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GOVERNOR'S PALACE \ MONTERREY, MEXICO
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1990 \ 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT SALINAS AND MRS. SALINAS, GOVERNOR AND MRS. TREVINO, MAYOR RIZZO AND MRS. RIZZO. SECRETARY BRADY, ATTORNEY GENERAL THORNBURG, SECRETARY MOSBACHER, AMBASSADOR HILLS, AND DEPUTY SECRETARY EAGLEBURGER. FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. BARBARA AND I ARE HONORED BY ALL YOU HAVE DONE. FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO PREPARATIONS FOR OUR VISIT -- MUCHAS GRACIAS.

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IT IS AN HONOR TO STAND WITH YOU, BEFORE THIS MAGNIFICENT PALACE, AT SUCH A PROMISING MOMENT IN OUR SHARED HISTORY. FOR I BELIEVE THAT OUR TWO PEOPLES ARE NOW ON THE EVE OF AN ERA MORE COOPERATIVE, AND MORE PROSPEROUS, THAN ANY WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.

NOT FAR FROM THIS PLAZA, THE MOUNTAINS STRETCH TOWARD THE SKY. IN THE SUNLIGHT, THEY CAN SEEM LARGER THAN LIFE. BUT EVEN WHEN OBSCURED BY DARKNESS, THEIR POWER IS SUCH THAT THEIR PRESENCE IS ALWAYS FELT.

AND SO IT IS WITH OUR COMMON POTENTIAL. OUR DREAMS AND HIGH ASPIRATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WITH US. BUT THOSE DREAMS ARE NO LONGER LARGER THAN LIFE -- THEY'RE WITHIN OUR REACH.

IN THIS PLAZA, I CAN STAND BEFORE MEXICO'S GREATEST HEROES.

HIDALGO AND MORELOS, WHO SET THIS GREAT NATION ON THE ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE. JUAREZ AND ESCOBEDO, WHO DEFINED AND DEFENDED THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND FREEDOM THAT GUIDE MEXICO EVEN TO THIS DAY.

AND ABOVE ALL, THE MEXICAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES -- ALL OF YOU HERE TONIGHT -- WHO ARE THE LIFEBLOOD OF THIS GREAT CITY, AND THIS GREAT NATION.

SO, I'VE COME TO MEXICO WITH A MESSAGE OF RESPECT, ADMIRATION, AND HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE, SHARED BY OUR TWO COUNTRIES. AND I'M PLEASED TO BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOUR DYNAMIC AND CREATIVE PRESIDENT, CARLOS SALINAS -- THE ARCHITECT OF A BREATHTAKING ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION, AND A GREAT LEADER.

**IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS, HE EXPRESSED HIS "CERTAINTY THAT MEXICO, BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORY, DIMENSIONS, AND THE QUALITY OF ITS PEOPLE, DESERVES TO HOLD A STRONGER POSITION AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD." PRESIDENT SALINAS -- I AGREE. **

IN OUR CONSULTATIONS, PRESIDENT SALINAS AND I ARE DISCUSSING HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE A BRIGHTER AND MORE PROSPEROUS FUTURE FOR BOTH OUR NATIONS. I BELIEVE THAT U.S.-MEXICAN RELATIONS HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER.

I KNOW THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO MY COUNTRY. WE WILL NEVER NEGLECT IT. WE ARE NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.

WE WANT TO WORK TOWARD THE FREE AND OPEN TRADE SO VITAL TO CREATING JOBS AND ENTERPRISE IN YOUR ECONOMY AND OUR OWN. WE WANT TO LOOK FOR NEW PROGRESS AGAINST THE SCOURGE OF DRUGS, SO THREATENING TO OUR YOUTH. WE HAVE A PRECIOUS ENVIRONMENT TO PROTECT, AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO EDUCATE.

AND THERE ARE CHALLENGES, TOO, IN THE WORLD BEYOND OUR BORDERS. RECONSTRUCTION IN CENTRAL AMERICA, THE RESTORATION OF STABILITY IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION, THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF WORLD TRADE TALKS -- THESE ARE ALSO ISSUES WE ARE DISCUSSING TOGETHER.

