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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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April 26, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AND PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ OF VENEZUELA  
UPON ARRIVAL

The South Lawn

10:13 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Welcome, all of you. It is my great honor to welcome the leader of one of South America's oldest democracies and one of Latin America's most respected statesmen -- Carlos Andres Perez, President of Venezuela. (Applause.) I am especially pleased that we welcome him today. He's just come here from Managua, just hours after attending the inauguration of Violeta Chamorro as the new President of Nicaragua -- democratic Nicaragua. (Applause.) A great day for democracy and a great advance for the cause of freedom in our hemisphere.

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Once again, welcome. And may God bless the Republic of Venezuela. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT PEREZ: Mr. President, Mrs. Bush, I come from a continent, Latin America, and from a nation, Venezuela, whose citizens strive to consolidate their economic and social progress and their democracy.

It is to speak of these efforts that I have accepted your kind invitation, Mr. President. We will talk to each other with the same friendly sincerity that has become customary in us. I shall also meet leaders of American economic and political life, as well as outstanding representatives of your intellectual and cultural world. To all of them, we will want to express our joy at the new surge of democratization which is sweeping today's world and undoing in its wake the age of cold war and bipolarity.

We rejoice at the fact that time has come now for detente and a great joint effort aimed at facilitating economic development, social progress, equilibrium and cooperation among nations. Latin America has much to contribute to today's world. Our continent wants to participate in shaping a world of peace, of peaceful neighborliness and respect of human rights and the rights of the nature that is to be the heritage of our children, so as to set the foundations of a democracy and a quality of life consonant with the yearnings and possibilities of mankind.

Latin America has made progress. We have become free of dictatorships and our democracies are being consolidated. Currently, all the countries of the region are waging their individual battles to achieve sound economies and make Latin America competitive. The Latin American continent is determined to modernize its structures, institutions and relations, even in spite of the fact that our efforts do not always meet with proper understanding, cooperation and encouragement.

In seeking solutions to conflicts, Latin American nations have devised their own evermore efficient mechanisms. Today, Latin America is able to solve serious conflicts and, I am certain, Mr. President, that we have come to the end of all solutions that fuel the historic lack of understanding existing between our people. And in this regard, let me highlight some Latin American agreements for peace, democracy and cooperation, such as the group of Contadora, the group of Rio and Esquipulas II, which have set the marvelous examples of these past elections in Nicaragua.

And I come here today to Washington directly from Managua where I attended the inauguration of a government freely elected by the people. The San Jose Agreement is another example of the same thing. And our present economic difficulties have not prevented us from disbursing for the sake of solidarity over \$3 billion as our contribution to peace and democracy. We feel full confidence in the coming new age of peace and solidarity. We trust that we will not go back to political, military, economic and trade conditions that will place us again on an unequal footing in a world that is becoming evermore interdependent and resistant to any subservience of either the citizens of a nation to any party or sect, or some nations to others, based on their political or military might.

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We want our efforts in favor of the region's peace, its democratic revival, its economic recovery and its social harmony to be matched with support, equitable cooperation and uniform and balanced treatment for our nations. In such a framework, we will be able to progress and contribute to the establishment of a true hemispheric community, thus bridging our traditional mutual lack of understanding, our "non-encounter" as I like to call it.

We must work together to solve the problems of our continent. And we will be able to do it much more successfully if we recognize the solid friendship that binds us. Between your country and mine, there is a common and complimentary interest concerning production and consumption of energy resources. We obviously need to exchange views on how to maintain an adequate strategic production potential in this hemisphere. This is the hope we all have. And as your great poet, Carl Sandburg, said when he compared our need of cooperation to an echo that resounds further and further, we also say we have to travel further -- much further, much beyond what we have achieved. And this is why I have come to meet your wonderful people and to talk to the President and other representatives of this immense, great, and admirable nation. (Applause.)

