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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN LEGION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1989

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As always, it is a great privilege to join you. And a deep personal pleasure to renew old ties. And to greet new friends.

Today is September 7th -- and I'm determined not to repeat the mistake I made last year when I referred to this date as Pearl Harbor Day. Now that I've dispensed with that announcement, I want to wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving.

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Yesterday, you did something that would have pleased Francis Scott Key. For by supporting a Constitutional Amendment making it illegal to desecrate the American flag, you joined the crusade to protect the symbol of America's honor. What our flag embodies is too sacred to be abused.

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What Wilson meant, of course, was that the flag -- like America -- ~~has many parts, means many things.~~ ^{represents} It ~~means~~ ^{represents} self-expression and opportunity. And democracy for all.

~~Like America,~~ ^(SM) the Stars and Stripes ~~mean the strength needed to defend those values,~~ ^{embodies} -- moral and intellectual, economic and military ~~that have made America strong.~~ ^{the} ~~that have made America strong.~~

And like America, Old Glory ^{symbolizes} means the gallantry of veterans who ~~enrich~~ ^{love} their country -- in wartime and in peacetime.

Storming the beaches of Anzio. Scaling the cliffs of Normandy. Going about their daily lives with courage and pride.

Fellow veterans, for 71 years the "experiences" of the American Legion -- its "men and women" -- have helped write the Story of America -- and the story of our flag. And today, you write ~~them~~ ^{the} still.

For the flag, like America, is more than "sentiment." It lives. It lifts. And at its heart is freedom. The freedom to dream, and to innovate. The freedom to enlarge our possibilities as individuals. And expand our horizons as a Nation.

Fifty years ago last Friday, our allies went to war to protect this freedom. For as panzer tanks crossed the Polish frontier, and Stuka bombers savaged Warsaw, liberty confronted an evil which -- even now -- defines hell on earth.

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In the end, that conflict took more than 55 million lives. ^{underscored} And ~~headlined~~, as few things have, man's inhumanity to man. Our challenge today is to prove man's humanity to man. And by preserving liberty without war, secure what Franklin Roosevelt called the "Four Freedoms": Freedoms of speech, of religion, freedom from want and fear.

Today, I want to focus upon one of those freedoms ~~the fear of~~ ^{freedom from fear} ~~Freedom from war abroad. Freedom from drugs, crime, and indifference at home. Locally, and globally: Freedom from fear.~~

To win that freedom, ^{to build a better, safer life,} will require the bravery ~~and sacrifice~~ that Americans have shown before. And must again. ~~For freedom from fear can assist the triumph of democracy. And build a better, safer life.~~ ^{depend on it.} Already, we have done much. Now, let us do more. And achieve ^{both domestic and foreign} the real peace of ~~plenty over poverty,~~ and health over disease ^{Nixon} the kind of peace which lasts.

First, ^{mission} at home, ~~freedom from those forces which assault the dignity of man.~~

Our sworn duty to "ensure" ~~domestic Tranquility~~ is as old as America itself. When we ask what kind of society the American people deserve, our answer is -- and must be -- a Nation in which law-abiding citizens are safe and feel safe.

That is why we have sent a comprehensive battle plan to Congress. ^{to put an end to the current drug traffic} ~~It seeks to rid America of violent criminals with an attack on four points. New laws -- to punish hoods. New agents -- to arrest them. New prosecutors -- to convict these slugs. And new prisons -- to hold them.~~

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The fear of war and repression is a
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But the Crime Package is only one part of the equation. Two days ago, I announced our American's first National Strategy to win the war on drugs.

Fellow veterans, bullies and con-artists prey on fear. We seek to banish it. Our crime package can do that -- by taking back the streets. And so can a program I announced two days ago to face down a companion -- and even more deadly -- scourge: I refer, of course, to drugs.

Our drug abuse program will cost nearly \$__. And put funding where the problem is -- in the community. As veterans, you know how battles are often fought -- block-by-block, house-by-house. Well, this battle will do the same.

