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IF ANCIENT RIVALS
LIKE BRITAIN AND
FRANCE, OR FRANCE
AND GERMANY, CAN
RECONCILE, THEN
WHY NOT THE
NATIONS OF EAST
AND WEST?

IN THE EAST,
BRAVE MEN AND
WOMEN ARE SHOWING
US THE WAY.
LOOK AT POLAND,
WHERE SOLIDARITY
AND THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH HAVE WON
LEGAL STATUS.
THE FORCES OF
FREEDOM ARE
PUTTING THE

SOVIET STATUS QUO
ON THE DEFENSIVE.

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IN THE WEST,
WE HAVE SUCCEEDED
BECAUSE WE HAVE
BEEN FAITHFUL TO
OUR VALUES AND
OUR VISION.
BUT, ON THE OTHER
SIDE OF THE
RUSTING IRON
CURTAIN, THEIR
VISION FAILED.

THE COLD WAR
BEGAN WITH THE
DIVISION OF
EUROPE.
IT CAN ONLY END
WHEN EUROPE IS

WHOLE.

TODAY, IT IS
THIS VERY CONCEPT
OF A DIVIDED
EUROPE THAT IS
UNDER SIEGE.

AND THAT IS WHY
OUR HOPES RUN
ESPECIALLY HIGH,
BECAUSE THE
DIVISION OF
EUROPE IS UNDER
SIEGE NOT BY
ARMIES, BUT BY
THE SPREAD OF
IDEAS THAT BEGAN
HERE, RIGHT HERE.

IT WAS A SON OF
MAINZ, JOHANNES
(YO-HAN-NES)

GUTENBERG
(GOOT-TEN-BERG),
WHO LIBERATED THE
MIND OF MAN
THROUGH THE POWER
OF THE PRINTED
WORD.

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THAT SAME
LIBERATING POWER
IS UNLEASHED
TODAY IN A
HUNDRED NEW
FORMS.

THE VOICE OF
AMERICA AND
DEUTSCHE WELLE
(DOY-CHA VELLA)
ALLOW US TO
ENLIGHTEN
MILLIONS DEEP

WITHIN EASTERN
EUROPE AND
THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD.

TELEVISION
SATELLITES ALLOW
US TO BEAR
WITNESS FROM THE
SHIPYARDS OF
GDANSK, TO
TIANANMEN SQUARE.
BUT THE MOMENTUM
FOR FREEDOM DOES
NOT JUST COME
FROM THE PRINTED
WORD, THE
TRANSISTOR, OR
THE TELEVISION
SCREEN.

IT COMES FROM THE
POWER OF A SINGLE

IDEA --

DEMOCRACY.

**THIS ONE IDEA
IS SWEEPING
ACROSS EURASIA.**

**THIS ONE IDEA IS
WHY THE COMMUNIST
WORLD, FROM
BUDAPEST TO
BEIJING, IS IN
FERMENT.**

**OF COURSE, FOR
THE LEADERS OF
THE EAST, IT IS
NOT JUST FREEDOM
FOR FREEDOM'S
SAKE.**

**BUT WHATEVER
THEIR MOTIVATION,
THEY ARE**

UNLEASHING A
FORCE THEY WILL
FIND DIFFICULT TO
CHANNEL OR
CONTROL -- THE
HUNGER FOR
LIBERTY OF
OPPRESSED PEOPLES
WHO HAVE TASTED
FREEDOM.

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NOWHERE IS
THIS MORE
APPARENT THAN IN
EASTERN EUROPE,
THE BIRTHPLACE OF
THE COLD WAR.
IN POLAND AT THE
END OF WORLD WAR
TWO, THE SOVIET
ARMY PREVENTED

THE FREE
ELECTIONS
PROMISED BY
STALIN AT YALTA.
TODAY, POLES ARE
TAKING THE FIRST
STEPS TOWARD REAL
ELECTIONS, SO
LONG PROMISED . .
. SO LONG
DEFERRED.
AND IN HUNGARY,
AT LAST WE SEE A
CHANCE FOR MULTI-
PARTY COMPETITION
AT THE BALLOT
BOX.

