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**U.S. MISSIONS TO NATO/BELGIUM/E.C.
BELGIAN MISSION TO NATO**

-- LET ME BEGIN BY RECOGNIZING OUR AMBASSADORS:
MAYNARD ((MIKE)) GLITMAN, OUR ENVOY TO BELGIUM; WILLIAM
TAFT, OUR AMBASSADOR TO NATO; AND OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE
EC, TOM NILS. YOU SERVE WITH DISTINCTION IN VERY
DEMANDING ASSIGNMENTS.

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-- I KNOW WHAT A BURDEN A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT CAN
BE. BARBARA AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK AND
DEDICATION THAT HAVE GONE INTO OUR STAY HERE IN
BRUSSELS.

-- AND WE KNOW FOREIGN SERVICE IS A TEAM EFFORT.
BARBARA AND I REMEMBER FROM OUR TIME IN CHINA -- THE
EXCITEMENT, AS WELL AS THE DIFFICULTIES AND RISKS --
INVOLVED IN FOREIGN SERVICE.

SO LET ME SAY TO EVERYONE HERE TODAY, HOW VERY WELL ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN-SERVICE FAMILIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR MISSIONS.

-- WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE BACK IN BRUSSELS. WHEN I LAST VISITED THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY IN MAY, THE LEADERS OF NATO MET TO OFFER PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AN AMBITIOUS PLAN FOR PEACE.

INSPIRED BY NATO'S UNITY, I WENT ON TO MAINZ TO CALL FOR THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE BERLIN WALL AND A "EUROPE WHOLE AND FREE."

-- NOW, CHANGE IS OUTRACING EVEN OUR MOST AMBITIOUS EXPECTATIONS. NO TIME IN THE LAST FORTY YEARS HAS HELD AS MUCH PROMISE AS TODAY. EUROPE, AND THE WORLD, IS UNDERGOING A TRANSFORMATION.

IN THE WEST, BARRIERS TO FREE TRADE ARE LOWERING. BUT A MORE PROFOUND CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE IN THE EAST -- BARRIERS TO FREEDOM ITSELF ARE BOWING TO THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLES OF POLAND, HUNGARY, EAST GERMANY -- AND NOW, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

-- YOU ARE PRIVILEGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE HISTORIC CHANGES TAKING PLACE.

BRUSSELS IS BECOMING A WORLD CENTER OF COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL DIALOGUE, AS A NEW EUROPE ARISES FROM THE OLD. THAT MAKES THIS CITY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND EXCITING DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE WORLD.

-- BOTH NATO AND THE EC ARE PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN PEACEFULLY MANAGING THIS ERA OF CHANGE. NATO IS CHALLENGED TO MAINTAIN OUR DEFENSES, WHILE SEIZING AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACEFUL TRANSFORMATION.

THE EC, LIKE THE UNITED STATES, IS CHALLENGED TO COORDINATE RELIEF TO HUNGARY AND POLAND, TO SUPPORT THE BIRTH OF NEW DEMOCRACIES.

-- NOW THAT THE BERLIN WALL HAS COME DOWN, WE MUST RESOLVE TO REMOVE THE OTHER WALLS -- THE INVISIBLE WALLS OF SUSPICION AND MISTRUST -- THAT REMAIN BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

I BELIEVE THAT MY MEETING WITH MIKHAIL GORBACHEV OFF MALTA WENT A LONG WAY IN BREACHING THESE WALLS.

-- THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WELCOME. ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS, LET ME COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICA'S MISSION IN THIS TIME OF CHANGE.

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ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN BRUSSELS, 12/3/89

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The legacy of that meeting became known as the Atlantic Charter, significant not for its details, but for its vision.

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resolve their differences at the negotiating table, not on the field of battle.

Tonight, I have come to Brussels to share with our friends and allies the results of that vision -- results born of strength and solidarity, continuity and commitment.

It seems like the world is changing overnight. But the yearning for freedom lives within all of us, and always has. That simple truth is manifested in the thunderous events taking place a few hundred kilometers to the East. And that simple truth brought Mikhail Gorbachev and I together in a windswept harbor off Malta.

The seas were as turbulent as our times. But it was not an ill wind carrying us on our mission. No, it was the winds of change. Strong and constant. Profound.

