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Week Ending Friday, March 13, 1992

**Exchange With Reporters in  
Pensacola, Florida**

March 7, 1992

**The President.** That is amazing. He said, and this man's entitled to his opinion, that we set the course record for going down there and back, 2 miles.

**Q.** Do you believe it? [Laughter]

**Q.** They tell that to all the Commanders in Chief.

**The President.** Do you believe I'm going to win the primaries?

**Arms Shipments to Iraq**

**Q.** Are you worried about the Scuds, sir?

**The President.** Scuds? Yes. But the man who ought to be worried about it is Saddam Hussein.

**Q.** Have you ordered boarding of those ships, of the Marine ships, sir?

**Q.** Are you contemplating some options?

**The President.** We're always contemplating options, yes.

Can you turn those cameras around because I want to take my shirt off, privacy. How many are honoring this?

**Q.** Everybody.

**The President.** Promise? No reporting on the body? [Laughter]

**Q.** Is it okay if we hoot a little bit?

**The President.** Yes, you can go like that. But no, I'm serious. Otherwise, I'll do it. Come on, Larry [Larry Downing, Newsweek], promise. Word of honor.

**Presidential Primaries**

**Q.** How are you going to do in the primaries, Mr. President?

**The President.** We're going to win them all and then keep on going and winning every one of them. All across the national campaign, I'm going to conduct myself with a certain amount of dignity and making very clear I'm not a candidate of hatred and trying to appeal broadly to this country.

When I look at the Democrats' side, I give them credit for working hard and doing their number out there, and I'm not about to intervene in the primaries. But I've got to tell you, I feel confident about winning in the fall. And I feel good about today and Tuesday. And so, it's not been easy out here, as you know, but we're going very well, indeed, making clear I understand the problems of this country. We've got good answers for it. And when we get into the fall campaign I'm ready to put my values, my programs on the line against some of these other things I hear out there.

Today is a nonpolitical day in terms of the visit itself, but I'll be talking about the defense of this country and the need to keep strong and the need to guard against any contingency. Sorry, but when I listen to the debate on the other side, I don't hear that concern for the national security. I am the President. And I have a constitutional responsibility to keep this country strong. And I'm going to do it. So, it's those issues, though, you see, are not in focus at all; they're not even being discussed.

So, we'll wait until the fall. But you caught me on a good day. I really feel pretty good. Marlin feels good. Marlin feels very good today.

**Q.** Why do you feel you can afford not to campaign tomorrow or Monday?

**The President.** Well, I think we're in good shape. I think we're in very good shape in the primary States. I don't know how you all felt, but I've felt that the response we've been having is very enthusiastic. The crowds have been superb, and so I'm just coming at it from a position of real confidence. But not enough confidence that I didn't get on the phone this morning and talk to the Governor of South Carolina, the Senator from South Carolina, both of whom reiterated their confidence. Talked to our campaign manager in Florida, my boy Jeb. Talked to our son George who was campaigning in Mis-

issippi yesterday and been going, crisscrossing Texas. And all of them are very upbeat. So, the voters will decide this on Tuesday and somewhat today.

**Q.** Mr. President, do you think the voters are getting the message from you, though it's thinly veiled, against Buchanan, that he is insensitive to—

**The President.** The message there I get is what George Bush stands for. And I've tried to stand for this every day of my Presidency. And I hope our Presidency has been one of decency, a sense of honor, a sense of fairplay, and I'm just going to continue to emphasize these themes.

I mean, I think Americans like a political battle, but I think they expect their President to express some of these fundamental values. And when I speak out against hatred, bigotry, anti-Semitism, racism, it's not aimed at anybody; it's aimed at values that this country really has, whatever side of the aisle you're on. And so, it's something that I just feel I must do. And it just didn't start with this campaign, if you'll go back and look at my speeches over the last few years.

So, it's really appealing to the better nature of the American people, and the American people are well-intentioned on these matters of fairplay. And so, I'll keep speaking out on it.

**Q.** How long do you think Buchanan will stick it out?

**The President.** Have no idea.

We'll see you guys. Thank you for the run.

