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SPEECH SYNOPSIS:

Potus been by emphasizing

his duty of commitment in chief to

provide for an effective national

defense. In order to adapt to the end

of the cold war, Potus explained

how important it was to have a

defense budget that was realistic

and feasible. Yet, Potus still wants

to provide funding for the B-2

bomber. Also, Potus wants

continued funding for GPS

to help protect the American people

from an accident or unauthorized

nuclear launch. Finally, Potus

argued that the U.S. needs a

defense that serves the whole

nation, not just special interests.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

91 JUL -8 PM 6:09

July 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: TONY SNOW *TS*
SUBJECT: DEFENSE ADDRESS

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, July 9, at 10:15 a.m., you will address the American Defense Preparedness Association at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. The audience will consist of about 700 defense contractors.

II. DISCUSSION

The speech (12 minutes, on teleprompter) closely follows your address at the Air Force Academy. The speech is designed to influence the Senate's work on the defense bill this week by strongly defending the Administration's plan -- including full funding for the B-2 and G-PALS, and cuts in the Reserves and National Guard.

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July 8, 1991

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: AMERICAN DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION
J.W. MARIOTT HOTEL
JULY 9, 1991
10:15 A.M.

Thank you, General Skibbie, for that wonderful introduction.
And thanks also to your chairman, Mac Cramer.

[[I've seen some incredible things in the last week: Mt. Rushmore at its dedication; Americans celebrating their nation and their fighting forces. And here in Washington, we enjoyed an incredible fireworks display last Thursday -- a spectacle surpassed only by the red glare of Patriot missiles over Israel and Saudi Arabia. //]]

[[You may not realize it, but today is the anniversary of Zachary Taylor's death. I know the poor man has suffered his share of indignities recently. But before we leave him alone entirely, I do want to set the historic record straight. I am told that his last words were not, "Please pass the broccoli," // but instead, "I have endeavored to do my duty."]] //

Well, I've come here to talk about our shared duty to maintain an effective national defense. The Senate has started looking at our defense budget, and its deliberations could have a profound impact on our future national security.

Recognizing the changing international environment and taking into account domestic fiscal constraints, our

Administration has proposed a tough, lean defense budget -- a proposal that consumes a smaller proportion of our gross national product than any defense budget since the Great Depression. Now, you don't have to have an accounting degree or a chest full of medals to understand that, under present circumstances, every penny we spend on unnecessary defense items will come at the expense of defense muscle.

I know that budget cuts will hurt some of you. I also know that some of you build or support systems that our Administration does not consider absolutely vital. But as President, I have a duty to serve the national interest -- and our national interest demands a defense budget that guarantees our security at the lowest feasible cost.

Last August I announced plans to restructure our armed forces in light of the Cold War's end and the emergence of a new kind of world. That proposal recognized some fundamental facts:

One: We don't have a blank check for defense -- never have. We must live within our means.

Two: Instabilities around the globe still threaten us. Many nations have acquired weapons of mass destruction. When despots such as Saddam Hussein combine modern weapons and ancient ambitions, they threaten us all. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union remains a military superpower, with an increasingly sophisticated war machine.

Three: we need the right kind of military. Our forces must have the strength here and abroad to discourage aggression, the

mobility to meet unexpected challenges, and the flexibility to deal with everything from ICBMs to regional conflicts to hostage crises.

These principles lie at the heart of our Administration's defense proposals. Any defense bill that fails to incorporate them will get my personal veto. //

With that in mind, let me talk about a few items I consider crucial, beginning with the B-2 Stealth bomber.

I have asked for 75 B-2 bombers, the most revolutionary military aircraft in our nation's history. When you hear members' complaints about the B-2's cost, remember that a single B-2 does the job of literally dozens of aircraft: tankers, escorts, suppression and surveillance craft, and other bombers.

When people play cute by arguing that we only need a few B-2s because they're so technologically advanced, ask yourselves: Should we risk our security, the lives of our sons and daughters, and our national credibility just because some members of Congress don't want to come to grips with a revolution in warfare? Should we enter the 21st Century reliant upon a bomber designed in the Forties and built in the Fifties?

