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## President Reagan's Address

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ADDRESS TO THE PARLIAMENT, WESTMINSTER, LONDON, ENGLAND TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1982

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MY LORD CHANCELLOR, MR. SPEAKER:

SPEAKING FOR ALL AMERICANS, I WANT TO SAY HOW VERY MUCH AT HOME WE FEEL IN YOUR HOUSE. EVERY AMERICAN WOULD, BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF DEMOCRACY'S SHRINES. HERE THE RIGHTS OF FREE PEOPLE AND THE PROCESSES OF REPRESENTATION HAVE BEEN DEBATED AND REFINED.

AND I CANNOT ALLOW THIS MOMENT TO PASS WITHOUT RECALLING
THE GENEROUS WORDS OF THE MEMBER FOR BRISTOL, MR. BURKE,
CONCERNING CONCILIATION WITH THE REBELLIOUS COLONISTS IN
NORTH AMERICA.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT AN INSTITUTION IS THE LENGTHENING SHADOW SHADOW OF A MAN. THIS INSTITUTION IS THE LENGTHENING SHADOW OF ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SAT HERE, AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE VOTED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES HERE. HERE IS THE PREEMINENT SYMBOL OF GOVERNMENT WITH A FRIENDLY FACE.

THIS IS MY SECOND VISIT TO GREAT BRITAIN AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

MY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO STAND ON BRITISH SOIL OCCURRED

ALMOST A YEAR AND A HALF AGO WHEN YOUR PRIME MINISTER GRACIOUSLY
HOSTED A DIPLOMATIC DINNER AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

MRS. THATCHER SAID THEN SHE HOPED THAT I WAS NOT DISTRESSED

TO FIND STARING DOWN AT ME FROM THE GRAND STAIRCASE A PORTRAIT

OF HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, KING GEORGE III. SHE SUGGESTED IT

WAS BEST TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES AND -- IN VIEW OF OUR TWO

COUNTRIES' REMARKABLE FRIENDSHIP IN SUCCEEDING YEARS -- SHE ADDED THAT MOST ENGLISHMEN TODAY WOULD AGREE WITH THOMAS JEFFERSON THAT "A LITTLE REBELLION NOW AND THEN IS A VERY GOOD THING."

I RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT I WAS ESPECIALLY PROUD THAT MY FIRST FOREIGN VISIT AS PRESIDENT WAS TO YOUR COUNTRY, AND THAT I ONLY HAD TO TRAVEL ]5 CITY BLOCKS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO DO IT.

FROM HERE I WILL GO TO BONN, AND THEN BERLIN, WHERE THERE STANDS A GRIM SYMBOL OF POWER UNTAMED. THE BERLIN WALL, THAT DREADFUL GRAY GASH ACROSS THE CITY, IS IN ITS THIRD DECADE. IT IS THE FITTING SIGNATURE OF THE REGIME THAT BUILT IT. AND A FEW HUNDRED KILOMETERS BEHIND THE BERLIN WALL THERE IS ANOTHER SYMBOL. IN THE CENTER OF WARSAW THERE IS A SIGN THAT NOTES THE DISTANCES TO TWO CAPITALS. IN ONE DIRECTION IT POINTS TOWARD MOSCOW. IN THE OTHER IT POINTS TOWARD BRUSSELS, HEADQUARTERS OF WESTERN EUROPE'S TANGIBLE UNITY. THE MARKER SAYS THAT THE DISTANCES FROM WARSAW TO MOSCOW AND WARSAW TO BRUSSELS ARE EQUAL. THE SIGN MAKES THIS POINT: POLAND IS NOT EAST OR WEST. POLAND IS AT THE CENTER OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION. IT HAS CONTRIBUTED MIGHTILY TO THAT CIVILIZATION. IT IS DOING SO TODAY BY BEING MAGNIFICENTLY UNRECONCILED TO OPPRESSION.

POLAND'S STRUGGLE TO BE POLAND, AND TO SECURE THE BASIC RIGHTS WE TAKE FOR GRANTED, DEMONSTRATES WHY WE DARE NOT TAKE THOSE RIGHTS FOR GRANTED. GLADSTONE, DEFENDING THE REFORM BILL OF ]866, DECLARED: "YOU CANNOT FIGHT AGAINST

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THE FUTURE. TIME IS ON OUR SIDE." IT WAS EASIER TO BELIEVE IN THE INEVITABLE MARCH OF DEMOCRACY IN GLADSTONE'S DAY -IN THAT HIGH NOON OF VICTORIAN OPTIMISM.

WE ARE APPROACHING THE END OF A BLOODY CENTURY PLAGUED BY A TERRIBLE POLITICAL INVENTION -- TOTALITARIANISM.

OPTIMISM COMES LESS EASILY TODAY, NOT BECAUSE DEMOCRACY IS
LESS VIGOROUS, BUT BECAUSE DEMOCRACY'S ENEMIES HAVE REFINED
THEIR INSTRUMENTS OF REPRESSION. BUT OPTIMISM IS IN ORDER
BECAUSE, DAY BY DAY, DEMOCRACY IS PROVING ITSELF TO BE A
NOT-AT-ALL FRAGILE FLOWER.

FROM SCZCECIN ON THE BALTIC TO VARNA ON THE BLACK SEA,
THE REGIMES PLANTED BY TOTALITARIANISM HAVE HAD MORE THAN
30 YEARS TO ESTABLISH THEIR LEGITIMACY. BUT NONE -- NOT ONE
REGIME -- HAS YET BEEN ABLE TO RISK FREE ELECTIONS. REGIMES
PLANTED BY BAYONETS DO NOT TAKE ROOT.