*Note: The exchange began at 7 a.m. at Pensacola Naval Air Station. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.*

### Statement on the Death of Menachem Begin of Israel and Exchange With Reporters March 9, 1992

**The President.** We're going to have just a little statement here. Thanks for helping with the logistics here. But what I want to do now is to send our most sincere condolences to the people of Israel and to the fam-

ily of Menachem Begin, former Prime Minister. His historic role in the peace conference, peace process, will never be forgotten; particular emphasis, of course, will always be on his historic and I would say very courageous and foresighted role at Camp David. And now people are talking peace, but people will remember Menachem Begin as the man that made a significant, courageous breakthrough, just as they will remember Sadat for the same thing. So, we send our most sincere condolences to the people there.

### Middle East Peace Process

**Q.** How do you think the peace talks are going now?

**The President.** Well, it's hard to tell. They're talking, though. A year ago nobody would have thought that possible. And it's very important that they keep talking. And that's what our whole policy is about; that's a lot of what post-Desert Storm was about. And I think there's a real chance just as long as people keep talking at the peace table.

### Arms Shipments to Iraq

**Q.** What's the latest, sir, on this Korean ship that—

**The President.** I have no recent information. I talked to General Scowcroft this morning, but nothing to say publicly on that.

### Loan Guarantees for Israel

**Q.** Do you think Israel will drop its press for the loan guarantees?

**The President.** I have no idea.

**Q.** Do you wish they would agree to—

**The President.** We're perfectly prepared to, in accordance with U.S. policy, to go forward.

### Presidential Primaries

**Q.** Why do you think Pat Buchanan would stay in—

**The President.** Look, I—

**Q.** —even when it's numerically impossible for him to take the nomination?

**The President.** I haven't been trying to analyze that up until now, and I don't think I'll start now, if you'll excuse me. We're waging a pretty good campaign. It's high-level. It's keeping my sights on the major issues. A lot of them, such as world peace, seem

to be obscure campaign tractant issue and

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THROUGH: DAVE DEMAREST

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*

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McGroarty/Bunton  
March 6, 1992  
1:00 pm  
[FLA]

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9:15 A.M.

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I can remember strapping into my training plane -- the old Stearman N-23: "The washing machine" we called it. Captain Rasmussen told me today that they'd soon be adding to your fine collection another of my old planes, an Avenger hauled up from the bottom of Lake Michigan: I think that's great -- I'm just glad to say I'm not the one who put it there. //

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Today, all across Europe, in every corner of the lands behind the Iron Curtain -- all across the globe -- we see a new birth of freedom, a new world of opportunity coming into view.

With change comes new challenges. Our Cold War victory means a respite from the heavy burden the American taxpayer has shouldered for decades. We can and will scale back defense spending -- and we can do this without sacrificing our national security. //

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To succeed, we've got to heed our history. Twice before in this century, we followed victory with a head-long rush to

demobilize our forces. We let joy cloud our judgment, we abandoned our advantages -- and because we did, we allowed hostile nations to dictate the direction of world affairs. We cannot and will not go down that road again. We've learned this lesson: America stays safe when America stays strong. //

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That's why we've got to keep our bearings. Change may take place in minutes -- but military forces take years to build. I've worked with Secretary Cheney and General Powell to shape a strategy that will enable us to meet vital American interests and defend enduring American ideals. I'm confident we've laid out a sound plan to make substantial reductions -- without raising risks to our national security.

Our strategy rests on four key elements:

First, security means maintaining an effective nuclear deterrent. I think back especially to the day I did what so many of my predecessors must have wished they could do: to give the order for many of our nuclear forces -- including all our bombers -- to stand down from alert. Yes, our nuclear forces can and will be smaller than they are today. But for all the positive changes we've witnessed -- the fact remains that Russia retains its nuclear arsenal. In the aftermath of Desert Storm, we now

know much more about the progress Iraq made toward acquiring nuclear weapons. Today, 15 nations possess the means to build ballistic missiles. And in spite of our best efforts to contain their spread, by the year 2000, that number may climb to 20.