Think about the costs; think about military operations; think about our long-range national security needs, and you'll conclude that we do indeed need two full wings of the B-2. //

Some also seem reluctant to spend money protecting Americans from accidental -- or intentional -- ballistic missile attacks. We have asked Congress to support the G-PALS system -- that's

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Global Protection Against Limited Strikes. Anyone who thinks we will face threats no more severe than the SCUD missile lives in a dream world. If we want to protect ourselves and deter aggression, we have a responsibility to develop defense technologies, such as brilliant pebbles, that lie within our reach. This includes G-PALS. //

As we prepare for the future, we also must ask what kind of military force structure we need. Our Gulf experience reinforced the valuable role reserves can play. It also showed that we don't need the kind of reserve component the House insists we keep. The House defense bills would spend nearly 12 billion dollars over the next five years on unneeded reserve positions and operations. This money would come at the expense of programs that all our forces -- active and reserve -- will need.

We learned many things in the Gulf -- a number of which were anticipated in the defense speech I gave last August 2nd -- ironically, the day Saddam invaded Kuwait.

We learned that nations of the world can and will act collectively to deal with aggression. They will try diplomacy first, and use military action only as a last resort.

We learned that the United States alone can mobilize the international community and lead it through such crises.

We learned that high-tech weapons are not pricey "toys," as critics have claimed for years. They minimize civilian casualties, maximize damage to military targets, shorten wars and save lives -- American lives, coalition lives, and even enemy

lives. We must never forget any life unnecessarily lost is a tragedy -- especially in times of war.

It would be a shame if, so soon after the war, we disregarded these lessons. // And it would be a travesty to waste money on defenses that would not have helped us in the Gulf, and won't help us win the next war we face. //

As the Senate begins its deliberations, I urge it to pass a budget that defends people, not pork; // that enables us to fight the next war, not the last one; // that promotes national security, period. //

Our Administration has tried to restore proportion to federal government and use the office of the presidency to make decisions that might seem too painful for representatives or senators. I've served in Congress and I know the pressure to advance the interests of the home district.

A president, charged with the national interest, can help. The Base Closure Commission provides a case example of a fair and impartial attempt to serve the national interest; to ensure that government lives within its means without abandoning its fundamental responsibilities.

Thirty years ago, in his valedictory address to the nation, Dwight Eisenhower emphasized several themes that remain important today. "A vital element in keeping the peace is our military establishment," he said. "Our arms must be mighty, ready for instant action, so that no potential aggressor may be tempted to risk his own destruction."

Yet, Ike also cautioned that our efforts must serve national interests and national needs -- not the narrow concerns of specific industries or interest groups.

A New World Order demands a new set of defense priorities. Together, we can put those priorities into action. // As attention turns toward the Senate, I ask your help in creating a military strong enough to protect our interests but lean enough to preserve public faith in government. //

Thank you for your continued efforts to keep America safe and strong. Thank you for letting me join you today -- and may God Bless the United States of America.

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AMERICAN DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION
J.W. MARIOTT HOTEL
JULY 9, 1991
10:15 A.M.

THANK YOU, GENERAL SKIBBIE, FOR THAT WONDERFUL
INTRODUCTION. AND THANKS ALSO TO YOUR CHAIRMAN, MAC
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[[I'VE SEEN SOME INCREDIBLE THINGS IN THE LAST
WEEK: MT. RUSHMORE AT ITS DEDICATION; AMERICANS
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AND HERE IN WASHINGTON, WE ENJOYED AN INCREDIBLE
FIREWORKS DISPLAY LAST THURSDAY -- A SPECTACLE
SURPASSED ONLY BY THE RED GLARE OF PATRIOT MISSILES
OVER ISRAEL AND SAUDI ARABIA. //]]

[[YOU MAY NOT REALIZE IT, BUT TODAY IS THE
ANNIVERSARY OF ZACHARY TAYLOR'S DEATH. I KNOW THE POOR
MAN HAS SUFFERED HIS SHARE OF INDIGNITIES RECENTLY.
BUT BEFORE WE LEAVE HIM ALONE ENTIRELY, I DO WANT TO
SET THE HISTORIC RECORD STRAIGHT. I AM TOLD THAT HIS
LAST WORDS WERE NOT, "PLEASE PASS THE BROCCOLI," //
BUT INSTEAD, "I HAVE ENDEAVORED TO DO MY DUTY."]] //

WELL, I'VE COME HERE TO TALK ABOUT OUR SHARED DUTY TO MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE NATIONAL DEFENSE. THE SENATE HAS STARTED LOOKING AT OUR DEFENSE BUDGET, AND ITS DELIBERATIONS COULD HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON OUR FUTURE NATIONAL SECURITY.