AS PRESIDENT,
I WILL CONTINUE
TO DO ALL I CAN

TO OPEN THE
CLOSED SOCIETIES
OF THE EAST.
WE SEEK SELF-
DETERMINATION FOR
ALL OF GERMANY
AND ALL OF
EASTERN EUROPE.
WE WILL NOT
RELAX.
WE MUST NOT
WAVER.
AGAIN, THE WORLD
HAS WAITED LONG
ENOUGH.

BUT
DEMOCRACY'S
JOURNEY EAST IS
NOT EASY.
INTELLECTUALS

LIKE CZECH
PLAYWRIGHT VACLAV
(VAHTS-LAH) HAVEL
STILL WORK UNDER
THE SHADOW OF
COERCION.

REPRESSION STILL
MENACES TOO MANY
PEOPLES OF
EASTERN EUROPE.

BARRIERS AND
BARBED WIRE STILL
FENCE IN NATIONS.

SO WHEN I VISIT

POLAND AND

HUNGARY THIS

SUMMER, I WILL

DELIVER THIS

MESSAGE: THERE

CANNOT BE A

COMMON EUROPEAN

HOME UNTIL ALL
WITHIN ARE FREE
TO MOVE FROM ROOM
TO ROOM.

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AND I WILL
TAKE ANOTHER
MESSAGE: THE
PATH OF FREEDOM
LEADS TO A LARGER
HOME -- A HOME
WHERE WEST MEETS
EAST, A
DEMOCRATIC HOME -
- THE
COMMONWEALTH OF
FREE NATIONS.

I SAID THAT
POSITIVE STEPS BY
THE SOVIETS WOULD

BE MET BY STEPS

OF OUR OWN.

THIS IS WHY I

ANNOUNCED ON MAY

12TH A READINESS

TO CONSIDER

GRANTING TO THE

SOVIETS A

TEMPORARY WAIVER

OF THE JACKSON-

VANIK TRADE

RESTRICTIONS, IF

THEY LIBERALIZE

EMIGRATION.

THIS IS ALSO WHY

I ANNOUNCED ON

MONDAY THAT THE

UNITED STATES IS

PREPARED TO DROP

THE "NO

EXCEPTIONS"

STANDARD THAT HAS
GUIDED OUR
APPROACH TO
CONTROLLING THE
EXPORT OF
TECHNOLOGY TO THE
SOVIET UNION --
LIFTING A
SANCTION ENACTED
IN RESPONSE TO
THEIR INVASION OF
AFGHANISTAN.

IN THIS SAME
SPIRIT, I SET
FORTH FOUR
PROPOSALS TO HEAL
EUROPE'S TRAGIC
DIVISION, TO HELP
EUROPE BECOME
WHOLE AND FREE.

FIRST, I
PROPOSE WE
STRENGTHEN AND
BROADEN THE
HELSINKI PROCESS
TO PROMOTE FREE
ELECTIONS AND
POLITICAL
PLURALISM IN
EASTERN EUROPE.
AS THE FORCES OF
FREEDOM AND
DEMOCRACY RISE IN
THE EAST, SO
SHOULD OUR
EXPECTATIONS.