And we know another harsh truth brought home by Desert Storm -- when a single Scud missile took more American lives than any other combat action. We cannot count on deterrence to stop a madman with missiles. We must deploy a defense against ballistic missile attack. //

Second, in our new world as in the old, security means forward-deployment. Our coalition victory in Desert Storm was made possible by years of joint exercises with our friends and allies overseas. Forward deployed forces also help us deter conflict and keep the peace in critical regions around the world.

To those who sound the siren's call of isolationism -- who want to see this country turn its back and head for home -- I say: America will never walk away from its responsibilities. America will always be a force for freedom in the world. //

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*We must not go back to the days of the hollow army; the Air Force - Navy planes on the ground instead of in the air; ~~morale~~ down the quality of the force down - morale down.*

*In uniform I want to be sure we keep it that way*

PENSACOLA AIR STATION  
MARCH 7, 1992  
9:15 A.M.

THANK YOU, ADMIRAL FETTERMAN FOR THAT KIND INTRODUCTION. IT'S GOOD TO SEE SENATOR CONNIE MACK, CONGRESSMAN BILL DICKINSON, AND VINCE WHIBBS HERE TODAY. IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE IN PENSACOLA -- THE "CRADLE OF NAVAL AVIATION" AND HOME OF THE BLUE ANGELS. COMING HERE THIS MORNING PUTS ME IN MIND OF MY OWN TRAINING RUNS UP AND DOWN THE COAST -- FROM CHINCOTEAGUE, VIRGINIA TO FT. LAUDERDALE. FROM NAS LEWISTON-AUBURN TO OPA-LOCKA.

I CAN REMEMBER STRAPPING INTO MY TRAINING PLANE -- THE OLD STEARMAN N-23: "THE YELLOW PERIL" WE CALLED IT. CAPTAIN RASMUSSEN TOLD ME TODAY THAT THEY'D SOON BE ADDING TO YOUR FINE COLLECTION ANOTHER OF MY OLD PLANES, AN AVENGER HAULED UP FROM THE BOTTOM OF LAKE MICHIGAN: I THINK THAT'S GREAT -- I'M JUST GLAD TO SAY I'M NOT THE ONE WHO PUT IT THERE. THOUGH I DID LEARN THIS IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

LET ME RECOGNIZE THE FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS HERE AT PENSACOLA. I SAY THIS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NEWCOMERS HERE: MANY OF THESE GUYS HAVE MADE IT THROUGH ONE OF THE TOUGHEST TESTS OF ALL: THEY'RE GRADUATES OF DESERT STORM. // TO MAJOR JOSEPH SMALL FOR HIS COURAGE IN CAPTIVITY -- AND TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THIS NATION'S FINEST WHO SERVED WITH SUCH VALOR IN DESERT STORM: YOUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF SALUTES YOU. //

MOST OF ALL I THANK YOU FOR THIS WARM WELCOME. YOU ARE PART OF A PROUD TRADITION. ALONG WITH THE MILLIONS OF BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED BEFORE YOU, YOU'VE EARNED THE RIGHT TO TAKE PRIDE IN A CENTRAL TRIUMPH OF THIS CENTURY: THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION -- AND THE END OF THE COLD WAR. / SOME SEE US AS SPECTATORS ON THE SIDELINES -- BUT WE KNOW BETTER. BECAUSE YOU SEE: IMPERIAL COMMUNISM DIDN'T JUST FALL -- IT WAS PUSHED.  
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LANDS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN -- ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE --  
- WE SEE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM, A NEW WORLD OF  
OPPORTUNITY COMING INTO VIEW.

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TODAY, WITH THE COLD WAR WON, OUR CHALLENGE IS TO MAKE CERTAIN A MILITARY FUNDED AT PRE-COLD WAR LEVELS CAN MEET POST-COLD WAR CHALLENGES.

