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# Inaugural Address

*President Ronald Reagan*

January 20, 1981

Ronald Reagan's  
Handwritten Draft  
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Sen. Hatfield, Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. President  
To a few of us here today this is an <sup>SOLENN</sup> ~~and most momentous occasion.~~  
~~moment of momentous importance.~~ And yet  
in the history of our nation it is a common  
place occurrence. The orderly transfer of authority  
as called for in the const. takes place as it has  
for almost 2 centuries and few of us stop to think  
how unique we really are. In the eyes of many  
in the world this every 4 year ceremony <sup>we accept as normal</sup> is nothing  
less than a miracle.

Mr. President I want our fellow citizens to  
know how much you did to carry on this tradition  
By your gracious cooperation in

The transition process you have shown  
a watching world that we are a united people  
pledged to maintaining a political system which  
guarantees individual liberty to a greater degree than  
almost any other. Thank you & your people for your  
help in maintaining the continuity which is the  
hall mark of our Republic.

The business of our Nation goes forward. These  
United States are confronted with an ec. application  
of great proportions. We suffer from the worst and  
longest sustained inflation in our National history which  
distorts our ec. decisions, penalizes thrift &  
crushes the struggling young and the fixed income  
elderly alike. It threatens to shatter the lives of  
mill's of our people. Idle industries have cast  
workers into unemployment causing human misery &  
personal indignity. Those who do work are denied  
a fair return for their labor by a tax system which  
penalizes successful achievement and keeps us from  
maintaining full productivity.

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But great as our tax burden is, it has not kept pace with public spending. For decades we have piled deficit upon deficit mortgaging our future & our children's future for the temporary convenience of the present. To continue this long trend is to guarantee <sup>tremendous</sup> social, cultural pol. & ec. upheavals.

You & I as individuals <sup>BY BORROWING</sup> can live beyond our means ~~by borrowing~~, for only a limited period of time. Why should we think that collectively as a Nation we are not bound by that same limitation? We must act today in order to preserve tomorrow. And let there be no misunderstanding - We are going to act beginning today.

The ec. ills we suffer have come upon us over several decades, they will not go away in days, weeks or months but they will go away. They will go away because we as Americans have the capacity now as we have had in the past to do what ever needs to be done to preserve this last & greatest bastion of freedom. In this present crisis govt. is not the solution it is <sup>the problem</sup>. From time to time we have been tempted to believe that society has become too complex to be managed by self rule, that govt. by an elite group is superior to govt. of, by & for the people. Well if no one among us is capable of governing himself, then who among us has the capacity to govern someone else?

All of us together - in & out of govt. must bear the burden. The sacrifices we seek must be equitable with no one group singled out to pay a higher price. Our concern must be for an <sup>special interest</sup> group that has been too long neglected. It knows no sectional boundaries, crosses ethnic & racial divisions & pol. party lines.

It is made up of men & women who raise our food, patrol our streets, man our mines & factories, teach our children, keep our homes and heal us when we're sick. They are professionals, industrialists, shopkeepers, clerks, cabbies & truck drivers. They are in short - "We the people".

Our objective must be a healthy, vigorous, growing economy that provides equal opportunities for all Americans with no barriers born of discrimination. Putting America back to work means putting all Americans back to work. Ending inflation means freeing all Americans from the terror of runaway living costs. All must share in the productive work of this "new beginning" & all must share in the bounty of a revived economy. With the idealism & fairplay which is the core of our strength we can have a strong, prosperous America at ~~peace~~ peace with itself & the world.

In this new beginning let us first take inventory. We are a nation that has a government - not the other way around. And this makes us special among the nations of the earth. Our govt. has no power except that granted it by the people. It is time to check & reverse the growth of govt. which shows signs of having grown beyond the consent of the governed.

It will be my intention to curb the size & influence of the Fed. establishment and to demand recognition of the distinction between the powers granted to the Fed. govt. and those reserved to the states or to the people. All of us need to be reminded that the Fed. govt. did not create the states - the states created the Fed. govt.

So there ~~is~~ <sup>will be</sup> no misunderstanding; it is not my intention to do away with govt. It is rather to

make it work. Work with us not over us; to stand by our side not ride on our backs. Govt. can & must provide opportunity not smother it; foster productivity not stifle it.

If we look for the answer as to why ~~we~~ for so many years we achieved so much, prospered as no <sup>other</sup> people on earth, it was because here in this land we unleashed the energy and individual genius of man to a greater extent than had ever been done before in ~~the history of man~~. Freedom & the dignity of the individual have been more available and assured here than in any other place on earth. The price for this <sup>freedom</sup> has at times been high — but we have never been unwilling to pay that price.

It is no coincidence that our present troubles parallel the intervention ~~by~~ and ~~the~~ intrusion in our lives that have resulted from ~~the~~ unnecessary & excessive growth of govt.

We are too great a nation to limit ourselves to small dreams. ~~This nation~~ <sup>We are</sup> not, as some would have us believe, doomed to an inevitable decline. I do not believe in a fate that will fall on us no matter what we do — I do believe in a fate that will fall on us if we do nothing.

So, with all the creative energy at our command, let us begin a new era of national renewal. Let us renew our determination, our courage, our strength, our faith & our hope. ~~We have every right to~~ <sup>We have every right to</sup> dream heroic dreams. Those who say we are in a time when there are no heroes

~~Some might have no believe we no longer have heroes.~~ <sup>Just</sup> don't know where to look. You can see ~~heroes~~ <sup>heroes</sup> every day going in & out of factory gates. Others, a hard full in number, producing food enough to feed all

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of us & much of the world beyond. You meet  
heroes across a counter — on both sides. There are  
entrepreneurs with faith in themselves and an idea  
who create new jobs, new wealth & opportunity.  
They are individuals and families whose taxes  
support the govt, and whose voluntary gifts support  
church, charity, <sup>(culture, art)</sup> and education. Their patriotism  
is quiet but deep. Their values sustain our national  
life.

I have used the words 'they' & 'their' in  
speaking of these heroes. I could say 'you' & 'your'  
because I am addressing the heroes of whom I  
speak — the citizens of this blessed land. Your  
dreams, your hopes, your goals are going to be  
the dreams, the hopes & goals of this admin. So  
help me God.

We shall reflect the compassion that is so  
much a part of your makeup. How can we  
love our country & not love our country men? And  
loving them reach out a hand when they fall, heal  
them when they are sick and provide opportunity to  
make them self sufficient so they will be equal in fact  
& not just in theory?

Can we solve the problems confronting us? The  
answer is an unequivocal & emphatic yes. To paraphrase  
a great Prime Minister of Eng. I did not take the oath  
~~of office~~ <sup>just taken</sup> with the intention of presiding over the  
dissolution of the world's strongest economy. In the  
days ahead I will propose removing <sup>a number of</sup> ~~some~~ the  
road blocks that have slowed our economy & reduced  
productivity. Steps will be taken aimed at restoring  
the balance between the various levels of govt. Progress  
will be ~~slowly~~ <sup>slowly</sup> ~~measured~~ measured in inches & feet not miles but  
we will progress. It is time to reawaken this industrial



grant, time to lighten our punitive tax <sup>burden</sup> ~~burden~~.

On the eve of our struggle for independence a man who historians say might have been one of ~~the~~ the greatest among the Founding Fathers if he had not given his life <sup>on</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>Bunker</sup> BUNKER HILL, Dr. Joseph Warren, Pres. of the Mass. Assembly <sup>TO HIS FELLOW AMER</sup> said, "Our country is in danger but not to be despaired of. On you depends the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important questions on which rests the ~~the~~ happiness & liberty of millions yet unborn. Act worthy of <sup>YOURSELF</sup> ~~yourself~~." I believe we the Americans of today are ready to act worthy of ourselves, ready to do what must be done to ensure happiness & liberty for our selves, our children & our children's children.

And as we renew ourselves here ~~in~~ our own land we will be seen as having greater strength throughout the world. We will again be the exemplar of freedom and a beacon of hope for those who do not now have freedom.

To those neighbors & allies who share our ideal of freedom we will strengthen our historic ties; assure them of our support & firm commitment. We will match loyalty with loyalty and strive for mutually beneficial relations. We will not use ~~our~~ our ~~help~~ friendship to impose on their sovereignty for our own sovereignty is not for sale.

