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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *aw*  
FROM:               MARK LANGE *ML*  
SUBJECT:            STATEMENT AFTER AUDIENCE WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II

I.    SUMMARY

Attached are brief remarks to be given after your audience with Pope John Paul II on Saturday, May 27, at 7:15 pm. There will be roughly 20 people in attendance and the press is open.

II.   DISCUSSION

As opposed to the remarks that you will present at your meeting with the Seminarians, this statement addresses the Pope in his capacity as a global statesman. The major issues covered by this statement are freedom of worship, the expansion of democracy, freedom of expression, the pursuit of world peace, and changes underway in Poland.

(Lange/Wallace)  
May 25, 1989  
11:20 a.m.  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:           AFTER AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE  
                                  PAPAL LIBRARY  
                                  SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1989  
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**YOUR HOLINESS:**

MRS. BUSH AND I ARE DEEPLY HONORED TO MEET WITH YOU ONCE AGAIN. LATE IN 1987 -- IN DETROIT -- AT THE CLOSE OF YOUR SECOND PASTORAL VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY -- I WAS PRIVILEGED TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW CITIZENS, FOR THE INSIGHTFUL MESSAGE THAT YOU BROUGHT TO OUR SHORES. YOU INSPIRED AND CHALLENGED US.

THIS EVENING, DURING OUR PRIVATE DISCUSSION, I HAVE BENEFITTED ONCE AGAIN FROM YOUR WISE COUNSEL.

WHEN I BECAME PRESIDENT, I SAID IN MY INAUGURAL SPEECH THAT A NEW BREEZE IS BLOWING. THERE IS NO DOUBT WE ARE WITNESS TO DYNAMIC CHANGES IN MUCH OF THE WORLD. CHANGES THAT MOVE TOWARDS GREATER FREEDOM AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

IN YOUR NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO THE VATICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS, REPRESENTING OVER 100 NATIONS, YOU STRESSED THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE FREE TO WORSHIP GOD -- THEY PREPARE A GROUND IN WHICH A COMMITMENT TO ALL HUMAN RIGHTS CAN GROW STRONG. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS A RIGHT THAT GOVERNMENTS MUST PROTECT, NOT THREATEN.

THE UNITED STATES ALSO SHARES THE HOLY SEE'S CONCERN FOR WORLD PEACE. WHILE WE ARE STILL FAR FROM REALIZING THE BIBLICAL INJUNCTION TO TURN OUR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN REDUCING ARMAMENTS, AND IN DECREASING THE THREAT OF WAR. THAT PROGRESS MUST CONTINUE AND WILL.

FORTUNATELY, IN EUROPE OUR EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. AND AS WE LOOK AROUND THE WORLD, WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT TENSIONS HAVE BEEN REDUCED IN PARTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ASIA. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO HELP BRING PEACE AND GREATER FREEDOM TO CENTRAL AMERICA.

WE HAVE HEARD YOUR ELOQUENT APPEALS FOR AN END TO THE VIOLENCE IN LEBANON. MY HEART, TOO, ACHES FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS ONCE PEACEFUL LAND.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP BRING PEACE -- AND TO HELP RESTORE LEBANON'S UNITY, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, WITH THE DISBANDING OF MILITIAS AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES.

YOUR HOLINESS HAS SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT PEACE IS MORE THAN THE ABSENCE OF WAR. WE AGREE.

HISTORY TEACHES US THAT THERE IS NO TRUE, LASTING PEACE UNTIL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RECOGNIZED AND PEOPLE ARE FREE TO DEVELOP TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

YOUR HOLINESS, THIS SPRING, IN THE LAND OF YOUR BIRTH, A HISTORIC ROUNDTABLE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WHICH OPENED THE PATH TO GREATER FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY. THAT ACCORD IS A TRIBUTE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE -- AS WELL AS TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE POLISH CHURCH AND THE HOLY SEE.

