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January 11, 1993

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REMARKS:

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TO: DAN MCGROARTY

The NSC staff concurs as amended.

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

January 9, 1993

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When Ronald Reagan's favorite President died in 1945, the New York Times wrote, "Men will thank God on their knees, a hundred years from now, that Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House." //

Mr. President, it will not take a hundred years -- millions thank God today that you were in the White House. You loved America -- blessed America -- helped make her that "shining city on a hill."

All this explains why today Ronald Reagan becomes only the third President to receive the Medal of Freedom -- the first in his lifetime. He is a man whose life embodies freedom -- and who nurtured freedom as few Presidents ever have. //

It is my pleasure to introduce Lieutenant __, who will read the citation honoring my predecessor and my friend: the 40th President of the United States.

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