To the enemies of freedom, to those who are potential adversaries they will be reminded that peace is the highest aspiration of the American people. We will negotiate for it, sacrifice for it, - we will not surrender for it - now or ever.

Our forbearance should never be misunderstood. Our reluctance for conflict should not be misjudged as a failure of will. When action is required to

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preserve our national security we will act. We will maintain sufficient strength to prevail if need be, knowing that if we do so we have the best chance of not having to use that strength. Above all we must realize no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will & moral courage of free men & women, it is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have. It is a weapon <sup>that as Americans</sup> ~~we do~~ have. Let that be understood by those who practise terrorism and prey upon their neighbors.

I am told that a million prayer meetings are being held on this day and for that I am deeply grateful. We are a nation under God and I believe God intended for us to be free. It would be fitting & good if each inaugural day should be a day of prayer.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> time in ~~our~~ history that this ceremony has been held on the West Front of the Capitol Bldg. Standing here we face out toward a magnificent vista, opening up on this city's special beauty & history. At the end of this open mall all three shines to the giants on whose shoulders we stand.

Directly in front of me, the monument to a monumental man, George Washington, Father of our country. A man of humility ~~to~~ <sup>who</sup> came to greatness reluctantly. He led America out of revolutionary victory into infant nationhood.

Off to one side ~~of~~ the stately memorial to Thomas Jefferson ~~Jefferson, who fervently believed in liberty.~~ The Declaration of Independence flames with his eloquence.

And then beyond the reflecting pool the ~~so~~ dignified columns of the Lincoln Memorial. Whoever would understand in his heart the meaning of America will find it in the life of Abraham Lincoln.

Beyond these monuments to heroism ~~of the highest order~~ is the river and on the far shore the sloping hills of Arlington Nat. Cemetery with its row upon row of ~~white~~ simple white crosses and stars of David, adding up to only a <sup>tiny</sup> fraction of the price that ~~has been~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> paid for freedom. ~~There are other rows of such white markers in Flanders field, in the Philippines, in~~ ~~Italy, and a hundred other places in the world.~~

Each ~~one~~ <sup>ONE OF THOSE MARKERS IS</sup> ~~marks~~ a monument to the kind of hero I spoke of earlier. Their lives ended in places called Belleau Wood, The Argonne, Omaha Beach, Salerno and half ~~the~~ way round the world on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Pork Chop Hill, The Chosin Reservoir and <sup>in</sup> a hundred rice paddies & jungles of a place called Vietnam.

Under one of those white markers lies Martin Treptow ~~who~~ <sup>with</sup> left a memo for in a small town barber shop

in 1917 to go to France with the famed Rainbow Division. There on the Western front he was killed trying to carry a message between battalions under heavy artillery fire.

On his body was found a diary. Written on the flyleaf under the heading, "My Pledge", were these words; "America must win this war. Therefore I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me alone."

The crisis we are facing today does not require the kind of sacrifice that Martin Treptow & so many thousands of others ~~were~~ were called upon to make. It does however require our best effort, our work and our willingness to ~~sacrifice~~ <sup>believe in ourselves</sup> ~~there as~~

~~Our problems can be solved. They can be solved because we have the ability to perform great deeds & we have great deeds to do. But do then we will?~~

After all - we are Americans.

→ and in our capacity to perform great deeds; ~~to solve~~ that together and with God's help we can & will resolve the problems ~~which~~ which confront us.

Why shouldn't we believe that? After all - we are Americans.

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February 11, 1981

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL SERVICE, February 12, 1981

Of the millions who come to this city each year there is always a stop to be made here at the base of the reflecting pool and a statue to be seen of a backwoodsman who became a lawyer, a Congressman, and a President.

Chick?  
that -  
if you want to  
just change  
to justice

It is said that by standing to one side of this statue there can be seen a profile of a man of ~~wisdom~~ STRENGTH. And by standing to the other side: a profile of a man of compassion.

Those two views of Lincoln symbolize our own memory of him today -- Lincoln, the national leader who in time of crisis called his countrymen to greatness. And Lincoln the man, whose grace, compassion, and earnest commitment are remembered in countless biographies, folktales, and poetry.

Yet there is more left to us of Lincoln than a ceremony, a monument, or even a memory of his greatness as a leader and a man. There are his words, words that speak to our time, to any time -- words from a mind that sought wisdom and a heart that loved justice.

Today, do our national leaders agonize over the dilemma between doing what is practical and what is right?

"Let us have faith that right makes might," Lincoln wrote, "and in that faith let us to the end do our duty as we understand it."

~~Or do we ever fear failure in defense of principle?~~

~~"I am not bound to win," Lincoln said, "but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed but I am bound to live up to what light I have."~~

Do we sometimes question the commitment upon which this Nation was founded -- a belief in the uncommon wisdom of the common people, a belief in their right to render a final verdict on the Nation's course?

"I appeal to you constantly," Lincoln said on his way to assume the presidency, "bear in mind that not with the politicians, not with the president, not with the office-seekers but with you is the question "Shall the liberties of this country be preserved to the latest generation?"

In Lincoln's life there is ample testimony to the depth of his mind, to the compassion of his heart, to the breadth of his virtue -- and, above all, to the value of putting country over self-interest.

But for today, I will say of him only what he said so well of those who had fallen at Gettysburg: that the memory of his life and death is greater than any written or spoken tribute could ever be.

The memory of Lincoln belongs to us, but never only to us. For, as it was said at the hour of his death, "now he belongs to the ages."

(DOLAN/KK)

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LINCOLN MEMORIAL SERVICE, FEBRUARY 12, 1981

OF THE MILLIONS WHO COME TO THIS CITY EACH YEAR THERE IS ALWAYS A STOP TO BE MADE HERE AT THE BASE OF THE REFLECTING POOL AND A STATUE TO BE SEEN OF A BACKWOODSMAN WHO BECAME A LAWYER, A CONGRESSMAN, AND A PRESIDENT.

IT IS SAID THAT BY STANDING TO ONE SIDE OF THIS STATUE THERE CAN BE SEEN A PROFILE OF A MAN OF STRENGTH AND WISDOM. AND BY STANDING TO THE OTHER SIDE: A PROFILE OF A MAN OF COMPASSION.

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THOSE TWO VIEWS OF LINCOLN SYMBOLIZE OUR OWN MEMORY OF HIM TODAY -- LINCOLN, THE NATIONAL LEADER WHO IN TIME OF CRISIS CALLED HIS COUNTRYMEN TO GREATNESS. AND LINCOLN THE MAN, WHOSE GRACE, COMPASSION, AND EARNEST COMMITMENT ARE REMEMBERED IN COUNTLESS BIOGRAPHIES, FOLKTALES, AND POETRY.

YET THERE IS MORE LEFT TO US OF LINCOLN THAN A CEREMONY, A MONUMENT, OR EVEN A MEMORY OF HIS GREATNESS AS A LEADER AND A MAN. THERE ARE HIS WORDS, WORDS THAT SPEAK TO OUR TIME, TO ANY TIME -- WORDS FROM A MIND THAT SOUGHT WISDOM AND A HEART THAT LOVED JUSTICE.



TODAY, DO OUR NATIONAL LEADERS AGONIZE OVER THE DILEMMA BETWEEN DOING WHAT IS PRACTICAL AND WHAT IS RIGHT?

"LET US HAVE FAITH THAT RIGHT MAKES MIGHT," LINCOLN WROTE, "AND IN THAT FAITH LET US TO THE END DO OUR DUTY AS WE UNDERSTAND IT."

~~OR DO WE EVER FEAR FAILURE IN DEFENSE OF PRINCIPLE?~~

~~"I AM NOT BOUND TO WIN," LINCOLN SAID, "BUT I AM BOUND TO BE TRUE. I AM NOT BOUND TO SUCCEED BUT I AM BOUND TO LIVE UP TO WHAT LIGHT I HAVE."~~

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DO WE SOMETIMES QUESTION THE COMMITMENT UPON WHICH THIS NATION WAS FOUNDED -- A BELIEF IN THE UNCOMMON WISDOM OF THE COMMON PEOPLE, A BELIEF IN THEIR RIGHT TO RENDER A FINAL VERDICT ON THE NATION'S COURSE?