RECOGNIZING THE CHANGING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DOMESTIC FISCAL CONSTRAINTS, OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS PROPOSED A TOUGH, LEAN DEFENSE BUDGET -- A PROPOSAL THAT CONSUMES A SMALLER PROPORTION OF OUR GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT THAN ANY DEFENSE BUDGET SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION. NOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE AN ACCOUNTING DEGREE OR A CHEST FULL OF MEDALS TO UNDERSTAND THAT, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, EVERY PENNY WE SPEND ON UNNECESSARY DEFENSE ITEMS WILL COME AT THE EXPENSE OF DEFENSE MUSCLE.

I KNOW THAT BUDGET CUTS WILL HURT SOME OF YOU. BUT WE WILL HAVE TO SET NEW PRIORITIES AND FOCUS ON ONLY OUR MOST IMPORTANT, ABSOLUTELY VITAL PROGRAMS. AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE A DUTY TO SERVE THE NATIONAL INTEREST -- AND OUR NATIONAL INTEREST DEMANDS A DEFENSE BUDGET THAT GUARANTEES OUR SECURITY AT THE LOWEST FEASIBLE COST.

LAST AUGUST I ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RESTRUCTURE OUR ARMED FORCES IN LIGHT OF THE COLD WAR'S END AND THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW KIND OF WORLD. THAT PROPOSAL RECOGNIZED SOME FUNDAMENTAL FACTS:

ONE: WE DON'T HAVE A BLANK CHECK FOR DEFENSE -- NEVER HAVE. WE MUST LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS.

TWO: INSTABILITIES AROUND THE GLOBE STILL THREATEN US. MANY NATIONS HAVE ACQUIRED WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. WHEN DESPOTS SUCH AS SADDAM HUSSEIN COMBINE MODERN WEAPONS AND ANCIENT AMBITIONS, THEY THREATEN US ALL. AND, SADDAM HUSSEIN ISN'T THE ONLY DESPOT AROUND, NOR WILL HE BE THE LAST.

MEANWHILE, THE SOVIET UNION REMAINS A MILITARY SUPERPOWER, WITH AN INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED WAR MACHINE.

THREE: WE NEED THE RIGHT KIND OF MILITARY. OUR FORCES MUST HAVE THE STRENGTH HERE AND ABROAD TO DISCOURAGE AGGRESSION, THE MOBILITY TO MEET UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES, AND THE FLEXIBILITY TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING FROM I.C.B.M.'S TO REGIONAL CONFLICTS TO HOSTAGE CRISES.

THESE CONSIDERATIONS LIE AT THE HEART OF OUR ADMINISTRATION'S DEFENSE PROPOSALS. ANY DEFENSE BILL THAT FAILS TO INCORPORATE THEM WILL GET MY VETO. //

WITH THAT IN MIND, LET ME TALK ABOUT A FEW ITEMS I CONSIDER CRUCIAL, BEGINNING WITH THE B-2 STEALTH BOMBER.

I HAVE ASKED FOR 75 B-2 BOMBERS, THE MOST REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY. WHEN YOU HEAR MEMBERS' COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE B-2'S COST, REMEMBER THAT A SINGLE B-2 DOES THE JOB OF LITERALLY DOZENS OF AIRCRAFT: TANKERS, ESCORTS, SUPPRESSION AND SURVEILLANCE CRAFT, AND OTHER BOMBERS.