THE STRENGTH OF THE SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT IN POLAND

DEMONSTRATES THE TRUTH TOLD IN AN UNDERGROUND JOKE IN THE

SOVIET UNION. IT IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD REMAIN A

ONE-PARTY NATION EVEN IF AN OPPOSITION PARTY WERE PERMITTED -
BECAUSE EVERYONE WOULD JOIN THAT PARTY.

AMERICA'S TIME AS A PLAYER ON THE STAGE OF WORLD HISTORY
HAS BEEN BRIEF. I THINK REALIZATION OF THIS FACT HAS ALWAYS
MADE YOU PATIENT WITH YOUR YOUNGER COUSINS. WELL, NOT
ALWAYS PATIENT. I DO RECALL THAT ON ONE OCCASION SIR WINSTON
CHURCHILL SAID IN EXASPERATION ABOUT ONE OF OUR MOST DISTINGUISHED
DIPLOMATS: "HE IS THE ONLY CASE I KNOW OF A BULL WHO CARRIES
HIS CHINA SHOP WITH HIM."

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WITTY AS SIR WINSTON WAS, HE ALSO HAD THAT SPECIAL ATTRIBUTE OF GREAT STATESMEN: THE GIFT OF VISION, THE WILLINGNESS TO SEE THE FUTURE BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST.

IT IS THIS SENSE OF HISTORY, THIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE PAST, THAT I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT TODAY, FOR IT IS IN REMEMBERING WHAT WE SHARE OF THE PAST THAT OUR TWO NATIONS CAN MAKE COMMON CAUSE FOR THE FUTURE.

WE HAVE NOT INHERITED AN EASY WORLD -- IF DEVELOPMENTS

LIKE THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION, WHICH BEGAN HERE IN ENGLAND,

AND THE GIFTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE MADE LIFE MUCH

EASIER FOR US -- THEY HAVE ALSO MADE IT MORE DANGEROUS. THERE

ARE THREATS NOW TO OUR FREEDOM, INDEED, TO OUR VERY EXISTENCE,

THAT OTHER GENERATIONS COULD NEVER EVEN HAVE IMAGINED.

THERE IS, FIRST, THE THREAT OF GLOBAL WAR. NO PRESIDENT,
NO CONGRESS, NO PRIME MINISTER, NO PARLIAMENT EVER SPENT A DAY
ENTIRELY FREE OF THIS THREAT. AND I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU
THAT IN TODAY'S WORLD, THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS COULD
MEAN, IF NOT THE EXTINCTION OF MANKIND, THEN SURELY THE END
OF CIVILIZATION AS WE KNOW IT.

THAT IS WHY THE I.N.F. TALKS CURRENTLY GOING ON IN I EUROPE AND THE "START" TALKS, WHICH WILL BEGIN LATER THIS MONTH, ARE NOT JUST CRITICAL TO AMERICAN OR WESTERN POLICY; THEY ARE CRITICAL TO MANKIND. OUR COMMITMENT TO EARLY SUCCESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS IS FIRM AND UNSHAKABLE.

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BY THE SAME TIME, THERE IS A THREAT POSED TO HUMAN FREEDOM
BY THE ENORMOUS POWER OF THE MODERN STATE. HISTORY TEACHES
THE DANGERS OF GOVERNMENT THAT OVERREACHES: POLITICAL CONTROL
TAKING PRECEDENCE OVER FREE ECONOMIC GROWTH, SECRET POLICE,
MINDLESS BUREAUCRACY -- ALL COMBINING TO STIFLE INDIVIDUAL
EXCELLENCE AND PERSONAL FREEDOM. HISTORY TEACHES THE DANGERS
OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH BECOME MORE CONCERNED WITH THEIR OWN
POWER AND PROCEDURES THAN WITH THE PEOPLE THEY ARE SUPPOSED
TO SERVE. INDEED, THE VERY COMPLAINTS LISTED IN OUR OWN
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE -- COMPLAINTS WHOSE JUSTICE WAS
ARGUED FOR IN THIS PARLIAMENT BY SUCH GREAT STATESMEN AS BURKE
AND FOX -- READ IN MANY WAYS LIKE A LIST OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST
THE ABUSES OF THE MODERN STATE. SILENT ENCROACHMENT BY GOVERNMENT
HAS ALWAYS POSED THE MOST SERIOUS AND ENDURING THREAT TO THE
FREEDOM OF MAN.

MANY OF US IN THE WEST HAVE LONG ARGUED AGAINST THE

IMPULSE TO USE THE POWER OF THE STATE FOR UTOPIAN ENDS BECAUSE

WE BELIEVE IT LEADS TO UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT INTRUSIONS INTO

THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS, ROBBING THEM OF INITIATIVE, DIGNITY

AND SELF-RESPECT. NOW I AM AWARE THAT AMONG US HERE AND

THROUGHOUT EUROPE, THERE IS LEGITIMATE DISAGREEMENT OVER THE EXTENT

TO WHICH THE PUBLIC SECTOR SHOULD PLAY A ROLE IN A NATION'S ECONOMY

AND LIFE. BUT ON ONE POINT ALL OF US ARE UNITED: OUR ABHORRENCE

OF TYRANNY IN ALL ITS FORMS; BUT MOST PARTICULARLY TOTALITARIANISM V

AND THE TERRIBLE INHUMANITIES IT HAS CAUSED IN OUR TIME:

AUSCHWITZ AND DACHAU, THE GREAT PURGE, THE GULAG ARCHIPELAGO

AND CAMBODIA.