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THERE IS NO CRYSTAL BALL -- NO WAY TO PEER INTO THE FUTURE AND PREDICT WITH CERTAINTY. THINK OF THE WAY THE WORLD'S CHANGED -- EVEN SINCE YOU FIRST PUT ON THE UNIFORM. EACH DAY THE FUTURE COMES AT US WITH STARTLING SPEED. LOOK AT THE LAST GASP OF THE SOVIET SYSTEM: 70 YEARS OF HISTORY -- UNRAVELLED IN 72 HOURS.

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AND WE KNOW ANOTHER HARSH TRUTH BROUGHT HOME BY DESERT STORM -- WHEN A SINGLE SCUD MISSILE TOOK MORE AMERICAN LIVES THAN ANY OTHER COMBAT ACTION. WE CANNOT COUNT ON DETERRENCE TO STOP A MADMAN WITH MISSILES. WE MUST DEPLOY A DEFENSE AGAINST BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACK.

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SECOND, IN OUR NEW WORLD AS IN THE OLD, SECURITY MEANS FORWARD-DEPLOYMENT. OUR COALITION VICTORY IN DESERT STORM WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY YEARS OF JOINT EXERCISES WITH OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES OVERSEAS. FORWARD DEPLOYED FORCES ALSO HELP US DETER CONFLICT AND KEEP THE PEACE IN CRITICAL REGIONS AROUND THE WORLD.

TO THOSE WHO SOUND THE SIREN'S CALL OF ISOLATIONISM -- WHO WANT TO SEE THIS COUNTRY TURN ITS BACK AND HEAD FOR HOME -- I SAY: AMERICA WILL NEVER WALK AWAY FROM ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. AMERICA WILL ALWAYS BE A FORCE FOR FREEDOM IN THE WORLD. //

THIRD, OUR STRATEGY PUTS A PREMIUM ON RAPID  
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THAT LESSON HOLDS TRUE: OUR ABILITY TO PROJECT POWER  
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PEACE -- AND IF NEED BE, TO WIN THE WAR. OUR FORCES  
MUST BE AT A HIGH STATE OF READINESS -- THE BEST  
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THIS STRATEGY IS THE RIGHT ONE FOR OUR TIMES. IF WE WANT TO ADVANCE AMERICAN INTERESTS, IF WE WANT TO DEFEND AMERICAN IDEALS: WE'VE GOT TO DO MORE THAN REACT TO EVENTS -- WE MUST SHAPE EVENTS. AND AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF, I REPORT TO YOU: I'M CONFIDENT WE CAN. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT WE ARE THE UNDISPUTED LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD. THANKS TO DESERT STORM OUR CREDIBILITY HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER. WE MUST USE OUR CREDIBILITY AND OUR LEADERSHIP TO BUILD A LASTING PEACE.

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BUT THERE'S A GREATER DANGER. JUST YESTERDAY, HOUSE DEMOCRATS CIRCULATED A LETTER. THEY WANT TO START A BIDDING WAR: SEE WHO CAN GUT OUR DEFENSES THE FASTEST. IN THE COMING YEAR ALONE, THEY'D START BY DOUBLING THE CUTS WE'VE PROPOSED. THEY WANT TO CUT MUSCLE -- THEY WANT TO TAKE THE MINIMUM WE'VE SAID WE NEED TO MEET OUR SECURITY NEEDS -- AND THEY WANT TO CUT 100 BILLION MORE. //

LET ME SAY TO THE FOLKS COOKING UP THESE SCHEMES: DON'T PLAY POLITICAL GAMES WITH THIS COUNTRY'S SECURITY. SEND ME A BILL THAT DOESN'T KEEP US STRONG - - AND I'LL SHOOT IT DOWN. //

WE MUST NOT GO BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE HOLLOW ARMY -- THE AIR FORCE AND NAVY PLANES ON THE GROUND INSTEAD OF IN THE AIR -- THE QUALITY OF THE FORCE DOWN -- MORALE DOWN.