WHEN PEOPLE ARGUE COYLY THAT WE ONLY NEED A FEW B-2S BECAUSE THEY'RE SO TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED, ASK YOURSELVES: SHOULD WE RISK OUR SECURITY, THE LIVES OF OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, AND OUR NATIONAL CREDIBILITY JUST BECAUSE SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DON'T WANT ACKNOWLEDGE THE REVOLUTIONARY ADVANTAGE THIS WEAPON SYSTEM WILL GIVE THE NATION? SHOULD WE ENTER THE 21ST CENTURY RELIANT UPON A BOMBER DESIGNED IN THE FORTIES AND BUILT IN THE FIFTIES? NO: THE B-2 COMBINES THE RANGE AND PAYLOAD OF THE B-52 WITH THE ADVANTAGES OF STEALTH TECHNOLOGY. AND IN THE END IT OFFERS DETERRENCE -- NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, CONVENTIONAL DETERRENCE, DETERRENCE ALL ACROSS THE SPECTRUM.

THINK ABOUT THE COSTS; THINK ABOUT MILITARY OPERATIONS; THINK ABOUT OUR LONG-RANGE NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS, AND YOU'LL CONCLUDE THAT WE DO INDEED NEED TWO FULL WINGS OF THE B-2. //

SOME ALSO SEEM RELUCTANT TO SPEND MONEY PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM ACCIDENTAL -- OR INTENTIONAL -- BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACKS. WE HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE G-PALS SYSTEM -- THAT'S GLOBAL PROTECTION AGAINST LIMITED STRIKES. ANYONE WHO THINKS WE WILL FACE THREATS NO MORE SEVERE THAN THE SCUD MISSILE ARE DELUDING THEMSELVES. IF WE WANT TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND DETER AGGRESSION, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP DEFENSE TECHNOLOGIES, SUCH AS BRILLIANT PEBBLES, THAT LIE WITHIN OUR REACH. THIS INCLUDES G-PALS. //

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE, WE ALSO MUST ASK WHAT KIND OF MILITARY FORCE STRUCTURE WE NEED. OUR GULF EXPERIENCE REINFORCED THE VALUABLE ROLE RESERVES CAN PLAY. IT ALSO SHOWED THAT WE DON'T NEED THE KIND OF RESERVE COMPONENT THE HOUSE INSISTS WE KEEP. THE HOUSE DEFENSE BILLS WOULD SPEND NEARLY 12 BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ON UNNEEDED RESERVE POSITIONS AND OPERATIONS. THIS MONEY WOULD COME AT THE EXPENSE OF PROGRAMS THAT ALL OUR FORCES -- ACTIVE AND RESERVE -- WILL NEED.

WE LEARNED MANY THINGS IN THE GULF -- A NUMBER OF WHICH WERE ANTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE SPEECH I GAVE LAST AUGUST 2ND -- IRONICALLY, THE DAY SADDAM INVADED KUWAIT.

WE LEARNED THAT NATIONS OF THE WORLD CAN AND WILL ACT COLLECTIVELY TO DEAL WITH AGGRESSION. THEY WILL TRY DIPLOMACY FIRST, AND USE MILITARY ACTION ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.

WE LEARNED THAT THE UNITED STATES ALONE CAN MOBILIZE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND LEAD IT THROUGH SUCH EFFORTS. THAT LEADERSHIP WAS NOT JUST COINCIDENCE, OR NICE TO HAVE -- IT WAS A PREREQUISITE FOR OUR COLLECTIVE SUCCESS.

WE LEARNED THAT HIGH-TECH WEAPONS ARE NOT PRICEY "TOYS," AS CRITICS HAVE CLAIMED FOR YEARS. THEY MINIMIZE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, MAXIMIZE DAMAGE TO MILITARY TARGETS, SHORTEN WARS AND SAVE LIVES -- AMERICAN LIVES, COALITION LIVES, AND EVEN ENEMY LIVES. WE MUST NEVER FORGET ANY LIFE UNNECESSARILY LOST IS A TRAGEDY -- ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF WAR.

IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF, SO SOON AFTER THE WAR, WE DISREGARDED THESE LESSONS. // AND IT WOULD BE A TRAVESTY TO WASTE MONEY ON DEFENSES THAT WOULD NOT HAVE HELPED US IN THE GULF, AND WON'T HELP US MEET OUR FUTURE CHALLENGES. //

AS THE SENATE BEGINS ITS DELIBERATIONS, I URGE IT TO PASS A BUDGET THAT DEFENDS PEOPLE, NOT PORK; // THAT ENABLES US TO FIGHT THE NEXT WAR, NOT THE LAST ONE; // THAT PROMOTES NATIONAL SECURITY, PERIOD. LET ME TELL YOU NOW -- IF THE CONGRESS SENDS ME A DEFENSE BILL THAT IS INADEQUATE, THAT FAILS TO FUND NEEDED PROGRAMS AND WASTES MONEY AT THE EXPENSE OF DEFENSE MUSCLE, I WILL VETO IT.//

OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS TRIED TO RESTORE PROPORTION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND USE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT MIGHT SEEM TOO PAINFUL FOR REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATORS. I'VE SERVED IN CONGRESS AND I KNOW THE GENUINE PRESSURE ON THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE HOME DISTRICT.

THIRTY YEARS AGO, IN HIS VALEDICTORY ADDRESS TO THE NATION, DWIGHT EISENHOWER EMPHASIZED SEVERAL THEMES THAT REMAIN IMPORTANT TODAY. "A VITAL ELEMENT IN KEEPING THE PEACE IS OUR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT," HE SAID. "OUR ARMS MUST BE MIGHTY, READY FOR INSTANT ACTION, SO THAT NO POTENTIAL AGGRESSOR MAY BE TEMPTED TO RISK HIS OWN DESTRUCTION."

YET, IKE ALSO CAUTIONED THAT OUR EFFORTS MUST SERVE NATIONAL INTERESTS AND NATIONAL NEEDS -- NOT THE NARROW CONCERNS OF SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES OR INTEREST GROUPS.

A NEW WORLD ORDER DEMANDS A NEW SET OF DEFENSE PRIORITIES. TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT THOSE PRIORITIES INTO ACTION. // AS ATTENTION TURNS TOWARD THE SENATE, I ASK YOUR HELP IN CREATING A MILITARY STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS BUT LEAN ENOUGH TO PRESERVE PUBLIC FAITH IN GOVERNMENT. //

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO KEEP
AMERICA SAFE AND STRONG. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME JOIN
YOU TODAY -- AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

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91 JUL -5 PM 6:50

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: AMERICAN DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION
J.W. MARIOTT HOTEL
JULY 9, 1991
10 A.M.

Thank you, General Skibbie, for that wonderful introduction.

[Introductory acknowledgments]

I've seen some incredible things in the last week: Mt. Rushmore at its dedication; Americans celebrating their nation and their fighting forces; [In front of this group, I think of] the ^{fantastic} [incredible] fireworks display last Thursday. It was the most wonderful thing I've seen] since our Patriot Missiles ^{intercepted SCUDS} set off their own fireworks] over Israel and Saudi Arabia. //

~~[[You may not realize it, but today is the anniversary of Zachary Taylor's death. I know the poor man has suffered his share of indignities recently. But before we leave him alone entirely, I do want to set the historic record straight. I said the other day that his last words were, "Please pass the broccoli." // Actually, that was his next to last statement. Our researchers tell me that his real last words were, "I have endeavored to do my duty."]] //~~

(No) -> - yours and mine -

Well, I've come here to talk about our shared duty to [build] maintain an effective national defense. The Senate will ^{begin} [start] looking at our defense budget this week. Its deliberations ^{will} [could] have a profound impact on our future national security.

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Some Americans seem to think that the collapse of [↑]communism and our triumph in the Gulf have reduced the importance of thinking about defense. But sensible defense is as important -- and as difficult to achieve -- as ever.

A changing international environment and ^{fiscal realities} [tight budgets] have led our Administration to propose a defense budget that will consume a smaller proportion of our gross national product than any since the Great Depression. You don't have to have an accounting degree or a chest full of medals to understand that this budget doesn't leave any room for pork. Every penny spent on unnecessary items comes at the expense of defense muscle.

I ^{recognize} [know] that ^{these} [some] budget cuts will hurt some of you, ^{particularly} [I also] ^{those} [know that some of you] ^{who} build or support systems that ^{this Administration} [we] do not consider absolutely vital. But as President, I have a duty to serve the national interest -- and our national interest demands a defense budget that provides security for everyone on American soil at the lowest feasible cost.