WHAT WE SEEK, ULTIMATELY, IS A WORLD THAT REFLECTS THE U.S.-MEXICO RELATIONSHIP ITSELF -- ORIENTED TOWARD COOPERATION, COMMUNICATION, AND RESPECTFUL PARTNERSHIP IN SEIZING THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD.

LOOKING OUT AT YOU, AND THE FIGURES OF YOUR GREAT MEN, IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT HISTORY IS ON OUR SIDE. WE ARE JOINED BY OUR FAITH IN FREEDOM. IN THE WORDS OF A GREAT SON OF MEXICO, OCTAVIO PAZ, LIBERTY "IS A MOVEMENT OF CONSCIOUSNESS THAT LEADS US, AT CERTAIN MOMENTS, TO UTTER ONE OF TWO WORDS: YES, OR NO."

TOGETHER, LET US SAY YES TO LIBERTY. LET US COMMENCE A NEW ERA FOR BOTH OUR NATIONS -- WHERE WHAT STRETCHES BETWEEN US IS NOT A BARRIER, BUT A BRIDGE.

**WITH CANDOR AND MUTUAL RESPECT AS OUR GUIDES, LET
US CROSS OVER INTO A NEW ERA OF SHARED PROGRESS AND
PROSPERITY -- FOR A STRONGER MEXICO, AND STRONGER
UNITED STATES, AND A BETTER WORLD.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM RECEPTION. GOD BLESS YOU
ALL.**

AND VIVA MEXICO!

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November 20, 1990
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GOVERNMENT PALACE
MONTERREY, MEXICO
MONDAY → THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1990
6:00 P.M. → [6:30 P.M.]

AMBASSADORS
+
CABINET
TBD

[[President Salinas, Governor Trevino, ^{MAYOR} ~~Major~~ Rizzo, friends
and neighbors.]] ADD: MRS. SALINAS (CECILIA)
MRS. TREVINO (CRISTINA)
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Barbara and I are honored by all you have done. For all of
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gracias. ~~Somos~~ muy agradecidos. \\\

It is an honor to stand with you, before this magnificent
palace, at such a promising moment in our shared history. For I
believe that our two peoples are now on the eve of an era more
cooperative, and more prosperous, than any we have ever known.

Not far from this plaza, the mountains stretch toward the
sky. In the sunlight, they can seem larger than life. But even
when obscured by darkness, their power is such that their
presence is always felt.

And so it is with our common potential. Our dreams and high
aspirations have always been with us. But those dreams are no
longer larger than life -- they're within our reach.

In this plaza, I stand before Mexico's greatest heroes.

Hidalgo and Morelos, who set this great nation on the road
to independence. Juarez and Escobedo, who defined and defended
the principles of justice and freedom that guide Mexico even to
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So I've come to Mexico with a message of respect, admiration, and hope for a brighter future, shared by our two countries. And I'm pleased to be working closely with your dynamic and visionary President, Carlos Salinas -- the architect of a breathtaking economic transformation, and a great leader. In his inaugural address, he expressed his "certainty that Mexico, because of its history, dimensions, and the quality of its people, deserves to hold a stronger position among the nations of the world." President Salinas -- I agree. \\\

In our consultations, President Salinas and I are discussing how we can empower the people of our two nations -- toward a brighter and more prosperous future.

We want to work toward the free and fair trade so vital to creating jobs and enterprise in your economy and our own. We want to look for new progress against the scourge of drugs, so threatening to our youth. We have a precious environment to protect, and future generations to educate.

And there are challenges, too, in the world beyond our borders. The reconstruction of Central America, the restoration of stability in the Persian Gulf region, the successful conclusion of world trade talks -- these are also issues we are discussing together.

What we seek, ultimately, is a world that looks like the U.S.-Mexico relationship itself -- oriented toward cooperation,

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communication, and respectful partnership in seizing the many opportunities ahead.

Looking out at you, and the figures of your great men, it's clear to me that history is on our side. We are joined by our faith in freedom. In the words of a great son of Mexico, Octavio Paz, liberty "is a movement of consciousness that leads us, at certain moments, to utter one of two words: Yes, or No."

Together, let us say yes to liberty. Let us commence a new era for both our nations -- where what stretches between us is not a border, but a bridge.

With candor and mutual respect as our guides, let us cross over into a new era of shared progress and prosperity -- for a stronger Mexico, and stronger United States, and a better world.

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