And today, as the sun broke through the clouds, we could both see a new world taking shape -- a new world of freedom.

Here in Brussels, only six months ago, we pledged as Allies to work together to end the division of Europe. We now stand at the threshold of making that dream a reality.

My presence here, and that of my NATO colleagues, underscores the importance we attach to consultations within the Alliance. I look forward to my discussions with Prime Minister Martens, Secretary-General Woerner, and E.C. Commission President DeLors.

It is an exciting time for the Alliance, for Europe, and for America. I have come with good news. Thank you, God bless you, and good night.

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PRESIDENT'S AFTERNOON INTERVENTION
ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

INTRODUCTION

- THIS MORNING I REVIEWED MY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT GORBACHEV AT MALTA AND WE HEARD FROM PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI AND PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY ABOUT THEIR RECENT MEETINGS WITH HIM.
- I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY THIS AFTERNOON TO TALK ABOUT A SUBJECT OF EVEN BROADER SCOPE: THE FUTURE SHAPE OF THE NEW EUROPE AND THE NEW ATLANTICISM.

A TIME OF CHOICE

- WHEN WE LAST MET IN MAY, OUR SUMMIT DECLARATION DESCRIBED THE SETTING AS A "JUNCTURE OF UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITIES." IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, WE HAVE WITNESSED EVENTS THAT HAVE FINALLY BEGUN TO MATCH OUR HOPES THESE FORTY YEARS. OUR DREAMS FOR AN HISTORIC TRANSFORMATION OF EUROPE FROM A DIVIDED CONTINENT INTO A CONTINENT WHOLE AND FREE ARE COMING TRUE.
- THE ALLIANCE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1949 TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR PRECISELY THE EXTRAORDINARY EVOLUTION WHICH IS OCCURRING IN EASTERN EUROPE TODAY.
- THIS YEAR THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST MADE FUNDAMENTAL CHOICES ABOUT THEIR DESTINY, AND GOVERNMENTS THERE BEGAN TO HONOR THE CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE. WHAT THESE CHANGES AMOUNT TO IS NOTHING LESS THAN A PEACEFUL REVOLUTION.
- THE TASK BEFORE US IS TO CONSOLIDATE THE FRUITS OF THIS PEACEFUL REVOLUTION AND PROVIDE THE ARCHITECTURE FOR CONTINUED PEACEFUL CHANGE. GREAT CHOICES ARE BEING MADE, AND GREATER OPPORTUNITIES BECKON.

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE FOR EUROPE'S FUTURE: OVERCOMING THE DIVISION OF EUROPE THROUGH FREEDOM

- IN ANY TIME OF GREAT CHANGE, IT IS GOOD TO HAVE FIRM PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE OUR WAY. OUR GOVERNMENTS COMMITTED THEMSELVES AGAIN IN MAY TO SEEK AN END TO THE PAINFUL DIVISION OF EUROPE. WE HAVE NEVER ACCEPTED THIS DIVISION. THE PEOPLE OF EVERY NATION HAVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN WAY OF LIFE IN FREEDOM.
- OF COURSE, WE HAVE ALL SUPPORTED GERMAN REUNIFICATION FOR FOUR DECADES. AND IN OUR VIEW, THIS GOAL OF GERMAN UNIFICATION SHOULD BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES.
- FIRST, SELF-DETERMINATION MUST BE PURSUED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ITS OUTCOME. WE SHOULD NOT AT THIS TIME ENDORSE NOR EXCLUDE ANY PARTICULAR VISION OF UNITY.

- SECOND, UNIFICATION SHOULD OCCUR IN THE CONTEXT OF GERMANY'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO NATO AND AN INCREASINGLY INTEGRATED EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE LEGAL ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ALLIED POWERS.
- THIRD, IN THE INTERESTS OF GENERAL EUROPEAN STABILITY, MOVES TOWARD UNIFICATION MUST BE PEACEFUL, GRADUAL, AND PART OF A STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS.
- LASTLY, ON THE QUESTION OF BORDERS WE SHOULD REITERATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT.
- AN END TO THE UNNATURAL DIVISION OF EUROPE, AND OF GERMANY, MUST PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND BE BASED UPON THE VALUES THAT ARE BECOMING UNIVERSAL IDEALS, AS ALL THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE BECOME PART OF A COMMONWEALTH OF FREE NATIONS. I KNOW MY FRIEND HELMUT KOHL COMPLETELY SHARES THIS CONVICTION.

