYS A SPECIAL PLEASURE
FOR ME TO VISIT A U.S. NAVY SHIP. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE
GREEK NAVY, AND IN PARTICULAR ADMIRAL LAGARAS, FOR MAKING IT
POSSIBLE FOR ME TO PAY MY FIRST VISIT TO A GREEK NAVAL VESSEL.

THE PRESENCE OF THE LEMNOS CALLS TO MIND THE RECENT VICTORY OF
THE COALITION FORCES OVER THE BLATANT AGGRESSION OF SADDAM
HUSSEIN. HOW THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ROSE TO DEFEAT THAT
TYRANT. THIS VESSEL'S PARTICIPATION IN THAT GREAT ENDEAVOR IS
TRIBUTE TO GREECE'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS
WHICH INEVITABLY PREVAILED OVER SADDAM. OFFICERS AND CREW OF
THE LEMNOS AND YOUR SISTER SHIP IN THE GULF EFFORT, THE ELLI,
-- I SALUTE YOU.

THE BOW-TO-BOW MOORING OF THESE TWO SHIPS SYMBOLIZES, FOR ME,
THE CLOSENESS OF OUR SECURITY RELATIONS. THE BILATERAL
SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BENEFITS BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. THAT
RELATIONSHIP -- IN CONCRETE TERMS -- IS NOW BASED ON THE

1990 MUTUAL DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT. THAT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR USE OF OUR FACILITY AT THIS SPLENDID BAY, AND OF OUR COMMUNICATIONS STATION AT IRAKLION.

FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE A COMMITMENT TO GREECE TO ASSIST IN MODERNIZING YOUR MILITARY FORCES. LET ME SAY THAT WE FULLY INTEND TO ABIDE BY THAT PLEDGE. GREECE'S ABILITY TO DEFEND ITSELF AND CARRY OUT ITS NATO ROLE ARE IMPORTANT TO US. PART OF THAT COMMITMENT IS FULFILLED THROUGH PROVISION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THESE FUNDS HELP YOU PURCHASE U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT. (THE GREEK GOVERNMENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT INTENDED TO PURCHASE 20 ADDITIONAL F-16 AIRCRAFT. IT WILL PAY FOR THOSE AIRCRAFT BY DRAWING ON OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUNDS. I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER EXAMPLE THAN THIS OF THE VITALITY OF OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.) THIS, AND OTHER LIKE SALES, ARE PROOF POSITIVE OF THE DYNAMISM OF OUR BILATERAL SECURITY TIES.

U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TAKES SEVERAL FORMS. THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES HAS BEEN ANOTHER IMPORTANT WAY THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO ASSIST WITH THE MODERNIZATION OF YOUR MILITARY. SINCE OUR FISCAL YEAR 1990, WE HAVE TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES VALUED AT OVER \$81 MILLION FOR USE BY YOUR MILITARY SERVICES. THIS PROGRAM IS A KEY COMPONENT OF OUR OVERALL

ASSISTANCE PACKAGE. AND I HAVE SOME NEWS WHICH I THINK GEN. STATHIAS WILL BE HAPPY TO HEAR. I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCELERATE THE DELIVERY SOME OF THE 28F-4E AIRCRAFT YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE UNDER THIS PROGRAM. TEN WILL NOW BE AVAILBLE ON JULY ?.

AS FOR THE NAVY, YOU ALREADY KNEW, OF COURSE, THAT WE WILL BE LEASING YOU FOUR CHARLES F. ADAMS-CLASS DESTROYERS. WE HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME OF YOUR STRONG INTEREST IN OBTAINING FRIGATES. OUR OWN NAVY, ESPECIALLY DURING DESERT STORM, NEEDED THOSE FRIGATES AND NONE WERE AVAILABLE FOR LEASE. AS AN EX-NAVY MAN, I TAKE PARTICULAR PRIDE IN INFORMING YOU THAT WE ARE NOW ABLE TO LEASE YOU THREE KNOX-CLASS FRIGATES. I BELIEVE ADMIRAL LAGARAS WILL AGREE THAT THESE VESSELS WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE GREEK NAVY'S ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE CAPABILITIES. I KNOW YOU WILL USE THEM WELL IN CARRYING OUT (YOUR ALLIANCE MARITIME ROLE.)

OUR SECURITY TIES ARE STRONG. THEY ARE HEALTHY. AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE, I SEE SECURITY COOPERATION CONTINUING TO REFLECT THE CLOSENESS OF RECENT YEARS. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT SHARES THIS VIEW. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROGRESS ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND UNDERSTANDING.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON
THE ACROPOLIS

I WISH THAT EVERYONE COULD VISIT THIS ANCIENT PLACE BY GREECE'S FABLED MORNING LIGHT. CENTURIES AFTER ITS CONSTRUCTION, THE PARTHENON REMAINS THE UNIVERSALLY-RECOGNIZED SYMBOL OF ONE OF THE PROUDEST PERIODS IN WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

ATHENS WILL CELEBRATE THIS AUTUMN THE TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THIS WILL BE AN HISTORIC OCCASION FOR THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TODAY WHO ENJOY THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES GUARANTEED BY DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

ARISTOTLE, IN HIS POLITICS, WROTE, "DEMOCRACY AROSE FROM MEN'S THINKING THAT IF THEY ARE EQUAL IN ANY RESPECT, THEY ARE EQUAL ABSOLUTELY." THE INFLUENCE OF GREECE'S ANCIENT PHILOSOPHERS ON THE GREAT THINKERS OF THE ENLIGHTENMENT DIRECTLY AFFECTED THE BELIEFS OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS. OUR CONSTITUTION RESTS ON THE FOUNDATION OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES FIRST ESTABLISHED HERE. THOMAS JEFFERSON, GREAT POPULIST AND THIRD PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WROTE, "IT IS AN AXIOM IN MY MIND THAT OUR LIBERTY CAN NEVER BE SAFE BUT IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES." LET US CHERISH OUR RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES. AND MAY DEMOCRACY PROSPER HERE IN ITS FIRST HOME -- AND AROUND THE GLOBE.

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PROPOSED REMARKS FOR THE PRESIDENT
U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS

MR. PRESIDENT, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

LET ME EXPRESS AGAIN HERE TONIGHT ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE IN OUR PARTY OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE OUTPOURING OF WARMTH AND AFFECTION WE HAVE RECEIVED DURING OUR VISIT. I COULD NOT HELP THINKING DURING MY TOUR TODAY OF THE BLUE MOSQUE, AYA SOFIA, AND THE TOPKAPI PALACE OF THE HISTORY THAT SURROUNDS THESE SITES AND INDEED ALL OF TURKEY. HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY HAVE MADE TURKEY AN INTERNATIONAL CROSSROADS, WITH A GLORIOUS PAST AND A DAZZLING FUTURE.

WE MEET TONIGHT IN A WORLD CHANGED BY THE EVENT OF THE PAST TWO YEARS. FOR OVER FORTY YEARS, THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY SUCCEEDED IN SAFEGUARDING THE FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE NATIONS OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE REAPED THE REWARD OF OUR VIGILANCE BY WITNESSING THE FALL OF THE IRON CURTAIN AND THE FREEDOM OF THE NATIONS OF EASTERN EUROPE. THE WARSAW PACT HAS BEEN DISSOLVED AND NATIONS THAT WERE ONCE OUR ENEMIES HAVE BECOME OUR FRIENDS. WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE DRAMATIC CHANGES SWEEPING EASTERN EUROPE

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AND THE SOVIET UNION. AT THE SAME TIME, WE RECOGNIZE THAT TENSIONS ARE INEVITABLE WHEN COUNTRIES MUST SUDDENLY RESHAPE THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS, NOT TO MENTION THE IDEOLOGICAL UNDERPINNINGS OF THEIR ENTIRE WAY OF LIFE. THE UNITED STATES HAS SOUGHT TO FORGE NEW ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TIES IN THIS ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THESE EVOLVING SOCIETIES, MUCH AS TURKEY HAS DONE.

AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, TURKEY HAS TAKEN BOLD STEPS SUCH AS ITS BLACK SEA COOPERATION INITIATIVE. THIS WILL ENCOURAGE THE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES AS WELL AS GREATER ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WHICH SURROUND THIS IMPORTANT BODY OF WATER. TURKEY'S EFFORTS TO INCREASE TRADE WITH THE SOVIET REPUBLICS, PARTICIPATE IN CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL EXCHANGES, AND, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH ARMENIA, OPEN ITS BORDERS TO FACILITATE TRADE AND POLITICAL EXCHANGES ARE EXAMPLES OF A NEW DETERMINATION BY SO MANY NATIONS TODAY TO ENRICH THEIR TIES WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS TO AVOID THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF THE PAST THAT HAVE LED TO CONFLICT.

THESE POSITIVE, INNOVATIVE STEPS BY TURKEY IN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS BALKAN NEIGHBORS

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STAND, HOWEVER, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE ACTIONS OF TURKEY'S NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH - IRAQ. SADDAM HUSSEIN'S BRUTAL INVASION OF KUWAIT LAST AUGUST 2 PROMPTED AN UNPRECEDENTED RESPONSE BY THE WORLD COMMUNITY. TURKEY PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE, BY FIRST SHUTTING DOWN THE IRAQI OIL PIPELINE AND BANNING CROSS BORDER TRADE. THESE STEPS, AT GREAT ECONOMIC COST, WERE KEY TO THE SUCCESSFUL ENFORCEMENT OF UN SANCTIONS AGAINST THE IRAQI REGIME. THE U.S. IN TURN, SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY FROM ALLIES WHO PLEDGED AID TO REIMBURSE TURKEY FOR THE LOSSES IT SUFFERED FROM ENFORCING SANCTIONS.

IN JANUARY WHEN MILITARY ACTION BECAME UNAVOIDABLE, TURKEY'S COURAGEOUS DECISION TO PERMIT ALLIED MILITARY STRIKES AGAINST IRAQ TO BE LAUNCHED FROM TURKISH BASES WAS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF DESERT STORM. TURKEY'S DECISION TO REDEPLOY OVER 100,000 TROOPS TO THE IRAQI BORDER TIED DOWN OVER TEN IRAQI DIVISIONS AND HELPED DETER FURTHER IRAQI ADVENTURISM. I COULD NOT HELP BUT BE REMINDED AS THE COALITION FORCES SWEEP INTO KUWAIT TO LIBERATE IT FROM THE INVADER, OF THE BRAVERY AND HEROISM OF TURKEY'S SOLDIERS IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT WHERE OUR FORCES AGAIN JOINED TOGETHER TO THWART AGGRESSION. FOR THAT EFFORT AND SACRIFICE FORTY YEARS AGO, AND FOR HER STEADFASTNESS AGAIN IN THIS CRISIS, THE WORLD OWES TURKEY A GREAT DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

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IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE WAR, TURKEY'S IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. AND HER STRATEGIC ROLE IN THE REGION BECAME CLEARER TO US ALL. TURKEY REMAINS THE LINCHPIN OF NATO'S SECURITY PERIMETER. HOWEVER, BEYOND ITS TRADITIONAL --AND VITALLY IMPORTANT-- ROLE IN NATO AND EUROPE, TURKEY'S POSITION AS NATO'S ONLY MUSLIM MEMBER MAKES IT A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE WESTERN AND MUSLIM WORLDS AND WE BELIEVE ENABLES IT TO PLAY A STABILIZING ROLE IN THE VOLATILE MIDDLE EAST.