Last August, I announced plans to restructure our ^{armed forces} [defensive] [systems] in light of the Cold War's end and the emergence of a new kind of world. That proposal recognized some fundamental facts:

One: We don't have a blank check for defense. ^{We never really have;}

Two: Instabilities around the globe still threaten us.

Many nations ^{now} have [acquired] high-tech weapons of destruction.

When despots such as ~~Saddam Hussein~~ combine modern weapons and ancient ambitions, they threaten us all. ^{their internal problems} At the same time, ^{involuntarily} the

^{And, Saddam Hussein isn't the only despot around, nor will he be the last.}

Soviet Union remains a military superpower^x with an increasingly sophisticated war machine.

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These principles lie at the heart of our Administration's defense proposals. Any defense bill that fails to incorporate them will get my personal veto. //

With that in mind, let me talk about a few items I consider crucial, beginning with the B-2 Stealth bomber.

I have asked for 75 B-2 bombers, the most revolutionary military aircraft in our nation's history. When you hear members of Congress complaining about the B-2's cost, remember that a single B-2 ^{would} [^] replace^s literally dozens of aircraft: tankers, escort craft, suppression and surveillance craft, and other bombers. In the end, it costs less to purchase and operate than the aircraft it replaces.

And when members of Congress [play cute by] argu^e[ng] that we only need a few B-2s because they're so technologically advanced, ask yourselves: ^{should} we risk our security, the lives of our sons and daughters, and our national credibility just because Congress doesn't want to ^{acknowledge} [come to grips with ^{the} a] ^{any advantage the} revolution [^] [in] [warfare]? Think about the costs ^{are} think about military operations; think about our long-range national security needs, and you'll conclude that we ^{do indeed} [^] need two [flight] wings of the B-2.

Japan system
will give the Nation

Congress also seems reluctant to spend money ^{to} protect^{ing} Americans from accidental -- or intentional -- ballistic missile attacks. We have asked Congress to support the G-PALS system -- that's Global Protection Against Limited Strikes. People who think we will face threats no more severe than the SCUD missile ^{are deluding themselves} [live in a dream world]. If we want to protect ourselves and deter aggression, we have a responsibility to develop technologies -- ^{such as G-PALS -- that are} within our reach. [This includes G-PALS.] A budget without G-PALS will be a budget with a veto. //

As we prepare for ^{the} our future, we also must ask what kind of military ^{force} structure we need. ^{While} our Gulf experience [showed just how valuable ^{role} reserves ^{plays} can be], [but] it also showed that we ^{do not} [don't] need the kind of ^{reserve} component the House insists we keep. The House defense bills ^{would mean wasting} [will spend] \$11 billion over the next five years on ^{unnecessary and redundant forces} [unneeded] reserve ^{positions} and equipment. This money, I might add, would come at the expense of programs that all our forces, active and reserve, will need.

We learned many things in the Gulf -- ^{a number} [many] of which were anticipated in the defense speech I gave last August 2nd -- ironically, the day Saddam invaded Kuwait.

We learned that nations of the world can and will act collectively to deal with aggression. They will try diplomacy first, and use military action only as a last resort. ^{But they will use it if they must.}

We learned that the United States alone can mobilize the international community and lead it through such ^{crises} [efforts]. ^{That leadership was not just coincidental or nice to have -- it was a prerequisite for our collective success.}

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It would be a shame if Congress, so soon after the war, ^{disregarded}

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As the Senate begins its deliberations, I urge it to pass a budget that defends people, not pork; that enables us to fight ^{successful} the next war, not the last one; that places greater priority on national security than on congressional incumbency ^{and parochialism}.

Our Administration has tried, in domestic policies and defense policies, to restore proportion to federal government, and ^{to} use the office of the presidency to make ^{those difficult} decisions that might ^{be} [seem] too painful for ^{representatives} or ^{senators}.

Tomorrow, I will ask Congress to adopt the recommendations of the Base Closure Commission. The ^{commission} had a tough job, but performed its task with admirable fairness, impartiality, and commitment to the national interest. This decision reflects our commitment to government that lives within its means without abandoning its fundamental responsibilities.

