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(MYER)

JUNE 13, 1984

OPENING CEREMONY - THE NATIONAL CENTER
FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

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ATTORNEY GENERAL SMITH,
SECRETARY HECKLER, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS
OF THE CONGRESS, HONORED GUESTS, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME
TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

I'M DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO HELP LAUNCH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR
MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN AND TO TELL
YOU THAT THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF OUR
CHILDREN IS A TOP PRIORITY ON THE NATIONAL
AGENDA. ALL AMERICANS — AND ESPECIALLY
OUR YOUTH — SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT AND THE
OPPORTUNITY TO WALK OUR STREETS, AND TO
PLAY, GROW, AND LIVE THEIR LIVES WITHOUT
BEING AT RISK.

BUT SADLY, OUR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK.
JOHNNY GOSCH, AGE 12 OF DES MOINES, IOWA,
VANISHED FROM HIS PAPER ROUTE IN
SEPTEMBER 1982. HE'S STILL MISSING.

KEVIN COLLINS, A 10-YEAR-OLD LAD FROM
SAN FRANCISCO DISAPPEARED LAST FEBRUARY
AFTER BASKETBALL PRACTICE. ANN GOTLIB,
12, OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY HAS BEEN GONE
WITHOUT A TRACE SINCE LAST SUMMER.

AND THEN THERE WAS ADAM. AMERICA
KNOWS ADAM WALSH AND OF HIS TRAGIC
STORY -- AN INNOCENT VICTIM OF A CRUEL,
PREDATORY CRIME. THERE ARE TOO MANY
CHILDREN LIKE ADAM; TOO MANY STOLEN EACH
YEAR FROM LOVED ONES; TOO MANY WHO FEEL
PAIN AND SUFFERING; TOO MANY WHO FALL PREY
TO EXPLOITATION AND DEATH. WE DON'T KNOW
THE EXACT NUMBER OF VICTIMS, BUT IT
CERTAINLY NUMBERS IN THE THOUSANDS.

WHEN ADAM WALSH, A BRIGHT, HAPPY
6-YEAR-OLD BOY, DISAPPEARED IN THE SUMMER
OF 1981, JOHN AND (RE-VAY) WALSH FOUND
THEMSELVES ALONE IN THEIR CRISIS.
THEY WERE THWARTED BY JURISDICTIONAL
TANGLES AND FOOTDRAGGING.

THE HEARTBREAK OF THE MOMENT BECAME A
CHILLING NIGHTMARE OF TERROR AND
UNBELIEVABLE FRUSTRATION.

OUR COMMITMENT TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
GOES FAR DEEPER THAN A DESIRE TO PUNISH
THE GUILTY. OUR LAWS REPRESENT THE
COLLECTIVE MORAL VOICE OF A FREE SOCIETY.
AND RIGHT NOW, THAT VOICE IS CRYING OUT TO
PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND KEEP THEM SAFE.

I HOPE WE CAN MARK THE OPENING OF THE
NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED
CHILDREN BY REDOUBLING OUR EFFORTS TO DO
JUST THAT.

WE MUST AND WILL CONTINUE CRACKING
DOWN ON CAREER CRIMINALS, DRUG PUSHERS,
AND THE PORNOGRAPHERS. WE MUST AND WILL
CONTINUE WORKING TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS
OF OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE: THE STRONGEST
GUARDIAN AGAINST CRIME, AND PARTICULARLY
CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN, IS WE THE PEOPLE.

HELEN KROMER WROTE:

ONE MAN AWAKE

CAN AWAKEN ANOTHER.

THE SECOND CAN WAKEN HIS

NEXT-DOOR BROTHER.

THE THREE AWAKE CAN ROUSE THE TOWN,

BY TURNING THE WHOLE PLACE UPSIDE DOWN.

AND THE MANY AWAKE, MAKE SUCH A FUSS,

THEY FINALLY AWAKEN THE REST OF US.