THE ROLE OF NATO

- THE POLITICAL STRATEGY FOR NATO THAT WE AGREED UPON LAST MAY MAKES THE PROMOTION OF GREATER FREEDOM IN THE EAST A BASIC ELEMENT OF ALLIANCE POLICY. ACCORDINGLY, NATO SHOULD PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY, AND REFORM WITHIN EASTERN COUNTRIES AS THE BEST MEANS OF ENCOURAGING RECONCILIATION AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE.
- THIS EFFORT RECALLS THE ORIGIN OF NATO AS A POLITICAL ALLIANCE OF NATIONS SHARING THE SAME FUNDAMENTAL VALUES, A FOUNDATION ON WHICH I EXPECT NATO WILL INCREASINGLY BUILD IN THIS NEW AGE OF EUROPE.
- ALLIANCE SUPPORT FOR REFORM AND POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE EAST NEEDS TO BE BROAD, MULTIFACETED, AND FLEXIBLE. IT SHOULD NOT ONLY BE A QUESTION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE -- AS IMPORTANT AS THAT MIGHT BE -- BUT OF STEPS TO SUPPORT GREATER POLITICAL PLURALISM, OPEN UP FLOWS OF INFORMATION, DEVELOP NEEDED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, AND PROVIDE THROUGH OUR DEFENSE AND ARMS CONTROL EFFORTS A STABLE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN STATES, BOTH EAST AND WEST.
- THIS FITS THE CONCEPT OF "NEW MISSIONS FOR NATO" WHICH I PROPOSED WHEN I WAS HERE LAST MAY FOR OUR SUMMIT.
- BUT WE ALSO MUST REMAIN CONSTANT WITH NATO'S TRADITIONAL SECURITY MISSION. THE POTENTIAL FOR STRIFE IS INHERENT IN ANY PERIOD OF FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL TRANSITION. IN SEEKING AND PREPARING PEACEFUL CHANGE, THIS ALLIANCE ALSO MUST REMAIN A RELIABLE GUARANTOR OF PEACE IN EUROPE, AS IT HAS BEEN FOR FORTY YEARS. IT UNITES THE FREE STATES OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY IN SHARING RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO NURTURE AND GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW EUROPE.

- AS A DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE AND PARTNERSHIP OF DEMOCRACIES, NATO SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS THREATENING BY THE EAST. RATHER, IT CAN HELP MANAGE PEACEFUL CHANGE IN EUROPE IN A WAY THAT PRESERVES SECURITY AND STABILITY FOR ALL STATES. A HEALTHY NATO WILL SUPPORT BOTH MOVES TOWARD GREATER UNITY WITHIN WESTERN EUROPE AS WELL AS THE DISSOLUTION OF BARRIERS WITH THE EAST.
- ALTHOUGH THIS IS A TIME OF GREAT HOPE, WE MUST NOT BLUR THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN PROMISING EXPECTATIONS AND PRESENT REALITIES.
- MY GOVERNMENT THEREFORE REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE ALLIANCE STRATEGY FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR, BASED ON A MIX OF NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES.
- I PLEDGE TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL MAINTAIN SIGNIFICANT MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE AS LONG AS OUR ALLIES DESIRE OUR PRESENCE AS PART OF A COMMON SECURITY EFFORT.
- AS I SAID AT NATO EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE U.S. WILL REMAIN A EUROPEAN POWER. THAT MEANS THE U.S. WILL STAY ENGAGED IN THE FUTURE OF EUROPE, AND IN OUR COMMON DEFENSE.
- THIS IS NOT OLD THINKING. IT IS GOOD THINKING. OF COURSE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LESS MILITARIZED EUROPE. EVERYONE HERE KNOWS HOW STRONGLY I SUPPORT THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE TOWARD AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE CONVENTIONAL FORCES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE EAST-WEST DIVIDE.
- THIS CFE AGREEMENT WOULD DRAMATICALLY CUT BACK WARSAW PACT, PARTICULARLY SOVIET, FORCE STRENGTH. THIS HAS GREAT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PROCESS OF REFORM IN EASTERN EUROPE AS WELL AS FOR THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE. AND IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR A CAREFULLY MANAGED AND RESPONSIBLE SET OF ALLIED REDUCTIONS AS WELL.
- AS WE SEEK TO ADJUST OUR MILITARY POSTURE TO THE CHANGING POLITICAL CLIMATE, I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER MODEL THAN THE CFE PROCESS AS A WAY TO COORDINATE OUR RESPONSES TO THE NEW REQUIREMENTS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY. WE MUST STAND TOGETHER FOR NEGOTIATED, COORDINATED, STABILIZING REDUCTIONS AGAINST A RUSH TO THROW OFF DEFENSE BURDENS, AGAINST A RETURN TO THE NARROW PROTECTION OF SELF-INTEREST THAT COULD BE SO DANGEROUS AT A TIME WHEN EUROPEAN POLITICS ARE IN A STATE OF FLUX RIVALED IN MY ADULT LIFE ONLY BY THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.
- YET, THE CFE PROCESS HAS NOT REALIZED ITS FULL POTENTIAL. LAST MAY WE AGREED TO SEEK AN AGREEMENT WITHIN ONE YEAR. WE HAVE MADE GOOD PROGRESS SINCE THEN, BUT TOO LITTLE AND TOO SLOWLY TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE US: THE CHANCE TO EASE THE SOVIET ARMY OUT OF EASTERN EUROPE AND SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE RISK OF SURPRISE ATTACK AND AGGRESSION.

