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(ROBINSON)

JUNE 17, 1984

OPENING DAY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
GAMES FOR THE DISABLED
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

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THANK YOU FRAN.

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GOVERNOR CUOMO, SENATOR D'AMATO,
~~SENATOR MURAZEK~~
REPRESENTATIVES LENT AND McGRATH, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN, HONORED ATHLETES: TODAY WE
MARK A DRAMATIC AND MEANINGFUL EVENT,
THE OPENING OF THE 1984 INTERNATIONAL
GAMES FOR THE DISABLED. THE FIRST GAMES
TOOK PLACE IN 1976 IN CANADA, THE SECOND
IN 1980 IN HOLLAND. THIS YEAR, IT'S
AMERICA'S TURN TO HOST DISABLED ATHLETES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD. I KNOW I SPEAK FOR
THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHEN I SAY THAT THIS
IS A GREAT HONOR FOR OUR COUNTRY.

THE SETTING FOR THE GAMES COULD
HARDLY BE MORE SPECTACULAR. THE NEW
MITCHEL PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX FEATURES
SUPERB FACILITIES FOR COMPETITORS AND
SPECTATORS ALIKE, INCLUDING ONE OF THE
FINEST TRACKS IN THE WORLD.

NEARBY SCHOOLS LIKE HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY AND NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE ARE PROVIDING SITES FOR A NUMBER OF COMPETITIONS AND HOUSING HUNDREDS OF ATHLETES. SCORES OF INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN GENEROUS IN SPONSORING THESE GAMES.

THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN AT WORK FOR MONTHS, COORDINATING EVENTS AND HELPING WITH ATHLETES' TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

AS THE GAMES THEMSELVES TAKE PLACE, THE VOLUNTEERS WILL WORK EVEN HARDER, KEEPING SCORE, LOOKING AFTER EQUIPMENT, HELPING TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ATTENTION, AND TRANSLATING FOR COMPETITORS WHO SPEAK A DOZEN FOREIGN LANGUAGES. AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY IN NASSAU COUNTY HAS LENT A HAND. I KNOW YOU'RE IN FOR A GLORIOUS TIME, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.

YET ALL OF US AGREE THAT THESE GAMES
BELONG TO ONE GROUP ALONE -- THE ATHLETES.

NEARLY TWO THOUSAND OF YOU HAVE COME
HERE TODAY, FROM SOME 50 COUNTRIES.

FROM AFRICA, EUROPE, AUSTRALIA,
SOUTH AMERICA, ASIA, AND NORTH AMERICA,
YOU HAVE GATHERED HERE A GROUP OF
INDOMITABLE MEN AND WOMEN. DURING THE
NEXT 2 WEEKS, YOU'LL TEST YOUR ENDURANCE
IN SWIMMING AND RUNNING. YOU'LL PROVE
YOUR STRENGTH IN WEIGHTLIFTING. YOU'LL
SHOW YOUR SPEED AND AGILITY IN BASKETBALL
AND HIGH JUMPING. AND IN THE EQUESTRIAN
EVENTS, YOU'LL SHOW THE BEAUTIFUL TEAMWORK
THAT CAN TAKE PLACE BETWEEN MAN AND HORSE.

SPORTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AN IMPORTANT
PART OF MY LIFE, AND I THINK I CAN
APPRECIATE -- (AT LEAST A LITTLE) --
WHAT THESE GAMES MUST MEAN TO YOU.

THERE WILL BE THE COMRADERY OF TEAMWORK,
THE THRILL OF COMPETITION, THE SHEER JOY
OF MEETING OTHER ATHLETES WHO LOVE YOUR
SPORT AS YOU DO. ROGER BANNISTER,
THE FIRST RUNNER IN HISTORY TO BREAK THE
FOUR-MINUTE MILE, ONCE SAID, "RUNNING HAS
GIVEN ME A GLIMPSE OF THE GREATEST FREEDOM
THAT A MAN CAN EVER KNOW, BECAUSE IT
RESULTS IN THE SIMULTANEOUS LIBERATION OF
BOTH BODY AND MIND." EXHILARATION OF MIND
AND BODY -- THAT'S SOMETHING THAT ALL
ATHLETES UNDERSTAND.

YET THERE'S SOMETHING EACH OF YOU
UNDERSTANDS THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN EVER
FULLY APPRECIATE -- SOMETHING THAT HAS TO
DO WITH COURAGE, WITH WILLPOWER, AND WITH
THE UTTER REFUSAL TO GIVE UP, THAT HAS
ENABLED YOU TO RISE ABOVE YOUR
DISABILITIES AND COMPETE.

EACH OF YOU IS A REMARKABLE PERSON /-
A PERSON LIKE CANADIAN ARNIE BOLDT.

ARNIE HAD LOST ONE LEG ABOVE THE KNEE,
BUT WHEN HE HIGH JUMPS, HE CAN TAKE HIS
BODY FARTHER INTO THE AIR THAN MOST PEOPLE
ARE TALL. TRISCHA ZORN, OF MISSION VIEJO,
CALIFORNIA IS LEGALLY BLIND. BUT THAT
DIDN'T KEEP HER FROM WINNING AN ATHLETIC
SCHOLARSHIP TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
AND BECOMING ONE OF THE FASTEST
BACKSTROKERS IN THE WORLD.

