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RESPONSE: See Comments

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FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRESIDENT'S SPEECH TO AMERICAN LEGION

ISSUE #1: ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES (through establishment of a Realignment Commission):

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT BENEFITS VETERANS EARNED IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY IS MEDICAL CARE.

BUT ACCESS TO THAT CARE HAS BECOME UNEVEN AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY APPARENT IN RECENT MONTHS THAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED IN THE EXISTING VA MEDICAL SYSTEM.

THESE IMPROVEMENTS MUST INCLUDE ADAPTATIONS TO MEET NEW NEEDS POSED BY THE INCREASINGLY AGING VETERAN POPULATION, AND CONTINUED MODERNIZATION TO KEEP UP WITH RAPID CHANGES IN THE MEDICAL WORLD AT LARGE.

TO RESPOND TO THESE PRESSURES, SECRETARY DERWINSKI SENT CONGRESS (ON JULY 17) OUR PROPOSAL FOR A NATIONAL COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE ALIGNMENT OF VA MEDICAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

THIS COMMISSION WILL PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF THE VA SYSTEM, INCLUDING ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR MISSION CHANGES.

THE COMMISSION IS MODELED AFTER THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE COMMISSION WITH ONE IMPORTANT EXCEPTION -- THIS IS NOT A CLOSING COMMISSION. OUR LEGISLATIVE INTENT IS THAT NO MEDICAL CENTERS WILL BE CLOSED.

APPOINTING SUCH A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION OF INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXPERTS WILL TAKE THE POLITICS OUT OF DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF VA MEDICAL SERVICES.

WITH THE HELP OF THIS COMMISSION, THE VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER VETERANS BALANCED ACCESS TO CARE, INCLUDING SPECIALIZED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, AMBULATORY CARE, COMMUNITY-BASED CARE AND HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.

OUR VETERANS DESERVE NO LESS.

ISSUE #2: THE VALUE OF CABINET REPRESENTATION FOR VETERANS

I KNOW THIS MEETING MARKS SOME RATHER IMPOSING TRADITIONS -- THE 71ST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE LEGION, AND THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COAST GUARD.

BUT I'D LIKE TO MENTION SOMETHING IN ITS FIRST YEAR -- SOMETHING THAT WE ALL HOPE WILL ESTABLISH ITS OWN TRADITION OF POSITIVE SERVICE.

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I'M TALKING ABOUT THE INAUGURAL YEAR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

I KNOW THE LEGION WAS ONE OF THE FOREMOST CHAMPIONS OF CABINET REPRESENTATION FOR AMERICA'S VETERANS, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT IT'S ALREADY BECOMING APPARENT HOW WORTHWHILE YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS CONTEXT WERE.

FIRST, IT'S CLEAR THAT VA'S FREQUENT CONTACT WITH OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS -- FOR EXAMPLE IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, LABOR AND HOUSING -- ARE BECOMING MORE EFFECTIVE BY VIRTUE OF WORKING AT THE SAME, CABINET LEVEL THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE ESTABLISHED AT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

SECOND, VA'S CHANGE TO CABINET STATUS IS BRINGING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SOCIETY AT LARGE.

WE'VE LONG KNOWN, OF COURSE, THAT VETERANS PROGRAMS HAVE A BROAD, NATIONAL IMPACT IN OUR SOCIETY. BUT THE MECHANISM FOR SHARING VA'S BASE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN IMPROVED.

NOW, FOR EXAMPLE, SECRETARY DERWINSKI CAN OFFER DR. SULLIVAN AT HHS THE EXPERTISE VA HAS GAINED IN RUNNING THE NATION'S LARGEST INDEPENDENT HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. IT'S CERTAINLY A FACT THAT VA HAS DEVELOPED A POSITION OF WORLD LEADERSHIP IN SEVERAL MEDICAL SPECIALTIES, SUCH AS GERIATRICS, PROSTHETICS AND SPINAL CORD INJURY. CABINET STATUS IS HELPING VA SHARE THESE ASSETS.