AND JUST THIS MONTH -- DUE IN LARGE PART TO YOUR LEADERSHIP -- THE CHURCH WAS LEGALIZED IN POLAND. THIS TRIUMPH REPRESENTS THE FIRST FULL NORMALIZATION OF CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS IN ANY COMMUNIST STATE -- AND IT IS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR ENDURING COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM.

AS YOU KNOW, I RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A PACKAGE OF FINANCIAL MEASURES THAT SIGNAL OUR ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORM IN POLAND AND ELSEWHERE IN EASTERN EUROPE.

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DATE: 5/17/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 5/22/89

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 Monday, May 22. Thank you.

*All comments*

**RESPONSE:**

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

(Lange/Wallace)  
May 17, 1989  
1:15 p.m.  
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TO: CHRISS WINSTON

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for M. Donley  
Brent Scowcroft

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

cc: Cicconi

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(Lange/Wallace)  
May 23, 1989  
9:45 a.m.  
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May 24, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:               MARK LANGE

SUBJECT:            STATEMENT AFTER AUDIENCE WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II

I.    SUMMARY

Attached are your brief remarks to be given after your audience with Pope John Paul II on Saturday, May 27, at 7:15 pm. There will be roughly ---- people in attendance and the press is open.

II.   DISCUSSION

As opposed to the remarks that you will present at your meeting with the Seminarians, this statement addresses the Pope in his capacity as a global statesman. The major themes of the statement are freedom of worship, the expansion of democracy, freedom of expression, the pursuit of world peace and the changes and initiatives underway in Poland.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 19, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: PATRICIA MACK BRYAN *PMB*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: After Audience  
with the Pope

Subject to the comment below, Counsel's Office has no legal objection to these remarks.

Page 2, 1st full sentence: Because references to "natural rights" are confusing in the context of our constitutional system (and often evoke thoughts of the "right to privacy" and other so called rights that are antithetical to this Administration's view of law), we recommend deleting the word "natural."

cc: James W. Cicconi

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: Remarks on Arrival in Italy, Toast to Prime  
Minister De Mita, Remarks After Audience With Pope

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Arrival In Italy

Pg. 1, Para. 4, Line 2 "When Europe appeared ready to close itself off...." Aside from it being unclear what this refers to, this is needlessly provocative when the tone should be trans-Atlantic unity. We suggest omitting.

2, 3, 2 It seems odd to describe De Mita as a "neighbor," even in the sense that by being in Rome, the President will be nearby. We suggest "partner" instead.

Toast To De Mita

3,1,1 The President switches here from addressing "Mr. Prime Minister" to "Mr. President" -- the latter is referred to again at 3,2,1 and 3,5,1. We assume this is intentional and mention it in case of oversight. If intentional, we wonder if some cue should be given to indicate that President Bush should turn and face the Italian President.

After Audience With The Pope

✓ 3,4,2 We should not say "the Catholic Church," but either the "Roman Catholic Church" or "the Church."

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STAFFED AT 1:05 PM

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The recent Vienna document of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is a victory for all who believe that, ultimately, peace is impossible where people are denied basic human rights. We attach great importance to the follow-up meetings that will soon take place in Paris, Copenhagen, and Moscow. And we look to the CSCE Cultural Forum that will take place in Krakow, where you yourself -- before assuming your great responsibilities here -- did much to ensure that city's role as a spiritual center.

The United States <sup>also</sup> shares the Holy See's concern for world peace. While we are still far from the ~~biblical~~ <sup>(b)</sup> injunction to turn swords into plowshares, we have made progress in reducing armaments, and in decreasing the threat of war. We will seek more reductions through bilateral and multilateral negotiations.

We also believe, <sup>that</sup> ~~however, that it is not armaments which~~ ~~cause conflict.~~ It is political divisions -- many times stemming from disputes over basic human values and freedoms -- which so often lie at the base of disputes among nations.

When those divisions exist, we work to maintain peace through military stability. Fortunately, in Europe our efforts have been successful. As NATO celebrates a 40th birthday, we celebrate 40 years without a European war.