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10:31 A.M. EDT

**TOAST AT THE STATE DINNER IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT PEREZ  
THE WHITE HOUSE / APRIL 26, 1989 / 7:30 PM**

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EVENING TOGETHER. // IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO HOST A  
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GREATER WHEN THERE ARE PERSONAL TIES INVOLVED. AND MR.  
PRESIDENT, THAT'S TRUE IN THE CASE OF VENEZUELA. //**

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**OUR OWN JEB AND COLUMBA HERE WITH US TONIGHT -- LIVED  
AND WORKED IN YOUR COUNTRY DURING YOUR FIRST TERM AS  
PRESIDENT. THEY LOVED IT AND SO DO WE.**

**BARBARA AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT YOUR  
COUNTRY IN 1957 AND AGAIN WHILE I WAS VICE PRESIDENT,  
BACK IN 1981 -- AND WE GRATEFULLY ACCEPT YOUR  
INVITATION TO RETURN TO VENEZUELA LATER THIS YEAR.**

THE KEY TO THE GOOD RELATIONS WE ENJOY IS THAT OUR TWO NATIONS SHARE A VISION OF A TOTALLY DEMOCRATIC HEMISPHERE AND A COMMON LOVE OF FREEDOM. WE AGREE THAT NO SYSTEM IS BETTER THAN DEMOCRACY AT SECURING THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY ALL NATIONS SEEK. THAT NO SYSTEM IS BETTER SUITED TO RESPECT BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS -- OR PROVIDES A BETTER HOME TO HUMAN ASPIRATIONS. THOSE SHARED VALUES FORM THE BASIS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP.

EVEN OUR OCCASIONAL DISAGREEMENTS TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE BROAD BOUNDS OF DEMOCRACY, IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF MUTUAL RESPECT. ///

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE ONE OF LATIN AMERICA'S GREAT STATESMEN -- AND I HOPE YOU WON'T MIND THAT I SHARE WITH OUR GUESTS TONIGHT CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF YOUR STATURE -- PROOF PROVIDED BY VENEZUELA'S CONSTITUTION.

ACCORDING TO ITS PROVISIONS, NO PRESIDENT CAN SERVE A SECOND TERM -- NOT, THAT IS, WITHOUT FIRST WAITING 10 YEARS.

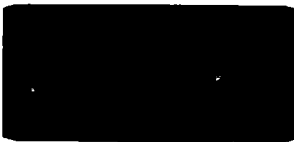
CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ FIRST BECAME PRESIDENT IN 1973; HIS FIVE-YEAR TERM ENDED IN 1978. 10 YEARS LATER -- AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY -- THE VOTERS OF VENEZUELA MADE THIS MAN THE FIRST MAN IN MODERN TIMES TO BE ELECTED TO A SECOND TERM. /

MR. PRESIDENT, THIS IS A TESTAMENT TO YOUR COUNTRYMEN'S DEEP REGARD FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. //

YOUR LIFE-LONG SERVICE TO YOUR NATION HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF FAITH: FAITH THAT VENEZUELA WILL MOVE FORWARD UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE -- FAITH THAT DEMOCRACY WILL MOVE FORWARD IN LATIN AMERICA, WITH VENEZUELA IN THE VANGUARD. //

**TONIGHT, MR. PRESIDENT, I OFFER THIS TOAST:  
TO THE SHARED IDEALS THAT UNITE OUR NATIONS;  
TO LASTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA;  
AND TO THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ACROSS  
ALL THE AMERICAS.**

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ARRIVAL: PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA / SOUTH AMERICA  
APRIL 26, 1990 / 10:00 AM

WELCOME, ALL OF YOU. // IT IS MY GREAT HONOR TO  
WELCOME THE LEADER OF ONE OF SOUTH AMERICA'S OLDEST  
DEMOCRACIES -- AND ONE OF LATIN AMERICA'S MOST  
RESPECTED STATESMEN -- CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, PRESIDENT  
OF VENEZUELA. //

AND I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT WE WELCOME HIM  
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DEMOCRATIC NICARAGUA. A GREAT DAY FOR DEMOCRACY -- AND  
A GREAT ADVANCE FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN OUR  
HEMISPHERE.

