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RESPONSE:

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McGroarty/Dooley
May 19, 1989
8:45 am
PRESS

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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BETTER SYMBOLIZES THE STRONG FRIENDSHIP AND COMMON
VALUES WHICH WE SHARE -- WHICH OUR TWO NATIONS SHARE --
AND WHICH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND I CELEBRATED
TOGETHER EIGHT YEARS AGO AT THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE BATTLE OF YORKTOWN.**

NOW, THIS WEEKEND WAS NOT "ALL WORK AND NO PLAY," AND IT PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO DISCUSS MANY OF THE MAIN ISSUES ON THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA. AT THE END OF THIS WEEK, BOTH OF US WILL TRAVEL TO BRUSSELS FOR THE NATO SUMMIT.

WE AGREED ON THE CENTRAL ROLE THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE HAS PLAYED IN KEEPING THE PEACE FOR THE PAST FOUR DECADES -- AND THE ENDURING VALUE OF THIS PARTNERSHIP IN THE COMMON DEFENSE IN THE YEARS AHEAD. WE ALSO AGREED ON THE CRITICAL CONTRIBUTION THAT NUCLEAR DETERRENCE HAS MADE IN KEEPING US FREE, SECURE, AND AT PEACE.

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND I ALSO DISCUSSED THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT LIE BEFORE US IN LIGHT OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES NOW TAKING PLACE IN THE SOVIET UNION AND IN EASTERN EUROPE. BOTH OF US WILL WATCH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE USSR, SEEKING SIGNS OF LASTING CHANGE.

THE PRESIDENT SHARES MY VIEW THAT OUR GOAL SHOULD BE A BOLD ONE -- TO MOVE BEYOND CONTAINMENT -- TOWARDS THE INTEGRATION OF THE SOVIET UNION INTO THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

OF COURSE, WE ALSO DISCUSSED HOW THE UNITED STATES WILL RELATE TO FRANCE, AND THE REST OF WESTERN EUROPE, IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

WE ARE BOTH VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE. WE EXCHANGED VIEWS ABOUT THE THEMES I TOUCHED ON IN MY REMARKS EARLIER TODAY AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY -- AMERICA'S READINESS FOR A MORE MATURE TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP, THE VISION OF A COMMONWEALTH OF FREE NATIONS AS A BRIDGE TO OVERCOME THE DIVISION OF EUROPE.

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BEYOND THE NATO SUMMIT AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS,
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SAFEGUARD THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM
OF GLOBAL WARMING.

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THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE URGENT NEED TO FIND A SOLUTION
TO THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN LEBANON. ON THE QUESTION OF
PEACE AND DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL AMERICA, WE SHARE THE
VIEW THAT DEMOCRACY MUST BE RESTORED IN PANAMA, AND
THAT THE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN AT ESQUIPULAS ARE THE
KEY TO PEACE AND DEMOCRACY IN THE REGION.

THANK YOU.

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We therefore go to the NATO Summit at the end of this week to celebrate that success. ~~The~~ ^{But} freedom and prosperity of Europe -- *and Europe's as well --* and our own ~~are~~ are the proof of that success, as is the increasing realization of the Soviet Union that it needs to emulate us.

Pres. M + J
~~In our talks at Kennebunkport,~~ ~~we~~ also thoroughly discussed the opportunities that lie before us as we move beyond the successful containment of the past 40 years to a serious and patient effort to encourage the integration of the Soviet Union and its allies into the international system, which has provided the West with unparalleled prosperity and pluralism.

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Drafted: AABasora Blackwill and Rice concur.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/19/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 TODAY

SUBJECT: OPENING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING MITTERAND MEETING

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REMARKS:

Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with an info copy to my office by 5:00 TODAY Friday, May 19. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702



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OPENING REMARKS: PRESS STATEMENT
MAY 21, 1989
KENNEBUNKPORT, ME

Barbara and I have just had the pleasure of having President and Mrs. Mitterrand as our guests at Kennebunkport this weekend. Earlier today, President Mitterrand and I shared the commencement stage at Boston University. Nothing better symbolizes the strong friendship and common values which he and I share -- which our two nations share -- and which President Mitterrand and I celebrated together eight years ago at the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown.

Now, this weekend was not "all work and no play," but it did provide a good opportunity for President Mitterrand and I to discuss many of the main issues on the international agenda. At the end of this week, both of us will travel to Brussels for the NATO summit. The President and I agreed on the central role the Atlantic Alliance has played in keeping the peace for the past four decades -- and the enduring value of this coalition approach to common defense in the years ahead. We also agreed on the critical contribution that nuclear deterrence has made in keeping us free, secure, and at peace.

President Mitterrand and I also discussed the opportunities that lie before us in light of the significant changes now taking place in the Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe. Both of us will watch developments in the USSR, seeking signs of lasting change,

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and an end to the aggression abroad and repression at home that
have characterized Soviet conduct. The President shares my view
that the way may now be open to move beyond containment --
towards the ^{gradual} integration of the Soviet Union into the community of
nations. ✓

Beyond the NATO Summit and East-West relations, President Mitterrand and I exchanged views on a broad range of issues, many of which will be on the agenda at the Paris Economic Summit. We agreed that more needs to be done -- in practical, realistic ways -- to safeguard the environment and to deal with the problem of global warming. We also reviewed ways of advancing the peace process in the Middle East, and the urgent need to find a solution to the tragic situation in Lebanon. On the question of peace and democracy in Central America, we share the view that democracy must be restored in Panama, and that the commitments undertaken at Esquipulas are the key to peace and democracy in the region.

Thank you.

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