"I APPEAL TO YOU CONSTANTLY," LINCOLN SAID ON HIS WAY TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY, "BEAR IN MIND THAT NOT WITH THE POLITICIANS, NOT WITH THE PRESIDENT, NOT WITH THE OFFICE-SEEKERS BUT WITH YOU IS THE QUESTION "SHALL THE LIBERTIES OF THIS COUNTRY BE PRESERVED TO THE LATEST GENERATION?"

IN LINCOLN'S LIFE THERE IS AMPLE TESTIMONY TO THE DEPTH OF HIS MIND, TO THE COMPASSION OF HIS HEART, TO THE BREADTH OF HIS VIRTUE -- AND, ABOVE ALL, TO THE VALUE OF PUTTING COUNTRY OVER SELF-INTEREST.

BUT FOR TODAY, I WILL SAY OF HIM ONLY WHAT HE SAID SO WELL OF THOSE WHO HAD FALLEN AT GETTYSBURG: THAT THE MEMORY OF HIS LIFE AND DEATH IS GREATER THAN ANY WRITTEN OR SPOKEN TRIBUTE COULD EVER BE.

THE MEMORY OF LINCOLN BELONGS TO US, BUT NEVER ONLY TO US. FOR, AS IT WAS SAID AT THE HOUR OF HIS DEATH, "NOW HE BELONGS TO THE AGES."

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OF "MILS." "CM." "THS. CITY ECH U  
YR. THR ... ALWAYS " STOP .. BE MD.  
HR. ... BASE ... REFLECTING POOL &  
" STATUE ... BE SN. ... BCKWOODS MN  
" BCM. " LAWYR, " CONG. MN & " PRES.

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IT " SD. ... BY STNDNG " I SD. " THS.  
STATUE THR CN. ... SN. ... PROFILE ... MN.  
" STRENGTH & WISDOM } BY STNDNG  
" OTHER SD: " PROFILE ... MN. ... COMPASSN

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THS. 2 VIEWS " LINCOLN SYMBOLIZE  
OUR OWN MEMORY .. HIM. TODAY } - LINCOLN  
" NAT. LDR. WHO " TM. CRISIS CALD  
" COUNTRY MN " GRINSS } & LINCOLN  
" MN. WHOSE GRACE, COMPASSN &  
EARNEST COMMITWT ... REMEMBRD ...  
COUNTLESS BIOGS. FOLK TALES & POETRY

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YET THIR "MORE LEFT" US "LINCOLN" &  
THIR "CEREMONY" "MONUMENT OR EVN"  
MEMORY "H.S. GIRTLISS AS "LDR. & "MN.

THIR ARE "WRDS - WRD" "SPK." "OUR TM."  
TO ANY TM. } - WRD, FRM. "LYND." "SOUGHT  
WISDM & "HRT." "LOVED JUSTICE

TODAY DO OUR NAT. LDR. AGONIZE  
OVR "DILEMMA BTWN DOING WHT." "  
PRACTIC & WHT. "RIGHT?" "LET US

HV. FAITH "RT. MK. MT." "L. WROTE  
" & IN THIR FAITH LET US TO - END DO  
OUR DUTY AS "UNDRSTND IT." } OR

DO WE EVR FEAR FAILURE "DFNS.

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SD. "BUT "AM BOUND "BE TRUE, I AM  
NOT BOUND "SUCCEED BUT I AM BOUND



ONLY WHT. " SD. SO WL. OF THS. &  
WHO " FALLN " GETTYSBURG: } THAT.  
" MEMORY " HS. LF. & DTH. " GRTR. THN  
ANY WRITTN OR SPOKN TRIBUTE CLD.  
EVR BE. } " MEMORY " L. BELONGS " US  
BUT NEVR ONLY " US. } FOR AS...  
WS. SD. " HR. .... DEATH - " NOW " }  
BLNGS " AGES. " }

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SINCE THE FIRST DAYS OF MY ADMINISTRATION, WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED AND INVOLVED IN ASSISTING THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND ITS CITIZENS IN ATTEMPTING TO BRING AN END TO ONE OF THE MOST TRAGIC SITUATIONS THAT HAS EVER CONFRONTED AN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

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TWENTY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN MURDERED AND ANOTHER IS STILL MISSING. THIS NIGHTMARE HAS CONTINUED FOR MORE THAN 19 MONTHS AND I AM DETERMINED TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE CITY OF ATLANTA IN BRINGING IT TO AN END.

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TODAY, I AM DIRECTING THAT \$1.5 MILLION BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA FOR THE INCREASED COSTS OF THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$979,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS THAT I ASKED BE SENT TO THE CITY ON MARCH 5 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING NEEDED SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF THE AREA.

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I WANT THE PEOPLE OF ATLANTA AND THE NATION TO KNOW THAT MY ADMINISTRATION IS DOING AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO HELP BRING AN END TO THIS TRAGEDY.

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PRESENTLY, WE HAVE NEARLY 40 FBI AGENTS IN THE FIELD WORKING ON THE CASE ALONG WITH SCORES OF OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WHO ARE DEEPLY INVOLVED. THE DEPARTMENTS OF JUSTICE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION ARE PROVIDING INVESTIGATIVE AND SOCIAL SERVICES REQUESTED BY MAYOR MAYNARD JACKSON AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS.

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TOMORROW, VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH WILL TRAVEL TO ATLANTA AS MY PERSONAL EMISSARY TO MEET WITH THE MAYOR, THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE WHICH WE CREATED NEARLY FOUR WEEKS AGO,

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AND OTHER CONCERNED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO CONVEY THE DEEP FEELINGS AND CONVICTIONS THAT WE BOTH SHARE REGARDING THIS CRISIS.

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FINALLY, ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I AM DEEPLY TOUCHED BY THE DEPTH OF CONCERN AND COMPASSION BEING EXPRESSED BY AMERICANS IN EVERY AREA OF OUR LAND. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE RESPONDING WITH OFFERS OF FUNDS, PERSONAL COMMITMENTS AND WITH OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF ASSISTANCE. THEY HAVE JOINED ALL OF US WITH THEIR PRAYERS AS THEY CONTINUE TO DISPLAY THE KINDNESS, DECENCY AND GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT THAT HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN THE HALLMARK OF OUR PEOPLE.

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BRIEF REMARKS: NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK CEREMONY,  
FEBRUARY 17, 1981

LOOKING OUT ON YOU TODAY, I AM FILLED WITH CONFIDENCE AND  
RENEWED HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS NATION. WE ARE GATHERED  
HERE TO BEGIN THE OBSERVANCE OF A SPECIAL WEEK FOR AMERICANS:  
NATIONAL PATRIOTISM WEEK. AND KNOWING WHAT LORI COX AND YOU  
HAVE DONE TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE, I CANNOT DOUBT THAT THE  
AMERICAN SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT  
COUNTRY.

*Lori worked 6 yrs. to make today possible  
Sen. Goldwater & Cong. John Chafee sponsored the  
resolution in .. Sen. & House. And - Ariz. delegation  
led the charge - I'm proud & happy - to see Calif. Congressmen  
a part of this.*

Liberty Can never be taken for granted?

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~~WE CAN NEVER TAKE OUR LIBERTY FOR GRANTED. THE FREEDOMS~~  
WE ENJOY TODAY ARE NOT GUARANTEED FOR TOMORROW, EXCEPT BY ~~THE~~ <sup>our</sup>  
~~COMMITMENT IN OUR HEARTS. - THE~~ COMMITMENT ~~I~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~SPEAK OF~~ HAS  
MARKED EACH GENERATION OF AMERICANS. IT HAS BEEN DRAMATICALLY  
DISPLAYED ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF WAR, BUT THOSE ARE NOT THE  
ONLY BATTLEFIELDS OF FREEDOM. THE COURAGE WITH WHICH AMERICANS  
LIVE IS ALSO GREAT.

LET ME TELL YOU A SIMPLE STORY OF LIVING, A STORY FROM OUR  
PAST ABOUT ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO KNEW THAT THE FLAG'S INSPIRATION  
COULD NOT BE LOST. IT ~~IS A STORY THAT~~ TESTIFIES TO THE  
STRENGTH AND SPIRIT ALL OF US DERIVE FROM OLD GLORY.

ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE 19TH CENTURY, THE AMERICAN FLAG FLEW ATOP A WOODEN POLE ON THE PEAK OF MT. DAVIDSON, A MOUNTAIN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA. EVERY DAY THE CITIZENS OF THAT MINING TOWN IN THE OLD WEST COULD LOOK UP AND SEE THE SYMBOL OF THEIR PATRIOTIC PRIDE. ~~THEY WERE~~ <sup>BE</sup> INSPIRED ~~BY IT~~ RENEWED BY IT.

THAT FLAG WAS TOPPLED IN A STORM, <sup>But</sup> ~~AND~~ THE TOWN CAME TOGETHER ~~TO~~ RAISED ~~THE~~ MONEY FOR A NEW FLAG, THIS TIME TO WAVE ON AN IRON POLE. WHEN THE FLAG AND POLE WERE READY, THE ENTIRE TOWN SHUT DOWN TO PUT THEM UP. ~~AT DAWN~~, <sup>at Dawn</sup> THE TOWNSPEOPLE GATHERED ~~AT THE TOP OF~~ <sup>at</sup> THE MOUNTAIN TO WITNESS THE FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY.

*Had a pers. experience in a bar one  
land - Rebird Society ... flag.*

I HAVE SAID THAT THIS YEAR WE ARE EMBARKING ON AN ERA OF AMERICAN RENEWAL. IT IS FITTING THAT WE SHOULD BEGIN THIS RENEWAL BY FOCUSING NATIONAL ATTENTION ON THE TRADITION OF PATRIOTISM THAT HAS MADE US GREAT. I URGE ALL AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN OUR SCHOOLS AND CIVIC GROUPS, TO INCLUDE IN THEIR CURRICULUM AND ACTIVITIES PROJECTS THAT WILL REMIND US OF THIS AMERICAN SPIRIT.

IN SETTING ASIDE A WEEK EVERY YEAR TO DO THIS, A WEEK BOUNDED BY THE BIRTHDAYS OF TWO OF OUR GREATEST HEROES-- ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND GEORGE WASHINGTON--<sup>We can</sup> ~~LET~~ US ONCE AGAIN RENEW OUR COMPACT OF FREEDOM.

*We can*

~~LET US~~ REMEMBER THE SACRIFICES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY THOSE  
 WHO CAME BEFORE US. ~~LET US~~ REMEMBER THE SPIRIT WITH WHICH  
 AMERICANS HAVE LIVED AND DIED IN ORDER TO PASS TO US THE LIBERTY  
 WE ENJOY. ~~LET US~~ PLEDGE TO EACH OTHER ~~TO~~ CHERISH ALL THAT  
 IS BEST IN OUR LIVES AND ALL THAT GIVES MEANING TO THEM. ~~##~~

*We can*

~~SO DOING,~~ ~~LET US~~ ALL COMMIT TOGETHER TO AN ANNUAL RENEWAL OF  
 THE AMERICAN SPIRIT.

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OPENING STATEMENT - - PRESIDENT'S NEWS CONFERENCE JANUARY 29, 1981

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I HAVE A BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT, AND THEN I WILL GO TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

YESTERDAY, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, DONALD REGAN, SENT TO THE CONGRESS A REQUEST TO RAISE THE DEBT CEILING TO \$985 BILLION. THIS REPRESENTS A DRAMATIC JUMP OF \$50 BILLION OVER THE PREVIOUS DEBT CEILING.

THE ADMINISTRATION TOOK THIS ACTION WITH GREAT REGRET BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MASSIVE DEFICITS OUR GOVERNMENT RUNS IS ONE OF THE ROOT CAUSES OF OUR PROFOUND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

AND FOR TOO MANY YEARS THIS PROCESS HAS COME TOO EASILY TO US. WE'VE LIVED BEYOND OUR MEANS AND THEN FINANCED OUR EXTRAVAGANCE ON THE BACKS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE CLEAR MESSAGE I RECEIVED IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS THAT WE MUST GAIN CONTROL OF THE INFLATIONARY MONSTER.

LET ME BRIEFLY REVIEW FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY DONE.

WITHIN MOMENTS OF TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE, I PLACED A FREEZE ON THE HIRING OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

TWO DAYS LATER I ISSUED AN ORDER TO CUT DOWN ON GOVERNMENT TRAVEL, REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS TO THE GOVERNMENT, STOP THE PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN ITEMS, AND CALLED ON MY APPOINTEES TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THEIR OWN OFFICES.

YESTERDAY, I ANNOUNCED THE ELIMINATION OF REMAINING FEDERAL CONTROLS ON U.S. OIL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING.



TODAY, I AM ANNOUNCING TWO MORE ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

FIRST, I AM TAKING MAJOR STEPS TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF THE COUNCIL ON WAGE AND PRICE STABILITY. THIS COUNCIL HAS BEEN A FAILURE. IT HAS BEEN TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE IN CONTROLLING INFLATION AND IT HAS IMPOSED UNNECESSARY BURDENS ON LABOR AND BUSINESS. THEREFORE, I AM NOW ENDING THE WAGE AND PRICE PROGRAM OF THE COUNCIL. I AM ELIMINATING THE STAFF THAT CARRIES OUT ITS WAGE-PRICE ACTIVITIES. AND I AM ASKING THE CONGRESS TO RESCIND ITS BUDGET, SAVING THE TAXPAYERS SOME \$1.5 MILLION A YEAR.

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MY SECOND DECISION TODAY IS A DIRECTIVE ORDERING KEY FEDERAL AGENCIES TO FREEZE PENDING REGULATIONS FOR 60 DAYS. THIS ACTION GIVES MY ADMINISTRATION TIME TO START A NEW REGULATORY OVERSIGHT PROCESS AND ALSO PREVENTS CERTAIN LAST-MINUTE REGULATORY DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION -- THE SO-CALLED "MIDNIGHT REGULATIONS" -- FROM TAKING EFFECT WITHOUT PROPER REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

ALL OF US SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS NOT SOME MYSTERIOUS INSTITUTION COMPRISED OF BUILDINGS, FILES, AND PAPER. THE PEOPLE ARE THE GOVERNMENT. WHAT WE CREATE, WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL.

I DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE WILDLY SKYROCKETING DEFICITS AND RUNAWAY GOVERNMENT SIMPLE FACTS OF LIFE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION. AS I HAVE SAID, OUR ILLS HAVE COME UPON US OVER SEVERAL DECADES, AND THEY WILL NOT GO AWAY IN DAYS, OR WEEKS, OR MONTHS.

BUT I WANT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEGUN. NOW, I WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO WE BROUGHT HOME <sup>FROM VN</sup> A GROUP OF AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN WHO HAD OBEYED THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL AND WHO HAD FOUGHT AS BRAVELY AND AS WELL AS ANY AMERICANS IN OUR HISTORY. THEY CAME HOME WITHOUT A VICTORY, NOT BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN DEFEATED BUT BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN DENIED PERMISSION TO WIN.

THEY WERE GREETED BY NO PARADES, NO BANDS, NO WAVING OF THE FLAG THEY HAD SO NOBLY SERVED. THERE HAS BEEN NO "THANK YOU" FOR THEIR SACRIFICE. THERE HAS BEEN NO EFFORT

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TO HONOR AND THUS GIVE PRIDE TO THE FAMILIES OF MORE THAN 57,000 YOUNG MEN WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THAT FAR AWAY WAR.

~~AS POET LAURENCE BINYON WROTE~~

"THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD:

"AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.

"AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING,

"WE WILL REMEMBER THEM."

PRIDE, OF COURSE, CANNOT WIPE OUT THE BURDEN OF GRIEF BORNE BY THEIR FAMILIES BUT IT CAN MAKE THAT GRIEF EASIER

TO BEAR. THE PAIN WILL NOT BE QUITE AS SHARP IF THEY KNOW THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS SHARE THAT PAIN.

THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO RECOGNITION OF THE GRATITUDE WE OWE TO THE MORE THAN 300,000 MEN WHO SUFFERED WOUNDS IN THAT WAR.