HISTORIANS LOOKING BACK AT OUR TIME WILL GAZE IN WONDER AT OUR OWN RESTRAINT AND SELF-DOUBT. THEY WILL NOTE THAT IT WAS THE DEMOCRACIES WHO REFUSED TO USE THEIR NUCLEAR MONOPOLY IN THE FORTIES AND EARLY FIFTIES FOR TERRITORIAL OR IMPERIAL GAIN. HAD THAT NUCLEAR MONOPOLY BEEN IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD, THE MAP OF EUROPE, INDEED, THE WORLD, WOULD LOOK VERY DIFFERENT TODAY. AND CERTAINLY THEY WILL NOTE IT WAS NOT THE DEMOCRACIES THAT INVADED AFGHANISTAN, OR SUPPRESSED POLISH SOLIDARITY, OR USED CHEMICAL AND TOXIN WARFARE IN AFGHANISTAN AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

SURELY THOSE HISTORIANS WILL FIND IN THE COUNCILS OF
THOSE WHO PREACHED THE SUPREMACY OF THE STATE...THE FOCUS OF
EVIL. IT WAS YOUR OWN C. S. LEWIS WHO SAW SO WELL THE VIRULENCE
AND THE DANGER OF THE POLICE STATE WHEN HE WROTE:

"THE GREATEST EVIL IS NOT NOW DONE IN THOSE SORDID

DENS OF CRIME' THAT DICKENS LOVED TO PAINT. IT IS NOT DONE

EVEN IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND LABOUR CAMPS. IN THOSE WE SEE

ITS FINAL RESULT. BUT IT IS CONCEIVED AND ORDERED (MOVED,

SECONDED, CARRIED AND MINUTED) IN CLEAN, CARPETED, WARMED,

AND WELL-LIGHTED OFFICES, BY QUIET MEN WITH WHITE COLLARS

AND CUT FINGERNAILS AND SMOOTH-SHAVEN CHEEKS WHO DO NOT NEED

TO RAISE THEIR VOICE."

BECAUSE THESE "QUIET MEN" DO NOT "RAISE THEIR VOICES,"

BECAUSE THEY SOMETIMES SPEAK IN SOOTHING TONES OF BROTHERHOOD

AND PEACE, BECAUSE LIKE HITLER THEY ARE ALWAYS MAKING "THEIR

FINAL TERRITORIAL DEMAND," SOME WOULD HAVE US ACCEPT THEM AT

THEIR WORD AND ACCOMMODATE OURSELVES TO THEIR AGGRESSIVE

IMPULSES. BUT, IF HISTORY TEACHES ANYTHING, IT TEACHES: SELF-DELUSION IN THE FACE OF UNPLEASANT FACTS IS FOLLY.

WE SEE AROUND US TODAY ALL THE EARMARKS OF OUR TERRIBLE DILEMMA -- ON THE ONE HAND: PREDICTIONS OF DOOMSDAY, ANTI-NUCLEAR DEMONSTRATIONS, AN ARMS RACE IN WHICH THE WEST MUST FOR ITS OWN PROTECTION BE AN UNWILLING PARTICIPANT. IN AWFUL COUNTERPOINT, WE SEE THE MARCH OF THOSE WHO SEEK DISRUPTION AND CONFLICT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, CONFLICT THEY HOPE WILL FURTHER A "CLEAN," "WELL-LIGHTED," THOROUGHLY MODERN -- BUT THOROUGHLY BARBAROUS -- ASSAULT ON THE HUMAN SPIRIT CALLED MARXISM-LENINISM.

WHAT, THEN, IS OUR COURSE? MUST CIVILIZATION PERISH -IN A HAIL OF FIERY ATOMS? MUST FREEDOM WITHER -- IN A QUIET,
DEADENING ACCOMMODATION WITH TOTALITARIAN EVIL? SIR WINSTON
CHURCHILL REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE INEVITABILITY OF WAR OR EVEN
THAT IT WAS IMMINENT. HE SAID:

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SOVIET RUSSIA DESIRES WAR. WHAT
THEY DESIRE IS THE FRUITS OF WAR AND THE INDEFINITE EXPANSION
OF THEIR POWER AND DOCTRINES. BUT WHAT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER
HERE TODAY WHILE TIME REMAINS, IS THE PERMANENT PREVENTION
OF WAR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM AND
DEMOCRACY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE IN ALL COUNTRIES."

THIS IS PRECISELY OUR MISSION TODAY. WE LIVE NOW AT A TURNING POINT IN TIME. IT MAY NOT BE EASY TO SEE BUT I BELIEVE THAT MOMENT IS UPON US.

IN AN IRONIC SENSE, KARL MARX WAS RIGHT. WE ARE WITNESSING TODAY A GREAT REVOLUTIONARY CRISIS -- A CRISIS WHERE THE DEMANDS

OF THE ECONOMIC ORDER ARE COLLIDING DIRECTLY WITH THOSE OF THE POLITICAL ORDER. BUT THE CRISIS IS HAPPENING NOT IN THE FREE, NON-MARXIST WEST, BUT IN THE HOME OF MARXISM-LENINISM, THE SOVIET UNION. IT IS THE SOVIET UNION THAT RUNS AGAINST THE TIDE OF HISTORY BY DENYING FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY TO ITS CITIZENS. IT ALSO IS IN DEEP ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY. RATE OF GROWTH IN THE SOVIET GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT HAS BEEN STEADILY DECLINING SINCE THE FIFTIES AND IS LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT IT WAS THEN. THE DIMENSIONS OF THIS FAILURE ARE ASTOUNDING: A COUNTRY WHICH EMPLOYS ONE-FIFTH OF ITS POPULATION IN AGRICULTURE IS UNABLE TO FEED ITS OWN PEOPLE. WERE IT NOT FOR THE TINY PRIVATE SECTOR TOLERATED IN SOVIET AGRICULTURE, THE COUNTRY MIGHT BE ON THE BRINK OF FAMINE. THESE PRIVATE PLOTS OCCUPY A BARE 3 PERCENT OF THE ARABLE LAND BUT ACCOUNT FOR NEARLY ONE-OUARTER OF SOVIET FARM OUTPUT AND NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF MEAT PRODUCTS AND VEGETABLES.