As we look around the world, we are pleased to see that tensions have been reduced in parts of Southern Africa and Asia.

We are working hard to help bring peace and greater freedom to Central America, ~~within the framework of full compliance with the Esquipulas Agreements.~~

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Only by allowing such freedom, can governments achieve economic development, and end the poverty that weighs down so many ~~unfortunate souls~~.

Your Holiness, <sup>the spring</sup> ~~in mid-April~~, in the land of your birth, a historic roundtable agreement was reached which opened the path to greater freedom and opportunity. That accord is a tribute to the spirit of the Polish people -- as well as to the determination of the Polish Church and the Holy See.

As you know, I recently announced a package of financial measures designed to support economic and political reform in Poland. We hope these programs will help the Polish people achieve the economic recovery and political participation they so rightly deserve. *Church*

Your Holiness, I am grateful for this opportunity to visit with you and to share in your wisdom ~~during this time of worldwide ferment~~. I assure you of our intent to work ever more fervently for peace, justice, and freedom.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: After Audience With The Pope

We have no suggested recommendations from a policy standpoint and approve of the draft remarks in their present form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/17/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 5/22/89

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AFTER AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with an info copy to my office by 2:00 Monday, May 22. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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

(Lange/Wallace)  
May 17, 1989  
1:15 p.m.  
[POPE.DOC]

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AFTER AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE  
PAPAL LIBRARY  
SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1989  
7:15 P.M.

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And just this month -- due in large part to your leadership -- the Catholic church was legalized in Poland. This triumph represents the first full normalization of church-state relations in any communist state -- and it is a tribute to your enduring commitment to pluralism.

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Rome, Italy)

For Immediate Release

May 27, 1989

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II

Papal Library  
The Vatican

7:10 P.M. (L)

HIS HOLINESS: Mr. President, your visit this evening represents the latest of many contacts between the United States of America and the Holy See. A number of your predecessors and many other illustrious Americans have been welcomed here before you. Our meeting offers me the opportunity to reciprocate the much appreciated hospitality that I received in your country and to recall the kind personal attention that as Vice President you showed me as I left Detroit in September, 1987, the year of the bicentennial of your Constitution.

Our encounter this time has also a special historical context coming as it does in a year that now commemorates the 20th anniversary of your first Congress under the Constitution, and likewise, the 200th anniversary of the establishment at Baltimore of the first Catholic diocese in your land. For the Holy See this is an occasion to express again its esteem for all the American people and for two centuries of that ethnic and fraternal experience in history called the United States of America.

Thirteen years ago, your country celebrated another historical bicentennial connected with your Declaration of Independence. It was then that my predecessor, Paul VI, spoke words that are applicable once again and that merit new attention. "At every turn," he said, "your bicentennial speaks to you of moral principles, religious convictions, unalienable rights given by the Creator." We honestly hope that this commemoration of your bicentennial will constitute a rededication to those sound moral principles formulated by your Founding Fathers and enshrined forever in your history.

It is America's dedication to the great heritage that is hers, to those values of the spirit, a number of which you alluded to earlier this year in your inaugural address, that offers hope and confidence to those who look to her with friendship and esteem. In that inaugural address, Mr. President, you made reference to power as existing to help people, to serve people. This is true at different levels, including power at the political and economic level. We see this, too, at the level of each community with its power of fraternal love and concern. In all these areas, an immense challenge opens up before the United States in this third century of her nationhood. Her mission as a people engaged in good works and committed to serving others has horizons the length of your nation and far beyond -- as far as humanity extends.

Today the interdependence of humanity is being reaffirmed and recognized through world events. The moral and social attitudes that must constitute a response to this interdependence is found in worldwide solidarity. In treating this question in a recent encyclical, I have stated that solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good. That is to say,

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to the good of all and of each individual because we are all really responsible for all. Truly the hour of international interdependence has struck. What is at stake is the common good of humanity.

