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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CONSERVATIVES
ROOM 450
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1990

Honored guests, ladies and gentlemen.

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the White House.

Incidentally, Barbara sends her best. ((I told her I'd be seeing some people from outside the Beltway who may be feeling a little left out these days. She said, "It's about time you spent some time with the broccoli growers.)) //

This morning, I'm glad to spend time with my fellow conservatives, and friends -- and I do mean friends. // For "conservatism" is not a catchword. As the past two decades ^{show,} illuminate, it is a philosophy and agenda to which most Americans subscribe.)

For instance, conservatives believe in Yankee ingenuity. ((As proof, I've come up with a compromise between spending on the environment and spending on defense. We're going to plant a million trees in Europe and disguise them to look like U.S. troops.)) //

Conservatives also believe in science. ((The more I learn about the Hubble Space Telescope, the more impressed I am. I hear it's so powerful it can actually look into black holes. // Although why it would want a closeup view of liberal policies is beyond me.)) //

Finally, conservatives share a vision. ((Oh, I know: Some reporters keep saying I don't have one. Sorry, I don't see it. // I think I know the reason I and the Washington press don't always see eye to eye. Here I am traveling around planting trees, and they're cutting them down to make newspapers.)) //

The fact, of course, is that our vision is as large as the legal bills in Trump v. Trump. // Abroad, it means free markets, free expression, and the exercise of free will. We know that real peace means the triumph of democracy -- not merely the absence of war. //

At home, our goal is identical: To unleash the power of the heart and mind. // We know that America's genius doesn't lie solely, or even mostly, in Washington, D.C. So we value cooperation between the private and public sectors. And the Executive branch, Congress, and the States. //

This vision has been called The New Federalism. In Warsaw and Winnetka, it seeks to return power to the people. And in the last few months, some have begun to term it The New Paradigm. Not a vision of the airy and abstract. Rather, a vision that works. //

The word "paradigm" means "model." And for years the liberal paradigm has enshrined centralized government. It treasures "tax and spend" -- and measures progress made by boondoggles built. // Our paradigm -- the New Paradigm -- gives localities more flexibility to enact reforms -- and incentives to

help them blossom. // We believe in limited government. We also believe in unlimited opportunity. //

Central to our New Paradigm is economic growth. We want to ~~build on the more~~ ^{increase the} than 20 million new jobs created since 1982. And ~~increase~~ ^{boost} the per capita income now at record levels. So I again urge Congress to pass our capital gains tax cut -- spurring investments and, thus, jobs. We don't want government to spend more. We want people to have more money to spend. //

To most Americans, that's a good idea. As is the second principle of our New Paradigm: The freedom to choose. We want to reduce what government must do and increase what individuals may do. // So I support a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer. // We need the faith of our Fathers back in our schools. //

Choice also means that parents should decide which public school is best for their kids. So we have sent to the Hill our Educational Excellence Act of 1990. // Some think only Big Brother can revive education. I believe excellence comes from higher standards, greater accountability, and more freedom to move within a student's school system. // If you agree, help me to convince the Congress: Wake up, and pass this bill. //

That leads to the third principle of the New Paradigm: The means -- not only freedom -- to choose. Which reminds me of a story. *M* ((A mother once told her son, "I have a pretty good idea that you skipped your piano lesson and played baseball." //

The son said he hadn't. The mother said, "Are you sure?" // The son replied, "Uh-uh. And I have a fish to prove it.") //

~~To that son,~~ hookie was his means of choosing. Our means must be better. So we have unveiled a program to help the poor run or -- better yet -- own their public housing units. And we support a child-care tax credit for low-income working parents that empowers them to care for their kids in the manner they want. At home, or with a grandparent. Or at a church or synagogue-based child care program. And I will not see the option of religious-based child care restricted or eliminated. //

Now, I know many liberals disagree. That's why last month the House Democratic leadership passed a bill that would cost \$30 billion -- three times our total -- and force many States to change their rules. // It would create a Federal Committee -- really, ^[d] straightjacket -- to produce national child care standards, rejecting local standards that meet local needs. // And put in place 120 pages of endless paperwork -- spending money on bureaucrats that should go to parents. //

Conservatives know that we don't need this new bureaucracy. It would merely prove what Will Rogers said: "Half of America does nothing but prepare propaganda for the other half to read." // So let's don't expand the budget of the bureaucracy. Let's expand the horizons of our kids. And through tax incentives, not Federal intervention, give families the help they need to solve the child-care problem themselves. //