OVERCENTRALIZED, WITH LITTLE OR NO INCENTIVES, YEAR AFTER
YEAR THE SOVIET SYSTEM POURS ITS BEST RESOURCE INTO THE MAKING
OF INSTRUMENTS OF DESTRUCTION. THE CONSTANT SHRINKAGE OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH COMBINED WITH THE GROWTH OF MILITARY PRODUCTION IS
PUTTING A HEAVY STRAIN ON THE SOVIET PEOPLE.

WHAT WE SEE HERE IS THE CLASSIC SITUATION OF A POLITICAL STRUCTURE THAT NO LONGER CORRESPONDS TO ITS ECONOMIC BASE, A SOCIETY WHERE PRODUCTIVE FORCES ARE HAMPERED BY POLITICAL ONES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT RESOLUTION OF THIS INTERNAL CONFLICT COULD LEAD TO LIBERALIZATION IN THE SOVIET UNION. BUT THERE IS

ALSO THE DANGER THAT THE FEAR OF THIS POTENTIALLY REVOLUTIONARY SITUATION WILL CONTINUE TO TEMPT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP TOWARD AGGRESSION -- AGGRESSION THAT ALLOWS IT TO MOBILIZE ITS UNHAPPY MASSES WITH CHAUVINISTIC SLOGANS AND DIVERTS THEM FROM DOMESTIC NEEDS.

THE DECAY OF THE SOVIET EXPERIMENT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE TO US. WHEREVER THE COMPARISONS HAVE BEEN MADE BETWEEN FREE AND CLOSED SOCIETIES -- WEST GERMANY AND EAST GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MALAYSIA AND VIETNAM -- IT IS THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES THAT ARE PROSPEROUS AND RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR PEOPLE. AND IT IS ONE OF THE SIMPLE BUT OVERWHELMING FACTS OF OUR TIME: OF ALL THE MILLIONS OF REFUGEES WE HAVE SEEN IN THE MODERN WORLD THEIR FLIGHT IS ALWAYS AWAY FROM, NOT TOWARD, THE COMMUNIST WORLD. TODAY ON THE "NATO" LINE, OUR MILITARY FORCES FACE EAST TO PREVENT A POSSIBLE INVASION. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LINE THE SOVIET FORCES ALSO FACE EAST -- TO PREVENT THEIR PEOPLE FROM LEAVING.

THE HARD EVIDENCE OF TOTALITARIAN RULE HAS CAUSED IN
MANKIND AN UPRISING OF THE INTELLECT AND WILL. WHETHER IT IS
THE GROWTH OF THE NEW SCHOOLS OF ECONOMICS IN AMERICA OR ENGLAND
OR THE APPEARANCE OF THE SO-CALLED "NEW PHILOSOPHERS" IN FRANCE,
THERE IS ONE UNIFYING THREAD RUNNING THROUGH THE INTELLECTUAL
WORK OF THESE GROUPS: REJECTION OF THE STATE'S RIGHT TO
DICTATE SOCIAL CHANGE ARBITRARILY, THE REFUSAL TO SUBORDINATE
THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE SUPERSTATE, THE REALIZATION
THAT COLLECTIVISM STIFLES ALL THE BEST HUMAN IMPULSES.

SINCE THE EXODUS FROM EGYPT, HISTORIANS HAVE WRITTEN OF THOSE WHO SACRIFICED AND STRUGGLED FOR FREEDOM: THE STAND AT THERMOPYLAE, THE REVOLT OF SPARTICUS, THE STORMING OF THE BASTILLE, THE WARSAW UPRISING IN WORLD WAR II.

MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE SEEN EVIDENCE OF THIS SAME HUMAN
IMPULSE IN ONE OF THE DEVELOPING NATIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS THE WORLD NEWS MEDIA COVERED THE FIGHTING
IN EL SALVADOR. DAY AFTER DAY WE WERE TREATED TO STORIES AND
FILM SLANTED TOWARD THE BRAVE FREEDOM FIGHTERS BATTLING OPPRESSIVE
GOVERNMENT FORCES IN BEHALF OF THE SILENT, SUFFERING PEOPLE
OF THAT TORTURED COUNTRY.

THEN ONE DAY THOSE SILENT SUFFERING PEOPLE WERE OFFERED

A CHANCE TO VOTE TO CHOOSE THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT THEY WANTED.

SUDDENLY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THE HILLS WERE EXPOSED FOR

WHAT THEY REALLY ARE: CUBAN-BACKED GUERILLAS WHO WANT POWER

FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR BACKERS, NOT DEMOCRACY FOR THE

PEOPLE. THEY THREATENED DEATH TO SANY WHO VOTED AND DESTROYED

HUNDREDS OF BUSSES AND TRUCKS TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM GETTING

TO THE POLLING PLACES. BUT ON ELECTION DAY THE PEOPLE OF

EL SALVADOR, AN UNPRECEDENTED 1.4 MILLION OF THEM, BRAVED

AMBUSH AND GUNFIRE, TRUDGING MILES TO VOTE FOR FREEDOM.