- WE AS POLITICAL LEADERS NEED TO REMAIN FIXED ON THIS GOAL AND TO RE-ENERGIZE OUR BUREAUCRACIES AND NEGOTIATORS TO SEIZE THIS URGENT OPPORTUNITY. I HOPE YOU AGREE WITH ME ON THE NEED FOR ACTION NOW. IF WE IN THIS ALLIANCE ARE NOT EQUAL TO THE CHANGES THAT ARE GOING ON IN EUROPE AROUND US, THE CFE PROCESS COULD BE OVERRUN BY EVENTS. THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS AND WE MUST AVOID IT.
- SIMILARLY, WE NEED TO GIVE THOUGHT TO HOW THE ALLIANCE CAN BEST MAINTAIN, IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE, DETERRENCE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF FORCES.
- FOR THAT REASON, I AM PREPARED TO LOOK WITH AN OPEN MIND AT WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN TOGETHER ACHIEVE EVEN LOWER LEVELS OF CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR FORCES IN EUROPE AS PART OF A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT.

THE ROLE OF CSCE

- MANY OF THE VALUES THAT SHOULD GUIDE EUROPE'S FUTURE ARE DESCRIBED IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THESE VALUES ENCOMPASS THE FREEDOM OF PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR DESTINY UNDER A RULE OF LAW WITH RULERS WHO ARE DEMOCRATICALLY ACCOUNTABLE.
- I THINK WE CAN LOOK TO THE CSCE TO PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.
- EARLIER THIS YEAR, I SUGGESTED WE EXPAND THE CSCE HUMAN RIGHTS BASKET TO INCLUDE FREE ELECTIONS. GIVEN THE CALLS AND COMMITMENTS TO ELECTIONS IN MANY NATIONS TO THE EAST, THIS COULD BE AN EXCELLENT TIME FOR THE CSCE TO ASSUME THIS ADDITIONAL MANDATE.
- IN ADDITION, THE "ECONOMIC BASKET" OF THE CSCE HAS BEEN UNDERDEVELOPED. I SUGGESTED TO CHAIRMAN GORBACHEV THIS WEEKEND THAT WE COULD BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO THIS ASPECT OF CSCE BY FOCUSING ON THE PRACTICAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSITION FROM STAGNANT PLANNED ECONOMIES TO FREE AND COMPETITIVE MARKETS.
- IN SUM, THE THIRTY-FIVE NATIONS OF THE CSCE BRIDGE BOTH THE DIVISION OF EUROPE AND THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. IT IS A STRUCTURE THAT SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THE FUTURE ARCHITECTURE OF EUROPE.