JOHN STUART MILL SAID: WAR IS AN UGLY THING. BUT NOT THE UGLIEST OF THINGS. A MAN WHO HAS NOTHING WHICH HE CARES ABOUT MORE THAN HIS PERSONAL SAFETY IS A MISERABLE CREATURE AND HAS NO CHANCE OF BEING FREE UNLESS MADE AND KEPT SO BY THE EXERTIONS OF BETTER MEN THAN HIMSELF.

BACK IN 1970 KENNETH Y. TOMLINSON WROTE OF WHAT HE HAD SEEN OUR YOUNG MEN DO BEYOND THE CALL OF MILITARY DUTY IN VIETNAM. A MARINE FROM TEXAS ON HIS WAY IN AT DAWN FROM AN ALL NIGHT PATROL STOPPING TO TREAT HUGE SORES ON THE BACK OF AN OLD VIETNAMESE MAN. AN ARTILLERY MAN FROM NEW JERSEY SPENDING HIS FREE TIME STACKING SAND BAGS AT AN ORPHANAGE TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN FROM MORTAR ATTACKS. AN ARMY ENGINEER FROM CALIFORNIA DISTRIBUTING TOYS HE HAD BOUGHT IN HONG KONG TO THE ORPHANS HIS UNIT HAD ADOPTED.

ONE SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER TOLD TOMLINSON, "MY HARDEST TASK IS KEEPING TRACK OF THE INCURABLE HUMANITARIANISM OF 'OUR TROOPS.'"

NONE OF THE RECENT MOVIES ABOUT THAT WAR HAVE FOUND TIME TO SHOW THAT HUMANITARIANISM. IN 1969 ALONE, U.S. ARMY VOLUNTEERS HELPED CONSTRUCT 1,253 SCHOOLS AND 597 HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES, CONTRIBUTING \$300,000 FROM THEIR OWN POCKETS. MARINES FROM THE 3RD AMPHIBIOUS FORCE HELPED BUILD 268 CLASSROOMS, 75 DISPENSARIES, AND 78 CHURCHES, TEMPLES AND PAGODAS. MARINES CONTRIBUTED \$40,000 TO ENSURE AN EDUCATION FOR 935 CHILDREN. AIR FORCE MEN GAVE MONEY AND THEIR OWN LABOR TO 1,218 SCHOOLS, MEDICAL FACILITIES AND ORPHANAGES. AIR FORCE DOCTORS, DENTISTS AND MEDICS TREATED 390,000 VIETNAMESE IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS.

THE HOA KHANH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TREATED IN THAT ONE YEAR SOME 16,000 CHILDREN, MANY OF WHOM MIGHT HAVE DIED WITHOUT THAT HOSPITAL. ONE OF THE FINEST AND MOST MODERN IN THE FAR EAST, IT WAS BUILT AND FINANCED WITH MONEY RAISED BY COMBAT MARINES. AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY BURNED OVER THREE-QUARTERS OF HIS BODY WAS ONE OF THOSE SAVED. HE INTERRUPTED THE GAME HE WAS PLAYING WITH VISITING MARINES TO SAY: "ALL MY LIFE I WILL NEVER FORGET THIS PLACE AND THESE HEALING PEOPLE. SOME WAY I WILL REPAY THEM."

A 27-YEAR-OLD CHAPLAIN FROM SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI CAME UPON AN ORPHANAGE WHERE 60 CHILDREN WERE SLEEPING ON THE FLOOR OF A SCHOOL AND SUBSISTING ON <sup>100</sup> TWO BOWLS OF RICE A DAY.

HE TOLD SOME MEN OF THE AMERICAL DIVISION'S 5TH BATTALION, 46TH INFANTRY ABOUT WHAT HE'D SEEN. A VETERAN SERGEANT

SAID, "DON'T WORRY CHAPLAIN, THOSE KIDS HAVE JUST GOT THEMSELVES SOME NEW PARENTS." AND THEY HAD. ARMY COMBAT

TROOPS BEGAN SACKING ENEMY FOOD SUPPLIES THEY CAPTURED AND SHIPPING THEM BACK ON RETURNING HELICOPTORS. THEY FOUND COTS

IN A SALVAGE DUMP, REPAIRED THEM AND SOON THE CHILDREN WERE SLEEPING IN BEDS FOR THE FIRST TIME. ON PAY DAY THE CUP

WAS PASSED. MARINES EARMARKED 10 PERCENT OF ALL POKER WINNINGS AND BY THE END OF THE YEAR THE ORPHANS WERE IN A NEW BUILDING.

AN AIR FORCE PILOT SAW 240 LEPERS LIVING IN UNIMAGINABLE FILTH. SOON THERE WERE VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY SPENDING THEIR WEEKENDS BUILDING HOUSES AND A HOSPITAL.

THE STORIES GO ON AND ON. A GREEN BERET LEARNED THAT A MOTHER IN A REMOTE MOUNTAIN VILLAGE WAS HAVING TROUBLE IN CHILDBIRTH. HE MADE HIS WAY TO HER HOME, CARRIED HER



TO A TRUCK AND RACED TO CAMRANH, WHERE A NAVY DOCTOR DELIVERED THE BABY. ON CHRISTMAS HE GAVE 1,500 ORPHANS TOOTH PASTE, SOAP, CANDY AND NUTS HE HAD COLLECTED FROM FELLOW SERVICEMEN.

BOB HOPE, WHO VISITED OUR MEN AS HE HAD IN TWO PREVIOUS WARS, SAID OF THEM: "THE NUMBER OF OUR G.I.s WHO DEVOTE THEIR FREE TIME, ENERGY AND MONEY TO AID THE VIETNAMESE WOULD SURPRISE YOU. BUT MAYBE IT WOULDN'T," HE ADDED. "I GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT KIND OF GUYS YOUR SONS AND BROTHERS AND THE KIDS NEXT DOOR ARE."

YES WE DO KNOW. I THINK WE JUST LET IT SLIP OUR MINDS FOR A WHILE. IT IS TIME TO SHOW OUR PRIDE IN THEM AND TO THANK THEM.

IN HIS BOOK, THE BRIDGES AT TOKO-RI, NOVELIST JAMES MICHENER WRITES MOVINGLY OF THE HEROES WHO FOUGHT IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT.

IN THE BOOK'S FINAL SCENE, AN ADMIRAL STANDS ON THE DARKENED BRIDGE OF HIS CARRIER WAITING FOR PILOTS HE KNOWS WILL NEVER RETURN FROM THEIR MISSION. AND AS HE WAITS HE ASKS IN THE SILENT DARKNESS: "WHERE DID WE GET SUCH MEN?"

ALMOST A GENERATION LATER I ASKED THAT SAME QUESTION WHEN OUR P.O.W.s WERE RETURNED FROM SAVAGE CAPTIVITY IN VIETNAM. WHERE DID WE FIND SUCH MEN? WE FIND THEM WHERE WE'VE ALWAYS FOUND THEM: IN OUR VILLAGES AND TOWNS, ON OUR CITY STREETS, IN OUR SHOPS AND ON OUR FARMS.

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I HAVE ONE MORE STORY AND THE INDIVIDUAL IN THIS STORY WAS BROUGHT UP ON A FARM OUTSIDE CUREO IN DE WITT COUNTY, TEXAS. HE IS HERE TODAY. THANKS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, CAP WEINBERGER, I LEARNED OF THIS STORY WHICH HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED OR BURIED FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IT HAS TO DO WITH

THE HIGHEST AWARD OUR NATION CAN GIVE -- THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR -- GIVEN ONLY FOR SERVICE "ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY."

SECRETARY WEINBERGER, WOULD YOU PLEASE ESCORT SERGEANT BENAVIDEZ FORWARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE WITH US MASTER SERGEANT ROY P. BENAVIDEZ, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED.

