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The President has seen _____

(ELLIOTT)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

GREETING TO USS EISENHOWER

23651755
SP 890

GREETINGS TO YOU, THE OFFICERS AND MEN
OF THE USS EISENHOWER! I HAVE BEEN INSPIRED
BY THE SIGHT OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT SHIP AND
THE BATTLE GROUP WHICH ACCOMPANIED YOU TO
THE COAST OF NORMANDY. WE ARE RETURNING
FROM A COMMEMORATION OF THE FORTIETH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE D-DAY LANDINGS, THE
HEROIC OPERATION PLANNED AND COMMANDED BY
GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER. THE MEMORY OF
IKE, OUR GREAT ALLIED LEADER, STILL INSPIRES
HEROIC EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE
ATLANTIC.

TODAY, AS 40 YEARS AGO, OUR NAVY AND
ALL OUR ARMED FORCES ARE ADVANCING THE CAUSE
OF PEACE AND FREEDOM. THE DEDICATION OF
YOU, OUR SAILORS AND MARINES, (PARTICULARLY
DURING YOUR RECENT DEPLOYMENT IN THE EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN) IS IN THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS
OF YOUR SERVICES.

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND OUR ALLIES IN
EUROPE AND BEYOND, ARE MORE SECURE BECAUSE
OF MEN OF YOUR CALIBER WHO ARE "ON STATION"
WHEN AND WHERE NEEDED, ADMIRAL FLATLEY,
CAPTAIN CLEXTON, OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE
"IKE," I SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR DEVOTED SERVICE
TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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The President has seen

(NOONAN)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

POINTE DU HOC

215 027 SS
SP 891

WE ARE HERE TO MARK THAT DAY IN HISTORY
WHEN THE ALLIED ARMIES JOINED IN BATTLE TO
RECLAIM THIS CONTINENT TO LIBERTY. FOR
4 LONG YEARS, MUCH OF EUROPE HAD BEEN UNDER
A TERRIBLE SHADOW. FREE NATIONS HAD FALLEN,
JEWS CRIED OUT IN THE CAMPS, MILLIONS CRIED
OUT FOR LIBERATION. EUROPE WAS ENSLAVED,
AND THE WORLD PRAYED FOR ITS RESCUE. HERE,
IN NORMANDY, THE RESCUE BEGAN. HERE THE
ALLIES STOOD, AND FOUGHT AGAINST TYRANNY IN
A GIANT UNDERTAKING UNPARALLELED IN HUMAN
HISTORY.

WE STAND ON A LONELY, WINDSWEPT POINT
ON THE NORTHERN SHORE OF FRANCE. THE AIR IS
SOFT, BUT, 40 YEARS AGO AT THIS MOMENT, THE
AIR WAS DENSE WITH SMOKE AND THE CRIES OF
MEN; THE AIR WAS FILLED WITH THE CRACK OF
RIFLE FIRE AND THE ROAR OF CANNON.

AT DAWN ON THE MORNING OF THE 6TH OF JUNE, 1944, 225 AMERICAN RANGERS JUMPED OFF THE BRITISH LANDING CRAFT AND RAN TO THE BOTTOM OF THESE CLIFFS. THEIR MISSION WAS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT AND DARING OF THE INVASION: TO CLIMB THESE SHEER AND DESOLATE CLIFFS AND TAKE OUT THE ENEMY GUNS.

THE ALLIES HAD BEEN TOLD THAT SOME OF THE MIGHTIEST OF THOSE GUNS WERE HERE, AND THEY WOULD BE TRAINED ON THE BEACHES TO STOP THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

THE RANGERS LOOKED UP AND SAW THE ENEMY SOLDIERS AT THE EDGE OF THE CLIFFS SHOOTING DOWN AT THEM WITH MACHINE GUNS AND THROWING GRENADES. AND THE AMERICAN RANGERS BEGAN TO CLIMB. THEY SHOT ROPE LADDERS OVER THE FACE OF THESE CLIFFS AND BEGAN TO PULL THEMSELVES UP. WHEN ONE RANGER FELL, ANOTHER WOULD TAKE HIS PLACE; WHEN ONE ROPE WAS CUT, A RANGER WOULD GRAB ANOTHER AND BEGIN HIS CLIMB AGAIN.

THEY CLIMBED, SHOT BACK, AND HELD THEIR FOOTING; SOON, ONE BY ONE, THE RANGERS PULLED THEMSELVES OVER THE TOP — AND IN SEIZING THE FIRM LAND AT THE TOP OF THESE CLIFFS THEY BEGAN TO SEIZE BACK THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

225 CAME HERE. AFTER TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING, ONLY 90 COULD STILL BEAR ARMS.

BEHIND ME IS A MEMORIAL THAT SYMBOLIZES THE RANGER DAGGERS THAT WERE THRUST INTO THE TOP OF THESE CLIFFS. AND BEFORE ME ARE THE MEN WHO PUT THEM THERE.

THESE ARE THE BOYS OF POINTE DU HOC.
THESE ARE THE MEN WHO TOOK THE CLIFFS.
THESE ARE THE CHAMPIONS WHO HELPED FREE A CONTINENT; THESE ARE THE HEROES WHO HELPED END A WAR.

GENTLEMEN, I LOOK AT YOU AND I THINK OF
THE WORDS OF STEPHEN SPENDER'S POEM. YOU
ARE MEN WHO IN YOUR LIVES FOUGHT FOR
LIFE...AND LEFT THE VIVID AIR SIGNED WITH
YOUR HONOR.

I THINK I KNOW WHAT YOU MAY BE THINKING
RIGHT NOW. "WE WERE JUST PART OF A BIGGER
EFFORT; EVERYONE WAS BRAVE THAT DAY."

EVERYONE WAS. DO YOU REMEMBER THE
STORY OF BILL MILLIN OF THE 51ST
HIGHLANDERS? FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY, BRITISH
TROOPS WERE PINNED DOWN NEAR A BRIDGE,
WAITING DESPERATELY FOR HELP. SUDDENLY,
THEY HEARD THE SOUND OF BAGPIPES, AND SOME
THOUGHT IT WAS A DREAM. IT WASN'T. THEY
LOOKED UP AND SAW BILL MILLIN WITH HIS
BAGPIPES, LEADING THE REINFORCEMENTS, AND
IGNORING THE SMACK OF THE BULLETS INTO THE
GROUND AROUND HIM.

LORD LOVAT WAS WITH HIM — LORD LOVAT OF SCOTLAND, WHO CALMLY ANNOUNCED WHEN HE GOT TO THE BRIDGE: SORRY I'M A FEW MINUTES LATE, AS IF HE'D BEEN DELAYED BY A TRAFFIC JAM — WHEN IN TRUTH HE'D JUST COME FROM THE BLOODY FIGHTING ON SWORD BEACH, WHICH HE AND HIS MEN HAD JUST TAKEN.

THERE WAS THE IMPOSSIBLE VALOR OF THE POLES, WHO THREW THEMSELVES BETWEEN THE ENEMY AND THE REST OF EUROPE AS THE INVASION TOOK HOLD. AND THE UNSURPASSED COURAGE OF THE CANADIANS, WHO HAD ALREADY SEEN THE HORRORS OF WAR ON THIS COAST. THEY KNEW WHAT AWAITED THEM HERE, BUT THEY WOULD NOT BE DETERRED; ONCE THEY HIT JUNO BEACH, THEY NEVER LOOKED BACK.

ALL OF THESE MEN WERE PART OF A
ROLLCALL OF HONOR, WITH NAMES THAT SPOKE OF
A PRIDE AS BRIGHT AS THE COLORS THEY BORE:
THE ROYAL WINNIPEG RIFLES / POLAND'S 24TH
LANCERS / THE ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS /
THE SCREAMING EAGLES / THE YEOMEN OF
ENGLAND'S ARMoured DIVISIONS / THE FORCES OF
FREE FRANCE / THE COAST GUARD'S "MATCHBOX
FLEET" / ...AND YOU, THE AMERICAN RANGERS.

FORTY SUMMERS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE
BATTLE YOU FOUGHT HERE. YOU WERE YOUNG THE
DAY YOU TOOK THESE CLIFFS — SOME OF YOU
WERE HARDLY MORE THAN BOYS, WITH THE DEEPEST
JOYS OF LIFE BEFORE YOU. YET YOU RISKED
EVERYTHING HERE. WHY? WHY DID YOU DO IT?
WHAT IMPELLED YOU TO PUT ASIDE THE INSTINCT
FOR SELF-PRESERVATION AND RISK YOUR LIVES TO
TAKE THESE CLIFFS? WHAT INSPIRED ALL THE
MEN OF THE ARMIES THAT MET HERE?

WE LOOK AT YOU, AND SOMEHOW WE KNOW THE ANSWER.

IT WAS FAITH AND BELIEF; IT WAS LOYALTY AND LOVE.

THE MEN OF NORMANDY HAD FAITH THAT WHAT THEY WERE DOING WAS RIGHT, FAITH THAT THEY FOUGHT FOR ALL HUMANITY, FAITH THAT A JUST GOD WOULD GRANT THEM MERCY ON THIS BEACHHEAD — OR ON THE NEXT. IT WAS THE DEEP KNOWLEDGE — (AND PRAY GOD WE HAVE NOT LOST IT) — THAT THERE IS A PROFOUND, MORAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE USE OF FORCE FOR LIBERATION AND THE USE OF FORCE FOR CONQUEST. THEY WERE HERE TO LIBERATE, NOT TO CONQUER, AND SO THEY DID NOT DOUBT THEIR CAUSE. AND THEY WERE RIGHT NOT TO DOUBT.

THEY KNEW SOME THINGS ARE WORTH DYING
FOR: ONE'S COUNTRY IS WORTH DYING FOR, AND
DEMOCRACY IS WORTH DYING FOR, BECAUSE IT IS
THE MOST DEEPLY HONORABLE FORM OF GOVERNMENT
EVER DEvised BY MAN. THEY LOVED LIBERTY,
THEY WERE WILLING TO FIGHT TYRANNY,
THEY KNEW THE PEOPLE OF THEIR COUNTRIES WERE
BEHIND THEM.

THE AMERICANS WHO FOUGHT HERE THAT
MORNING KNEW WORD OF THE INVASION WAS
SPREADING THROUGH THE DARKNESS BACK HOME.
THEY FELT IN THEIR HEARTS, THOUGH THEY COULD
NOT KNOW IN FACT, THAT IN GEORGIA THEY WERE
FILLING THE CHURCHES AT 4 A.M. / IN KANSAS
THEY WERE KNEELING ON THEIR PORCHES AND
PRAYING / AND IN PHILADELPHIA THEY WERE
RINGING THE LIBERTY BELL.

SOMETHING ELSE HELPED THE MEN OF D-DAY:
THEIR ROCKHARD BELIEF THAT PROVIDENCE WOULD
HAVE A GREAT HAND IN THE EVENTS THAT WOULD
UNFOLD HERE, THAT GOD WAS AN ALLY IN THIS
GREAT CAUSE. AND, SO, THE NIGHT BEFORE THE
INVASION, WHEN COLONEL WOLVERTON ASKED HIS
PARACHUTE TROOPS TO KNEEL WITH HIM IN PRAYER
HE TOLD THEM, DO NOT BOW YOUR HEADS BUT
LOOK UP SO YOU CAN SEE GOD AND ASK HIS
BLESSING IN WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO.

ALSO THAT NIGHT, GENERAL MATTHEW RIDGWAY LAY
ON HIS COT, LISTENING IN THE DARKNESS FOR
THE PROMISE GOD MADE TO JOSHUA: "I WILL NOT
FAIL THEE NOR FORSAKE THEE."

THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT IMPELLED
THEM, THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT SHAPED THE
UNITY OF THE ALLIES.

WHEN THE WAR WAS OVER, THERE WERE LIVES
TO BE REBUILT AND GOVERNMENTS TO BE RETURNED
TO THE PEOPLE. THERE WERE NATIONS TO BE
REBORN.

ABOVE ALL, THERE WAS A NEW PEACE TO BE ASSURED. THESE WERE HUGE AND DAUNTING TASKS. BUT THE ALLIES SUMMONED STRENGTH FROM THE FAITH, BELIEF, LOYALTY AND LOVE OF THOSE WHO FELL HERE. THEY REBUILT A NEW EUROPE TOGETHER.

THERE WAS FIRST A GREAT RECONCILIATION AMONG THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ENEMIES, ALL OF WHOM HAD SUFFERED SO GREATLY. THE UNITED STATES DID ITS PART, CREATING THE MARSHALL PLAN TO HELP REBUILD OUR ALLIES AND OUR FORMER ENEMIES. THE MARSHALL PLAN LED TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE — A GREAT ALLIANCE THAT SERVES TO THIS DAY AS OUR SHIELD FOR FREEDOM, FOR PROSPERITY, AND FOR PEACE.

IN SPITE OF OUR GREAT EFFORTS AND SUCCESSES, NOT ALL THAT FOLLOWED THE END OF THE WAR WAS HAPPY, OR PLANNED. SOME LIBERATED COUNTRIES WERE LOST.

THE GREAT SADNESS OF THIS LOSS ECHOES DOWN
TO OUR OWN TIME IN THE STREETS OF WARSAW,
PRAGUE, AND EAST BERLIN. THE SOVIET TROOPS
THAT CAME TO THE CENTER OF THIS CONTINENT
DID NOT LEAVE WHEN PEACE CAME. THEY ARE
STILL THERE, UNINVITED, UNWANTED,
UNYIELDING, ALMOST 40 YEARS AFTER THE WAR.

BECAUSE OF THIS, ALLIED FORCES STILL
STAND ON THIS CONTINENT. TODAY, AS 40 YEARS
AGO, OUR ARMIES ARE HERE FOR ONLY ONE
PURPOSE — TO PROTECT AND DEFEND DEMOCRACY.
THE ONLY TERRITORIES WE HOLD ARE MEMORIALS
LIKE THIS ONE AND THE GRAVEYARDS WHERE OUR
HEROES REST.

WE IN AMERICA HAVE LEARNED BITTER
LESSONS FROM TWO WORLD WARS: IT IS BETTER
TO BE HERE, READY TO PROTECT THE PEACE, THAN
TO TAKE BLIND SHELTER ACROSS THE SEA,
RUSHING TO RESPOND ONLY AFTER FREEDOM IS
LOST.

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ISOLATIONISM NEVER WAS
AND NEVER WILL BE AN ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO
TYRANNICAL GOVERNMENTS WITH EXPANSIONIST
INTENT.

BUT WE TRY ALWAYS TO BE PREPARED FOR
PEACE, PREPARED TO DETER AGGRESSION;
PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE THE REDUCTION OF ARMS;
AND, YES, PREPARED TO REACH OUT AGAIN IN THE
SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION.

IN TRUTH, THERE IS NO RECONCILIATION WE
WOULD WELCOME MORE THAN A RECONCILIATION
WITH THE SOVIET UNION, SO, TOGETHER, WE CAN
LESSEN THE RISKS OF WAR, NOW AND FOREVER.

IT IS FITTING TO REMEMBER HERE THE
GREAT LOSSES ALSO SUFFERED BY THE RUSSIAN
PEOPLE DURING WORLD WAR II: 20 MILLION
PERISHED, A TERRIBLE PRICE THAT TESTIFIES TO
ALL THE WORLD THE NECESSITY OF AVOIDING WAR.

I TELL YOU FROM MY HEART THAT WE IN THE UNITED STATES DO NOT WANT WAR. WE WANT TO WIPE FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH THE TERRIBLE WEAPONS MAN NOW HAS IN HIS HANDS. I TELL YOU WE ARE READY TO SEIZE THAT BEACHHEAD ~~BUT THERE MUST BE~~ ^{WE LOOK FOR} SOME SIGN FROM THE SOVIET UNION THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO MOVE FORWARD, THAT THEY SHARE OUR DESIRE AND LOVE FOR PEACE, THAT THEY WILL GIVE UP THE WAYS OF CONQUEST. THERE MUST BE A CHANGING THERE THAT WILL ALLOW US TO TURN OUR HOPE INTO ACTION.

WE WILL PRAY FOREVER THAT SOME DAY THAT CHANGING WILL COME. BUT FOR NOW, PARTICULARLY TODAY, IT IS GOOD AND FITTING TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER, TO OUR FREEDOM, AND TO THE ALLIANCE THAT PROTECTS IT.

WE ARE BOUND TODAY BY WHAT BOUND US 40 YEARS AGO, THE SAME LOYALTIES, TRADITIONS, AND BELIEFS.

AND WE ARE BOUND BY REALITY; THE STRENGTH
OF AMERICA'S ALLIES IS VITAL TO THE UNITED
STATES, AND THE AMERICAN SECURITY GUARANTEE
IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONTINUED FREEDOM OF
EUROPE'S DEMOCRACIES. WE WERE WITH YOU
THEN; WE ARE WITH YOU NOW. YOUR HOPES ARE
OUR HOPES, AND YOUR DESTINY IS OUR DESTINY.

HERE, IN THIS PLACE WHERE THE WEST HELD
TOGETHER, LET US MAKE A VOW TO OUR DEAD.

LET US SHOW THEM BY OUR ACTIONS THAT WE
UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY DIED FOR; LET OUR
ACTIONS SAY TO THEM THE WORDS FOR WHICH
MATTHEW RIDGWAY LISTENED. "I WILL NOT FAIL
THEE NOR FORSAKE THEE."

STRENGTHENED BY THEIR COURAGE,
HEARTENED BY THEIR VALOR, AND BORNE BY THEIR
MEMORY, LET US CONTINUE TO STAND FOR THE
IDEALS FOR WHICH THEY LIVED AND DIED.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

(MYER)

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1984

REMARKS TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL

215041 SS
SP 890

MR. AMBASSADOR AND MRS. PRICE, MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF, THE NAVY, AND STUDENTS FROM THE AMERICAN SCHOOL: NANCY AND I ARE GRATEFUL THAT SO MANY OF YOU COULD BE HERE TODAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME AND FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO MAKE OUR VISIT A SUCCESS.

SOMEHOW, YOUR EMBASSY ALWAYS RISES TO THE CHALLENGE, NO MATTER HOW MANY DEMANDS YOU HAVE TO CONTEND WITH. YOUR GOOD WORK AND CHEERFUL HOSPITALITY ARE LEGEND IN WASHINGTON, AND I'M SURE THAT HELPS EXPLAIN WHY YOU SEE SO MANY OF US SO FREQUENTLY. AND I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU THAT WE'RE ALSO DELIGHTED WITH THE JOB BEING DONE BY AMBASSADOR CHARLIE PRICE, AND HIS VERY TALENTED PARTNER, CAROL.

CHARLIE, AS I LOOK OUT ON THIS BEAUTIFUL LAWN, I CAN APPRECIATE WHAT A DELIGHT LIVING HERE MUST BE — ESPECIALLY FOR A FINE GOLFER LIKE YOU. BUT THEN, AS I LOOK BEHIND US AT ALL THESE WINDOWS, I'M REMINDED THAT ONE OF YOUR SHOTS WENT ASTRAY. FORGIVE ME, BUT I HAVE TO ASK: WHO PAID FOR THAT ONE?

WELL, I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU ALL MUST ENJOY WORKING AND LIVING IN THIS WONDERFUL CITY. GREAT BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE KINDRED NATIONS OF LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE. WE DEFEND THE SAME VALUES, FACE THE SAME DANGERS, AND CHERISH THE SAME FRIENDSHIPS. WE LOOK TO OUR BRITISH COUSINS WITH A VERY WARM AND SPECIAL AFFECTION. THESE BONDS MUST NEVER BE BROKEN, AND I DON'T BELIEVE THEY EVER WILL BE.

WE'VE HAD A WONDERFUL AND I THINK VERY PRODUCTIVE 10 DAYS VISITING MY ANCESTORS' HOMELAND IN IRELAND, COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AT NORMANDY, AND THEN MEETING WITH MY FELLOW LEADERS AT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT HERE IN LONDON.

WE LEAVE TODAY WITH RENEWED CONFIDENCE THAT WE CAN AND WILL STRENGTHEN THE FREEDOMS, PROSPERITY, AND PEACE WE SHARE. BUT I CAN'T SAY GOODBYE WITHOUT THANKING OUR FOREIGN SERVICE NATIONALS WHO SERVE US SO WELL. AS AMERICAN DIPLOMATS COME AND GO, IT'S YOUR PROFESSIONALISM THAT KEEPS EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY. ALL OF YOU MAKE AN INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR ANGLO-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP. AND NOBODY KNOWS THAT BETTER THAN MISS JOAN AUTEN. MISS AUTEN, WOULD YOU PLEASE JOIN ME UP HERE FOR A MINUTE.

MISS AUTEN'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER SPANS NEARLY 44 YEARS. SHE HAS SERVED 14 AMERICAN AMBASSADORS TO THE COURT OF SAINT JAMES. DURING WORLD WAR II, WHEN LONDON WAS UNDER SEIGE, SHE HELPED EVACUATE CHILDREN TO THE SAFETY OF OUR SHORES IN THE UNITED STATES. SINCE THOSE EARLY DAYS OF SERVICE, JOAN AUTEN HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP AND DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO DEMOCRACIES.

JOAN, I AM DELIGHTED TO HONOR YOU WITH THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.

WELL, WE'VE HAD A VERY GOOD VISIT. WE RETURN TO THE STATES WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE, FOR ALL YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO, AND WE'LL TAKE WITH US WARM AND LASTING MEMORIES OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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The President has seen _____

(ELLIOTT)

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1984

OPENING FOR MINI PRESS CONFERENCE

236514 SS
SP384

GOOD MORNING. THIS HAS BEEN A
PRODUCTIVE WEEK, AND, LOOKING BACK, A
PARTICULARLY BUSY YEAR FOR THE ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE — AND A MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE.
DESPITE SOVIET PROPAGANDA AND ATTEMPTS AT
INTIMIDATION, NATO HAS REMAINED UNIFIED AND
STRONG. WE CAN BE PROUD AND THANKFUL FOR
NATO'S DETERMINATION TO DEFEND EUROPE,
DEFEND OUR FREEDOM, AND, YES, DEFEND THE
PEACE.

THE SUMMIT WE JUST CONCLUDED
DEMONSTRATES THE UNITY OF THE WESTERN
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, THE ENDURING
STRENGTH OF OUR SHARED VISION AND VALUES,
AND OUR RESOLVE TO ADVANCE OUR COMMON
INTERESTS.

TODAY, I LEAVE LONDON WITH RENEWED CONFIDENCE THAT THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE FREE, AND THAT OUR GREAT DEMOCRACIES CAN MEET THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US. TOGETHER, WE CAN PROTECT PEACE WITH LIBERTY, CREATE GREATER PROSPECTS FOR GROWTH, MOVE TOWARD MORE FREE AND OPEN TRADING MARKETS, AND BUILD AN ERA OF PROGRESS FOR THE EIGHTIES SPREADING OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS TO PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

SOMETIMES PEOPLE BECOME SO ABSORBED IN DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS, THEY FORGET THE BIG PICTURE. BUT STEP BACK A MOMENT AND CONSIDER THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE.

IN 1981, THE ECONOMIES OF THE SEVEN MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS REPRESENTED HERE AT THE SUMMIT HAD AN AVERAGE GROWTH RATE OF 1.8 PERCENT, WITH 8.5 PERCENT INFLATION. TODAY, OUR AVERAGE GROWTH RATE HAS RISEN TO 4 PERCENT, WHILE INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF.

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AND IN OUR OWN COUNTRY, WE'VE CREATED MORE
THAN 6 MILLION JOBS IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS.

WE ARE SUCCEEDING, THANKS TO CLOSER
COOPERATION, CLOSER COORDINATION, AND THANKS
TO STEADY ADHERENCE TO POLICIES THAT HAVE
PROVEN TO BE SOUND. NOW, I'LL BE PLEASED TO
TAKE SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

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The President has seen _____

(ROBINSON)

JUNE 12, 1984

DROPBY BRIEFING FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF FARMER COOPERATIVES

236506 SC
MC 003

GOOD AFTERNOON, WELCOME TO THE WHITE
HOUSE, AND SPECIAL GREETINGS TO YOUR
CHAIRMAN AND A FELLOW CALIFORNIAN
ROGER (BOCH-A-GU-LOOP-EE). I'M DELIGHTED TO
HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE
WHO REPRESENT MORE THAN 30 STATE COUNCILS OF
FARMER COOPERATIVES, OVER 35 COOPERATIVE
CREDIT SYSTEM BANKS, MORE THAN 100 REGIONAL
MARKETING AND FARM SUPPLY COOPERATIVES AND
NEARLY 2 MILLION INDIVIDUALS. THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF FARMER COOPERATIVES SPEAKS FOR
AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES WITH
SKILL AND ENERGY AND IN SO DOING YOU
BENEFIT OUR ENTIRE COUNTRY. ON BEHALF OF
ALL AMERICANS, I THANK YOU.

ALL OF US KNOW THAT GOD HAS BLESSED
AMERICA WITH A VAST AND FERTILE LAND.

BUT IT'S YOUR INGENUITY, MUSCLE, AND SWEAT
THAT HAVE MADE OUR FARMS THE ENVY OF THE
WORLD. *(Bottom land)*

SINCE 1950, FARM OUTPUT IN AMERICA HAS
JUMPED MORE THAN 90 PERCENT. WITH LESS THAN
THREE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S
FARMERS, AMERICA CAN PRODUCE 65 PERCENT OF
THE WORLD'S SOYBEANS, 48 PERCENT OF THE
CORN, 32 PERCENT OF THE SORGHUM, 25 PERCENT
OF THE ORANGES, 31 PERCENT OF THE POULTRY,
AND 26 PERCENT OF THE BEEF. YOU PROVIDE THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH A DIET THAT GIVES THEM
HEALTH, CREATIVITY, AND ENERGY.

AND JUST AS YOU PROVIDE FOOD FOR PEOPLE
HERE AT HOME, YOU MAKE FOOD AVAILABLE TO
MILLIONS AROUND THE WORLD. AMERICAN WHEAT
IS USED TO MAKE PASTA IN ITALY. OUR
SOYBEANS GO INTO SOY SAUCE IN THE ORIENT.

LIQUER

OUR COTTONSEED IS PRESSED INTO OIL THAT GETS SHIPPED TO VENEZUELA. OUR GRAIN GOES INTO BREAD IN RUSSIA. AND AFRICAN CHILDREN ARE FED BY THE TILLERS OF GREAT PLAINS SOIL.

AS A VAST AND GROWING INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE REPRESENTS A DRIVING FORCE IN OUR NATION'S ECONOMY. AMERICA'S AGRICULTURAL ASSETS EXCEED ONE TRILLION DOLLARS, AND THE FOOD AND FIBER INDUSTRY EMPLOYS SOME 23 MILLION PEOPLE - MORE THAN A FIFTH OF AMERICA'S WORKFORCE. YOU CONTRIBUTE MIGHTILY TO OUR LEVEL OF EXPORTS. THIS YEAR, OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPORT REVENUE WILL BE MORE THAN FIVE TIMES WHAT IT WAS IN 1970, HELPING TO OFFSET THE INCREASED COST OF ENERGY IMPORTS OVER THIS PERIOD. TODAY, ONE OF EVERY THREE AGRICULTURAL ACRES ARE DEVOTED TO EXPORT, AND ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF ALL FARM INCOME ARISES FROM SALES OVERSEAS.

JACK BLOCK JUST RETURNED FROM JAPAN, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NUMBER OF ACRES AMERICAN FARMERS PLANT EACH YEAR FOR EXPORT TO JAPAN IS GREATER THAN THE NUMBER OF ACRES PLANTED IN JAPAN ITSELF.

YET, PROUD AS WE ARE OF ALL THAT AMERICAN AGRICULTURE HAS ACCOMPLISHED, WE MUST REMEMBER THE TERRIBLE WEIGHT BORNE BY OUR FARMERS IN RECENT YEARS. BY 1981, A DECADE OF OVERSPENDING AND OVERTAXING HAD PUSHED INTEREST RATES SKY-HIGH AND UNLEASHED RAGING INFLATION. NOWHERE DID THE ECONOMIC CHAOS STRIKE HARDER THAN DOWN ON THE FARM.

THERE'S A STORY ABOUT A FARMER WHO WON A MILLION-DOLLAR SWEEPSTAKE. WHEN A REPORTER ASKED HIM HOW HE INTENDED TO USE THE MONEY, THE FARMER ANSWERED, "OH, I EXPECT I'LL KEEP ON FARMING UNTIL IT'S ALL GONE."

WELL, OUR ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE DETERMINED TO BRING PROSPERITY BACK TO THE FARM.

ONE OF MY FIRST ACTIONS AS PRESIDENT
WAS TO LIFT THE SOVIET GRAIN EMBARGO.

AS LONG AS I'M PRESIDENT, OUR FARMERS WILL
NEVER AGAIN BE ASKED TO BEAR ALONE THE BRUNT
OF FOREIGN POLICY.

SINCE THEN, WE'VE TAKEN VIGOROUS ACTION
TO BOOST FARM EXPORTS. TRADE TEAMS HAVE
GONE AROUND THE WORLD TO SEEK NEW MARKETS.

YOUR CHAIRMAN, ROGER (BOCH-A-GU-LOOP-EE),
IS HELPING IN THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT BY
SERVING ON OUR ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS. JACK BLOCK HAS BEEN TIRELESS
IN HIS TRAVELS TO EUROPE, AFRICA,
LATIN AMERICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND, MOST
RECENTLY, THE FAR EAST. AND TO HELP FINANCE
EXPORTS, OUR ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENTED THE
BLENDED CREDIT PROGRAM AND INCREASED THE
LEVEL OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORT CREDIT
GUARANTEES TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN HISTORY.

I THINK THESE EFFORTS ARE PAYING OFF.

WE'VE SEEN PROGRESS IN NORTH AFRICA.

AND WE'VE HAD A RECENT BREAKTHROUGH WITH

JAPAN. THE JAPANESE HAVE AGREED TO RAISE

THEIR QUOTAS FOR AMERICAN CITRUS AND BEEF

NEARLY DOUBLING THOSE QUOTAS OVER THE NEXT

4 YEARS, AND SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING THE

MARKET FOR THOSE PRODUCTS.

TODAY OUR ADMINISTRATION IS HARD AT

WORK ON THE 1985 FARM BILL. THE DEPARTMENT

OF AGRICULTURE IS ACTIVELY SOLICITING

FARMERS' VIEWS ON THIS BILL, AND SO FAR

THEY'VE ACCEPTED HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF

WRITTEN RECOMMENDATIONS AND HELD LISTENING

SESSIONS IN CALIFORNIA, CHICAGO, AND

ATLANTA. NEXT WEEK ANOTHER SESSION WILL BE

HELD IN SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

YET DESPITE THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH OF

THESE EFFORTS, OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS SET

ONE PROGRAM IN PLACE THAT HAS HELPED FARMERS

MORE THAN ALL THE OTHERS PUT TOGETHER.

IT'S CALLED ECONOMIC EXPANSION.

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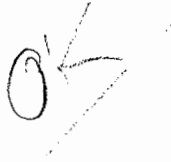
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BUT WE HAVE RESTORED OUR COUNTRY'S BASIC ECONOMIC HEALTH, AND IF WE GO ON PURSUING A SOUND MONETARY POLICY AND WORKING TO PUT THE FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS IN ORDER, INTEREST RATES WILL DROP MORE.

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THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROBY BRIEFING FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF FARMER COOPERATIVES
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 1984

Good afternoon, welcome to the White House, and special greetings to your chairman and a fellow Californian -- Roger Baccigaluppi (Boch-a-gu-loop-ee). I'm delighted to have this opportunity to speak to the people who represent more than 30 State councils of farmer cooperatives, over 35 cooperative credit system banks, more than 100 regional marketing and farm supply cooperatives, and over 2 million individuals. The National Council of Farmer Cooperatives speaks for American agriculture with skill and energy, and in so doing you benefit our entire country. On behalf of all Americans, I thank you.

All of us know that God has blessed America with a vast and fertile land. But it's your ingenuity, muscle, and sweat that have made our farms the envy of the world.

Since 1950, farm output in America has jumped more than 89 percent. Today, with less than three-tenths of one percent of the world's farmers, America produces 65 percent of the world's soybeans, 48 percent of the corn, 32 percent of the sorghum, 25 percent of the oranges, 31 percent of the poultry, and 26 percent of the beef. You provide the American people with a diet that gives them health, creativity, and energy.

And just as you provide food for people here at home, you make food available to millions around the world. American wheat is used to make pasta in Italy. Our soybeans go into soy sauce in the Orient. Our cottonseed is pressed into oil that gets

shipped to Venezuela. Our grain goes into bread in Russia. And African children are fed by the tillers of Great Plains soil.

As a vast and growing industry, agriculture represents a driving force in our Nation's economy. America's agricultural assets exceed one trillion dollars, and the agriculture industry employs some 23 million people -- more than a fifth of America's workforce. You contribute mightily to our level of exports. This year, our agricultural export revenue will be more than five times what it was in 1970, helping to offset the increased cost of energy imports over this period. Today, one of every three agricultural acres are devoted to export, and about one-fourth of all farm income arises from sales overseas. Secretary Block just returned from Japan, and I understand that the number of acres American farmers plant each year for export to Japan is greater than the number of acres planted in Japan itself.

Yet, proud as we are of all that American agriculture has accomplished, we must remember the terrible weight borne by our farmers in recent years. By 1980, a decade of overspending and overtaxing had pushed interest rates sky-high and unleashed raging inflation. Nowhere did the economic chaos strike harder than down on the farm. There's a story about a farmer who won a million-dollar sweepstake. When a reporter asked him how he intended to use the money, the farmer answered, "Oh, I expect I'll keep on farming until it's all gone."

Well, our Administration took office determined to bring prosperity back to the farm.

One of my first actions as President was to lift the Soviet grain embargo. As long as I'm President, our farmers will never again be asked to bear ^{ALONE} the brunt of foreign policy.

Since then, we've taken vigorous action to boost farm exports still further. Trade teams have gone around the world to seek new markets. Your chairman, Roger Baccigaluppi (Boch-a-gu-loop-ee), is helping in this important effort by serving on our Advisory Committee of Trade Negotiations. Secretary Block has been tireless in his travels to Europe, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, and, most recently, the Far East. And to help finance exports, our Administration implemented the blended credit program and increased the level of agricultural export credit guarantees to the highest level in history.

I think these efforts are paying off. We expect to increase grain sales to Morocco. And we've had a recent breakthrough with Japan. The Japanese have agreed to nearly double their quotas for American citrus and beef, markedly increasing the market for those products.

Another plus for farmers is our Payment-in-Kind program -- an effort that gets surplus commodities out of the warehouses and puts them to work. The self-help nature of PIK has made farmers themselves, not government, the solution. It has given farmers increased personal freedom, and it has helped to whittle down surpluses that for years have been a serious drag on the entire industry.

Today our Administration is hard at work on the 1985 Farm Bill. The Department of Agriculture is actively soliciting farmers' views on this bill, and so far they've accepted hundreds of pages of written recommendations and held listening sessions in California, Chicago, and Atlanta. Next week another session will be held in Syracuse, New York. And while past farm bills have been content just to revise old 4-year farm programs, we plan to start from scratch with this bill and make a new beginning.

Yet despite the importance of each of these efforts, our Administration has set one program in place that has helped farmers more than all the others put together. It's called economic expansion.

The month we took office, inflation was well into double digits. Today, inflation has fallen by more than half. And farmers are seeing the difference.

The prime interest rate, the month we took office, soared to more than 21 percent -- the highest level since the Civil War. Today, the prime interest rate is at just about half that level. And since for every one percent drop in the average interest rate on outstanding farm debt, net farm income goes up \$2 billion, this year net farm income will be some \$20 billion more than it would have been if interest rates had remained at their 1980 record highs. Don't get me wrong: Interest rates are still higher than you or I would like them. But we have restored our country's basic economic health, and if we go on pursuing a sound

monetary policy and working to put the Federal budget process in order, interest rates will drop more.

Throughout history, farming has been recognized as one of the pillars of a vital society. In ancient Rome, Cicero proclaimed, "Of all occupations from which gain is secured, there is none better than agriculture, nothing more productive, nothing sweeter, nothing more worthy of a free man." You have my pledge to see to it that farming in America remains not only noble, but prosperous -- and that the dream of a successful family farm remains a living part of the American dream.

Thank you, and God bless you.