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**REAGAN VIDEO
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of course
**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. PRESIDENT AND NANCY REAGAN
-- WHO WAS SUCH A GRACIOUS FIRST LADY AND WHOSE ANTI-
DRUG CRUSADE STIRRED A NATION AND TOUCHED COUNTLESS
LIVES. AND LET ME SAY A SPECIAL HELLO TO MRS. THATCHER
-- A STAUNCH ALLY OF AMERICA WHO BECAME THE VERY
EMBODIMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN. MOST OF ALL, MY FRIEND
AND MENTOR WHO LOVED HIS COUNTRY AND SERVED HER WELL
-- RONALD REAGAN. /**

**FROM THE LIFE OF NATIONS EMERGE GREAT FIGURES.
CHURCHILL. / SADAT. / DWIGHT EISENHOWER. / MARGARET
THATCHER. / ALL SHOWED -- AS WAS SAID OF CHARLES
DEGAULLE -- THAT "GREATNESS KNOWS NO NATIONAL
BOUNDARIES." EACH CHANGED THE COURSE NOT ONLY OF THEIR
COUNTRY BUT OF HISTORY. //**

**SO IT WAS, AND IS, OF THE FORTIETH PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES. SOME MEN REFLECT THEIR TIMES. MR.
PRESIDENT, YOU HELPED CHANGE YOUR TIMES. YOU WERE A
VISIONARY, A CRUSADER, AN EVANGELIST FOR GOOD. WHICH
IS WHY I SAY: THEY'LL GET YOU ON MT. RUSHMORE YET. //**

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TODAY, RONALD REAGAN IS EIGHTY YEARS OLD -- YET AS YOUNG AS THE AMERICAN SPIRIT. YOU OFTEN SPOKE OF AMERICA AS A "SHINING CITY ON A HILL" -- AND HELPED MAKE IT SO. EMBODYING WHAT YOU DESCRIBED AS THE AMERICAN SONG: "HOPEFUL, BIG-HEARTED, IDEALISTIC, DARING, DECENT, AND FAIR." //

THINK OF AMERICA. / YOU HELPED RESTORE FAITH IN OUR NATION -- AND IN OURSELVES. / THINK OF THE WORLD. YOU KNEW THAT HUMAN DIGNITY FORMS THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY. SO YOU SPOKE LOUDLY, AND ELOQUENTLY, FOR FREEDOM'S VALUES AND IDEALS. // FROM KOREA TO NORMANDY, YOU LIT THE "MORNING STAR OF LIBERTY" -- NOT ONLY MAKING OURS A SAFER BUT A FAR BETTER WORLD IN WHICH TO LIVE. //

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OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO PRESERVE THAT WORLD -- AND TO CREATE A NEW WORLD ORDER -- BY DEFENDING FREEDOM AGAINST IRAQ. LIKE ALL AMERICANS, I HAVE REJOICED AT THE SUCCESS OF OUR MISSILES AND PLANES -- AT OUR TECHNICAL ADVANTAGE. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. IT HAPPENED BECAUSE OF RONALD REAGAN'S COMMITMENT TO A STRONG DEFENSE. //

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU BELIEVED PASSIONATELY THAT NO AMERICAN SHOULD BE ASKED TO FIGHT UNLESS EQUIPPED WITH THE VERY BEST -- SO YOU MADE OUR MILITARY STRONG AND PROUD. I THANK YOU FOR THAT. THE COURAGE AND VISION THAT MARKED THE DEFENSE BUDGETS OF YOUR EIGHT YEARS AS PRESIDENT ARE NOW PAYING OFF FOR EVERY AMERICAN IN THE SEAS AND ON THE SANDS OF THE GULF.

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IN CLOSING, LET ME END ON A PERSONAL NOTE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY KINDNESSES TO BARBARA AND ME. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE. I KNOW FULL WELL I WOULD NOT BE PRESIDENT TODAY WERE IT NOT FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN ME ELEVEN YEARS AGO WHEN YOU CHOSE ME AS YOUR RUNNING MATE. // GOD BLESS YOU AND NANCY. MAY GOD BLESS PRIME MINISTER THATCHER AND THOSE COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WHO ARE FIGHTING SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH US IN THE GULF. AND GOD BLESS THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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