Mr. President, I know how deeply committed you are to the efforts being made to liberate the youth of America from the destructive forces of drug abuse and to alleviate poverty at home and abroad. Material poverty and drug abuse, however are only symptoms of a deeper moral crisis eating away at the very texture of society in almost every part of the world. All men and women of good will are called to take up the challenge and assume their responsibilities before the human family to address this crisis and to counteract the spiritual poverty that lies at the basis of so much of human suffering.

By reason of her history, her resources, her creativity, but above all, by reason of the moral principles and spiritual values espoused by her Founding Fathers and institutionally bequeathed to all her citizens, America truly has the possibility of an effective response to the challenges of the present hour -- justice for all her citizens, peaceful relations beyond her borders, international solidarity and, in particular, a worldwide solidarity in the course of life, in the course of every human person.

Leaving Detroit and in saying good-bye to America in 1987, I expressed these thoughts -- every human person, no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how useful or productive for society, is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival. Yes, the ultimate test of her greatness -- to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn.

Mr. President, may God bless America and make her strong in her defense of human dignity and in her service to the Almighty.

THE PRESIDENT: Your Holiness, Mrs. Bush and I are deeply honored to meet with you once again. Late in 1987, as you said, it was in Detroit, at the close of your second pastoral visit to our country, I had the honor, the privilege of thanking you on behalf of my fellow citizens for the insightful message that you brought to our shores. And you inspired us and you challenged us.

And this evening, during our private discussion, I've benefitted once again from your wise counsel.

When I became President, I did say in my inaugural speech that a new breeze is blowing. And there is no doubt we are witness to dynamic changes in much of the world -- changes that move toward greater freedom and basic human rights.

In your New Year's greeting to the Vatican diplomatic corps, representing over 100 nations, you stressed the fundamental importance of religious freedom.

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Your Holiness, I am grateful for this opportunity to visit with you, to share in your wisdom. And I assure you of our intent to work ever more fervently for peace, justice, and freedom throughout the world.

On behalf of all of us, thank you very much.

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7:17 P.M. (L)

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

89 MAY 26 P4:11

DATE: 5/26/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HOLY SEE AND ENGLAND

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REMARKS: The attached remarks have been forwarded to the President:

1. Statement after audience with Pope John Paul II
2. Arrival -- London
3. Toast for Prime Minister Thatcher

RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

1989 MAY 25 11:11 AM

May 24, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *aw*

FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*

SUBJECT: STATEMENT AFTER AUDIENCE WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II

I. SUMMARY

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II. DISCUSSION

As opposed to the remarks that you will present at your meeting with the Seminarians, this statement addresses the Pope in his capacity as a global statesman. The major issues covered by this statement are freedom of worship, the expansion of democracy, freedom of expression, the pursuit of world peace, and changes underway in Poland.

(Lange/Wallace)  
May 25, 1989  
11:20 a.m.  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:           AFTER AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE  
                                  PAPAL LIBRARY  
                                  SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1989  
                                  7:15 P.M.

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For eight years as Vice President, I lived next door to the British Embassy in Washington. Going to work every morning, and driving home each night, I passed the lifesize statue of Winston Churchill that stands out front. Made of rugged iron to stand against Washington's rain and cold, the figure is as stoic as was the man in life.

On the eve of the founding of NATO, Churchill summed up the spirit of our "special relationship" at a dinner in New York City. He said: "Let us talk as friends and brothers, as we shall, as we can, because we can understand each other with greater perfection than any two great groupings of the human race have ever been able to before."

Our ties are anchored in history, but not mired in the past. Our nations together look to the future. I am certain our discussions here will help us continue to chart together a sound course to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

The Prime Minister and I will review the recent NATO Summit, as well as East-West relations, and other global issues of importance to the United States and the United Kingdom. We will demonstrate once again that our "special relationship" remains strong and close.

We look forward to tomorrow's meetings, and we wish you all a pleasant evening. Thank you, and good night.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

1989 MAY 25 PM 7:00

May 24, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *w*

FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *EMW*

SUBJECT: TOAST FOR DINNER WITH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER

I. SUMMARY

At 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 1989, you are scheduled to participate in a formal dinner at No. 10 Downing Street in London, hosted by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

II. DISCUSSION

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for your toast to the Prime Minister.