THE COURAGE OF JOHN AND
(RE-VAY) WALSH, IN THE FACE OF THE MOST
DIFFICULT GRIEF IMAGINABLE, AWAKENED OUR
NATION TO THE TRAGEDY OF AMERICA'S MISSING
CHILDREN. THANKS TO THEIR EFFORTS,
AND THOSE OF SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS AND
MANY OTHERS, I WAS ABLE TO SIGN THE
MISSING CHILDREN ACT INTO LAW IN OCTOBER
1982.

THE ACT ESTABLISHED A SYSTEM ALLOWING PARENTS, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, ACCESS TO A CENTRAL COMPUTER FILE TO HELP TRACE MISSING CHILDREN. THE ACT ALSO AIDS IN IDENTIFYING DECEASED CHILDREN AND ADULTS, AND AT LEAST EASES THE PAIN OF NOT KNOWING.

WE'VE ALSO RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW CHILD PORNOGRAPHY LEGISLATION WHICH WILL ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR WAR AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN. AND LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SALUTE A RELATED EFFORT AIMED AT HELPING CHILDREN WHO BECOME WARDS OF THE COURT. THE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM — CASA AS IT'S CALLED — IS A NEW COMMUNITY-BASED EFFORT OF TRAINED VOLUNTEERS SERVING AS ADVOCATES OF ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN. CASA IS ALREADY WORKING IN SEVERAL STATES, GIVING AMERICA'S DISCARDED CHILDREN THE PROTECTION THEY NEED.

AND NOW WE ARE LAUNCHING AN EFFORT TO
EXTEND THE PROGRAM ALL ACROSS AMERICA.

BUT AS YOU KNOW, THESE EFFORTS ARE
ONLY THE ESSENTIAL FIRST STEPS AND
FORMIDABLE CHALLENGES REMAIN.

MEETING THEM IS WHAT THE NATIONAL CENTER
FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN IS ALL
ABOUT.

STARTING WITH A \$3.3 MILLION JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT GRANT, THE CENTER WILL HAVE
THREE DIVISIONS. THE DIVISION ON MISSING
CHILDREN WILL ASSIST PARENTS AND CITIZENS'
GROUPS IN LOCATING AND SAFELY RETURNING
MISSING CHILDREN. IT WILL GIVE TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND
IT WILL HELP COORDINATE THE EFFORTS OF
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ALL ACROSS AMERICA
THAT ARE INVOLVED IN MISSING CHILDREN
ACTIVITIES.

AND LATER THIS SUMMER, THE CENTER WILL OPEN A TOLL-FREE 800 TELEPHONE NUMBER TO HANDLE INQUIRIES AND ACCEPT INFORMATION ON SIGHTINGS.

THE DIVISION ON EXPLOITED CHILDREN WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PROFESSIONALS WHO DEAL WITH THESE DIFFICULT MISSING CHILDREN CASES EVERY DAY.

THE DIVISION ON EDUCATION, PREVENTION, AND PUBLIC AWARENESS WILL COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ADDRESS AND PREVENT THE PROBLEM OF THE ESTIMATED 1.8 MILLION CHILDREN MISSING FROM THEIR HOMES EACH YEAR.

WHAT WE ARE DOING IS LAUNCHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. PARTNERSHIPS CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE.

AND THEY CAN USE THESE OPPORTUNITIES IN A MOST EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE WAY TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND TO KEEP THEM SAFE. NO SINGLE SECTOR OF OUR NATION CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN ALONE. BUT, BY WORKING TOGETHER, POOLING OUR RESOURCES AND BUILDING ON OUR STRENGTHS, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS.

THREE WEEKS AGO, WE SIGNED A MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY PROCLAMATION AND URGED THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO HELP. AND AMERICA IS RESPONDING. TRAILWAYS CORPORATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE HAVE ESTABLISHED "OPERATION: HOME FREE", A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES RUNAWAY CHILDREN A RIDE HOME. TELEVISION STATIONS ARE BROADCASTING PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSING CHILDREN. NOW IT'S TIME TO DO EVEN MORE.