LET ME READ THE PLAIN, FACTUAL MILITARY LANGUAGE OF THE CITATION THAT WAS LOST FOR TOO LONG A TIME. (READ CITATION)

Several years ago we brought home a group of American fighting men who had obeyed their countries call and who had fought as bravely and as well as any Americans in our history. They came home without a victory, not because they had been defeated but because <sup>our Govt.</sup> they had not ~~been~~ permitted them to win. ~~the victory~~

They were greeted by no parades, no bands, no waving of the flag they had so nobly served. There has been no "Thank you" for their sacrifice. There has been no effort to honor + thus <sup>give pride</sup> ~~make proud~~ to the families of more than 50,000 young men who gave their lives in that far away war. Pride of course can not wipe out the burden of grief borne by those families ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> it can ~~however~~ make that grief easier to bear. The pain will not be quite as sharp if they know <sup>THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS</sup> ~~their fellow citizens~~ ~~in~~ ~~return~~ share that pain.

John Stuart Mill said: "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. ~~The degraded & degraded state of mind~~ ~~a pitiable feeling which I think nothing is worth a man in~~ ~~to~~. A man who has nothing which he cares about more than his personal safety is a miserable creature & has no chance of being free unless made & kept so by the exertions of better men than himself

Back in 1970 Kenneth J. Tomlinson wrote of what he had seen ~~in Vietnam~~ our young men do beyond the call of mil. duty in Vietnam. A Marine from Texas on his way in at dawn from an all night patrol stopping to treat huge sores on the back of an old Vietnamese man. An artilleryman from N.J. spending his free time stacking sand bags at an orphanage to protect the children from mortar attacks. An Army engineer from Calif. distributing toys he had bought in Hong Kong to the orphans his unit had adopted.



One Senior mil-officer told Tomlinson; "My hardest task is keeping track of the incalculable humanitarianism of our troops."

None of the recent movies about that war have found time to show that humanitarianism. In 1969 alone U.S. Army volunteers helped construct 1253 schools & 597 hospitals & dispensaries, contributing \$300,000 from their own pockets. Marines from the 3rd Amphibious force helped build 268 classrooms, 75 dispensaries, and 78 churches, temples & pagodas. Marines contributed \$40,000 to ensure an ed. for 935 children. Airforce ~~men~~ men gave money & their own labor to 1218 schools, medical facilities & orphanages. Airforce Dr's, Dentists & medics treated 300,000 Vietnamese in vol. programs.

The Hoakhank childrens hospital treated in that one year some 16,000 children ~~who~~ many of whom might have died without that hospital. One of the finest & most modern in the Far East it was ~~found~~ built & financed with ~~by~~ money raised by combat marines. <sup>An</sup> 11yr. old boy <sup>(one of those)</sup> ~~was~~ saved. He interrupted the game he was playing with visiting marines to say; "All my life I will never forget this place and these healing people. Some way I will repay them."

A 27yr. old Chaplain from Springfield Mo. ~~found~~ came upon an orphanage where 60 children were sleeping on the <sup>COFASCHOOL</sup> ~~floor~~ <sup>substituting</sup> on a bowl of rice a day. He told some men of the Americal divisions, 5th Battalion, 46th infantry about what he'd seen. A veteran Sgt. said; "Dat every Chaplain, those kids have just got themselves some new parents." And they had Combat troops began sacking ~~and~~ every food supplies they captured and shipping them back on returning helicopters. They found cats in a salvage dump, repaired them & seen the children were sleeping in beds for the 1st time. On payday the cap was passed. Marines earmarked 10% of all pocket winnings & by the end of the year the orphans

were in a new bldg.

An air force pilot saw 240 boys living in unimaginable <sup>FILTH</sup> conditions. Soon there were ~~some~~ volunteers from all branches of the mil. Spending their weekends building houses & a hospital.

The stories go on & on. A Green Beret learned that a mother in a remote mountain village was having trouble in child birth. He made his way to her home, carried her to a truck and raced to Camranch, where a Navy Dr. delivered the baby. On Christmas he gave 1500 orphans toothpaste, soap, candy & nuts he had collected from fellow servicemen.

Bob Hope who visited ~~them~~ <sup>our men</sup> as he had in 2 previous wars said of them; "The number of our G.I.'s who devote their free time, energy and money to aid the Vietnamese would ~~you~~ surprise you. But maybe it wouldn't," he added. "I guess you know what kind of guys your sons & brothers & the kids next door are."

Yes we do know. I think we just let it slip our minds for awhile. It is time to show our pride in them and ~~to~~ to thank them.

I have one more story and the individual in this story is here today. ~~It~~ Thanks to Sec. of Defense Rep Weinberger I learned of this story which had been overlooked or buried for several years. It has to do with the highest award our nation can give - The Congressional Medal of Honor. This is given only for service "above & beyond the call of duty." I shall read this story because it is told in the citation that has been lost with the medal it calls for undelivered to the man who did perform "above & beyond the call of duty."

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MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION

MASTER SERGEANT ROY P. BENAVIDEZ, UNITED STATES ARMY,  
RETIRED, FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN ACTION  
AT THE RISK OF HIS LIFE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY: *WAR. THR...*  
*"BRV. MN." "SD. THR" "THICKEST" "FIGHT: THR." "PLC." "HONOR."*

ON MAY 2, 1968, MASTER SERGEANT (THEN STAFF SERGEANT)  
ROY P. BENAVIDEZ DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY A SERIES OF DARING  
AND EXTREMELY VALOROUS ACTIONS WHILE ASSIGNED TO DETACHMENT B-56  
5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES, REPUBLIC  
OF VIETNAM. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 2, 1968, A 12-MAN SPECIAL  
FORCES RECONNAISSANCE TEAM WAS INSERTED BY HELICOPTERS IN A

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DENSE JUNGLE AREA WEST OF LOC NINH, VIETNAM TO GATHER  
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ABOUT CONFIRMED LARGE-SCALE ENEMY  
ACTIVITY. THIS AREA WAS CONTROLLED AND ROUTINELY PATROLLED  
BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY. AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME  
ON THE GROUND, THE TEAM MET HEAVY ENEMY RESISTANCE, AND  
REQUESTED EMERGENCY EXTRACTION. THREE HELICOPTERS ATTEMPTED  
EXTRACTION, BUT WERE UNABLE TO LAND DUE TO INTENSE ENEMY  
SMALL ARMS AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE. SERGEANT BENAVIDEZ WAS  
AT THE FORWARD OPERATING BASE IN LOC NINH MONITORING THE  
OPERATION BY RADIO WHEN THESE HELICOPTERS RETURNED TO OFF-LOAD



WOUNDED CREWMEMBERS AND TO ASSESS AIRCRAFT DAMAGE.

SERGEANT BENAVIDEZ VOLUNTARILY BOARDED A RETURNING AIRCRAFT TO ASSIST IN ANOTHER EXTRACTION ATTEMPT.

REALIZING THAT ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS WERE EITHER DEAD OR WOUNDED AND UNABLE TO MOVE TO THE PICKUP ZONE, HE DIRECTED THE AIRCRAFT TO A NEARBY CLEARING WHERE HE JUMPED FROM THE HOVERING HELICOPTER, AND RAN APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS UNDER WITHERING SMALL ARMS

FIRE TO THE CRIPPLED TEAM. PRIOR TO REACHING THE TEAM'S POSITION, HE WAS WOUNDED IN HIS RIGHT LEG, FACE, AND HEAD.

DESPITE THESE PAINFUL INJURIES, HE TOOK CHARGE, REPOSITIONING THE TEAM MEMBERS AND DIRECTING THEIR FIRE TO FACILITATE THE

LANDING OF AN EXTRACTION AIRCRAFT, AND THE LOADING OF WOUNDED AND DEAD TEAM MEMBERS. HE THEN THREW SMOKE CANNISTERS TO DIRECT THE AIRCRAFT TO THE TEAM'S POSITION.

DESPITE HIS SEVERE WOUNDS AND UNDER INTENSE ENEMY FIRE, HE CARRIED AND DRAGGED HALF OF THE WOUNDED TEAM MEMBERS TO THE AWAITING AIRCRAFT.

HE THEN PROVIDED PROTECTIVE FIRE BY RUNNING ALONGSIDE THE AIRCRAFT AS IT MOVED TO PICK UP THE REMAINING TEAM MEMBERS.

AS THE ENEMY'S FIRE INTENSIFIED, HE HURRIED TO RECOVER THE BODY AND THE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ON THE DEAD TEAM LEADER.