WEAVING
TOGETHER THE
SLENDER THREADS

OF FREEDOM IN THE
EAST WILL REQUIRE
MUCH FROM THE
WESTERN
DEMOCRACIES.
IN PARTICULAR,
THE GREAT
POLITICAL PARTIES
OF THE WEST MUST
ASSUME AN
HISTORIC
RESPONSIBILITY --
TO LEND COUNSEL
AND SUPPORT TO
THOSE BRAVE MEN
AND WOMEN WHO ARE
TRYING TO FORM
THE FIRST TRULY
REPRESENTATIVE
POLITICAL PARTIES
IN THE EAST, TO

**ADVANCE FREEDOM
AND DEMOCRACY, TO
PART THE IRON
CURTAIN.**

**IN FACT, IT
HAS ALREADY BEGUN
TO PART.**

**THE FRONTIER OF
BARBED WIRE AND
MINEFIELDS
BETWEEN HUNGARY
AND AUSTRIA IS
BEING REMOVED,
FOOT BY FOOT,
MILE BY MILE.
JUST AS THE
BARRIERS ARE
COMING DOWN IN
HUNGARY, SO MUST
THEY FALL**

THROUGHOUT
EASTERN EUROPE.
(PAUSE) LET
BERLIN BE NEXT.

(PAUSE)

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NOWHERE IS
THE DIVISION
BETWEEN EAST AND
WEST SEEN MORE
CLEARLY THAN IN
BERLIN.

THERE, A BRUTAL
WALL CUTS
NEIGHBOR FROM
NEIGHBOR, AND
BROTHER FROM
BROTHER.

THAT WALL STANDS
AS A MONUMENT TO
THE FAILURE OF

COMMUNISM.

IT MUST . . .

COME . . . DOWN.

((PAUSE))

NOW, GLASNOST
MAY BE A RUSSIAN
WORD, BUT
OPENNESS IS A
WESTERN CONCEPT.
WEST BERLIN HAS
ALWAYS ENJOYED
THE OPENNESS OF A
FREE CITY.
OUR PROPOSAL
WOULD MAKE ALL
BERLIN A CENTER
OF COMMERCE
BETWEEN EAST AND
WEST . . . A
PLACE OF

COOPERATION, NOT
A POINT OF
CONFRONTATION.

WE REDEDICATE
OURSELVES TO THE
1987 ALLIED
INITIATIVE TO
STRENGTHEN
FREEDOM AND
SECURITY IN THAT
DIVIDED CITY.

THIS, THEN, IS MY
SECOND PROPOSAL -
- BRING GLASNOST
TO EAST BERLIN.

((PAUSE))

MY GENERATION
REMEMBERS A
EUROPE RAVAGED BY
WAR.

OF COURSE, EUROPE
HAS LONG SINCE
REBUILT ITS PROUD
CITIES AND
RESTORED ITS
MAJESTIC
CATHEDRALS.

BUT WHAT A
TRAGEDY IT WOULD
BE IF YOUR
CONTINENT WAS
AGAIN SPOILED,
THIS TIME BY A
MORE SUBTLE AND
INSIDIOUS
DANGER -- THAT OF
POISONED RIVERS
AND ACID RAIN.

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AMERICA HAS
FACED AN

ENVIRONMENTAL
TRAGEDY IN
ALASKA.
COUNTRIES FROM
FRANCE TO FINLAND
SUFFERED AFTER
CHERNOBYL.
WEST GERMANY IS
STRUGGLING TO
SAVE THE BLACK
FOREST TODAY.
AND THROUGHOUT,
WE HAVE ALL
LEARNED A
TERRIBLE LESSON:
ENVIRONMENTAL
DESTRUCTION
RESPECTS NO
BORDERS.

SO MY THIRD

PROPOSAL IS TO
WORK TOGETHER ON
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROBLEMS, WITH
THE UNITED STATES
AND WESTERN
EUROPE EXTENDING
A HAND TO THE
EAST.

SINCE MUCH
REMAINS TO BE
DONE, IN BOTH
EAST AND WEST, WE
ASK EASTERN
EUROPE TO JOIN US
IN THIS COMMON
STRUGGLE.

WE CAN OFFER
TECHNICAL
TRAINING,
ASSISTANCE IN

DRAFTING LAWS AND
REGULATIONS, AND
NEW TECHNOLOGIES
FOR TACKLING
THESE PROBLEMS.