AND THE NEW VA SECRETARY ALSO CAN DEAL DIRECTLY WITH ED BENNETT, WHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADING OUR WAR ON DRUGS, IN OFFERING VA'S EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN DRUG THERAPY PROGRAMS.

SO CABINET REPRESENTATION IS WORKING FOR VETERANS; AND IT'S WORKING FOR THE COUNTRY.

ISSUE #3: THE PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT OF VETERANS, AS REFLECTING IN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING:

IT'S NO SECRET THAT THE NATIONAL BUDGET DEFICIT IS ONE OF THE TOUGHEST PROBLEMS FACING THIS ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS. AND SINCE I HAVE LEFT LITTLE DOUBT ABOUT WHERE I STAND ON NEW TAXES, I BELIEVE THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS A FIRM MANDATE TO CONTINUE HOLDING THE LINE ON FEDERAL SPENDING.

BUT WE'VE GOT TO ESTABLISH OUR PRIORITIES -- AND, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED AND SACRIFICED FOR OUR COUNTRY, HAVE EARNED CERTAIN THINGS FROM US. AND THAT'S A MANDATE, TOO.

THAT'S WHY I STRONGLY SUPPORTED SECRETARY DERWINSKI'S REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE VA FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR.

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TO BE QUITE CANDID, THERE WAS A LOT OF PRESSURE AGAINST ANY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING, PERIOD. AND IF IT BECAME POSSIBLE TO PERMIT SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO BE SPENT, I CAN TELL YOU THERE WAS SOME VERY COMPELLING COMPETITION FOR THOSE LIMITED DOLLARS.

BUT ED DERWINSKI SAID OUR SUPPORT FOR VETERANS WAS WARRANTED AS A TOP PRIORITY, AND I THINK HE MADE THE CASE. VETERANS DESERVE OUR SUPPORT, AND THEY'RE GOING TO GET IT.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1400

25 AUG 1989

Ref: 89-3890

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PA)

SUBJECT: Review of Presidential Remarks, American Legion

Subject speech has been reviewed, and the following items are submitted for consideration:

- page 1: typo: Star-Spangled Banner ✓
- * - page 2: encapsule should be encapsulate ✓
- page 3: "Fifty years ago last Friday" would have been September 1, 1939. On that day Hitler invaded Poland. That country was not then our ally. On September 3 that year, England and France declared war on Germany, as they had promised to intervene in case of German aggression in Poland. Accordingly, the words last Friday should be stricken.
- page 3: there's some dispute among historians as to the loss of lives in WWII. "more than 55 million" is a high estimate; "more than 50 million" is better (i.e., defensible), as is "approximately 55 million."
- page 3: the four freedoms are: Freedom (singular)... ✓
- page 4: prosecutors don't convict; judges/juries do.
- page 4: every criminal ... if he commits ... etc. ✓
- page 7: "other Nations' ... abilities ...

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Director
Freedom of Information
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* PAGE 2- "STORMING THE BEACHES OF ANZIO" SHOULD BE CHANGED (STORMING THE BEACHES OF IWO JIMA, ETC). ANZIO WAS AN UNCONTESTED AMPHIBIOUS LANDING.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN LEGION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1989

Justice Gierke [GER-kee] -- and let me salute the first Viet Nam veteran to be selected National Commander. And all of you who represent our Nation's largest and fastest-growing veterans organization -- now 2.8 million strong.

As always, it is a great privilege to join you. And a deep personal pleasure to renew old ties. And to greet new friends.

Today is September 7th -- and I'm determined not to repeat the mistake I made last year when I referred to this date as Pearl Harbor Day. Now that I've dispensed with that announcement, I want to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving.

Not surprisingly, anniversaries were on my mind as I traveled here from Washington. Past the Pentagon. The Congress. And then Fort McHenry. And it got me to thinking how 1989 marks the 175th anniversary of the "Star-Bangled Banner." And how your convention lies so near its famous birthplace.