NOW, BEFORE I CLOSE, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK BILL SMITH/
THE WALSHES/
LOIS HERRINGTON/
JAY HOWELL,
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER/
AND THE MANY OTHER CONCERNED AMERICANS FOR ALL YOU ARE DOING. AMERICA'S FUTURE IS IN THE HANDS OF OUR CHILDREN. YOUR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK WILL GIVE OUR CHILDREN A CHANCE TO LIVE FULL, HEALTHY AND HAPPY LIVES.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT ALL OF US IN THE ADMINISTRATION STAND BEHIND YOU, EAGER TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY WE CAN. TOGETHER WE CAN TURN THE TIDE ON THESE HATEFUL CRIMES, AND, KNOWING WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ALREADY, I'M CONFIDENT WE WILL.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

AND NOW, I'D LIKE TO ASK JOHN WALSH TO SAY A FEW WORDS.

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(Myer/BE)
June 12, 1984
3:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: OPENING CEREMONY - THE NATIONAL CENTER
FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1984

Attorney General Smith, distinguished Members of the Congress, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen: Good morning and welcome to the White House.

I'm delighted to have the opportunity to help launch the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and to tell you that the safety and protection of our children ~~are~~^{is} a top priority on the national agenda. All Americans -- and especially our youth -- should have the right and the opportunity to walk our streets, and to play, grow, and live their lives without being at risk.

But sadly, our children are at risk. Johnny Gosch, age 12 of Des Moines, Iowa, vanished from his paper route in September 1982. He's still missing. Kevin Collins, a 10-year-old lad from San Francisco disappeared last February after basketball practice. Ann Gotlib, 12, of Louisville, Kentucky has been gone without a trace since last summer.

And then there was Adam. America knows Adam Walsh and of his tragic story -- an innocent victim of a cruel, predatory crime. There are too many children like Adam; too many stolen each year from loved ones; too many who feel pain and suffering; too many who fall prey to exploitation and death. We don't know the exact number of victims, but it certainly numbers in the thousands.

When Adam Walsh, a bright, happy 6-year-old boy, disappeared in the summer of 1981, John and Reve (Re-VAY) Walsh found themselves alone in their crisis. They were thwarted by jurisdictional tangles and footdragging. The heartbreak of the moment became a chilling nightmare of terror and unbelievable frustration.

Our commitment to criminal justice goes far deeper than a desire to punish the guilty. Our laws represent the collective moral voice of a free society. And right now, that voice is crying out to protect our children and keep them safe. I hope we can mark the opening of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by redoubling our efforts to do just that.

We must and will continue cracking down on career criminals, drug pushers, and the pornographers. We must and will continue working to protect the interests of our children and their families. But make no mistake: the strongest guardian against crime, and particularly crime against children, is we the people. Helen Kromer wrote:

One man awake
Can awaken another.
The second can waken his next-door brother.
The three awake can rouse the town,
By turning the whole place upside down.
And the many awake, make such a fuss,
They finally awaken the rest of us.

The courage of John and Reve (Re-VAY) Walsh, in the face of the most difficult grief imaginable, awakened our Nation to the tragedy of America's missing children. Thanks to their efforts, and those of Senator Paula Hawkins and many others, I was able to sign the Missing Children Act into law in October 1982. The act established a system allowing parents, under certain

circumstances, access to a central computer file to help trace missing children. The act also aids in identifying deceased children and adults, and at least eases the pain of not knowing.

We've also recently signed into law child pornography legislation which will assist law enforcement agencies in their war against the exploitation of children. And the Court Appointed Special Advocates Program -- CASA as it's called -- is a new community-based effort of trained volunteers serving as advocates of abused and neglected children who become wards of the court. CASA is already working in several States, giving America's discarded children the protection they need. And now we are launching an effort to extend the program all across America.