Thirty years ago, in his valedictory address to the nation, Dwight Eisenhower ^{emphasized several} [talked about] themes that remain important today. "A vital element in keeping the peace is our military establishment," he said. "Our arms must be mighty, ready for

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Let us remember that today and every day, our job is to serve the American people and ^{are} address their needs. If we ^{are} [want] to ^{fulfill that mandate} [keep that job], we must create a military force strong enough to protect our interests but lean enough to preserve public faith in government.

A New World Order demands a new set of defense priorities [- a set I have discussed today]. Together, we can put those priorities into action -- and retain the sacred trust the public has placed in us. As attention turns toward the Senate, I ask your help in this vital task.

Thank you for letting me join you today -- and may God Bless the United States of America.

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I KNOW THAT BUDGET CUTS WILL HURT SOME OF YOU. I ALSO KNOW THAT SOME OF YOU BUILD OR SUPPORT SYSTEMS THAT OUR ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT CONSIDER ABSOLUTELY VITAL. BUT AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE A DUTY TO SERVE THE NATIONAL INTEREST -- AND OUR NATIONAL INTEREST DEMANDS A DEFENSE BUDGET THAT GUARANTEES OUR SECURITY AT THE LOWEST FEASIBLE COST.

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WITH THAT IN MIND, LET ME TALK ABOUT A FEW ITEMS I CONSIDER CRUCIAL, BEGINNING WITH THE B-2 STEALTH BOMBER.

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THINK ABOUT THE COSTS; THINK ABOUT MILITARY OPERATIONS; THINK ABOUT OUR LONG-RANGE NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS, AND YOU'LL CONCLUDE THAT WE DO INDEED NEED TWO FULL WINGS OF THE B-2. //

SOME ALSO SEEM RELUCTANT TO SPEND MONEY PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM ACCIDENTAL -- OR INTENTIONAL -- BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACKS. WE HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE G-PALS SYSTEM -- THAT'S GLOBAL PROTECTION AGAINST LIMITED STRIKES. ANYONE WHO THINKS WE WILL FACE THREATS NO MORE SEVERE THAN THE SCUD MISSILE LIVES IN A DREAM WORLD. IF WE WANT TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND DETER AGGRESSION, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP DEFENSE TECHNOLOGIES, SUCH AS BRILLIANT PEBBLES, THAT LIE WITHIN OUR REACH. THIS INCLUDES G-PALS. //

AS WE PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE, WE ALSO MUST ASK WHAT KIND OF MILITARY FORCE STRUCTURE WE NEED. OUR GULF EXPERIENCE REINFORCED THE VALUABLE ROLE RESERVES CAN PLAY. IT ALSO SHOWED THAT WE DON'T NEED THE KIND OF RESERVE COMPONENT THE HOUSE INSISTS WE KEEP. THE HOUSE DEFENSE BILLS WOULD SPEND NEARLY 12 BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ON UNNEEDED RESERVE POSITIONS AND OPERATIONS. THIS MONEY WOULD COME AT THE EXPENSE OF PROGRAMS THAT ALL OUR FORCES -- ACTIVE AND RESERVE -- WILL NEED.

WE LEARNED MANY THINGS IN THE GULF -- A NUMBER OF WHICH WERE ANTICIPATED IN THE DEFENSE SPEECH I GAVE LAST AUGUST 2ND -- IRONICALLY, THE DAY SADDAM INVADED KUWAIT.

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IT WOULD BE A SHAME IF, SO SOON AFTER THE WAR, WE DISREGARDED THESE LESSONS. // AND IT WOULD BE A TRAVESTY TO WASTE MONEY ON DEFENSES THAT WOULD NOT HAVE HELPED US IN THE GULF, AND WON'T HELP US WIN THE NEXT WAR WE FACE. //

AS THE SENATE BEGINS ITS DELIBERATIONS, I URGE IT TO PASS A BUDGET THAT DEFENDS PEOPLE, NOT PORK; // THAT ENABLES US TO FIGHT THE NEXT WAR, NOT THE LAST ONE; // THAT PROMOTES NATIONAL SECURITY, PERIOD. //

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cc: Phillip D. Brady



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