Yesterday, you did something that would have pleased Francis Scott Key -- and for which I thank you. For by supporting a Constitutional Amendment making it illegal to desecrate the American flag, you joined the crusade to protect the symbol of America's honor. What our flag embodies is too sacred to be abused.

- Michael Jackson - W.H. (2800)

- Rich Pell - See attached.

- Veterans Spending may want to mention - See suggestions.

Woodrow Wilson once called the flag "the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history." And then he went on to say, "It represents the experiences made by men and women, the experiences of those who do and live under that flag."

What Wilson meant, of course, was that the flag -- like America -- represents many things. It represents self-expression and opportunity. And democracy for all.

Like America, too, Old Glory reflects the values -- moral and intellectual, economic and military -- that have made, and keep, us strong.

And like America, the flag symbolizes the gallantry of veterans who love their country -- giving of themselves, and often of their lives. Storming the beaches of Anzio. Scaling the cliffs of Normandy. Taking shell-torn hills named Hamburger and Arrowhead.

Fellow veterans, for 71 years the "experiences" of the American Legion -- its "men and women" -- have helped write the Story of America -- and the story of our flag. And today -- in peacetime, as in wartime -- you write their stories still.

For the flag, like America, is more than "sentiment." It lives. On a rugged hill at Iwo Jima. It lifts. The tiny hand of the little girl I saw on a street corner in Gdansk, waving the Stars and Stripes. For both encapsule freedom. The freedom to vote as we want, and pray where we choose. The freedom to go about our daily lives without tyranny or fear.

Fifty years ago last Friday, our allies went to war to protect this freedom. For as panzer tanks crossed the Polish frontier, and bombers savaged Warsaw, liberty confronted an evil which -- even now -- defines hell on earth.

In the end, that conflict took more than 55 million lives. And underscored, as few things have, man's inhumanity to man. Our challenge today is to prove man's humanity to man. And by preserving liberty without war, secure what Franklin Roosevelt called the "Four Freedoms": Freedoms of speech, of religion, freedom from want and fear.

Today, I want to focus on one of those freedoms -- freedom from fear. The fear of war abroad. The fear of drugs and crime at home.

To win that freedom -- to build a better, safer life -- will require the bravery, and sacrifice, that Americans have shown before. And must again. Already we have done much. Now, we must do more. And achieve real peace -- both domestic and foreign -- the kind of peace which lasts.

First, our mission at home -- to free our country from the fear of drugs and crime. When we ask what kind of society the American people deserve, our answer is -- and must be -- a Nation in which law-abiding citizens are safe and feel safe.

That is why we have sent a comprehensive battle plan to Congress to put an end to the crime and drugs which plague the United States.

First, our plan seeks to rid America of violent criminals with an attack on four fronts. New laws -- to punish them. New agents -- to arrest them. New prosecutors -- to convict them. And new prisons -- to hold them.

We propose to ~~dramatically~~ change the rules of the game *dramatically* Mandatory time for firearms offenses. No deals when criminals use a gun. And for the most heinous crimes -- you remember my promise. For anyone who kills a law enforcement officer -- no penalty is too tough. We want Congress to enact the steps needed to implement the death penalty.

In short, our crime proposals are based on three principles. Every criminal in this Nation must understand that if they commit a crime, they will be caught. And if caught, they will be prosecuted. And if convicted, they will do time. By taking hoods off the streets, we can -- and will -- take back the streets.

I ask you to support our crime plan. And yet it's only one part of the answer. So, two nights ago, I announced ~~America's~~ a *Comprehensive* ~~first~~ national strategy to win the war on drugs.

Our drug program aims to stop drug abuse before it starts. Through education and prevention -- from grade school to graduate school. And, second, to help addicts who want to go clean. With special emphasis on expectant mothers. Then, there's the third part of our strategy -- giving drug dealers the security of the

slammer. And for their ultimate bosses -- the drug lords -- life in prison, with no parole. And, finally, working with other governments to help crack international drug rings.

