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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BARBECUE  
AGUA LEGUAS, MEXICO  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1990  
1:45 P.M.

*Planned*  
*We are delighted to have you here in Agua Leguas*

President and Mrs. Salinas: Let me say how ~~delighted~~  
Barbara and I are to be in your home town of Agualeguas. ~~It is~~ a  
pleasure to sample the kindness for which Mexico is so famous. //

To Mayor Reynaldo Canales Vela, and the people of this  
wonderful village: We are thrilled to join you, and thank you  
for your hospitality. You have shown why ~~Mexico and the United~~  
~~States have never been closer friends.~~ //

((Barbara and I loved the barbecue. That goes double for  
the rodeo. It's amazing to me how a cowboy can chase down a  
steer, throw a rope around his neck, wrestle him to the ground,  
and tie his legs. // I have a tough time just catching a fish.))  
//

A love of sports is just one link <sup>and</sup> between our countries. So  
are values like family and hard work, love of country and of God.  
// I first met President Salinas last November in Houston -- and  
even then was moved by how he understood the needs and feelings  
of the people of Mexico. // Today, I understand why he so  
mirrors what is right, and good.

President Salinas learned those values as a boy, growing up  
half a block away. I am told Agualeguas means "Far Waters."  
Since his youth, my friend has traveled far to do what is right,

and good. For that, I thank him. And all of you, for your kindness and concern.

Octavio Paz, your beloved Nobel Prize winner for Literature, has spoken of democracy's "unity of purpose." Today shows the unity that links us ~~as allies, and friends~~. Again, thank you for this wonderful event -- and Mr. President, for having us here among your family and friends.

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