But as you know, these efforts are only the essential first steps and formidable challenges remain. Meeting them is what the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is all about.

Starting with a \$3.3 million Justice Department grant, the Center will have three divisions. The Division on Missing Children will assist parents and citizens' groups in locating and safely returning missing children. It will give technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and it will help coordinate the efforts of community organizations all across America that are involved in missing children activities. And later this summer, the Center will open a toll-free 800 telephone number to handle inquiries and accept information on sightings.

The Division on Exploited Children will provide valuable support and technical assistance to the professionals who deal with these difficult missing children cases every day.

The Division on Education, Prevention and Public Awareness will collect and distribute information on the most effective ways to address and prevent the problem of the estimated 1.8 million children missing from their homes each year.

What we are doing is launching a public-private partnership. Partnerships can take advantage of every opportunity available. And they can use these opportunities in a most efficient and productive way to protect our children and to keep them safe. No single sector of our Nation can solve the problem of missing and exploited children alone. But, by working together, pooling our resources and building on our strengths, we can accomplish great things.

Three weeks ago, we signed a Missing Children's Day Proclamation and urged the private sector to help. And America is responding. Trailways Corporation and the International Association of Chiefs of Police have established "Operation: Home Free", a program that provides runaway children a ride home. Television stations are broadcasting photographs of missing children. Now it's time to do even more.

Now, before I close, I want to take this opportunity to thank Bill Smith; the Walshes; Lois Herrington; Jay Howell, the Executive Director of the Center; and the many other concerned Americans for all you are doing. America's future is in the

hands of our children. Your dedication and hard work will give our children a chance to live full, healthy and happy lives.

I want you to know that all of us in the Administration stand behind you, eager to assist in any way we can. Together we can turn the tide on these hateful crimes, and, knowing what you have accomplished already, I'm confident we will.

Thank you and God bless you all.

And now, I'd like to ask John Walsh to say a few words.

(ROBINSON)

JUNE 13, 1984/1:45 P.M.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONS

THANK YOU, BY THE WAY, I'LL LET YOU IN
ON A LITTLE SECRET, I WANTED TO WELCOME ALL
OF YOU IN THE OVAL OFFICE, THEN I FOUND OUT
THE CEILING IS TOO LOW.

WELL, FROM THE BOSTON GARDEN TO THE
ROSE GARDEN, IT'S BEEN QUITE A YEAR FOR THE
CELTICS — THE TEAM BOSTON LOVES AND ALL THE
WORLD ADMIRES, OVER THE REGULAR SEASON, YOU
LIVED UP TO YOUR AWESOME REPUTATION BY
COMPILING A 62-20 RECORD, THE BEST IN THE
N.B.A. THEN CAME VICTORY IN THE PLAYOFFS,
AND FINALLY THE ULTIMATE TEST — THE
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES AGAINST THE SUPERB
LOS ANGELES LAKERS.

THE BATTLE FOR THE TITLE TURNED INTO A
SPECTACULAR, STRETCHING OVER THREE WEEKENDS.
BOTH TEAMS WERE GREAT, WITH STARS ON EACH
SIDE RISING TO PEAK PERFORMANCES THAT
DAZZLED AND THRILLED THE COUNTRY, AND LAST
NIGHT, THE WHOLE SEASON CAME DOWN TO ONE
GAME.

SIX TIMES BEFORE, THE BOSTON CELTICS HAD PLAYED IN A CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES THAT WENT TO SEVEN GAMES. SIX TIMES BEFORE, THE CELTICS WON. WE WATCHED, HOLDING OUR BREATH, WONDERING IF YOU COULD BEAT THE ODDS AND DO IT AGAIN.