We will fight on any front, and every front. Supply and demand. Education and rehabilitation. Interdiction and enforcement. In the cities, and the towns. Yes, to fight will be expensive. But to surrender would exact a still-higher price the future of our kids.

We need your help. And I know we'll have it. Because, for years you've done your part. In Minnesota, for instance, Rosemont Post Number 65 runs the program "Drug Talk." And in Russellville, Arkansas, I especially like Post Number 20's giveaway of thousands of rulers. Their message says it all. "You really measure up when you say 'No' to drugs."

What I'm talking about, of course, is freeing America from indifference. Against drugs. Against crime. Against any fact of life -- disease, for example; lack of education -- which imperils the human spirit.

I think, for instance, of how the Legion aids handicapped kids. Or builds good government through Boys State and Girls

Drugs are a sad chapter in the American story. As Presidents have so many times before, I ask you to help write an ending we can all be proud of -- Cops can't do alone. Teachers can't do it alone. The addict who wants to get clean can't do it alone. We need

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State programs. And I'm sure you will build on these beginnings: Since 1985 -- Money given to scholarships -- \$13 million; and to all causes -- \$144 million; blood donated -- pints; and hours given to charity -- count 'em: over 60 million.

These efforts have brought community service to every corner of America. And nowhere more than in the VA health system. Here's a number for you: At last count, over 11,000 Legion and Auxiliary members volunteered at VA hospitals. Now, let us take an even bigger step toward ensuring veterans' access to quality health care. By supporting our proposed National Commission to review the alignment of VA medical facilities.

This Commission will outline the future structure of the VA system. And it will be modeled after the Department of Defense Base Closure Commission. But here's the difference: Our bill will forbid the closing of a single, solitary medical center.

We will ask Congress to approve or disapprove our proposals as a single package. And it will be a good package. For it will create specialized centers from ambulatory to community-based care. And strengthen veterans' overall care. So I ask you to support VA's realignment commission. And free veterans from the fear that care will not be accessible to all.

o — Well and good, and yet: ~~No freedoms are possible without freedom from war. Not speech. Not religion. Not from want. And surely, not from fear.~~ Fifty years ago, we learned ^{at} that lesson in Guadalcanal and Monte Casino. ^{Belgium} Belgium and Bataan.

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I've talked about our mission to secure freedom from fear at home. But today, we're involved in a global mission to free our nation from the fear of war.

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And an almost unimagined reign of terror.
Half-a-century ago, Ike, and Nimitz, and Jimmy Doolittle, and millions of unsung heroes, *fought to end a horrible war.* ~~used that strength to preserve a~~ world bereft of violence and tyranny. Our challenge today *may be* is less dramatic, but just as vital: To make fragile peace strong, and temporary peace permanent. For ours remains a global stage, and America remains ~~the~~ *to* leading player. So let us use our strength to keep the peace. ~~And thus spur closer East-West ties.~~

Thankfully, America today is strong. ~~And will remain so.~~ For our strength is a major reason that as tyranny's tide is running out, democracy's tide is running in. In Poland and Hungary, in the gulag and ~~ghetto~~ *we*, liberty is sweeping the globe. Yet with even hopeful change comes uncertainty. And with uncertainty comes the need for vigilance. This is no time to declare freedom's victory before the fact.

That is why we need a ^{*national*} Defense ~~budget~~ that ensures a strong and secure America. And why I'm pleased that the Senate largely agrees. This week, our defense authorization bill moves to House-Senate conference committee. There's just one problem: The House version is ~~totally~~ unacceptable. It keeps unneeded programs that would save nearly \$20 billion from 1990-94. And it lengthens their funding. ~~Harming our defense budget for years to come.~~ And ~~making it~~ *Ralders* hostage to pork-barrel projects that will strip money from programs crucial to strategic modernization.

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This modernization is vital -- vital because America must base its procurement decisions not on perestroika and glasnost -- but on the future capacity -- the actual weapons -- that any Soviet leader might have available. As decades change, so do the weapons needed to deter other Nations' first-strike ability.