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To those who sound the siren's call of isolationism -- who want to see this country turn its back and head for home -- I say: America will never walk away from its responsibilities. America will always be a force for freedom in the world. // *not from the opportunity offered by our engagement abroad.*

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Some of the arm-chair strategists on Capitol Hill are getting ready right now to open the Battle of the Pork Barrel. I've been there. I know how it is in Congress: the way members who ought to look to our national defense needs can't see past their own districts. // Well, if we keep open bases that are obsolete, buy weapons we don't need, respond to threats that no

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## *Shifting Billions in Defense Savings to Domestic Programs Would Require Altering '90 Pact*

By Eric Pianin  
Washington Post Staff Writer

The House Democratic leadership campaigned yesterday to push through legislation altering the 1990 budget agreement to allow the shifting of billions of dollars in defense savings to domestic programs next year.

Fifteen House chairmen, including Ways and Means Chairman Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.), Appropriations Chairman Jamie L. Whitten (D-Miss.), Energy and Commerce Chairman John D. Dingell (D-Mich.), and Transportation Committee Chairman Robert A. Roe (D-N.J.), signed a letter yesterday urging members to vote for the measure when it reaches the floor next week.

"America must increase its domestic investment levels—both for private and public investment—if we are to remain a preeminent world economic power," said the letter, which was also signed by 12 of the 13 Appropriations subcommittee chairmen. Defense subcommittee Chairman John P. Murtha (D-Pa.) opposed the effort.

House leaders seeking to cash in on the "peace dividend" moved de-

cisively to counteract a drive by Rep. Charles W. Stenholm (D-Tex.), a member of the Budget Committee, to kill the bill. Stenholm and other conservative Democrats have joined with Republicans in demanding that the budget agreement be preserved and that any defense savings go for deficit reduction.

Stenholm contends that more than 40 House Democrats agree that defense savings should go to reduce the deficit, projected at \$400 billion this year. House Speaker Thomas S. Foley (D-Wash.) acknowledged yesterday that opposition to the budget-altering measure runs high and that "my guess is it will be a close vote."

Foley said that under a fiscal 1993 Democratic budget resolution approved by the House last night, some defense savings would go to deficit reduction. "The question is whether any of it should be applied to domestic investment, and I think some of it should," he said.

With or without a change in the budget agreement, the Democratic resolution recommends reducing the defense budget next year by \$15 billion in spending authority and \$10 billion in outlays—about

twice the \$7.9 billion in budget authority and \$5.2 billion in outlays recommended by the Bush administration.

If the agreement were altered, then about \$6.5 billion in defense outlays would be shifted to domestic programs, \$1 billion would be used to assist jobless defense workers find new work, and the remaining \$2.5 billion would go for deficit reduction.

The Democratic budget resolution contains two contingency proposals—Plan A and Plan B—for domestic spending in the coming year that depend upon whether Congress agrees to tear down the "fire walls" between defense and domestic programs. After rejecting alternative resolutions offered by the Republicans and the Congressional Black Caucus, the House approved the two-pronged resolution on two consecutive votes of 215 to 201 and 224 to 191.

Indicative of the concerns of some House Democrats that the budget resolution would cut too deeply into defense spending and do too little to reduce the deficit, 44 Democrats voted against the resolution.

Rep. Timothy J. Penny (D-

Minn.), a conservative concerned about the deficit, said he voted with the leadership to adopt the budget plans but that he and others intend to vote against tearing down the walls next week. "There was an understanding we would help push the resolution through as a package and fight over whether to leave up the walls next week," said Penny, who touted next week's vote as "the single most important opportunity this year to reduce the deficit."

In his 1993 budget, President Bush has proposed \$281.6 billion in budget authority for defense, \$19.4 billion for international affairs, and \$204 billion for discretionary domestic programs.

If the walls come down and Plan A were adopted, new defense budget authority would total \$275 billion and international affairs spending would total \$22.1 billion, while discretionary domestic would total \$218 billion.

Under both the Bush proposal and Plan A, next year's deficit is projected at \$331 billion. Stenholm and other conservative Democrats prefer Plan B, which would devote surplus defense funds to the deficit, resulting in a projected deficit of \$324.5 billion.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Pensacola Air Station

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Pensacola Air Station

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 3/5/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, 3/6/92 8:00am

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Ext. 2702

McGroarty/Bunton  
March 5, 1992  
1:00 pm  
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FROM JOHN A. GAUGHAN  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT Presidential Remarks - Pensacola Air Station

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There is no crystal ball -- no way to peer into the future and predict with certainty. Think of the way the world's changed -- even since you first put on the uniform. Each day the future comes at us with startling speed. Look at the last gasp of the Soviet system: 70 years of history -- unravelled in 72 hours.