YOU THREW YOURSELVES INTO THAT FINAL BATTLE WITH ALL THE PRIDE, DETERMINATION, AND HEART THAT HAVE MADE YOU A LEGEND IN BASKETBALL HISTORY. TIME AND AGAIN, YOU CAME DOWN WITH KEY REBOUNDS, SHUTTING OFF THE LAKERS' FAST BREAK. "YOU CAN'T RUN WITHOUT THE BALL," SAID MAGIC JOHNSON, "AND THE CELTICS SEEMED TO REBOUND IT EVERY TIME." ON THE OFFENSIVE BOARDS, YOU WERE A CASCADE, SHOOTING AGAIN AND AGAIN, AND SCORING:— CEDRIC MAXWELL, 24 POINTS, DENNIS JOHNSON, 22, LARRY BIRD, 20. AND THE FINAL SCORE:— 111 TO 102, THE CELTICS HAD DONE IT AGAIN.

SO MANY PEOPLE ASK, HOW DO THE CELTICS DO IT? HOW DO THEY KEEP COMING BACK? HOW, DURING THAT CRUCIAL MOMENT OF THE SEVENTH GAME OF A CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, DO THEY ALWAYS MANAGE TO REACH WITHIN, TO FIND THAT SPARK THEY NEED FOR VICTORY?

CEDRIC MAXWELL PUT IT QUITE SIMPLY LAST NIGHT: "HOW COULD ANYONE HAVE THOUGHT WE'D LOSE? WE ARE THE CELTICS YOU KNOW."

YES, YOU ARE THE CELTICS, AND LIKE THE ORIGINAL CELTICS, THE GREAT IRISH WARRIORS IN OLDEN TIMES, YOU HAVE FOUGHT FOR AND WON GREAT VICTORIES AND GREAT GLORY. YOURS IS A TRADITION OF HARD WORK, OF TEAM WORK, OF DEDICATION, — A TRADITION OF "CELTICS PRIDE."

WE'VE SEEN THAT WINNING TRADITION
CARRIED FORTH AGAIN AND AGAIN DOWN THROUGH
THE YEARS BY SOME OF THE GREATEST HEROES IN
BASKETBALL HISTORY: COUSEY, SHARMAN,
RAMSEY, RUSSELL. SAM AND K.C. JONES.
HEINSOHN, HAVILCEK, COWENS, AND WHITE...

K.C. JONES WAS NOT ONLY A GREAT PLAYER,
THIS YEAR HE PROVED HE'S AN EQUALLY GREAT
COACH. HE IS ONE OF ONLY A FEW TO HAVE WON
A CHAMPIONSHIP AS BOTH A PLAYER AND A COACH.

AS THE LEADERS OF YOUR ORGANIZATION
CHANGED, AS ONE GROUP OF STARS WAS REPLACED
BY ANOTHER GROUP, THE CELTICS NOT ONLY
SURVIVED, THEY MAINTAINED THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP
FORM. BECAUSE, ALWAYS, THE CELTICS HAVE
BEEN A TEAM OF CHAMPIONS, LARGER AND GREATER
THAN ANY ONE PLAYER, COACH, OR MANAGER. AND
IN CELEBRATING YOUR CHAMPIONSHIP, WE SEE HOW
AMERICA CAN BE A NATION OF CHAMPIONS AS
WELL.

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RED AUERBACH, COACH JONES, MEMBERS OF
THIS PROUD TEAM:—HIGH IN THE RAFTERS OF
BOSTON GARDEN HANG 14 GREEN-AND-WHITE
BANNERS PROCLAIMING THE CELTICS THE NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS OF 14 SEASONS PAST, SOMETIME THIS
SUMMER, A 15TH BANNER WILL BE HOISTED INTO
PLACE. THAT BANNER WILL BELONG TO YOU, AND
IT WILL REMIND ALL WHO SEE IT OF THE WAY
EACH OF YOU LIVED UP TO THE TRADITION OF THE
BOSTON CELTICS.

THANK YOU, CONGRATULATIONS, AND GOD
BLESS YOU.