Next comes the fourth principle of our New Paradigm:

Decentralization. // At home, this means dispersing authority to the level closest to the communities. Abroad, it means ensuring the same respect for dignity which inspires the democratic dream. ^{see below}

Conservatives know that a strong defense can enhance that dignity. For it has never let our country down -- and our country must never let down its guard. // So let us use that strength to ensure, not break, the peace. And help all peoples secure the right to think, dream, and worship as they please. In Lithuania -- as in Czechoslovakia and Nicaragua, Budapest and Berlin -- we call on both parties to recall the words of Thomas Dewey: You can't "beat down ideas with a club." // Today, freedom is in the driver's seat. The only question is not if it starts to move -- but when. // [NSC INSERT]

The fifth and final principle of the New Paradigm is what I referred to earlier: We want what works. Ask anyone in Kabul or Bucharest: Tyranny doesn't work. I would ask anyone in Havana. Unfortunately, they couldn't answer, ~~it~~ yet. // Then, look at the record: Freedom does work. // As events of ~~the past year~~ ^{have proved} prove from Panama to Poland.

At home we want to free ourselves of smog, acid rain, and toxic pollution. So we have reached agreement with the Senate leadership on the first rewrite of the Clean Air Act in over a decade. I call on the House to respond soon, and responsibly. // And we have unveiled a comprehensive strategy to free America of crime and drugs. We're asking Congress to spend over \$10 and 1/2

billion in Fiscal Year 1991 for education, treatment, interdiction, and prevention. We want to expand the death penalty for drug kingpins. And we need to toughen crime laws at the State level -- just as we are in Washington. // My vision for the 1990s is an America where we feel safe again. Where we take back the streets again. Where for the hoods and hooligans, the punishment truly fits the crime. //

((Let me close with a story about a conservative staying in a Washington hotel. One morning he called down to the front desk and complained his room didn't have a Bible. The desk clerk said, "The Bible's in the top drawer of the dresser." // Replied the conservative: "True, but I've looked in all the drawers, and I can't find a copy of 'National Review.'")) //

Our vision -- America's vision -- eclipses even that most eloquent of magazines. You see it daily -- in our deeds, and in our lives. // Look at jobs created, and schools improved. Look at air being cleansed, and drug use cut. //

The New Paradigm means promise, not promises. It lifts people up -- and keeps bureaucracies down. For it trusts not the hand of Big Government -- but a thousand points of light, joining hands and linking hearts. What a dream to enrich America -- and help America enrich the world.

This is perhaps the noblest of visions. I ask you to help me achieve it. Thank you for the privilege of addressing you. And God bless the Nation which can help make our vision a reality: the United States of America.

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// Instead, what we see is a vision as expansive as our heritage

-- an America of justice and prosperity; a world of liberty and peace. The question is: How do we get there from here?

For an answer, recall how two centuries ago, the French statesman de Tocqueville predicted a future that would "open before [us]." A future of free markets, free expression, and respect for free will. // To reach it, he thought, would require a new model of government -- a New Paradigm -- unleashing the full energy of the human heart and mind. //

de Tocqueville was writing in the 1840s, not before the Revolution

What arose, of course, was the American Revolution -- perhaps the ultimate exercise in returning power to the people. It overthrew tyranny, and remains a metaphor of freedom. It led to a "land of wonder," and helped make anew the world. // ~~Now~~ two centuries later, the time has come for another New Paradigm. Like de Tocqueville, we want a form of government which gives more power and control ~~to~~ ^{to} States, ~~and~~ ^{but most of all, people.} localities, and which will best those who measure progress made by bureaucracies built. //

Our New Paradigm must enshrine limited government and unlimited opportunity. Abroad, fulfilling the triumph of democracy -- ^{freedom} not merely the absence of war. // At home, it must spur cooperation between the private and public sectors, And the Executive branch, Congress, and the States. // We know that America's genius doesn't lie solely, or even mostly, within the Beltway. So let us use that talent to sketch a vision not of the airy and abstract. But rather, a vision that works. //

The first principle of our New Paradigm is that as market forces grow stronger, our planet grows smaller. Put simply, we

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this inflammatory to conservatives:

suggest something like: "protect the families, remove the barriers suppressing liberty, empower the poor, make the institutions of government accountable"

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A logic problem here: If you don't have the means then you also don't have the freedom to choose. Why not make this the "empowerment" as the third principle. People should not be subject to bureaucratic whims. Then make the examples all empowerment of the poor examples e.g. tenant management + ownership

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