This President -- any President -- would betray his office if he viewed America's deterrence in a vacuum.

Accordingly, we must ^{of today's headlines} ~~strengthen~~ ^{maintain} America's defense by strengthening its deterrent triad. And by that I mean: Submarines, missiles, and the B-2 bomber.

I have called for two Trident submarines to be funded in 1990 and 1991. Today, I renew that call. And reaffirm my commitment to the second part of our triad: strategic land-based missiles. Already, the Soviet Union has two mobile systems. And we need to match them. Not only to modernize our forces into the 21st Century. But to gain leverage for arms control.

What we're talking about is simple logic. Or as Sam Rayburn said, "If a man has common sense, he has all the sense there is."

We want to ban all mobile missiles in the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks. But common sense ^{tells} warns us: ~~We can't ban any~~ ^(We won't be in a position to) until the Congress makes our level comparable to the Soviets.

^{We've got two ways to ensure parity --}
~~Well, our new single-warhead ICBM missile -- the Midgetman and our MX multi-warhead ICBM. makes common sense. For when deployed, it would require more than one enemy missile to take out a single warhead. And our MX multi-warhead ICBM -- it makes sense. For the Midgetman won't be~~
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ready until 1997. ~~And~~ to fill the void, I have asked Congress to shift existing MXs to mobile, less vulnerable rail cars.

The third part of our deterrent triad -- the B-2 or Stealth Bomber -- can avoid radar. Its range is perfect for long-range missions. And here's the kicker: the B-2 makes it impossible for any country to destroy a mixed force of bombers and missiles.

But there is no more part of the defense equation.
Finally, I want to mention the Strategic Defense Initiative.

~~For~~ SDI will begin the movement from offensive to defensive deterrence. *In an attack, it will* Put would-be aggressors in the dark about what targets had been destroyed. And deter not merely existing threats but also Nations on the verge of possessing nuclear and chemical missiles. If that's not common sense, I don't like fishing.

Fellow veterans, peace is not an accident. ¹ ~~Not the real peace which ensures FDR's Four Freedoms of speech, religion, and from want and, yes, fear.~~ ² Real peace evolves from planning and preparedness, engagement and reality. Real peace springs from democracies who know that when it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last.

So, let us modernize our strategic forces. And, thus, encourage arms control. We need the Trident and Midgetman. We need the MX, B-2, and SDI. Yes, each involves short-term funding pain. But each is crucial to a package that is ~~sane~~ -- fiscally -- and cohesive -- strategically. *defense? responsible*

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~~Fellow veterans, General MacArthur knew -- as we do -- how war can be glorious from a distance -- but hateful and grotesque up close.~~ *war has been* At times, it is inevitable -- at times, even necessary. But not here. Not now. *Not for our children* ~~Not~~ if we summon our heart and will to build a more secure and peaceful world.

~~What a wonderful legacy -- for this, and future generations. What a tribute to the men and women who toiled at Inchon and Bastogne. In the gulleys, and the hills. Valiant Americans -- heroes all -- now part of our history, and of our lore.~~

~~Let me close by saluting them, and you.~~ And by asking you to help preserve the democracy which celebrates our freedom from fear. Thank you for your support, and for the privilege addressing you. God bless you, Godspeed to the American Legion, and God bless the United States of America.

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God bless you and your family

Freedom from ^{the} fear - of war, of crime of drugs. We are ^{are} soldiers with a grand history. We are ^{not} ~~are~~ ^{also} soldiers with new battles to fight. But we are Americans and

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One year ago today, addressing the American Legion, I observed what an honor it was to meet with you on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. Alright, I'll admit: I was wrong about the timing. But believe me, as we say down in Texas, I "wasn't woofin'" about the group.

I thought of that today -- a date, I trust, that will not live in infamy -- as I traveled here from Washington. Past the Pentagon. Congress. And Fort McHenry. For I kept thinking how this marks the 175th anniversary of the "Star-Bangled Banner." And how your convention lies a few yards from its birthplace.