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The President has seen

(ELLIOTT)

JUNE 14, 1984/8:00 PM

NEWS CONFERENCE OPENING STATEMENT

GOOD EVENING, ONE WEEK AGO TODAY IN LONDON, I JOINED THE LEADERS OF SIX MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES FOR THE ANNUAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT. WE MET TO TAKE THE PULSE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, TO MEASURE THE IMPACT OF THE POLICIES WE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTING DURING THE PAST 3 YEARS, AND TO CONTINUE STRENGTHENING THE FREEDOM, PROSPERITY, AND PEACE WE SHARE.

CHANGE COMES NEITHER EASILY NOR QUICKLY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT THERE WAS RECOGNITION IN LONDON THAT, WHILE WE CONTINUE TO FACE PRESSING CHALLENGES, WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, BY WORKING TOGETHER, BY STICKING TO OUR POLICIES, WE HAVE MADE IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS SINCE 1981. THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES HAVE BEEN MOVING FROM WEAKNESS TO STRENGTH, FROM DISAPPOINTMENT AND PESSIMISM TO CONFIDENCE AND HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

IN 1981, OUR ECONOMIES HAD AN AVERAGE GROWTH OF ONLY 1.8 PERCENT AND 8-1/2 PERCENT INFLATION. BUT LED BY THE RECOVERY, AND NOW THE EXPANSION, IN THE UNITED STATES, OUR AVERAGE GROWTH TODAY IS UP TO 4 PERCENT, WHILE INFLATION HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF. THERE WAS RECOGNITION THAT THE INCENTIVES OF AMERICA'S RECOVERY PROGRAM, WHICH SPARKED OUR ECONOMIC TAKE-OFF AND THE CREATION OF MORE THAN 6 MILLION JOBS IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS, HAVE MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN BOTH THE PERFORMANCE AND THE OUTLOOK FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY.

I REAFFIRMED TO OUR ALLIES AMERICA'S BEDROCK COMMITMENT TO THE NATO ALLIANCE, AND TO ITS MISSION TO PROTECT PEACE AND FREEDOM IN THE WEST. EUROPE AND AMERICA HAVE ENJOYED NEARLY 40 YEARS OF PEACE.

IF NATO REMAINS STRONG AND UNIFIED, (AND I BELIEVE NATO IS STRONGER AND MORE UNIFIED TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE,) THEN EUROPE AND AMERICA WILL REMAIN FREE AND SECURE.

WE HAVE REESTABLISHED STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE STRETCHING BEYOND AMERICA'S SHORES TO EUROPE AND THE PACIFIC BASIN, AND WE ARE TRYING, AS WELL, TO PROMOTE A BETTER, MORE REALISTIC, LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THAT'S WHY WE AND OUR ALLIES HAVE MADE SO MANY INITIATIVES TO REDUCE NUCLEAR ARSENALS, BAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS, BREAK THE IMPASSE IN THE EAST-WEST CONVENTIONAL FORCE NEGOTIATIONS, CURB NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, AND REACH AGREEMENT ON PROPOSALS FOR INCREASING CONFIDENCE AND REDUCING THE RISK OF SURPRISE ATTACK IN EUROPE.

THE WEST IS DOING ITS UTMOST, BUT, TO DATE, WE HAVE BEEN MET WITH CONTINUED SOVIET UNWILLINGNESS TO RETURN TO THE NUCLEAR ARMS NEGOTIATING TABLES.

AMERICA IS STANDING TALLER IN THE WORLD TODAY. BUT IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE ON COURSE TOWARD A MORE PROSPEROUS, PEACEFUL WORLD, THEN WE NEED THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE CONGRESS: THE CONGRESS MUST SUPPORT OUR STRATEGIC MODERNIZATION PROGRAM TO KEEP AMERICA STRONG, AND CONVINCE THE SOVIETS IT IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST TO CHOOSE THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATION, NOT CONFRONTATION, SO WE CAN SAFELY REDUCE ARMS WHILE PRESERVING PEACE AND STABILITY.