(McNally/Simon)  
May 25, 1989, 5:25 p.m.  
Draft Four  
(THATCHER.UK)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DINNER TOAST FOR PRIME MINISTER THATCHER  
NO. 10 DOWNING STREET, LONDON  
THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1989  
8:00 P.M.

Madam Prime Minister, Mr. Thatcher, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Let me begin by thanking the Prime Minister for her thoughtful and gracious comments. I also would like to thank her for inviting Barbara and me to the United Kingdom, and to Number 10. The talks we held today underscore the importance of the bonds that unite us -- not only the two of us personally, but our two great nations.

This visit marks at least my tenth meeting with the Prime Minister, the sixth in London alone. And every time I meet with Mrs. Thatcher I am reminded of something Benjamin Disraeli once said: "There is no wisdom like frankness." Your directness and candor is most welcome and, I am sure, is one reason behind your greatness as Prime Minister. Like President Reagan, I have come to value your counsel greatly.

We in the United States look on all Mrs. Thatcher has done, not only here in Britain, but on the global stage as well, with enormous admiration. Here, she has reinvigorated the market place and created new prosperity for the British people. As a leading member of the Alliance, she has been a stalwart supporter of a strong defense and modern nuclear deterrent -- a strategy

for defense that has served the Alliance well and kept the peace for 40 years.

Ten years of success in office have also given Mrs. Thatcher a fund of experience unmatched in the West. I commend the wisdom of the British people in selecting Mrs. Thatcher to lead them for three consecutive terms, and for the opportunity it gives me to draw on her insight and judgment as together we meet the opportunity and the challenges of the century's last decade with confidence and determination.

It was in this city that -- a little more than a century ago -- Karl Marx died, leaving behind the ideas that were to become synonymous with his name. It was in this city -- in these rooms -- that a succession of British Prime Ministers worked with my predecessors to uphold our Alliance, and to preserve freedom, until Marxism's flawed ideas could die a natural death, failing the test of time.

In his famous description of Russia -- "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma" -- Winston Churchill offered a suggestion on understanding the Soviet Union. Churchill said: "But perhaps there is a key. That key is Russian national interest."

It is the strength of NATO and the prosperity and vigor of the Atlantic Community -- and the weakness of Marxist dogmatism -- that has made a more realistic Soviet leadership realize that the reforms now sweeping the communist world are very much in the Russian national interest.

Yes, we see and we welcome the sea changes underway in Budapest and Beijing -- and in the Soviet empire that lies in between.

The changes are audacious and potentially profound if maintained over time. We will work to encourage those changes striving to ensure they go beyond rhetoric to implementation. And, as this happens, we will move beyond containment to draw the Soviet Union and Eastern Earuope towards the Commonwealth of free nations.

The challenges presented by these worldwide changes are many and great. But I am confident that we can take advantage prudently and from a position of strength of the opportunities they present to advance the cause of freedom. We look forward to standing with the Prime Minister as together we -- and the other members of the Alliance -- look for bold and fresh approaches to the challenges ahead.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in raising our glasses to Prime Minister Thatcher.

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Your Holiness, this spring, in the land of your birth, a historic roundtable agreement was reached which opened the path

to greater freedom and opportunity. That accord is a tribute to the spirit of the Polish people -- as well as to the determination of the Polish Church and the Holy See.

And just this month -- due in large part to your leadership -- the Church was legalized in Poland. This triumph represents the first full normalization of church-state relations in any communist state -- and it is a tribute to your enduring commitment to freedom.

As you know, I recently announced a package of financial measures that signed our active engagement in encouraging economic and political reform in Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe. We hope these programs will help the Polish people achieve the economic recovery and political participation they so rightly deserve.

Your Holiness, I am grateful for this opportunity to visit with you and to share in your wisdom. I assure you of our intent to work ever more fervently for peace, justice, and freedom throughout the world.

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