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What Wilson meant, of course, was that the flag -- like America -- represents many things. It represents self-expression and opportunity. And democracy for all.

Like America, too, Old Glory reflects the values -- moral and intellectual, economic and military -- that have made, and keep, us strong.

And like America, the flag symbolizes the gallantry of veterans who love their country -- giving of themselves, and often of their lives. Storming the beaches of Anzio. Scaling the cliffs of Normandy. Taking shell-torn hills named Hamburger and Arrowhead.

Fellow veterans, for 71 years the "experiences" of the American Legion -- its "men and women" -- have helped write the Story of America -- and the story of our flag. And today -- in peacetime, as in wartime -- you write their stories still.

For the flag, like America, is more than "sentiment." It lives. On a rugged hill at Iwo Jima. It lifts. The tiny hand of the little girl I saw on a street corner in Gdansk, waving the Stars and Stripes. For both encapsule freedom. The freedom to vote as we want, and pray where we choose. The freedom to go about our daily lives gently, quietly -- without tyranny or fear.

Fifty years ago last Friday, our allies went to war to protect this freedom. For as panzer tanks crossed the Polish frontier, and bombers savaged Warsaw, liberty confronted an evil which -- even now -- defines hell on earth.

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First, our mission at home. Where our sworn duty to "ensure domestic Tranquility" is as old as the Republic itself. When we ask what kind of society the American people deserve, our answer is -- and must be -- a Nation in which law-abiding citizens are safe and feel safe.

That is why we have sent a comprehensive battle plan to Congress to put an end to the crime and drugs which plague the United States.

First, our plan seeks to rid America of violent criminals with an attack on four fronts. New laws -- to punish them. New agents -- to arrest them. New prosecutors -- to convict them. And new prisons -- to hold them.

Our plan strikes at the bullies and con-artists who prey on fear. For we want to double the mandatory minimum penalties for the use of semi-automatic weapons in crimes involving violence or drugs. And to end plea-bargaining for federal firearm offenses. We want to ban -- permanently -- the import of so-called "assault weapons" that aren't acceptable under the standards of existing law. And, yes, we want Congress to enact the steps needed to implement the death penalty.

In short, our crime proposals are based on three principles. Every criminal in this Nation must understand that if they commit a crime, they will be caught. And if caught, they will be prosecuted. And if convicted, they will do time. By taking hoods off the streets, we can -- and will -- take back the streets.

I ask you to support our crime plan. And yet it's only one part of the answer. So, two nights ago, I announced America's first national strategy to win the war on drugs.

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is -- the community. Winning kid-by-kid, neighborhood-by-neighborhood.

Our drug program aims to stop drug abuse before its start. Through education and prevention -- from grade school to graduate school. And, second, to help addicts who want to go clean. With special emphasis on expectant mothers. Then, there's the third part of our strategy -- giving drug dealers the security of the slammer. And for their ultimate bosses -- the drug lords -- life in prison, with no parole. And, finally, working with other governments to help crack international drug rings.

For years now, drugs have written a sad chapter in the American story. Well, I ask you to help write an ending all of us can be proud of. For cops -- like teachers -- can't do it alone. Nor can the addict weary of abuse. They need your help. And I know they'll get it -- just as you've helped handicapped kids, donated blood, and spurred good government through programs like Boys State and Girls State. *had a w. 4. 1/2 hrs*

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write of a "Nation at the mercy of violence." Let us pledge the mercy of freeing America from the scourge of crime and drugs.

This morning, I have talked about our mission to secure freedom from fear at home. But we also have another mission -- a global mission -- to free America from the fear of war.

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Thankfully, America today is strong. And our strength has helped democracy's tide run in -- even as tyranny's tide runs out. In Poland and Hungary, in countries East and West, liberty is sweeping the globe. Yet with even hopeful change comes uncertainty. And with uncertainty comes the need for vigilance. This is no time to declare freedom's victory before the fact.

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Thank you for your support. And for the privilege of addressing you. God bless you all, Godspeed to the American Legion, and God bless the United States of America.

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