THE ROLE OF THE EC

- I ALSO APPRECIATE THE VITAL ROLE THE EC MUST PLAY IN THE NEW EUROPE.
- BEFORE MY TRIP TO MALTA, PRESIDENT MITTERRAND CALLED TO SHARE WITH ME THE VIEWS ABOUT RECENT EVENTS EXPRESSED AT THE EC MEETING HE HAD CALLED. AND I KNOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE RETURNING TO THESE TOPICS IN STRASBOURG LATER THIS WEEK.

- IT'S MY BELIEF THAT THE EVENTS OF OUR TIMES CALL BOTH FOR A CONTINUED, PERHAPS EVEN INTENSIFIED, EFFORT OF THE TWELVE TO INTEGRATE, AND A ROLE FOR THE EC AS A MAGNET THAT DRAWS THE FORCES OF REFORM FORWARD IN EASTERN EUROPE.
- THAT'S WHY I WAS EXCEPTIONALLY PLEASED THAT WE AGREED AT THE PARIS ECONOMIC SUMMIT ON A SPECIFIC ROLE FOR THE EC IN THE GROUP OF 24 EFFORT TO ASSIST POLAND AND HUNGARY. NOW THE G-24, CATALYZED BY EC EFFORTS, MUST DELIVER. ONE KEY STEP IS TO HELP POLAND ASSEMBLE THE \$1 BILLION STABILIZATION FUND IT HAS REQUESTED TO SUPPORT THE MAJOR MACROECONOMIC OVERHAUL PLAN IT INTENDS TO PUT IN PLACE WITHIN WEEKS.
- I RECOGNIZE, OF COURSE, THAT THE EC CANNOT BEAR THIS BURDEN ALONE. THE UNITED STATES WILL BE AT THE COMMUNITY'S SIDE IN THIS NOBLE ENDEAVOR.
- I ALSO AM COMMITTED TO A CLOSE U.S. PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EC. WE ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY COMMON VALUES AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS BY SHARED INTERESTS. SO WE SHOULD LOOK FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR TIES SO A NEW ATLANTICISM WILL PULL IN HARNESS WITH A NEW EUROPE.

CONCLUSION

- WE STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA. WE KNOW THAT WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO A PROCESS OF HISTORY DRIVEN BY PEOPLES DETERMINED TO BE FREE. THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE, ESPECIALLY THE BRAVE CITIZENS OF THE EAST, ARE ILLUMINATING THE FUTURE.
- YET THE OUTCOME IS NOT PREDESTINED. IT DEPENDS ON OUR CONTINUED STRENGTH AND SOLIDARITY AS AN ALLIANCE. IT DEPENDS VITALLY ON THE ACTIONS WE TAKE, AS GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS, TO OFFER LEADERSHIP, PROTECTION, AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THIS PROCESS OF PEACEFUL TRANSFORMATION.
- EUROPE IS CHANGING, AND WE WILL BE EQUAL TO THE CHANGE. OUR TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP CAN CREATE THE ARCHITECTURE OF A NEW EUROPE, AND A NEW ATLANTICISM, WHERE SELF-DETERMINATION, AND INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM EVERYWHERE REPLACE COERCION AND TYRANNY, WHERE ECONOMIC LIBERTY EVERYWHERE REPLACES ECONOMIC CONTROLS AND STAGNATION, AND WHERE LASTING PEACE IS REINFORCED EVERYWHERE BY COMMON RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN.

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ARRIVAL STATEMENT: ANDREWS AFB 12/4/89 DD

Thank you. Thank you for that warm greeting on such a brisk evening. It's great to be home. Back in the U.S.A.

Our mission to Malta, and then Brussels, was about peace. Not the kind of peace we've known for the last forty years - hard and cold - but about a new kind of peace. One that is rich with the promise of permanence. One that is a growing foundation for freedom.

That was the message I brought to President Gorbachev - a message that reflects the hopes and aspirations of all Americans.

Many Americans watched on television as the winds of the Mediterranean tossed our ships about. And I think it's just now that some of the staff are getting back their appetite.

But as I said in Brussels, it was not an ill wind that brought Mikhail Gorbachev and me together at Malta. It was the winds of change. Dramatic change. Witnessed by a world captivated, awed, by the tumultuous events of 1989.

At Malta, President Gorbachev and I took our first hopeful step into a new American - Soviet relationship. We took our first step into the next decade and the new world that is taking shape - a new world of freedom.