I INVITE THE
ENVIRONMENTALISTS
AND ENGINEERS OF
THE EAST TO VISIT
THE WEST, TO
SHARE KNOWLEDGE
SO WE CAN SUCCEED
IN THIS GREAT
CAUSE.

MY FOURTH
PROPOSAL,
ACTUALLY A SET OF
PROPOSALS,
CONCERNS A LESS
MILITARIZED

EUROPE -- THE
MOST HEAVILY
ARMED CONTINENT
IN THE WORLD.
NOWHERE IS THIS
MORE APPARENT
THAN IN THE TWO
GERMANIES.

THAT IS WHY OUR
QUEST TO SAFELY
REDUCE ARMAMENTS
HAS A SPECIAL
SIGNIFICANCE FOR
THE GERMAN
PEOPLE.

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TO THOSE WHO
ARE IMPATIENT
WITH OUR MEASURED
PACE IN ARMS
REDUCTIONS, I

RESPECTFULLY
SUGGEST THAT
HISTORY TEACHES
US A LESSON --
THAT UNITY AND
STRENGTH ARE THE
CATALYST AND
PREREQUISITE TO
ARMS CONTROL.

WE HAVE ALWAYS
BELIEVED THAT A
STRONG WESTERN
DEFENSE IS THE
BEST ROAD TO
PEACE.

FORTY YEARS OF
EXPERIENCE HAVE
PROVEN US RIGHT.

BUT WE HAVE
DONE MORE THAN

JUST KEEP THE
PEACE.
BY STANDING
TOGETHER, WE HAVE
CONVINCED THE
SOVIETS THAT
THEIR ARMS BUILD-
UP HAS BEEN
COSTLY AND
POINTLESS.

LET US NOT GIVE
THEM INCENTIVES
TO RETURN TO THE
POLICIES OF THE
PAST.

LET US GIVE THEM
EVERY REASON TO
ABANDON THE ARMS
RACE . . . FOR
THE SAKE OF THE
HUMAN RACE.

IN THIS ERA
OF BOTH
NEGOTIATION AND
ARMED CAMPS,
AMERICA
UNDERSTANDS THAT
WEST GERMANY
BEARS A SPECIAL
BURDEN.

OF COURSE, IN
THIS NUCLEAR AGE,
EVERY NATION IS
ON THE FRONT
LINE.

BUT NOT ALL FREE
NATIONS ARE
CALLED TO ENDURE
THE TENSION OF
REGULAR MILITARY
ACTIVITY, OR THE

CONSTANT PRESENCE
OF FOREIGN
MILITARY FORCES.
WE ARE SENSITIVE
TO THESE SPECIAL
CONDITIONS THAT
THIS NEEDED
PRESENCE IMPOSES.

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TO

SIGNIFICANTLY
EASE THE BURDEN
OF ARMED CAMPS IN
EUROPE, WE MUST
BE AGGRESSIVE IN
OUR PURSUIT OF
SOLID, VERIFIABLE
AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN NATO AND
THE WARSAW PACT.

ON MONDAY,
WITH MY NATO
COLLEAGUES IN
BRUSSELS, I
SHARED MY GREAT
HOPE FOR THE
FUTURE OF
CONVENTIONAL ARMS
NEGOTIATIONS IN
EUROPE.

I SHARED WITH
THEM A PROPOSAL
FOR ACHIEVING
SIGNIFICANT
REDUCTIONS IN THE
NEAR FUTURE.

AS YOU KNOW,
THE WARSAW PACT
HAS NOW ACCEPTED
MAJOR ELEMENTS OF

OUR WESTERN
APPROACH TO THE
NEW CONVENTIONAL
ARMS NEGOTIATIONS
IN VIENNA.

THE EASTERN BLOC
ACKNOWLEDGES THAT
A SUBSTANTIAL
IMBALANCE EXISTS
BETWEEN THE
CONVENTIONAL
FORCES OF THE TWO
ALLIANCES.

THEY HAVE MOVED
CLOSER TO NATO'S
POSITION BY
ACCEPTING MOST
ELEMENTS OF OUR
INITIAL
CONVENTIONAL ARMS
PROPOSALS.

THESE ENCOURAGING
STEPS HAVE
PRODUCED THE
OPPORTUNITY FOR
CREATIVE AND
DECISIVE ACTION.
WE SHALL NOT LET
IT PASS.

OUR PROPOSAL
HAS SEVERAL KEY
INITIATIVES.

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*** I

PROPOSE WE "LOCK
IN" THE EASTERN
AGREEMENT TO
WESTERN-PROPOSED
CEILINGS ON TANKS
AND ARMORED TROOP
CARRIERS.

WE SHOULD ALSO
SEEK AGREEMENT ON
A COMMON
NUMERICAL CEILING
FOR ARTILLERY IN
THE RANGE BETWEEN
NATO'S AND THAT
OF THE WARSAW
PACT, PROVIDED
DEFINITIONAL
PROBLEMS CAN BE
SOLVED.

AND THE WEAPONS
WE REMOVE MUST BE
DESTROYED.

((PAUSE))

*** WE
SHOULD EXPAND OUR
CURRENT OFFER TO
INCLUDE ALL LAND-

BASED COMBAT
AIRCRAFT AND
HELICOPTERS, BY
PROPOSING THAT
BOTH SIDES REDUCE
IN THESE
CATEGORIES TO A
LEVEL 15 PERCENT
BELOW THE CURRENT
NATO TOTALS.

GIVEN THE WARSAW
PACT'S ADVANTAGE
IN NUMBERS, THE
PACT WOULD HAVE
TO MAKE FAR
DEEPER REDUCTIONS
THAN NATO TO
ESTABLISH PARITY
AT THESE LOWER
LEVELS.

AGAIN, THE

**WEAPONS WE REMOVE
MUST BE
DESTROYED.**

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***** I**

**PROPOSE A 20-
PERCENT CUT IN
COMBAT MANPOWER
IN U.S.-STATIONED
FORCES, AND A
RESULTING CEILING
ON U.S. AND
SOVIET GROUND AND
AIR FORCES
STATIONED OUTSIDE
OF NATIONAL
TERRITORY IN THE
ATLANTIC-TO-URALS
ZONE, AT
APPROXIMATELY
275,000 EACH.**

THIS REDUCTION TO
PARITY, A FAIR
AND BALANCED
LEVEL OF
STRENGTH, WOULD
COMPEL THE
SOVIETS TO REDUCE
THEIR 600,000-
STRONG RED ARMY
IN EASTERN EUROPE
BY 325,000.

AND THESE
WITHDRAWN FORCES
MUST BE
DEMOBILIZED.

*** FINALLY,
I CALL ON
PRESIDENT
GORBACHEV TO
ACCELERATE THE

TIMETABLE FOR
REACHING THESE
AGREEMENTS.

THERE IS NO
REASON WHY THE
FIVE-TO-SIX YEAR
TIMETABLE AS
SUGGESTED BY
MOSCOW IS
NECESSARY.

I PROPOSE A MUCH
MORE AMBITIOUS
SCHEDULE.

WE SHOULD AIM TO
REACH AN
AGREEMENT WITHIN
SIX MONTHS TO A
YEAR, AND
ACCOMPLISH
REDUCTIONS BY
1992, OR 1993 AT

THE LATEST.

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IN ADDITION

TO MY

CONVENTIONAL ARMS

PROPOSALS, I

BELIEVE WE MUST

STRIVE TO IMPROVE

THE OPENNESS WITH

WHICH WE AND THE

SOVIETS CONDUCT

OUR MILITARY

ACTIVITIES.

THEREFORE I WANT

TO REITERATE MY

SUPPORT FOR

GREATER

TRANSPARENCY.