THEY STOOD FOR HOURS IN THE HOT SUN WAITING FOR THEIR.

TURN TO VOTE. MEMBERS OF OUR CONGRESS WHO WENT THERE AS

OBSERVERS TOLD ME OF A WOMAN WOUNDED BY RIFLE FIRE WHO REFUSED

TO LEAVE THE LINE TO HAVE HER WOUND TREATED UNTIL AFTER SHE HAD

VOTED. A GRANDMOTHER, WHO HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE GUERILLAS

SHE WOULD BE KILLED WHEN SHE RETURNED FROM THE POLLS, TOLD THE

GUERILLAS, "YOU CAN KILL ME, KILL MY FAMILY, KILL MY NEIGHBORS,
BUT YOU CAN'T KILL US ALL." THE REAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF
EL SALVADOR TURNED OUT TO BE THE PEOPLE OF THAT COUNTRY,
THE YOUNG, THE OLD AND THE IN-BETWEEN. STRANGE, BUT THERE HAS
BEEN LITTLE IF ANY NEWS COVERAGE OF THAT WAR SINCE THE ELECTION.

PERHAPS THEY'LL SAY IT'S BECAUSE THERE IS A NEWER WAR TO COVER NOW. YOUNG MEN ARE FIGHTING FOR BRITAIN ON SOME TINY ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. AND, YES, VOICES HAVE BEEN RAISED PROTESTING THEIR SACRIFICE FOR LUMPS OF ROCK AND EARTH SO FAR AWAY. BUT THOSE YOUNG MEN AREN'T FIGHTING FOR MERE REAL ESTATE. THEY FIGHT FOR A CAUSE, FOR THE BELIEF THAT ARMED AGGRESSION MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SUCCEED, AND THAT PEOPLE MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISIONS OF GOVERNMENT.

RESISTING MILITARY AGGRESSION IS THE FOUNDATION OF WORLD PEACE AND THE RULE OF ORDER. IF THERE HAD BEEN FIRMER SUPPORT FOR THAT CAUSE SOME 45 YEARS AGO, PERHAPS OUR GENERATION WOULDN'T HAVE SUFFERED THE BLOODLETTING OF WORLD WAR II.

EVERYWHERE TODAY THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION IS GATHERING
NEW STRENGTH. IN INDIA, A CRITICAL TEST HAS BEEN PASSED WITH
THE PEACEFUL CHANGE OF GOVERNING POLITICAL PARTIES. IN AFRICA,
NIGERIA IS MOVING IN REMARKABLE AND UNMISTAKABLE WAYS TO BUILD
AND STRENGTHEN ITS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. IN THE CARIBBEAN
AND CENTRAL AMERICA, 16 OF 24 COUNTRIES HAVE FREELY ELECTED
GOVERNMENTS. AND IN THE UNITED NATIONS, 8 OF THE 10 DEVELOPING
NATIONS WHICH HAVE JOINED THE BODY IN THE PAST 5 YEARS ARE
DEMOCRACIES.

IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD AS WELL, MAN'S INSTINCTIVE DESIRE
FOR FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION SURFACES AGAIN AND AGAIN.
TO BE SURE, THERE ARE GRIM REMINDERS OF HOW BRUTALLY THE
POLICE STATE ATTEMPTS TO SNUFF OUT THIS QUEST FOR SELF RULE:
1953 IN EAST GERMANY, 1956 IN HUNGARY, 1968 IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA,
1981 IN POLAND. BUT THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES IN POLAND AND WE
KNOW THERE ARE EVEN THOSE WHO STRIVE AND SUFFER FOR FREEDOM
WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF. HOW WE CONDUCT
OURSELVES HERE IN THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES WILL DETERMINE
WHETHER THIS TREND CONTINUES.

NO, DEMOCRACY IS NOT A FRAGILE FLOWER; STILL IT NEEDS IF THE 1980's ARE TO BE THE DECADE OF DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, WE MUST TAKE ACTIONS TO ASSIST THE CAMPAIGN FOR DEMOCRACY. FOR THAT REASON I HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO TELLING YOU TODAY THAT WE IN AMERICA SHALL TAKE STEPS TOWARD REALIZING THIS GOAL. A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF AMERICAN LEADERS -- LEADERS OF OUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, THE CONGRESS, BUSINESS, LABOR AND OTHER MAJOR INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY --- WILL-OVERSEE A STUDY TO DETERMINE HOW AMERICA CAN\_BEST\_CONTRIBUTE\_TO\_REPRESENTATIVE\_COVERNMENT\_IN\_OTHER NOUR COUNTRIES. THE STUDY BY THIS BROND CONLITION OF PROMINENT AMERICANS WILL BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS. I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO WORKING WITH THESE INSTITUTIONS IN THE COMMON TASK OF STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

SOME ARGUE THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE DEMOCRATIC CHANGE IN RIGHT-WING DICTATORSHIPS, BUT NOT IN COMMUNIST REGIMES. TO ACCEPT

THIS PREPOSTEROUS NOTION -- AS SOME WELL-MEANING PEOPLE HAVE -IS TO INVITE THE ARGUMENT THAT, ONCE COUNTRIES ACHIEVE A NUCLEAR
CAPABILITY, THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED AN UNDISTURBED REIGN OF
TERROR OVER THEIR OWN CITIZENS. WOULD THOSE WHO COMPLAINT
ABOUT THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DEMOCRACIES ENGAGING IN A
SERIOUS CONTEST OF IDEAS WITH THE COMMUNISTS ALSO COMPLAIN
ABOUT A SIMILAR CONTEST OF IDEAS WITH NATIONS PRACTICING
FASCISM OR RACISM? I DOUBT IT.