That's why we've got to keep our bearings. Change may take place in minutes -- but military forces take years to build. I've worked with Secretary Cheney and General Powell to shape a strategy that will enable us to meet vital American interests and defend enduring American ideals. I'm confident we've laid out a sound plan to make substantial reductions -- without raising risks to our national security.

Our strategy rests on four key elements:

First, security means maintaining an effective nuclear deterrent. I think back especially to the day I did what so many of my predecessors must have wished they could do: to give the order for our nuclear forces to stand down from alert. Yes, our nuclear forces can and will be smaller than they are today. But for all the positive changes we've witnessed -- the fact remains that Russia retains its nuclear arsenal. In the aftermath of

Desert Storm, we know now much more about the progress Iraq made toward acquiring nuclear weapons. Today, 15 nations possess the means to build ballistic missiles. And in spite of our best efforts to contain their spread, by the year 2000, that number may climb to 20.

And we know another harsh truth brought home by Desert Storm -- when a single Scud missile took more American lives than any other combat action. We cannot count on deterrence to stop a madman with missiles. We must deploy a defense against ballistic missile attack. //

Second, in our new world as in the old, security means forward-deployment. Our coalition victory in Desert Storm was made possible by years of joint exercises with our friends and allies overseas. Forward deployed forces also help us deter conflict and keep the peace in critical regions around the world.

To those who sound the siren's call of isolationism -- who want to see this country turn its back and head for home -- I say: America will never walk away from its responsibilities. America will always be a force for freedom in the world. //

Third, our strategy puts a premium on rapid response. For more than forty years, the centerpiece of our strategy was to contain the Soviet threat. We live in a world where clear and present dangers are few -- where threats will emerge with little or no warning. There's a lesson you learn here at Pensacola -- and that lesson holds true: our ability to project power helps us keep the peace -- and if need be, to win the war.

Fourth, we've got to retain our capacity to reconstitute our forces. Production lines for tanks, planes and ships can't be turned on and off like water from the faucet. If a large-scale threat re-emerges -- we've got to be ready to rebuild. We've got to keep our technological edge -- keep our R&D effort focused on equipping you with the next generation of weapons systems. And as I think back to my own days, I know training takes time: quality can be measured in the hours, days, weeks and months you spend in the classroom and in the cockpit. //

This strategy is the right one for our times. If we want to advance American interests, if we want to defend American ideals: we've got to do more than react to events -- we must shape events. And as Commander in Chief, I report to you: I'm confident we can. //

So far this morning, I've focused on the kind of regional threats we might face in the future. But the fact is, the next challenge may not come from abroad at all -- the next threat may be a sneak-attack by some Congressional sub-committee. Some want to cut muscle: take the 50 billion we've proposed in defense cuts, and cut a 100 billion more. //

Some of the arm-chair strategists on Capitol Hill are getting ready right now to open the Battle of the Pork Barrel. I've been there. I know how it is in Congress: the way members who ought to look to our national defense needs can't see past their own districts. // Well, if we keep open bases that are obsolete, buy weapons we don't need, respond to threats that no

longer exist -- we won't be ready for the very real dangers that may come our way. //

The choices we make today must be choices we can live with tomorrow. They set the course for years to come -- ten, even twenty years from now. Yes, we've made deep cuts. But I can certify to you -- the men and women who serve this country, you: the ones who take the ultimate risk -- that the forces that remain can meet the missions you must perform. // I say to those who want to put down the scalpel and swing the meat-axe: This deep -- and no deeper. I will hold the line against reckless cuts. We will keep America strong. //

I thank you for this warm Pensacola welcome. As Commander in Chief, I salute you for serving your country. May God bless the United States of America.

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