THE CONGRESS MUST PASS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON CENTRAL AMERICA (AND THE TWO SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS NOW BEFORE IT) TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND GREATER SECURITY IN THAT VITAL REGION TO OUR SOUTH.

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AND THE CONGRESS MUST PROMPTLY PASS OUR
DEFICIT REDUCTION PROGRAM TO HELP ASSURE
THAT OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY REMAINS STRONG.

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SUSAN
KATHY

JOHN
ELEANOR
LOU
RICHARD
BOB
TOM
MAURINE

DOUG
MIKE
MARLON
BOB
DAVID
JERRY
BILL
LEE
VICTOR
LARS
RON
JOHN
ROLAND
JOHN
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JUNE 14, 1984/2:30 PM

PRESENTATION OF WHITE HOUSE FLAG TO
U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

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WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT GIVES
ME GREAT PLEASURE TODAY TO PRESENT THIS FLAG
TO BILL SIMON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE, TO BE CARRIED BY
OUR OLYMPIC TEAM IN LOS ANGELES. THE
OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FOR OUR OLYMPIC TEAM,
VOLUNTARY, AND SPRINGING UP ALL ACROSS OUR
COUNTRY, MAKES US HAPPY AND PROUD. THE TEAM
WALKING BEHIND THIS BANNER IN THE OPENING
CEREMONIES WILL TRULY BE OUR TEAM —
AMERICA'S TEAM. AND I CAN'T HELP BELIEVING
THAT ON THAT DAY, JULY 28TH, THE MEMBERS OF
OUR TEAM WILL FEEL ALL OF US THERE WITH
THEM, ALL OF US BEHIND THEM; THEY'LL FEEL
OUR PRIDE IN THEM; AND THEY'LL FEEL THE
UNITY, THE PATRIOTISM, AND THE DEEP LOVE WE
SHARE FOR AMERICA, FOR OUR LAND OF THE FREE.

ON AUGUST 3RD, 1949, THE CONGRESS, BY A JOINT RESOLUTION, DESIGNATED JUNE 14TH OF EACH YEAR AS FLAG DAY. THE FLAG IS THE SYMBOL OF OUR WAY OF LIFE AND A REMINDER OF THOSE THINGS WHICH WE STAND FOR AS A PEOPLE.

OURS IS A BEAUTIFUL FLAG; IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN, EVER SINCE BETSY ROSS SEWED OUR FIRST FLAG WITH ITS 13 STARS IN A PERFECT CIRCLE, BUT ITS GLORY IS NOT JUST IN ITS COLORS OR DESIGN. WE SALUTE THIS BANNER BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS THE STRUGGLE OF OUR FOREFATHERS TO BUILD A LAND OF FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY. IT FLEW OVER LONELY OUTPOSTS WHEN PIONEERS TAMED OUR WILDERNESS. IT BECKONED WITH A SPIRIT OF HOPE TO TENS OF MILLIONS WHO CAME HERE FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD TO BETTER THEIR LOT, AND THAT OF THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO LIVE TOGETHER IN FREEDOM.

BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN RISKED THEIR LIVES UNDER THIS FLAG WHENEVER OUR LIBERTY WAS IN PERIL. MANY WHOSE NAMES WE NEVER KNEW GAVE THEIR LIVES TO ENSURE OUR COUNTRY'S SURVIVAL, SO THAT FREEDOM, OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFT, WOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION. IN SALUTING THIS FLAG, WE SALUTE THEM, TOO -- COURAGEOUS INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM WE OWE SO MUCH.

WHEN WE SALUTE OLD GLORY, HOW CAN WE NOT REMEMBER THOSE WORDS OF FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, WHERE THE GLARE OF THE ROCKETS "GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE." IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR US; IT IS ALWAYS THERE FOR US. IT IS THE ONE SYMBOL OF ALL THAT WE ARE, AND ALL THAT WE HOPE TO BE.