AS FOR THE SOVIET VIEW, LET US CONSULT COMMUNIST LEADERS
THEMSELVES. REFLECTING THE APPROACH OF HIS PREDECESSORS AND
PRESUMABLY HIS SUCCESSORS AS WELL, CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV REPEATEDLY
HAS STRESSED THAT THE COMPETITION OF IDEAS AND SYSTEMS MUST
CONTINUE AND THAT THIS IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH RELAXATION OF
TENSIONS AND PEACE. WE ASK ONLY THAT THESE SYSTEMS BEGIN BY
LIVING UP TO THEIR OWN CONSTITUTIONS, ABIDING BY THEIR OWN LAWS,
AND COMPLYING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS THEY HAVE
UNDERTAKEN. WE ASK ONLY FOR A PROCESS, A DIRECTION, A BASIC
CODE OF DECENCY -- NOT FOR AN INSTANT TRANSFORMATION.

IN THE NUCLEAR AGE, WE MUST FIND A SOUNDER BASIS FOR PEACE THAN NOW EXISTS. WE CANNOT IGNORE THE FACT THAT EVEN WITHOUT OUR ENCOURAGEMENT THERE HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE REPEATED EXPLOSIONS AGAINST REPRESSION IN DICTATORSHIPS. THE SOVIET UNION ITSELF IS NOT IMMUNE TO THIS REALITY. ANY SYSTEM IS INHERENTLY UNSTABLE THAT HAS NO PEACEFUL MEANS TO LEGITIMIZE ITS LEADERS. IN SUCH CASES, THE VERY REPRESSIVENESS OF THE STATE ULTIMATELY DRIVES PEOPLE TO RESIST IT -- IF NECESSARY, BY FORCE.

WHILE WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT FORCING THE PACE OF CHANGE,
WE MUST NOT HESITATE TO DECLARE OUR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES AND
TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTIONS TO MOVE TOWARDS THEM. WE MUST BE
STAUNCH IN OUR CONVICTION THAT FREEDOM IS NOT THE SOLE PREROGATIVE
OF A LUCKY FEW, BUT THE INALIENABLE AND UNIVERSAL RIGHT OF ALL
HUMAN BEINGS. SO STATES THE UNITED NATIONS' UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS -- WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS,
GUARANTEES FREE ELECTIONS.

THE OBJECTIVE I PROPOSE IS QUITE SIMPLE TO STATE: TO HELP ESTABLISH THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF DEMOCRACY -- THE SYSTEM OF A FREE PRESS, UNIONS, POLITICAL PARTIES, UNIVERSITIES -- WHICH ALLOWS A PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN WAY, TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN CULTURE, TO RECONCILE THEIR OWN DIFFERENCES THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS.

THIS IS NOT CULTURAL IMPERIALISM; IT IS PROVIDING THE MEANS FOR GENUINE SELF-DETERMINATION AND PROTECTION FOR DIVERSITY.

DEMOCRACY ALREADY FLOURISHES IN COUNTRIES WITH VERY DIFFERENT CULTURES AND HISTORICAL EXPERIENCES. IT WOULD BE CULTURAL CONDESCENSION, OR WORSE, TO SAY THAT ANY PEOPLE PREFER DICTATORSHIP TO DEMOCRACY. WHO WOULD VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE NOT TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE; DECIDE TO PURSUE GOVERNMENT PROPAGANDA HANDOUTS INSTEAD OF INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS; PREFER GOVERNMENT TO WORKER CONTROLLED UNIONS; OPT FOR LAND TO BE OWNED BY THE STATE INSTEAD OF THOSE WHO TILL IT; WANT GOVERNMENT REPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, A SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY INSTEAD OF A FREE CHOICE, A RIGID CULTURAL ORTHODOXY INSTEAD OF DEMOCRATIC TOLERANCE AND DIVERSITY?

IN CALLING UPON THE WEST TO OFFER CONCRETE AND OPEN
ASSISTANCE TO THE FORCES OF DEMOCRACY -- TO HELP SCHOOLS,
PUBLICATIONS, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OTHER
COUNTRIES -- THE NEW YORK TIMES RECENTLY CITED THESE ELOQUENT
WORDS OF JOHN STUART MILL:

"THE DOCTRINE OF NON-INTERVENTION, TO BE A LEGITIMATE PRINCIPLE OF MORALITY, MUST BE ACCEPTED BY ALL GOVERNMENTS. THE DESPOTS MUST CONSENT TO BE BOUND BY IT AS WELL AS THE FREE STATES. UNLESS THEY DO, THE PROFESSION COMES TO THIS MISERABLE ISSUE -- THAT THE WRONG SIDE MAY HELP THE WRONG, BUT THE RIGHT MUST NOT HELP THE RIGHT."

SINCE 1917 THE SOVIET UNION HAS GIVEN COVERT POLITICAL TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE TO MARXIST-LENINISTS IN MANY COUNTRIES.

OF COURSE IT ALSO HAS PROMOTED THE USE OF VIOLENCE AND SUBVERSION BY THESE SAME FORCES.

OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DECADES, WEST EUROPEAN AND OTHER SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND LIBERALS HAVE OFFERED OPEN ASSISTANCE TO FRATERNAL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS, TO BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS. APPROPRIATELY FOR A VIGOROUS NEW DEMOCRACY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY'S POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS HAVE BECOME A MAJOR FORCE IN THIS EFFORT.