**PRESIDENT PEREZ, ON THE MORNING AFTER NICARAGUA'S RECENT ELECTIONS, I CALLED YOU TO DISCUSS THE STUNNING VICTORY THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE HAD WON AT THE BALLOT BOX. I CALLED TO CONFER WITH YOU BECAUSE I KNEW HOW LONG AND HARD YOU WORKED TO BRING DEMOCRACY TO NICARAGUA.**

**FROM THE FINAL DAYS OF THE SOMOZA REGIME -- TO YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE CONTADORA GROUP -- AND NOW TO THE MOMENT OF FREEDOM'S TRIUMPH, YOUR DEEP PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE ADVANCE OF DEMOCRACY HAS NEVER WAVERED.**

**TODAY, ANOTHER NATION HAS JOINED FREEDOM'S RANKS. FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALL THE AMERICAS THIS IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE.**

**MORE THAN THAT -- IT IS A TIME TO DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE DAY, PERHAPS NOT SO DISTANT, WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE OF THIS HEMISPHERE LIVE IN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. //**

**MR. PRESIDENT, IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS, WE WILL MOVE INSIDE TO THE OVAL OFFICE AND BEGIN OUR CONSULTATIONS. BUT BEFORE WE DO, LET ME SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE NEW COURSE YOUR NATION HAS CHOSEN -- ABOUT THE CHANGES YOUR NATION IS MAKING IN ITS ECONOMIC ORIENTATION.**

**AND ABOUT VENEZUELA'S VERSION OF WHAT I HAVE HEARD DESCRIBED AS PEREZ-TROIKA. //**

**IN THE PAST YEAR, WE'VE SEEN THE THIRST FOR FREEDOM TRANSFORM THE WORLD. WITH THAT UNQUENCHABLE DESIRE FOR POLITICAL FREEDOM HAS COME A REALIZATION THAT FREEDOM IS ALSO THE KEY TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

**FROM MOSCOW TO MANAGUA, WE'VE WITNESSED A SHIFT -- FROM THE TEACHINGS OF MARX TO THE LESSONS OF THE FREE MARKET. //**

THAT SHIFT PARALLELS THE ONE YOU'VE BEGUN IN VENEZUELA -- BY STRIPPING AWAY THE LAYERS OF STATE CONTROL THAT STIFLED DEVELOPMENT, IN FAVOR OF FREE MARKET PRINCIPLES THAT -- EXPERIENCE PROVES -- PROVIDE FERTILE GROUND FOR GROWTH.

I KNOW THIS TRANSITION -- WITH ITS DIFFICULT SHORT-TERM EFFECTS -- HAS MEANT SOME PAIN FOR THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA. BUT IT IS THE KIND OF NEW BEGINNING THAT WILL LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE GROWTH. //

IT IS NOT AN EASY PATH -- BUT WE ARE CONVINCED IT IS THE ONLY PATH TO PROSPERITY AND BETTER LIVES FOR ALL VENEZUELAN.

THAT'S WHY I'M PLEASED TO SEE THAT VENEZUELA AND ITS MAIN CREDITORS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT UNDER THE BRADY PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THE DEBT BURDEN -- A PLAN THAT OPENS THE WAY FOR OPPORTUNITY AND GROWTH. WITH THIS AGREEMENT, VENEZUELA CAN TAKE THE NEXT STEP FORWARD -- TOWARD ECONOMIC VITALITY, AND GROWING PROSPERITY FOR ALL ITS PEOPLE.

AND THAT, MR. PRESIDENT, IS NOT ONLY A TESTAMENT TO  
VENEZUELAN ENERGY AND ENTERPRISE -- BUT TO YOUR VISION  
AND COURAGE. //

ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS, MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS MY  
GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET WITH YOU HERE AT THE WHITE  
HOUSE. // ONCE AGAIN, WELCOME -- AND MAY GOD BLESS  
THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA.

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ENTERTAINMENT / OFFICIAL VISIT OF PRESIDENT PEREZ  
PETE FOUNTAIN -- APRIL 26, 1990

WE'VE JUST HEARD ONE OF THE LIVING LEGENDS OF  
DIXIELAND -- AN ARTIST WHO GREW UP PLAYING THE GREAT  
JAZZ HOUSES ON BOURBON STREET, AND WHO'S PLAYED THIS  
HOUSE ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE -- 5 TIMES NOW. ON BEHALF  
OF ALL OUR GUESTS, BARBARA AND I WANT TO THANK PETE  
FOUNTAIN -- AND HIS TALENTED BAND -- FOR SHARING THE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *aw*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

SUBJECT: STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA

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McGroarty/Dooley  
April 19, 1990  
6:00 pm  
[VENEZ]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR OFFICIAL VISIT OF  
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL AND TOAST FOR PRESIDENT PEREZ

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RESPONSE:

No Comments 4/19/90

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*NO comment  
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Stacy Williamson*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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April 19, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: FREDERICK D. NELSON *FON*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Arrival and Toast  
for President Perez

Counsel's Office makes no legal objection to the draft Arrival Statement.

