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February 17, 1989  
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BLUE HOUSE LUNCH TOAST  
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA  
FEBRUARY 27, 1989

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A generation ago, Korea was a battle weary, devastated land. Your hopes for peace, prosperity and independence were threatened by the legacy of war and poverty. But today, less than four decades after our two nations fought side-by-side against oppression, the Republic of Korea has emerged as an economic and democratic power of world significance. Today, Korea enters an era of unprecedented prosperity and opportunity, and we salute the pride all Koreans feel in these accomplishments.

Your progress economically has been matched by your progress toward a stronger democracy. Mr. President, you have both led

and responded to your people's strivings for democracy. When the history of the emergence of Korean democracy is written, your name, President Roh, almost certainly will be recorded as the single most important one. On behalf of the United States, I salute your achievement.

I am here today as the leader of a nation which will continue to be a faithful friend and a dependable ally to Korea. We applaud the responsible way you have sought to open a dialogue with North Korea and we remain committed to the security and freedom of your nation. We will not -- ever -- waver in that commitment.

Now, may I propose a toast to President Roh, to the Korean people, and to a continued Korean-American relationship of mutual respect, understanding, and trust.

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