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BY UNITING EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA, NATO HAS MADE POSSIBLE THE LONGEST PERIOD OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN MODERN HISTORY. AND TODAY, OUR PROUD ALLIANCE REMAINS UNITED IN ITS COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

BUT WE CANNOT BE CONTENT WITH THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST. AS WE LOOK AHEAD, THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS TO STRENGTHEN EVEN FURTHER OUR SOLIDARITY AND UNITY.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATO MINISTERIAL DINNER TOAST
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1984

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This evening has been a special opportunity to celebrate the unprecedented success of our enduring partnership, an Alliance dedicated to peace and freedom. Thirty-five years ago, in the troubled aftermath of a tragic conflict, twelve nations met here in Washington to sign the North Atlantic Treaty. That event was an act of realism. The member nations recognized the threat to their security and undertook to meet it together. The establishment of the North Atlantic Alliance was also an act of optimism, an affirmation of the enduring vitality of Western civilization.

Thirty-five years of peace with freedom testify to the wisdom and foresight of those nations, and of the four other nations who have since joined NATO. Although the founders could not have foreseen the dramatic changes that have taken place since 1949, their vision was right on the mark. By uniting Europe and North America, NATO has made possible the longest period of peace and prosperity in modern history. And today, our proud Alliance remains united in its commitment to the defense of democracy and individual liberty.

But we cannot be content with the accomplishments of the past. As we look ahead, there are compelling reasons to strengthen even further our solidarity and unity.

Our commitment to collective security will continue to be an indispensable bulwark against aggression, terrorism, and tyranny. Our unity will be the essential framework for building a constructive dialogue with our adversaries, and reducing the risks of war and the level of nuclear arms. And I know that it will be our societies, the democracies, that will offer a bright and hopeful future for our people and people everywhere.

We can be confident. The events of the past year challenged us, and the Western democracies stood firm in the face of an intense Soviet campaign of intimidation aimed at undermining NATO's commitment to defend Europe and preserve peace. And today, we are stronger and more conscious of our unity.

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Ladies and gentlemen, in recognition of Joseph Luns' uncommon dedication to the ideals of our Alliance, and in tribute to his outstanding service and enduring contributions to our freedom and security, it is my great privilege to bestow America's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, on Secretary General Luns. But before I invite him to receive the Medal, I ask that you raise your glasses and join me in a toast to Secretary General Joseph Luns, and to the organization he has faithfully served and so ably guided.

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Last night at dinner, and again this morning, we had the opportunity to discuss the major challenges facing the Alliance including the security and defense of the West, relations with the Soviet Union, and arms control. We all recognize that there is no more important consideration than the development of a better working relationship with the Soviet Union, one marked by greater cooperation and understanding, and leading to stable, secure, and peaceful relations. This has been, and will continue to be, a primary goal -- for the United States and the NATO Alliance.

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It is our sincere hope that the Soviet Union will soon come to understand the profound desire for peace which inspires us. And I hope that the Soviet leadership will finally realize it is pointless to continue its efforts to divide the Alliance. We

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At the same time, we remain ready to negotiate fairly and flexibly, and without preconditions. It is our hope that the Soviet Union will soon return to the negotiating table. Our commitment to dialogue and arms reductions is firm and unshaken.

No other step in the near-term would do so much for the cause of peace and stability as a return to constructive negotiations and agreements reducing the levels of nuclear arms. I have said many times, and I will say it again, that when the Soviet Union returns to the negotiating table, we will meet them halfway.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/23/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00 p.m. 5/24/84

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: (1) NATO MINISTERIAL DINNER TOAST
(5/23 - 1:00 p.m. draft) (2) NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING

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REMARKS:

Please forward any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott, with a copy to my office by 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, 5/24. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

(Myer/BE)
May 23, 1984
1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATO MINISTERIAL DINNER TOAST
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1984

Secretary General Luns, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it's an honor and a pleasure to welcome our NATO partners to the White House.

This evening has been a special opportunity to celebrate the unprecedented success of our enduring partnership, an Alliance dedicated to peace and freedom. Thirty-five years ago, in the troubled aftermath of a tragic conflict, twelve nations met here in Washington to sign the North Atlantic Treaty. That event was an act of realism. The member nations recognized the threat to their security and undertook to meet it together. The establishment of the North Atlantic Alliance was also an act of optimism, an affirmation of the enduring vitality of Western civilization.

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But we cannot be content with the accomplishments of the past. As we look ahead, there are compelling reasons to strengthen even further our solidarity and unity.

Our commitment to collective security will continue to be an indispensable bulwark against aggression, terrorism, and tyranny. Our unity will be the essential framework for building a constructive dialogue with our adversaries, and reducing the risks of war and the level of nuclear arms. And I know that it will be our societies, the democracies, that will offer a bright and hopeful future for our people and people everywhere.

We can be confident. The events of the past year challenged us, and the Western democracies stood firm in the face of an intense Soviet campaign of intimidation aimed at undermining NATO's commitment to defend Europe and preserve peace. And today, we are stronger and more conscious of our unity.

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Tonight is more than the celebration of an anniversary. It is also an opportunity to recognize the special contributions of our Secretary General.

Joseph Luns is a distinguished diplomat and a man of many virtues. First as the Dutch Foreign Minister, and then at NATO's helm, he has been at the center of the transatlantic bridge for nearly 30 years. His vision, his humor, and his patience have

sustained us in good times, and bad. As Secretary General, he has never lost sight of the goals and objectives of our Alliance. Peace has been his profession.

You have been a trusted friend, an honest broker, a respected colleague, and, above all, an invaluable leader of the Atlantic Alliance.

Joseph, you have said that the state of our Alliance is like Wagner's music -- better than it sounds. Well, I must tell you that, thanks largely to your efforts, I rather like the way the Alliance sounds. And I hope that, even in retirement, you will still watch over our partnership, and that you will not hesitate to share your counsel with us.

Ladies and gentlemen, in recognition of Joseph Luns' uncommon dedication to the ideals of our Alliance, and in tribute to his outstanding service and enduring contributions to our freedom and security, it is my great privilege to bestow America's highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, on Secretary General Luns. But before I invite him to receive the Medal, I ask that you raise your glasses and join me in a toast to Secretary General Joseph Luns, and to the organization he has faithfully served and so ably guided.

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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
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FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks for
NATO Ministerial Dinner Toast
and NATO Ministerial Meeting

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks and has no legal or other substantive objection to them.

cc: Richard G. Darman ←