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AND I GIVE IT TO YOU NOW TO TAKE TO
LOS ANGELES AS PROOF NOT ONLY OF OUR THANKS
TO YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM, NOT ONLY
OF OUR AFFECTION FOR ALL OF YOU, BUT ALSO OF
OUR GREAT HOPES FOR YOU. AND JUST REMEMBER:
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, EACH AND EVERY
MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OLYMPIC TEAM IS A CHAMPION IN OUR HEARTS.

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The President has seen _____

(Elliott)
June 14, 1984
7:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: FATHER'S DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1984

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My fellow Americans, tomorrow is Father's Day, so, naturally, our thoughts turn to them, and to the well-being of family life in America. Families have always stood at the center of our society, preserving good and worthy traditions from our past; entrusting those traditions to our children, our greatest hope for the future.

Family life has changed much down through the years. The days when we could expect to live in only one home and hold only one job are probably gone forever, ~~casualties of our modern age and material progress.~~ Perhaps we ^{WILL NOT} ~~cannot~~ go back to old family ways, but I think we can and should preserve family values -- values of faith, honesty, responsibility, tolerance, kindness, and love.

And, we'll keep on trying to do better, trying to create a better life for those who follow. This hasn't been easy to do in the last decade. It's become more difficult to raise children than it once was.

For example, the dependency exemption on your income tax, [✓] the money you can deduct for raising a child or caring for an elderly relative, was \$600 in the late 40's. That's been increased to \$1,000 now. But if that deduction had been indexed to keep pace with inflation, today you would be deducting more than \$3,000 for every one of your children. Housing became

harder to afford. And the cost of private education also became too expensive for millions of middle-income families.

By 1980, American families felt the full shock of runaway taxes, inflation, record interest rates, and soaring prices for housing, education, food, and other necessities of life. They saw the golden promise of the American dream disappearing behind storm clouds of economic misery. Liberals urged huge Government subsidies, paying parents for expenses they used to handle themselves. But Big Government becoming Big Brother, pushing parents aside, interfering with one parental responsibility after another, is no solution; it only makes bad situations worse, raising prices and taxes for everyone.

We came to Washington with a better idea: help working parents to better provide for themselves and their children by enabling them to keep more of their earnings; and help them by making Government do its job, so the terrifying specter of runaway price increases never returns.

Our tax rate reductions have helped parents, reducing the tax bill that would have been owed by a typical family by over \$900 a year. And we've helped parents by reducing the inflation rate by nearly two-thirds since 1980, and by creating more than 6 million new jobs. Things are getting better for American families, but much remains to be done. That's why the Treasury Department is making greater tax fairness and greater tax incentives for families a central consideration in the tax reform proposals they are developing.

We're trying hard to help fathers and mothers in other ways, too. Many innocent children are exploited by those who traffic in the gutter of drugs, child pornography, and prostitution. Last month, I signed the Child Protection Act of 1984, a key part of our determination to crack down hard on the smut merchants. This past week, we opened a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to help educate parents and authorities on how to protect their loved ones.

We've just launched a nationwide citizen effort to encourage volunteer court appointed special advocates in legal cases of neglect and child abuse. Soon, we'll start up a sophisticated detective program to help law enforcement officers identify and capture the so-called "serial killers" who prey upon women and children. And we've urged the Congress to pass a law that will strengthen and improve child support from absent parents. Children should not be financially abandoned, just because they are separated from one of their parents.

We're trying hard to make two other changes: We want to see fewer abandoned, handicapped, or underprivileged children left in perpetual foster care; and we want to see the unborn child given his or her chance to live and to know the joys of life. Adoption is often the best option. Too often, it has been the forgotten option.

We're seeing hopeful signs that our policies are paying off. Family income is improving; infant mortality rates continue to drop; and the crime rate has taken a steep dive. The outlook for

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families in America is better today than in 1980, and we're determined to make it better still. Happy Father's Day.

Until next week, thanks for listening and God bless you.