WHEN HE REACHED THE TEAM LEADER'S BODY, SERGEANT BENAVIDEZ WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE IN THE

ABDOMEN AND GRENADE FRAGMENTS IN HIS BACK. AT NEARLY THE SAME MOMENT, THE AIRCRAFT PILOT WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED, AND HIS HELICOPTER CRASHED. ALTHOUGH IN EXTREMELY CRITICAL CONDITION DUE TO HIS MULTIPLE WOUNDS, SERGEANT BENAVIDEZ SECURED THE CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS AND MADE HIS WAY BACK TO THE WRECKAGE, WHERE HE AIDED THE WOUNDED OUT OF THE OVERTURNED AIRCRAFT, AND GATHERED THE STUNNED SURVIVORS INTO A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER. UNDER INCREASING ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND GRENADE FIRE, HE MOVED AROUND THE PERIMETER DISTRIBUTING WATER AND AMMUNITION TO HIS WEARY MEN, REINSTILLING IN THEM A WILL TO LIVE AND FIGHT. FACING A BUILD-UP OF ENEMY

OPPOSITION WITH A BELEAGUED TEAM, SERGEANT BENAVIDEZ MUSTERED HIS STRENGTH, AND BEGAN CALLING IN TACTICAL AIR STRIKES AND DIRECTING THE FIRE FROM SUPPORTING GUNSHIPS, TO SURPRESS THE ENEMY'S FIRE AND SO PERMIT ANOTHER EXTRACTION ATTEMPT. HE WAS WOUNDED AGAIN IN HIS THIGH BY SMALL ARMS FIRE WHILE ADMINISTERING FIRST AID TO A WOUNDED TEAM MEMBER JUST BEFORE ANOTHER EXTRACTION HELICOPTER WAS ABLE TO LAND. HIS INDOMITABLE SPIRIT KEPT HIM GOING AS HE BEGAN TO FERRY HIS COMRADES TO THE CRAFT. ON HIS SECOND TRIP WITH THE WOUNDED, HE WAS CLUBBED FROM BEHIND BY AN ENEMY SOLDIER. IN THE ENSUING HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT, HE SUSTAINED ADDITIONAL

WOUNDS TO HIS HEAD AND ARMS BEFORE KILLING HIS ADVERSARY.

HE THEN CONTINUED UNDER DEVASTATING FIRE TO CARRY THE WOUNDED

TO THE HELICOPTER. UPON REACHING THE AIRCRAFT, HE SPOTTED

AND KILLED TWO ENEMY SOLDIERS WHO WERE RUSHING THE CRAFT

FROM AN ANGLE THAT PREVENTED THE AIRCRAFT DOOR GUNNER FROM

FIRING UPON THEM. WITH LITTLE STRENGTH REMAINING, HE MADE

ONE LAST TRIP TO THE PERIMETER TO ENSURE THAT ALL CLASSIFIED

MATERIAL HAD BEEN COLLECTED OR DESTROYED, AND TO BRING IN THE

REMAINING WOUNDED. ONLY THEN, IN EXTREMELY SERIOUS CONDITION

FROM NUMEROUS WOUNDS AND LOSS OF BLOOD, DID HE ALLOW HIMSELF

TO BE PULLED INTO THE EXTRACTION AIRCRAFT. SERGEANT BENAVIDEZ'

GALLANT CHOICE TO JOIN VOLUNTARILY HIS COMRADES WHO WERE  
IN CRITICAL STRAITS, TO EXPOSE HIMSELF CONSTANTLY TO  
WITHERING ENEMY FIRE, AND HIS REFUSAL TO BE STOPPED DESPITE  
NUMEROUS SEVERE WOUNDS, SAVED THE LIVES OF AT LEAST EIGHT MEN.

HIS FEARLESS PERSONAL LEADERSHIP, TENACIOUS DEVOTION TO DUTY,  
AND EXTREMELY VALOROUS ACTIONS IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING  
ODDS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE  
MILITARY SERVICE, AND REFLECT THE UTMOST CREDIT ON HIM AND  
THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

*Sgt. Benaidez, a ~~good~~ nation  
grateful to you & to all your comrades living & dead  
awards you it's highest symbol of gratitude - for service  
above & beyond the call of duty - The Congressional Medal  
of Honor.*

He has had a lengthy career as a military and civilian expert in crime prevention and investigation; industrial defense; physical security; civil disturbances and disasters; confinement and rehabilitation responsibilities. He attained the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army in 1968 and served in a variety of positions. In 1971 he left the Army and, at the request of Governor Ronald Reagan, organized the California Specialized Training Institute and has directed it since its inception. In addition, he served as an adviser on

terrorism, emergency management, and other special topics for the office of the Governor of California. He was recently promoted to the rank of general in the California National Guard.

General Giuffrida was graduated from the University of Connecticut (B.A.) and Boston University (M.A.). He is an author and lecturer.

General Giuffrida resides in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

## Remarks on Presenting the Medal of Honor to Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez

*February 24, 1981*

Men and women of the Armed Forces, ladies and gentlemen:

Several years ago, we brought home a group of American fighting men who had obeyed their country's call and who had fought as bravely and as well as any Americans in our history. They came home without a victory not because they'd been defeated, but because they'd been denied permission to win.

They were greeted by no parades, no bands, no waving of the flag they had so nobly served. There's been no "thank you" for their sacrifice. There's been no effort to honor and, thus, give pride to the families of more than 57,000 young men who gave their lives in that faraway war.

As the poet Laurence Binyon wrote, "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them." Pride, of course, cannot wipe out the burden of grief borne by their families, but it can make that grief easier to bear. The pain will not be quite as sharp if they know their fellow citizens share that pain.

There's been little or no recognition of the gratitude we owe to the more than 300,000 men who suffered wounds in that war. John Stuart Mill said, "War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. A man

who has nothing which he cares about more than his personal safety is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself."

Back in 1970 Kenneth Y. Tomlinson wrote of what he had seen our young men do beyond and above the call of military duty in Vietnam—a marine from Texas on his way in at dawn from an all-night patrol stopping to treat huge sores on the back of an old Vietnamese man, an artilleryman from New Jersey spending his free time stacking sandbags at an orphanage to protect the children from mortar attacks, an Army engineer from California distributing toys he'd bought in Hong Kong to the orphans his unit had adopted. One senior military officer told Tomlinson, "My hardest task is keeping track of the incurable humanitarianism of our troops."

None of the recent movies about that war have found time to show those examples of humanitarianism. In 1969 alone, United States Army volunteers helped construct 1,253 schools and 597 hospitals and dispensaries, contributing \$300,000 from their own pockets. Marines from the Third Amphibious Force helped build 268 classrooms, 75 dispensaries, 78 churches, temples, and pagodas. Marines contributed \$40,000 to ensure an education for 935 children. Air Force men gave their money and their own

labor to 1,218 schools, medical facilities, and orphanages. Air Force doctors, dentists, and medics treated 390,000 Vietnamese in volunteer programs.

At Hoa Khanh, Children's Hospital treated in that one year some 16,000 children, many of whom might have died without the hospital. One of the finest and most modern in the Far East, it was built and financed with money raised by combat marines. An 11-year-old boy burned over three-quarters of his body was one of those saved. He interrupted the game he was playing with visiting marines to say, "All my life, I will never forget this place and these healing people. Some way, I will repay them."

A 27-year-old chaplain from Springfield, Missouri, came upon an orphanage where 60 children were sleeping on the floor of a school and subsisting on one or two bowls of rice a day. He told some men of the Americal Division's Fifth Battalion, 46th Infantry, about what he'd seen. A veteran sergeant said, "Don't worry, Chaplain. Those kids have just got themselves some new parents." And they had.

Army combat troops began sacking enemy food they had captured and shipping them back on returning helicopters. They found cots in a salvage dump, repaired them, and soon the children were sleeping in beds for the first time. One day, the cup was passed. Marines earmarked 10 percent of all poker winnings, and by the end of the year, the orphans were in a new building.

An Air Force pilot saw 240 lepers living in unimaginable filth. Soon there were volunteers from all branches of the military spending their weekends building houses at a hospital.

The stories go on and on. A Green Beret learned that a mother in a remote mountain village was having trouble in childbirth. He made his way to her home, carried her to a truck, and raced to Cam Ranh, where a Navy doctor delivered the baby. On Christmas he gave 1,500 orphans toothpaste, soap, candy, and nuts he'd collected from fellow servicemen.

Bob Hope, who visited our men there as he had in two previous wars, said of them, "The number of our GI's who devote their

free time, energy, and money to aid the Vietnamese would surprise you." And then he added, "But maybe it wouldn't. I guess you know what kind of guys your sons and brothers and the kids next door are." Well, yes, we do know. I think we just let it slip our minds for a time. It's time to show our pride in them and to thank them.

In his book, "The Bridges of Toko-Ri," novelist James Michener writes movingly of the heroes who fought in the Korean conflict. In the book's final scene an admiral stands on the darkened bridge of his carrier waiting for pilots he knows will never return from their mission. And as he waits he asks in the silent darkness, "Where did we get such men?" Almost a generation later, I asked that same question when our POW's were returned from savage captivity in Vietnam: "Where did we find such men?" We find them where we've always found them, in our villages and towns, on our city streets, in our shops, and on our farms.

I have one more Vietnam story, and the individual in this story was brought up on a farm outside of Cuero in De Witt County, Texas, and he is here today. Thanks to the Secretary of Defense, Cap Weinberger, I learned of his story, which had been overlooked or buried for several years. It has to do with the highest award our Nation can give, the Congressional Medal of Honor, given only for service above and beyond the call of duty.

Secretary Weinberger, would you please escort Sergeant Benavidez forward.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are honored to have with us today Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez, U.S. Army, Retired. Let me read the plain, factual military language of the citation that was lost for too long a time.

"Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez, United States Army, Retired, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." Where there is a brave man, it is said, there is the thickest of the fight, there is the place of honor.

[At this point, the President read the citation, the text of which follows.]

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The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded in the name of the Congress the *Medal of Honor* to

*Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez*  
*United States Army, Retired*

for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

On May 2, 1968, Master Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Roy P. Benavidez distinguished himself by a series of daring and extremely valorous actions while assigned to Detachment B-56, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, Republic of Vietnam. On the morning of May 2, 1968, a 12-man Special Forces Reconnaissance Team was inserted by helicopters in a dense jungle area west of Loc Ninh, Vietnam to gather intelligence information about confirmed large-scale enemy activity. This area was controlled and routinely patrolled by the North Vietnamese Army. After a short period of time on the ground, the team met heavy enemy resistance, and requested emergency extraction. Three helicopters attempted extraction, but were unable to land due to intense enemy small arms and anti-aircraft fire. Sergeant Benavidez was at the Forward Operating Base in Loc Ninh monitoring the operation by radio when these helicopters returned to off-load wounded crewmembers and to assess aircraft damage. Sergeant Benavidez voluntarily boarded a returning aircraft to assist in another extraction attempt. Realizing that all the team members were either dead or wounded and unable to move to the pickup zone, he directed the aircraft to a nearby clearing where he jumped from the hovering helicopter, and ran approximately 75 meters under withering small arms fire to the crippled team. Prior to reaching the team's position, he was wounded in his right leg, face, and head. Despite these painful injuries, he took charge, repositioning the team members and directing their fire to facilitate the landing of an extraction aircraft, and the loading of wounded and dead team members. He then threw smoke cannisters to direct the aircraft to the team's position. Despite his severe wounds and under intense enemy fire, he carried and dragged half of the wounded team members to the awaiting aircraft. He then provided protective fire by running alongside the aircraft as it moved to pick up the remaining team members. As the enemy's fire intensified, he hurried to recover the body and the classified documents on the dead team leader. When he reached the team leader's body, Sergeant Benavidez was severely wounded by small arms fire in the abdomen and grenade fragments in his back. At nearly the same moment, the aircraft pilot was

mortally wounded, and his helicopter crashed. Although in extremely critical condition due to his multiple wounds, Sergeant Benavidez secured the classified documents and made his way back to the wreckage, where he aided the wounded out of the overturned aircraft, and gathered the stunned survivors into a defensive perimeter. Under increasing enemy automatic weapons and grenade fire, he moved around the perimeter distributing water and ammunition to his weary men, re-instilling in them a will to live and fight. Facing a build-up of enemy opposition with a beleaguered team, Sergeant Benavidez mustered his strength, and began calling in tactical air strikes and directing the fire from supporting gunships, to suppress the enemy's fire and so permit another extraction attempt. He was wounded again in his thigh by small arms fire while administering first aid to a wounded team member just before another extraction helicopter was able to land. His indomitable spirit kept him going as he began to ferry his comrades to the craft. On his second trip with the wounded, he was clubbed from behind by an enemy soldier. In the ensuing hand-to-hand combat, he sustained additional wounds to his head and arms before killing his adversary. He then continued under devastating fire to carry the wounded to the helicopter. Upon reaching the aircraft, he spotted and killed two enemy soldiers who were rushing the craft from an angle that prevented the aircraft door gunner from firing upon them. With little strength remaining, he made one last trip to the perimeter to ensure that all classified material had been collected or destroyed, and to bring in the remaining wounded. Only then, in extremely serious condition from numerous wounds and loss of blood, did he allow himself to be pulled into the extraction aircraft. Sergeant Benavidez' gallant choice to join voluntarily his comrades who were in critical straits, to expose himself constantly to withering enemy fire, and his refusal to be stopped despite numerous severe wounds, saved the lives of at least eight men. His fearless personal leadership, tenacious devotion to duty, and extremely valorous actions in the face of overwhelming odds were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect the utmost credit on him and the United States Army.

*Ronald Reagan*

Sergeant Benavidez, a nation grateful to you, and to all your comrades living and dead, awards you its highest symbol of gratitude for service above and beyond the call of duty, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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[At this point, the President presented the award to Master Sergeant Benavidez.]

Note: The President spoke at 1:45 p.m. at the ceremony held in the Inner Court of the Pentagon.

Prior to the ceremony, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger and Master Sergeant Benavidez and members of his family met with the President in the Oval Office at the White House.

## Executive Order 12294—Suspension of Litigation Against Iran February 24, 1981

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, including Section 203 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702), Section 301 of Title 3 of the United States Code, Section 1732 of Title 22 of the United States Code, and Section 301 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1631), in view of the continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy and economy of the United States upon which were based the declarations of national emergency in Executive Order No. 12170, issued November 14, 1979, and in Executive Order No. 12211, issued April 17, 1980, in light of the agreement with the Government of Iran, as reflected in the Declarations of the Government of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria dated January 19, 1981, relating to the release of United States diplomats and nationals being held as hostages and to the resolution of claims of United States nationals against Iran, in order to implement Article II of the Declaration of Algeria concerning the settlement of claims and to begin the process of normalization of relations between the United States and Iran, it is hereby ordered that as of the effective date of this Order:

*Section 1.* All claims which may be presented to the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal under the terms of Article II of the Declaration of the Government of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria concerning the Settlement of Claims by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and all claims for equitable or other judicial relief in connection with such claims, are hereby suspend-

ed, except as they may be presented to the Tribunal. During the period of this suspension, all such claims shall have no legal effect in any action now pending in any court of the United States, including the courts of any state or any locality thereof, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, or in any action commenced in any such court after the effective date of this Order. Nothing in this action precludes the commencement of an action after the effective date of this Order for the purpose of tolling the period of limitations for commencement of such action.

*Sec. 2.* Nothing in this Order shall require dismissal of any action for want of prosecution.

*Sec. 3.* Suspension under this Order of a claim or a portion thereof submitted to the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal for adjudication shall terminate upon a determination by the Tribunal that it does not have jurisdiction over such claim or such portion.

*Sec. 4.* A determination by the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal on the merits that a claimant is not entitled to recover on a claim shall operate as a final resolution and discharge of the claim for all purposes. A determination by the Tribunal that a claimant shall have recovery on a claim in a specified amount shall operate as a final resolution and discharge of the claim for all purposes upon payment to the claimant of the full amount of the award, including any interest awarded by the Tribunal.

*Sec. 5.* Nothing in this Order shall apply to any claim concerning the validity or payment of a standby letter of credit, performance or payment bond or other similar instrument.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/23

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