The promise of this new world would not have been possible without the steadfast support of the American people. It would not have been possible without the heroes of the East: people like Lech Walesa, Alexander Dubcek, Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn,

and so many, many more. And, it would not have been possible without the strength and stability of one of this century's greatest successes: the NATO Alliance.

[At Malta, we made much progress. We accelerated the timetables for reducing arms. We agreed to meet again in June in the United States. We agreed to press forward on building a closer economic relationship. We agreed to be pals.]

You know, during World War II, Winston Churchill called the island of Malta "democracy's fortress." It withstood one attack after another, never succumbing to the terrible tyranny of the Axis assault. En route home from the Teheran Conference in 1943, Franklin Roosevelt stopped there to deliver the thanks of the American people, praising Malta as "one tiny, bright flame in the darkness, a beacon of hope for clearer days."

I thought of that quote as the skies cleared on our second day of talks. The flame of freedom is casting its glow in many a dark corner around the world. And ladies and gentlemen, tonight new beacons of hope are shining brightly: in Warsaw, in Prague, in Budapest and Berlin, and, I believe, in Moscow.

And America, as always, will be at the forefront of these extraordinary times.

Thank you for your warm greeting on this winter's night. God bless you this Christmas season. And God bless the United States of America.

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Problems
remain
Central
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TALKING POINTS: TRI-MISSION GREETING, BRUSSELS 12/4/89

* Members of the Brussels family, Ambassador Glitman, Ambassador Taft, Ambassador Niles (Taft and Niles are new since your previous visit)

* It's nice to see some familiar faces. When I was in Brussels six months ago, you would have thought I'd at least wait a year before I put you through a Presidential visit again.

* But, you know, that is one of the nice things about our crew here in Brussels: you're ready for anything. You know the drill, and you're pros.

* Because in these exciting times we need people like you: unflappable, quick to respond, dedicated veterans of the foreign policy process.

* The other thing I like about the operation here in Brussels is your ability to work together. The Joint Administrative Service support group typifies that kind of effort. And believe me, I know what a visit like this demands of your admin offices. Where's Nick Basky? Nick, it's professionals like you that make these trips bearable. (Nick was also brought in to help out on the Costa Rica trip)

* It's an exciting time for America. And particularly for you here in Brussels. You've all seen the reports out of Malta, and our meeting here with our partners in the Alliance. We are standing on the threshold of a new era in our relationships with the East, and you here are on the cutting edge.

* (Here, you may want to give them a personal anecdote or reflection about President Gorbachev or your meeting)

* Thank you for your commitment and your dedication. God bless you and God bless the United States of America.

- * MEMBERS OF THE BRUSSELS FAMILY, AMBASSADOR GLITMAN, AMBASSADOR TAFT, AMBASSADOR NILES (TAFT AND NILES ARE NEW SINCE YOUR PREVIOUS VISIT)

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- * IT'S AN EXCITING TIME FOR AMERICA. AND PARTICULARLY FOR YOU HERE IN BRUSSELS. YOU'VE ALL SEEN THE REPORTS OUT OF MALTA, AND OUR MEETING HERE WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE ALLIANCE. WE ARE STANDING ON THE THRESHOLD OF A NEW ERA IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE EAST, AND YOU HERE ARE ON THE CUTTING EDGE.

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* THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND YOUR DEDICATION. GOD
BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

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Much was accomplished to accelerate and improve East-West relations. I made clear to Chairman Gorbachev that the United States supports fully the policy of perestroika, and I outlined steps we are prepared to take to demonstrate that support.

Much remains to be done. But none of these positive developments we are seeing, nor the steps I have laid out with the Soviet Union, would be possible without the enduring foundation of the North Atlantic Alliance. For forty years, NATO has defended our democratic way of life. And by protecting freedom for the peoples of the West, it has held out the hope of a better future for the peoples of the East.

Here in Brussels, only six months ago, we pledged again as Allies to work together to end the division of Europe. We now stand at the threshold of making that dream a reality.

Europe is in the midst of the most profound transformation in four decades. Now, more than ever, this Alliance of free nations remains the bedrock of peaceful change in Europe. That is what I will tell my NATO colleagues tomorrow. And I know they will agree.

It is an exciting time for the Alliance, for America, and for Europe.

Thank you, God bless you, and goodnight.

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