As veterans, you know how battles are often fought -- house-by-house, block-by-block. Well, we'll win this battle the same way. Winning kid-by-kid, neighborhood-by-neighborhood.

For years now, drugs have written a sad chapter in the American story. This morning, I ask you to help write an ending all of us can be proud of. Cops can't do it alone. Teachers can't do it alone. The addict weary of abuse can't do it alone. They need your help. And I know they'll get it -- just as you've helped handicapped kids, donated blood, housed the National League of Families, and spurred good government through programs like Boys State and Girls State.

Today, for instance, Post Number 65 in Rosemont, Minnesota, runs the program "Drug Talk." And in Russelville, Arkansas, I especially like Post Number 20's giveaway of thousands of rulers. Their message says it all. "You really measure up when you say 'No' to drugs." You know -- as I do -- that we're in this together. So let us fight on any front, and every front. Supply and demand. Education and rehabilitation. Interdiction and enforcement. In the cities, and the towns. Walter Lippman once wrote of a "Nation at the mercy of violence." America must never surrender to the violence of drugs and crime -- the future of our children depends on it.

This morning, I have talked about our mission to secure freedom from fear at home. But we also have another mission -- a global mission -- to free America from the fear of war.

Half-a-century ago, Ike, and Nimitz, and Jimmy Doolittle, and millions of unsung heroes -- like many here today -- fought to end a war. You fought at Guadalcanal and Monte Casino. At Remagen and Bataan. You fought to rid the world of totalitarianism and tyranny.

Our challenge may be less dramatic, but just as vital: To make fragile peace strong, and temporary peace permanent. Today, ours remains a global stage, and America remains its leading player. And we must use our strength to keep the peace. Well, this we know from World War II: The best way to ensure peace is for America to be militarily strong.

Thankfully, America today is strong. And our strength has helped democracy's tide run in -- even as tyranny's tide runs out. In Poland and Hungary, in countries East and West, liberty is sweeping the globe. Yet with even hopeful change comes uncertainty. And with uncertainty comes the need for vigilance. This is no time to declare freedom's victory before the fact.

That is why we need a national defense that ensures a strong and secure America. And why I'm pleased that the Senate largely agrees. This week, our defense authorization bill moves to House-Senate conference committee. There's just one problem: The House version is unacceptable. It continues unneeded programs costing nearly \$20 billion from 1990-94. Holding our

defense budget hostage to pork-barrel projects that will strip money from programs crucial to strategic modernization.

This modernization is vital -- vital because America must base its procurement decisions not on perestroika and glasnost -- but on the future capacity -- the actual weapons -- that any Soviet leader might have available. As decades change, so do the weapons needed to deter other Nations' first-strike ability. This President -- any President -- would betray his office if -- yielding to today's headlines -- he viewed America's deterrence in a vacuum.

I don't -- and won't. For we we must maintain America's defense by strengthening its deterrent triad. And by that I mean: Submarines, missiles, and the B-2 bomber.

We have called for two Trident submarines to be funded in 1990 and 1991. Today, I renew that call. And reaffirm my commitment to the second part of our triad: strategic land-based missiles. Already, the Soviet Union has two mobile systems. And we need to match them. Not only to modernize our forces into the 21st Century. But to gain leverage for arms control.

What we're talking about is simple logic. Or as Sam Rayburn said, "If a man has common sense, he has all the sense there is." We want to ban all mobile missiles in the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks. But common sense tells us: We won't be in a bargaining position to ban any until the Congress makes our level comparable to the Soviets.

Such parity can be ensured in two ways: Our new single-warhead ICBM missile -- the Midgetman -- and our MX multi-warhead ICBM. When deployed, the Midgetman will require more than one enemy missile to take out a single warhead. And that makes sense. But the Midgetman won't be ready until 1997. So to fill the void, I have asked Congress for funds to shift existing MXs to mobile, less vulnerable rail cars.

The third part of our deterrent triad -- the B-2 or Stealth Bomber -- can avoid radar. Its range is perfect for long-range missions. And here's the kicker: the B-2 makes it impossible for any country to destroy a mixed force of bombers and missiles.

Finally, there's the last part of our defense equation -- the Strategic Defense Initiative. SDI will begin the movement from offensive to defensive deterrence. And deter not merely existing threats but also Nations on the verge of possessing nuclear and chemical missiles. And in an attack, it will put would-be aggressors in the dark about what targets are destroyed. If that's not common sense, I don't like fishing.

Fellow veterans, real peace is not an accident. So, let us modernize our strategic forces. And, thus, encourage arms control. We need the Trident and Midgetman. We need the MX, B-2, and SDI. Yes, each involves short-term funding pain. But each is crucial to a defense posture that is responsible -- fiscally -- and cohesive -- strategically. We know that when it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last.

Thirty-four years ago, Douglas MacArthur returned to the Plain at West Point, where he gave a speech to the cadets. "The soldier," he told them, "above all other people, prays for peace -- for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

Each of us knows the truth of General MacArthur's words. Yes, at times, war has been inevitable -- at times, even necessary. But not here. Not now. Not if we summon the heart and will to build a more secure and peaceful world.

We can have an America free from war, free from drugs and crime. An America free from fear. What a wonderful legacy -- for this and generations of children to come.

Some might call it only a dream. I say: America is the land of dreams -- dreams that come true. God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Roger B. Porter
Jim Pinkerton

Subject: American Legion Draft Speech

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Comments on the present draft appear below. These aside, we wish to raise a major philosophical question about the opportunity that this speech presents: We believe that the subject of the speech should be Poland.

We defer to the NSC as to the usefulness of broaching this issue, but in the absence of major financial aid or some dramatic policy initiative, it seems to us that eloquence is the only thing we have that will put the President out in front at this truly historic moment of change. Therefore, unless the more knowledgeable offices think otherwise, we believe that this address affords an ideal opportunity for the President to scotch the critics who said he did not say enough at the time of Tienanmen Square by forthrightly speaking about his position on the larger significance of Poland and the world.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: G. PHILIP HUGHES 

SUBJECT: Suggested Revisions of the President's American
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Attached for the use of the President's speechwriters are
revisions which the NSC staff proposes making in the President's
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Attachment

Tab A Suggested Revisions of the President's American
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cc: Jim Cicconi

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First, our plan seeks to rid America of violent criminals with an attack on four fronts. New laws -- to punish them. New agents -- to arrest them. New prosecutors -- to convict them. And new prisons -- to hold them.

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No comments--called in by Becky Blank--8/25

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As veterans, you know how battles are often fought -- house-by-house, block-by-block. Well, we'll win this battle the same way. Winning kid-by-kid, neighborhood-by-neighborhood.

For years now, drugs have written a sad chapter in the American story. This morning, I ask you to help write an ending all of us can be proud of. Cops can't do it alone. Teachers can't do it alone. The addict weary of abuse can't do it alone. They need your help. And I know they'll get it -- just as you've helped handicapped kids, donated blood, housed the National League of Families, and spurred good government through programs like Boys State and Girls State.

Today, for instance, Post Number 65 in Rosemont, Minnesota, runs the program "Drug Talk." And in Russelville, Arkansas, I especially like Post Number 20's giveaway of thousands of rulers. Their message says it all. "You really measure up when you say 'No' to drugs." You know -- as I do -- that we're in this together. So let us fight on any front, and every front. Supply and demand. Education and rehabilitation. Interdiction and enforcement. In the cities, and the towns. Walter Lippman once wrote of a "Nation at the mercy of violence." America must never surrender to the violence of drugs and crime -- the future of our children depends on it.

This morning, I have talked about our mission to secure freedom from fear at home. But we also have another mission -- a global mission -- to free America from the fear of war.

Half-a-century ago, Ike, and Nimitz, and Jimmy Doolittle, and millions of unsung heroes -- like many here today -- fought to end a war. You fought at Guadalcanal and Monte Casino. At Remagen and Bataan. You fought to rid the world of totalitarianism and tyranny.

Our challenge may be less dramatic, but just as vital: To make fragile peace strong, and temporary peace permanent. Today, ours remains a global stage, and America remains its leading player. And we must use our strength to keep the peace. Well, this we know from World War II: The best way to ensure peace is for America to be militarily strong.

Thankfully, America today is strong. And our strength has helped democracy's tide run in -- even as tyranny's tide runs out. In Poland and Hungary, in countries East and West, liberty is sweeping the globe. Yet with even hopeful change comes uncertainty. And with uncertainty comes the need for vigilance. This is no time to declare freedom's victory before the fact.

That is why we need a national defense that ensures a strong and secure America. And why I'm pleased that the Senate largely agrees. This week, our defense authorization bill moves to House-Senate conference committee. There's just one problem: The House version is unacceptable. It continues unneeded programs costing nearly \$20 billion from 1990-94. Holding our

defense budget hostage to pork-barrel projects that will strip money from programs crucial to strategic modernization.

This modernization is vital -- vital because America must base its procurement decisions not on perestroika and glasnost -- but on the future capacity -- the actual weapons -- that any Soviet leader might have available. As decades change, so do the weapons needed to deter other Nations' first-strike ability. This President -- any President -- would betray his office if -- yielding to today's headlines -- he viewed America's deterrence in a vacuum.

I don't -- and won't. For we we must maintain America's defense by strengthening its deterrent triad. And by that I mean: Submarines, missiles, and the B-2 bomber.

We have called for two Trident submarines to be funded in 1990 and 1991. Today, I renew that call. And reaffirm my commitment to the second part of our triad: strategic land-based missiles. Already, the Soviet Union has two mobile systems. And we need to match them. Not only to modernize our forces into the 21st Century. But to gain leverage for arms control.

What we're talking about is simple logic. Or as Sam Rayburn said, "If a man has common sense, he has all the sense there is." We want to ban all mobile missiles in the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks. But common sense tells us: We won't be in a bargaining position to ban any until the Congress makes our level comparable to the Soviets.

Such parity can be ensured in two ways: Our new single-warhead ICBM missile -- the Midgetman -- and our MX multi-warhead ICBM. When deployed, the Midgetman will require more than one enemy missile to take out a single warhead. And that makes sense. But the Midgetman won't be ready until 1997. So to fill the void, I have asked Congress for funds to shift existing MXs to mobile, less vulnerable rail cars.

The third part of our deterrent triad -- the B-2 or Stealth Bomber -- can avoid radar. Its range is perfect for long-range missions. And here's the kicker: the B-2 makes it impossible for any country to destroy a mixed force of bombers and missiles.

Finally, there's the last part of our defense equation -- the Strategic Defense Initiative. SDI will begin the movement from offensive to defensive deterrence. And deter not merely existing threats but also Nations on the verge of possessing nuclear and chemical missiles. And in an attack, it will put would-be aggressors in the dark about what targets are destroyed. If that's not common sense, I don't like fishing.

Fellow veterans, real peace is not an accident. So, let us modernize our strategic forces. And, thus, encourage arms control. We need the Trident and Midgetman. We need the MX, B-2, and SDI. Yes, each involves short-term funding pain. But each is crucial to a defense posture that is responsible -- fiscally -- and cohesive -- strategically. We know that when it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last.

Thirty-four years ago, Douglas MacArthur returned to the Plain at West Point, where he gave a speech to the cadets. "The soldier," he told them, "above all other people, prays for peace -- for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

Each of us knows the truth of General MacArthur's words. Yes, at times, war has been inevitable -- at times, even necessary. But not here. Not now. Not if we summon the heart and will to build a more secure and peaceful world.

We can have an America free from war, free from drugs and crime. An America free from fear. What a wonderful legacy -- for this and generations of children to come.

Some might call it only a dream. I say: America is the land of dreams -- dreams that come true. God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America.

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