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DATE: 11/23/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TODAY

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIX SPEECHES FOR STATE VISIT TO MEXICO

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON TODAY, Friday, November 23, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Once again, thank you for your gracious hospitality. May God bless you all, and the peoples of the United States and Mexico.

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