THE U.S. INITIATIVE I HAVE ANNOUNCED TODAY REPRESENTS

A BROAD COALITION OF AMERICANS -- NOT ONE ADMINISTRATION OR A

SINGLE PARTY. THE CHAIRMEN AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL
REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE AGREED TO

CURPORT A STUDY WITH THE BIPARTISAN AMERICAN POLITICAL FOUNDATION

TO DETERMINE HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN BEST CONTRIBUTE --

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GATHERING FORCE. THEY WILL HAVE THE COOPERATION OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER MAJOR INSTITUTIONS IN OUR SOCIETY.

WE BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN PRIVATE GROUPS SHOULD PLAY A
DOMINANT ROLE IN THE EFFORT: FOUNDATIONS, POLITICAL PARTIES,
UNIONS, AND PRESS ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE VEHICLES
IN THE PAST IN ASSISTING DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN OTHER SOCIETIES.
THEIR EFFORTS SHOULD BE EXPANDED SUBSTANTIALLY, IN WHICH PROCESS
THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD OFFER SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT. THE UNITED
STATES GIVES ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO A NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES. IT IS TIME THAT WE COMMITTED OURSELVES AS A NATION
TO ASSISTING DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT AS WELL.

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I AM DOING SO TODAY.

WE PLAN TO CONSULT WITH LEADERS OF OTHER NATIONS AS WELL.

THERE IS A PROPOSAL BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO INVITE

PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES TO A MEETING NEXT

YEAR IN STRASBOURG. THAT PRESTIGIOUS GATHERING COULD CONSIDER

WAYS TO HELP DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL MOVEMENTS.

THIS NOVEMBER IN WASHINGTON THERE WILL TAKE PLACE AN INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON FREE ELECTIONS. WE WILL EXAMINE HOW TO HELP BRING MULTI-CANDIDATE, MULTI-PARTY ELECTIONS TO AN INCREASING NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. NEXT SPRING THERE WILL BE A CONFERENCE OF WORLD AUTHORITIES ON CONSTITUTIONALISM AND SELF-GOVERNMENT. WITH THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES AS HOST, AUTHORITIES FROM A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES -- JUDGES, PHILOSOPHERS AND POLITICIANS WITH PRACTICAL

PRACTICE AND FURTHER THE RULE OF LAW, WOLL A UNLINE WITH

AT THE SAME TIME WE INVITE THE SOVIET UNION TO CONSIDER
WITH US HOW THE COMPETITION OF IDEAS AND VALUES -- WHICH IT IS
COMMITTED TO SUPPORT -- CAN BE CONDUCTED ON A PEACEFUL AND
RECIPROCAL BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE, I AM PREPARED TO OFFER PRESIDENT
BREZHNEV AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON OUR
TELEVISION, IF HE WILL ALLOW ME THE SAME OPPORTUNITY WITH THE
SOVIET PEOPLE. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT PANELS OF OUR NEWSMEN
PERIODICALLY APPEAR ON EACH OTHER'S TELEVISION TO DISCUSS
MAJOR EVENTS.

I DO NOT WISH TO SOUND OVERLY OPTIMISTIC . . YET
THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT IMMUNE FROM THE REALITY OF WHAT IS GOING
ON IN THE WORLD. IT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST: A SMALL RULING
ELITE EITHER ATTEMPTS TO EASE DOMESTIC UNREST THROUGH FOREIGN
ADVENTURE OR CHOOSES A WISER COURSE -- BY ALLOWING ITS PEOPLE
A VOICE IN THEIR OWN DESTINY.

YET, EVEN IF THIS PROCESS IS NOT COMPLETED SOON, I BELIEVE THE RENEWED STRENGTH OF THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, COMPLEMENTED BY A GLOBAL CAMPAIGN FOR FREEDOM, WILL STRENGTHEN THE PROSPECTS FOR ARMS CONTROL.

I HAVE DISCUSSED ON OTHER OCCASIONS, INCLUDING MY ADDRESS
ON MAY 9th, THE ELEMENTS OF WESTERN POLICIES TOWARD THE SOVIET
UNION TO SAFEGUARD OUR INTERESTS AND PROTECT THE PEACE. WHAT
I AM DESCRIBING NOW IS A POLICY AND A HOPE FOR THE LONG TERM —
THE MARCH OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WHICH WILL LEAVE MARXISM-LENINISM
ON THE ASH-HEAP OF HISTORY AS IT HAS LEFT OTHER TOTALITARIAN

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DEOLOGIES WHICH STIFLE THE FREEDOM AND MUZZLE THE SELF-EXPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE.

THAT IS WHY WE MUST CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN
"NATO" EVEN AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH OUR ZERO OPTION INITIATIVE
IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON INTERMEDIATE RANGE FORCES AND OUR PROPOSAL
FOR A ONE-THIRD REDUCTION IN STRATEGIC BALLISTIC MISSILE
WARHEADS.

OUR MILITARY STRENGTH IS A PREREQUISITE TO PEACE BUT LET

IT BE CLEAR WE MAINTAIN THIS STRENGTH IN THE HOPE IT WILL

NEVER BE USED. FOR THE ULTIMATE DETERMINANT IN THE STRUGGLE

NOW GOING ON FOR THE WORLD WILL NOT BE BOMBS AND ROCKETS -
BUT A STRUGGLE OF WILLS AND IDEAS -- A TEST OF SPIRITUAL RESOLVE:

THE VALUES WE HOLD, THE BELIEFS WE CHERISH, THE IDEALS TO WHICH

WE ARE DEDICATED.

