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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE DINNER TOAST  
SINGAPORE  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1991

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen. It is an honor to be with you, and to be the first American President to visit the Republic of Singapore. //

A Malay proverb reminds us: "He who has many friends ready to help need not fear threats." Tonight, Barbara and I want to thank all of you for your friendship and hospitality. //

We are pleased to be in Singapore: Southeast Asia's smallest nation -- yet a land large in opportunity. / You know how free markets and free trade can further opportunity. You know, too, how opportunity can enhance the New World Order. //

Mr. President, I salute you for helping shape that Order -- and for working with America to promote stability and prosperity. As an ally, your free access for our troops has helped ensure the security of this region. // I also want to note the role ASEAN has played in working for peace in Cambodia. //

Your National Anthem proclaims, "May Singapore Progress." / Let us vow to achieve progress for this entire area of the world.

Twenty-five centuries ago, Confucius said, "Wisdom, compassion, and courage -- these are the three universally recognized moral qualities of men." //

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In that spirit, I ask all of our guests to rise and raise their glasses:

-- To the qualities Confucius spoke of -- which promote peace and human dignity;

-- To the friendship between our peoples;

-- And to your health, Mr. President, and that of your nation -- now, and in all the years to come.

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## THEMES FOR STATE DINNER TOAST IN SINGAPORE

- o It is an honor to be the first American President to visit the Republic of Singapore.
- o You have much of which you should be very proud as a country:
  - Your economic success has made Singapore the paragon of successful free-trade and market-oriented growth; Singapore is admired for this success by countries in all parts of the world.
  - Equally important, Singapore is developing strong democratic institutions.
    - o Your country has undergone a smooth, democratic transition from Prime Minister Lee to Prime Minister Goh.
    - o Singapore's voters at the same time gave the parliamentary opposition a stronger voice with which they can present differing points of view -- an important milestone in the development of democracy in Singapore.
- o Singapore has become for Americans an important, dependable friend in a region of vital importance to the United States.
  - Our military cooperation, including your country's willingness to offer access to American forces, is an important aspect of America's continuing commitment to the security of the region.
- o The United States also appreciates the role of ASEAN in promoting the stability and prosperity of Southeast Asia.
  - The untiring commitment of ASEAN in working with the United States and the other Paris Conference members has resulted in what promises to be a just resolution of the Cambodian problem with the potential for fundamental improvement in the stability of the region.
- o I have every expectation that the friendship of our two countries will continue to deepen in the future.

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Dinner Toast and F-16 Review

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**Notes:** I am waiting still for ideas for the groundbreaking from our Embassy in Singapore. I should have them by tomorrow. Please call with any comments or questions; if these points aren't what you need, we'll try something else. Pepper.

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## THEMES FOR REMARKS AT REVIEW OF F-16s IN SINGAPORE

- o The presence in Singapore of United States Air Force F-16s -- here thanks to the access agreement the United States signed with Singapore in November 1990 -- emphasizes, and indeed is concrete proof of, the commitment of the United States to the stability of Southeast Asia.
- o The United States greatly appreciates the warm welcome the Singapore Government has extended to members of our Armed Forces.
- o Singapore is an important, dependable friend in a region of vital importance to the United States.
- o Our military cooperation is only one aspect our close relationship with Singapore, but one that underscores America's continuing commitment to the security of the region.
- o I have every expectation that the friendship of our two countries will continue to develop in the future.

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