I RENEW MY

PROPOSAL THAT THE

SOVIET UNION AND

ITS ALLIES OPEN
THEIR SKIES TO
RECIPROCAL,
UNARMED AERIAL
SURVEILLANCE
FLIGHTS,
CONDUCTED ON
SHORT NOTICE, TO
WATCH MILITARY
ACTIVITIES.
SATELLITES ARE A
VERY IMPORTANT
WAY TO VERIFY
ARMS CONTROL
AGREEMENTS.
BUT THEY DO NOT
PROVIDE CONSTANT
COVERAGE OF THE
SOVIET UNION.
AN OPEN SKIES
POLICY WOULD MOVE

BOTH SIDES CLOSER
TO A TOTAL
CONTINUITY OF
COVERAGE, WHILE
SYMBOLIZING
GREATER OPENNESS
BETWEEN EAST AND
WEST.

THESE ARE MY
PROPOSALS TO
ACHIEVE A LESS
MILITARIZED
EUROPE.

A SHORT TIME AGO
THEY WOULD HAVE
BEEN TOO
REVOLUTIONARY TO
CONSIDER.

YET TODAY, WE MAY
WELL BE ON THE

VERGE OF A MORE
AMBITIOUS
AGREEMENT IN
EUROPE THAN
ANYONE CONSIDERED
POSSIBLE.

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BUT WE ARE
ALSO CHALLENGED
BY DEVELOPMENTS
OUTSIDE OF NATO'S
TRADITIONAL AREA
OF CONCERN.
EVERY WESTERN
NATION STILL
FACES THE GLOBAL
PROLIFERATION OF
LETHAL
TECHNOLOGIES,
INCLUDING
BALLISTIC

MISSILES AND
CHEMICAL WEAPONS.
WE MUST
COLLECTIVELY
CONTROL THE
SPREAD OF THESE
GROWING THREATS.
SO WE SHOULD
BEGIN AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE WITH A
WORLDWIDE BAN ON
CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

GROWING
POLITICAL FREEDOM
IN THE EAST, A
BERLIN WITHOUT
BARRIERS, A
CLEANER
ENVIRONMENT, A
LESS MILITARIZED

EUROPE -- EACH IS

A NOBLE GOAL.

TAKEN TOGETHER,

THEY ARE THE

FOUNDATION OF OUR

LARGER VISION --

A EUROPE THAT IS

FREE AND AT PEACE

WITH ITSELF.

LET THE SOVIETS

KNOW THAT OUR

GOAL IS NOT TO

UNDERMINE THEIR

LEGITIMATE

SECURITY

INTERESTS.

OUR GOAL IS TO

CONVINCE THEM,

STEP BY STEP,

THAT THEIR

DEFINITION OF

SECURITY IS
OBSOLETE, THAT
THEIR DEEPEST
FEARS ARE
UNFOUNDED.

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WHEN WESTERN
EUROPE TAKES ITS
GIANT STEP IN
1992, IT WILL
INSTITUTIONALIZE
WHAT HAS BEEN
TRUE FOR YEARS --
BORDERS OPEN TO
PEOPLE, COMMERCE
AND IDEAS.
NO SHADOW OF
SUSPICION, NO
SINISTER FEAR, IS
CAST BETWEEN YOU.
THE VERY PROSPECT

OF WAR WITHIN THE
WEST IS
UNTHINKABLE TO
OUR CITIZENS.
BUT SUCH A
PEACEFUL
INTEGRATION OF
NATIONS INTO A
WORLD COMMUNITY
DOES NOT MEAN
THAT ANY NATION
MUST RELINQUISH
ITS CULTURE, MUCH
LESS ITS
SOVEREIGNTY.

THIS PROCESS
OF INTEGRATION, A
SUBTLE WEAVING OF
SHARED INTERESTS,
WHICH IS SO

NEARLY COMPLETE
IN WESTERN
EUROPE, HAS NOW
FINALLY BEGUN IN
THE EAST.