THE BRITISH PEOPLE KNOW THAT, GIVEN STRONG LEADERSHIP,
TIME, AND A LITTLE BIT OF HOPE, THE FORCES OF GOOD ULTIMATELY
RALLY AND TRIUMPH OVER EVIL. HERE AMONG YOU IS THE CRADLE OF
SELF-GOVERNMENT, THE MOTHER OF PARLIAMENTS. HERE IS THE
ENDURING GREATNESS OF THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO MANKIND,
THE GREAT CIVILIZED IDEAS: INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, REPRESENTATIVE
GOVERNMENT AND THE RULE OF LAW UNDER GOD.

I HAVE OFTEN WONDERED ABOUT THE SHYNESS OF SOME OF US IN
THE WEST ABOUT STANDING FOR THESE IDEALS THAT HAVE DONE SO MUCH
TO EASE THE PLIGHT OF MAN AND THE HARDSHIPS OF OUR IMPERFECT
WORLD. THIS RELUCTANCE TO USE THOSE VAST RESOURCES AT OUR
COMMAND REMINDS ME OF THE ELDERLY LADY WHOSE HOME WAS BOMBED
IN THE BLITZ; AS THE RESCUERS MOVED ABOUT THEY FOUND A BOTTLE

OF BRANDY SHE HAD STORED BEHIND THE STAIRCASE, WHICH WAS ALL THAT WAS LEFT STANDING. SINCE SHE WAS BARELY CONSCIOUS, ONE OF THE WORKERS PULLED THE CORK TO GIVE HER A TASTE OF IT. SHE CAME AROUND IMMEDIATELY AND SAID: "HERE NOW, PUT IT BACK, THAT'S ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES."

WELL, THE EMERGENCY IS UPON US.

LET US BE SHY NO LONGER -- LET US GO TO OUR STRENGTH.

LET US OFFER HOPE. LET US TELL THE WORLD THAT A NEW AGE IS

NOT ONLY POSSIBLE BUT PROBABLE. GREAT DRAMATIC CHANGES HAVE

OCCURRED. WE LIVE LONGER TODAY IN BETTER HEALTH AND PROSPERITY

THAN EVER DREAMED OF IN THE PAST. I HAVE ALREADY LIVED

20 YEARS BEYOND MY LIFE EXPECTANCY WHEN I WAS BORN. THAT'S A

SOURCE OF ANNOYANCE TO SOME OF MY COUNTRYMEN.

TO THOSE WHO PREDICT DOOMSDAY OR THE TRIUMPH OF THE SUPERSTATE LET US CITE THE WORDS OF A GREAT AUTHOR AT A NOBEL PRIZE CEREMONY SOME YEARS AGO. WILLIAM FAULKNER SPOKE OF THE SELF-DOUBT THAT INFECTS OUR AGE.

BUT, HE CONCLUDED, "MAN WILL NOT MERELY ENDURE: HE WILL PREVAIL" BECAUSE HE WILL RETURN TO THE "OLD VERITIES AND TRUTHS OF THE HEART."

"HE IS IMMORTAL . . . BECAUSE HE HAS A SOUL, A SPIRIT CAPABLE OF COMPASSION AND SACRIFICE AND ENDURANCE."

DURING THE DARK DAYS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR WHEN THIS

ISLAND WAS INCANDESCENT WITH COURAGE, WINSTON CHURCHILL

EXCLAIMED ABOUT BRITAIN'S ADVERSARIES: "WHAT KIND OF A PEOPLE

DO THEY THINK WE ARE?"

THE BRITISH ARE. BUT ALL THE DEMOCRACIES PAID A TERRIBLE PRICE

FOR ALLOWING THE DICTATORS TO UNDERESTIMATE US. WE DARE NOT MAKE

THAT MISTAKE AGAIN. SO LET US ASK OURSELVES: WHAT KIND OF

PEOPLE DO WE THINK WE ARE? AND LET US ANSWER: FREE PEOPLE TO WORTHY OF FREEDOM, AND DETERMINED TO REMAIN SO, But the price of the people of the peopl

THEN LOST AN ELECTION JUST AS THE FRUITS OF VICTORY WERE ABOUT TO BE ENJOYED. BUT HE LEFT OFFICE HONORABLY, KNOWING THAT THE LIBERTY OF HIS PEOPLE WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE FATE OF ANY SINGLE LEADER. HISTORY RECALLS HIS GREATNESS IN WAYS NO DICTATOR WILL EVER KNOW. AND HE LEFT US A MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR THE FUTURE, AS TIMELY NOW AS WHEN HE FIRST UTTERED IT, AS OPPOSITION LEADER IN THE COMMONS NEARLY 27 YEARS AGO: "WHEN WE LOOK BACK ON ALL THE PERILS THROUGH WHICH WE HAVE PASSED AND AT THE MIGHTY FOES WE HAVE LAID LOW AND ALL THE DARK AND DEADLY DESIGNS WE HAVE FRUSTRATED, WHY SHOULD WE FEAR FOR OUR FUTURE?" "WE HAVE," SAID SIR WINSTON, "COME SAFELY THROUGH THE WORST."

THE TASK I HAVE SET FORTH WILL LONG OUTLIVE OUR OWN

GENERATION. BUT TOGETHER, WE, TOO, HAVE COME THROUGH THE WORST.

LET US NOW BEGIN A MAJOR EFFORT TO SECURE THE BEST -
A CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM THAT WILL ENGAGE THE FAITH AND FORTITUDE

OF THE NEXT GENERATION. FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE,

LET US MOVE TOWARD A WORLD IN WHICH ALL PEOPLE ARE AT LAST

FREE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY.