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NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1989**

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- 0 WE CAN'T TELL YOU HOW GOOD IT FEELS TO BE BACK IN THESE FAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS. BARBARA AND I HAVE VERY FOND MEMORIES OF THE TIME WE SERVED HERE.**

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0 IT SHOULD BE NO SURPRISE THAT, TO LEAD THIS MISSION -- AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT WE HAVE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD -- WE CHOSE THE MOST SENIOR OF OUR CAREER DIPLOMATS -- AMBASSADOR TOM PICKERING. [[PAUSE]] TOM'S APPOINTMENT WAS WELL DESERVED, AND IT REFLECTS MY FAITH IN THE CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE.

0 UNDER TOM'S VETERAN LEADERSHIP, ALL OF YOU BEAR THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO REPRESENT POLICIES WHICH ARE AS STEADY AS THEY ARE FAR-SIGHTED -- BUT WHICH DO NOT SWING WITH THE WINDS OF FASHION OR BEND TO THE DEMANDS OF THE MOMENT. AS A RESULT, YOU ARE OFTEN -- AND WE REMEMBER CLEARLY JUST HOW OFTEN -- LEFT VOTING AGAINST LARGE MAJORITIES.

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- o We can't tell you how good it feels to be back in these familiar surroundings. Barbara and I have very fond memories of the time we served here.
  
- o Since moving to Washington, we envy you your calm, pastoral life in New York, [[PAUSE]] on the bucolic shores of the East River. [[PAUSE]] Must be nice. But I won't mention housing... [[PAUSE]]
  
- o Actually, we remember quite vividly both the challenges and frustrations of your job here. And we have always been impressed by the caliber of the men and women who practice the intricate and painstaking art of multilateral diplomacy.
  
- o It should be no surprise that, to lead this mission -- among the most important we have anywhere in the world -- we chose the most senior of our career diplomats -- Ambassador Tom Pickering. [[PAUSE]] Tom's appointment was well deserved, and it reflects my faith in the career Foreign Service.
  
- o Under Tom's veteran leadership, all of you bear the special responsibility to represent policies which are as steady as

they are far-sighted -- but which do not swing with the winds of fashion or bend to the demands of the moment. As a result, you are often -- and we remember clearly just how often -- left voting against large majorities.

- o But anyone who has taken part in the life of the U.N. thinks of it fondly as a special place. Nations speak peace unto nation here, even if, perhaps, only haltingly. The U.N. is a vital institution. Time and time again, we have seen the value of its role as a peacekeeper, a mediator, and public forum for nations.
  
- o Your efforts here are particularly important as we head into a time of great and promising change in the world. Towards democratic and market values. Towards a negotiated end to conflicts. Towards greater respect for the protection of human rights and the environment.
  
- o We want to tell you again how happy we are to have such a great staff up here, and how confident we feel in having you representing us. Please be assured that we know how hard you are working up here, and how understaffed you have been. I personally appreciate very much what you are doing for your country. I know what kind of dedication it takes. I've been there and I am behind you 100%. Thank you.

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