With regard to the draft toast, I raise just one question. After the joke in the second paragraph on page 2 (to the effect that there is room for democracies to differ as to whether a President should be free to run for a second term), the draft continues by saying, "The U.S. Constitution suits me just fine." Of course, the 22nd Amendment to our Constitution does limit a President to two terms, a restriction that former President Reagan has said should be repealed. Unless it is and will continue to be President Bush's unequivocal view that the 22nd Amendment is fine, he probably need not lock himself in by endorsing it at this point; the "suits me just fine" sentence simply could be dropped. Whether the joke itself might have significant political implications should be considered by the appropriate people.

cc: James W. Cicconi  
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The NSC staff concurs with changes annotated on texts.

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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I know this transition -- with its difficult short-term effects -- has meant hardship for the people of Venezuela. But it is the kind of new beginning that will lay the foundations for future growth. // It is not an easy path -- but it is the only path to prosperity and better lives for all Venezuelans.

That's why I'm pleased to see that Venezuela and its main creditors have reached agreement on a plan for dealing with the debt burden -- a plan that opens the way for opportunity and growth. With this agreement, Venezuela can take the next step forward -- toward economic vitality, and growing prosperity for all its people. And that, Mr. President, is not only a testament to to **Venezuelan energy and enterprise** -- but to your vision and **courage**. //

On behalf of all Americans, Mr. President, it is my great pleasure to meet with you here at the White House. // Once again, welcome -- and may God bless the Republic of Venezuela.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TOAST AT THE STATE DINNER IN HONOR OF  
PRESIDENT PEREZ  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
APRIL 26, 1989  
7:30 PM

Mr. President. Distinguished guests. Friends of Venezuela:  
Barbara and I are delighted to share this evening together. //  
It's always a pleasure to host a visiting head of state, but the  
pleasure is even greater when there are personal ties involved.  
And Mr. President, that's true in the case of Venezuela. // My  
son Jeb -- who's here with us tonight -- lived and worked in your  
country. My friend and classmate of many years ago, Alberto  
Vollmer of Venezuela, is also here tonight.

And of course, Barbara and I had the opportunity to visit  
your country, and meet with you, while I was Vice President, back  
in 1981 -- and we gratefully accept your invitation to return to  
Venezuela later this year.

The key to the good relations we enjoy is that our two  
nations share a common love of freedom. We agree that no system  
is better than democracy at securing the **peace and prosperity** all  
nations seek. That no system is better suited to respect **basic  
human rights** -- or provides a better home to **human aspirations**.  
Those shared values form the basis of our friendship. Even our  
occasional **disagreements** take place within the broad bounds of  
democracy, in an atmosphere of mutual respect. ///

Mr. President, you are one of Latin America's great statesmen -- and I hope you won't mind that I share with our guests tonight conclusive proof of your stature -- proof provided by Venezuela's Constitution. According to its provisions, no President can serve a second term -- not, that is, without first waiting 10 years.

[ [ Now, before I go any further let me say -- with all due respect to the Constitution of Venezuela -- this is one of those areas where there is room for democracies to differ. // The U.S. Constitution suits me just fine. // ] ]

Carlos Andres Perez first became President in 1973; his five-year term ended in 1978. 10 years later -- at the earliest possible opportunity -- the voters of Venezuela made this man the first President elected to a second term. / Mr. President, not only is it a testament to your patience -- but to your countrymen's deep regard for you and your leadership. //

Your life-long service to your nation has been a source of faith: Faith that Venezuela will move forward under your guidance -- faith that democracy will move forward in Latin America, with Venezuela in the vanguard. //

Tonight, Mr. President, I offer this toast:

To the shared ideals that unite our nations;

To lasting friendship between the people of the United States and the people of Venezuela;

And to the future of freedom and democracy across all the Americas.

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