ASIDE FROM ISRAEL, TURKEY IS THE ONLY STATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST REGION WITH A LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY. TURKEY'S COMMITMENT TO SECULARISM, INSTITUTED BY THE FAR-SEEING FOUNDER OF MODERN TURKEY, KEMAL ATATURK, IS EPITOMIZED BY THE CITY OF ISTANBUL WITH ITS MOSQUES AND WESTERN SHOPS AND INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTING TOGETHER, EACH IN ITS OWN WAY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN TURKEY. TURKEY THUS OFFERS A UNIQUE MODEL FOR ISLAM, NOT IN CONFLICT WITH SECULARISM AND DEMOCRACY, BUT RATHER SUPPORTIVE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN VALUES CHERISHED BY BOTH OUR COUNTRIES OF FREEDOM AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

BEYOND THIS, HOWEVER, TURKEY ALSO SERVES AS A PROVEN MODEL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ITS FREE MARKET REFORMS, UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THEN PRIME MINISTER OZAL, OPENED THE ECONOMY AND EXPANDED ACCESS BY TURKISH ENTREPRENEURS TO FOREIGN IMPORTS,

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CREDIT, AND INVESTMENT. AS A RESULT, TURKEY IN THE 1980'S BOASTED THE STRONGEST GROWTH RATE OF ANY OF THE COUNTRIES THAT BELONG TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. EXPORTS SURGED, AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT INCREASED FIVEFOLD. WE HOPE THESE RESULTS WILL ENCOURAGE NEEDED ECONOMIC REFORMS BY TURKEY'S NEIGHBORS IN THE REGION, WHO STAND TO BENEFIT GREATLY FROM CLOSER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TIES WITH THE TURKISH REPUBLIC, THE NATIONS OF EUROPE, AND WITH THE UNITED STATES. WHEN THAT DAY COMES, I COULD EASILY FORESEE TURKEY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ITS UNIQUE GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION TO BECOME A REGIONAL ECONOMIC HUB BETWEEN EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, THE SOVIET UNION, AND THE BALKANS.

FINALLY, TURKEY HAS A KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. ONE OF MY SINCEREST HOPES IS THAT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE GULF CONFLICT, RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY CAN BE IMPROVED. FOLLOWING WORLD WAR TWO, SOVIET MEDDLING IN THE GREEK CIVIL WAR AND TERRITORIAL DEMANDS ON TURKEY GAVE BOTH A COMMON ENEMY, AND EARNED BOTH A COMMON FRIEND IN THE U.S. HOWEVER, DISPUTES OVER AEGEAN AIRSPACE, COASTAL WATERS, THE SEABED AND CYPRUS HAVE SINCE PLAGUED THE RELATIONSHIP. BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY COOPERATED MAGNIFICENTLY DURING THE GULF CONFLICT, AS THEY HAVE AS NATO ALLIES FOR SO MANY YEARS. YESTERDAY, I WAS PRIVILEGED TO LAY A WREATH AT THE ATATURK MAUSOLEUM, AND WHEN I WAS IN CRETE I VISITED THE TOMB

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ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT BUSH
TO THE GREEK PARLIAMENT

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MR. SPEAKER:

I APPEAR BEFORE THIS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF PARLIAMENT WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HONOR.

THE LAST HEAD OF STATE WHO SPOKE TO THIS CHAMBER WAS THE GREAT FRENCH STATESMAN CHARLES DE GAULLE. AND FOUR YEARS BEFORE THAT PRESIDENT DE GAULLE, ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST BELOVED PRESIDENTS, DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF STANDING HERE.

GREEK DEMOCRACY, OF COURSE, HAS A SPECIAL STANDING IN THE WORLD. IN HIS DECEMBER 15, 1959 ADDRESS TO THIS ASSEMBLY, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER REMARKED: "IN THIS CITY OF ATHENS, MORE THAN A SCORE OF CENTURIES AGO, DEMOCRACY - IN ITS PRINCIPLES AND IN ITS PRACTICES - FIRST WON THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF MEN. THIS HOUSE OF FREE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SYMBOLIZES THE VIGOR OF MODERN DEMOCRACY IN ITS ANCIENT BIRTHPLACE; DEMONSTRATES THAT THE WILL OF MEN TO BE FREE IS IMPERISHABLE."

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