WE WANT TO HELP
THE NATIONS OF
EASTERN EUROPE
REALIZE WHAT THE
NATIONS OF
WESTERN EUROPE
LEARNED LONG AGO.
THE FOUNDATION OF
LASTING SECURITY
COMES, NOT FROM
TANKS, TROOPS OR
BARBED WIRE.
IT IS BUILT ON
SHARED VALUES AND
AGREEMENTS THAT
LINK FREE

PEOPLES.

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THE NATIONS
OF EASTERN EUROPE
ARE REDISCOVERING
THE GLORIES OF
THEIR NATIONAL
HERITAGE.

LET THE COLORS
AND HUES OF
NATIONAL CULTURE
RETURN TO THESE
GREY SOCIETIES OF
THE EAST.

LET EUROPE FORGO
A PEACE OF
TENSION FOR A
PEACE OF TRUST,
ONE IN WHICH THE
PEOPLES OF EAST
AND WEST CAN

REJOICE; A
CONTINENT THAT IS
DIVERSE, YET
WHOLE.

FORTY YEARS
OF COLD WAR HAVE
TESTED WESTERN
RESOLVE AND THE
STRENGTH OF OUR
VALUES.

NATO'S FIRST
MISSION IS NOW
NEARLY COMPLETE.
BUT IF WE ARE TO
FULFILL OUR
EUROPEAN VISION,
THE CHALLENGE OF
THE NEXT FORTY
YEARS WILL ASK NO
LESS OF US.

TOGETHER, WE
SHALL ANSWER THAT
CALL.

THE WORLD HAS
WAITED LONG
ENOUGH.

THANK YOU FOR
INVITING ME TO
MAINZ, AND MAY
GOD BLESS YOU
ALL.

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**REMARKS: DEPARTURE STATEMENT
KOBLENZ
MAY 31, 1989
4:30 P.M.**

**CHANCELLOR KOHL...LORD MAYOR HOERTER...PEOPLE OF
KOBLENZ. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING US THE
OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL PART OF GERMANY
BEFORE WE CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY.**

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AFTER OUR CRUISE DOWN THE RHINE, PAST THE GREEN GORGES AND GENTLE BANKS, I UNDERSTAND WHY THIS REGION HAS BEEN THE INSPIRATION OF SO MANY GERMAN POETS AND PHILOSOPHERS.

I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE WITH MY GOOD FRIEND CHANCELLOR KOHL IN HIS HOME STATE OF RHEINLAND-PFALZ [FAULTS] WITH ITS PROUD HERITAGE.

- 3 -

OUR GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP HAS ENDURED AND GROWN OVER THE DECADES BECAUSE BOTH OUR NATIONS BELIEVE IN THE INHERENT RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO BE FREE.

SO, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE CHANCELLOR AND I FIND OURSELVES HERE WHERE THE RHINE MEETS THE MOSELLE STANDING TOGETHER BEFORE THE DEUTCHES ECK. THE NATO SUMMIT IS OVER AND, AS GREAT FRIENDS AND ALLIES, WE HAVE MADE REAL PROGRESS TOWARD OUR MUTUAL DREAM OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL EUROPE - EAST AND WEST.

- 4 -

BUT AS THE DEUTCHES ECK SYMBOLIZES SO VIVIDLY, THAT DREAM WILL NOT BE FULFILLED UNTIL WE SEE GERMANY - WHOLE AND FREE.

IT HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL VISIT THAT I HAVE ENJOYED TREMENDOUSLY FROM THE CASTLES OF THE RHINE TO THE CHARM OF BONN TO THE VIGOR OF MAINZ AND RHEIN-MAIN. I AM DELIGHTED TO HAVE BEEN WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL IN HIS BELOVED HOME.

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THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO LOVELY KOBLENZ. GOD BLESS YOU AND GÔD BLESS THE UNITED STATES AND WEST GERMANY.

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