HARRI (YOW-HE-EYE-NEN) OF FINLAND IS AN
AMPUTEES, BUT HE CAN RUN 400 METERS IN LESS
THAN 50 SECONDS. AND THEN THERE'S
CHARLIE REID. CHARLIE WORKS OUT TWICE A
WEEK WITH THE "NEW YORK KNIGHTS," A SPORTS
GROUP RUN BY UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF
NEW YORK CITY.

TODAY CHARLIE CAN BENCH PRESS
480 POUNDS ~~—~~ TWO AND ONE-HALF TIMES HIS
OWN WEIGHT ~~/—~~ AND THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE
THAT, AT THESE GAMES, CHARLIE WILL SET A
NEW WORLD RECORD.

BY COMPETING IN THESE GAMES, EACH OF
YOU IS SENDING A MESSAGE OF HOPE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. YOU'RE PROVING THAT
A DISABILITY DOESN'T HAVE TO STAND IN THE
WAY OF A FULL AND ACTIVE LIFE. AND YOU'RE
SHOWING ALL OF US JUST HOW FAR A MAN OR
WOMAN CAN GO IF ONLY THEY HAVE THE
DEDICATION AND WILL.

A MONTH AFTER THESE GAMES END,
ANOTHER GREAT SPORTING EVENT WILL BEGIN ~~—~~
THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN LOS ANGELES.

ATHLETES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL
GATHER FOR THOSE GAMES, JUST AS YOU HAVE
GATHERED HERE TODAY. THOSE ATHLETES MAY
POST FASTER TIMES OR LIFT HEAVIER WEIGHTS.

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BUT SPORTS HAS LESS TO DO WITH THINGS LIKE
TIMES AND WEIGHTS AND DISTANCES THAN WITH
SOMETHING VERY SIMPLE/— THE HUMAN HEART.
AND WHEN IT COMES TO THAT, THE ATHLETES IN
LOS ANGELES WILL HAVE TO TIP THEIR HATS TO
YOU, BECAUSE YOU'RE THE CHAMPIONS OF THE
WORLD.

NOW IT'S MY HONOR TO DECLARE THE 1984
INTERNATIONAL GAMES FOR THE DISABLED
OFFICIALLY OPEN.

THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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The President of the United States

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(Robinson/BE)
June 13, 1984
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: OPENING DAY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
GAMES FOR THE DISABLED
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK
SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 1984

Governor Cuomo, Senator D'Amato, Representatives Lent and McGrath, ladies and gentlemen, honored athletes: Today we mark a dramatic and meaningful event, the opening of the 1984 International Games for the Disabled. The first Games took place in 1976 in Canada, the second in 1980 in Holland. This year, it's America's turn to host disabled athletes from around the world. I know I speak for the American people when I say that this is a great honor for our country.

The setting for the Games could hardly be more spectacular. The new Mitchel Park athletic complex features superb facilities for competitors and spectators alike, including one of the finest tracks in the world. Nearby schools like Hofstra University and Nassau Community College are providing sites for a number of competitions and housing hundreds of athletes. Scores of individuals and businesses have been generous in sponsoring these Games. Thousands of volunteers have already been at work for weeks, coordinating events, helping with athletes' travel arrangements, even sawing and hammering to put up stands and scoreboards.

As the Games themselves take place, the volunteers will work even harder, keeping score, looking after equipment, helping to provide medical attention, and translating for competitors who speak a dozen foreign languages. As far as I can see, just about

everybody in Nassau County has lent a hand. I know you're in for a glorious time, and I want to thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Yet all of us agree that these Games belong to one group alone -- the athletes.

More than a thousand of you have come here today, from some 45 countries. From Africa, Europe, Australia, South America, Asia, and North America, you have gathered here, a group of indomitable men and women. During the next 2 weeks, you'll test your endurance in swimming and running. You'll prove your strength in weightlifting. You'll show your speed and agility in basketball and high jumping. You'll demonstrate grace and elegance in gymnastics and fencing. And in the equestrian events, you'll show the beautiful teamwork that can take place between man and horse.

Sports have always been an important part of my life, and I think I can appreciate -- at least a little -- what these Games must mean to you. There will be the comradery of teamwork, the thrill of competition, the sheer joy of meeting other athletes who love your sport as you do. Roger Bannister, the first runner in history to break the four-minute mile, once said, "Running has given me a glimpse of the greatest freedom that a man can ever know, because it results in the simultaneous liberation of both body and mind." Exhilaration of mind and body -- that's something that all athletes understand.

Yet there's something each of you understands that no one else can ever fully appreciate -- something that has to do with

courage, with willpower, and with the utter refusal to give up, that has enabled you to rise above your disabilities and compete.

Each of you is a remarkable person -- a person like Canadian Arnie Boldt. Arnie had lost one leg above the knee, but when he high jumps, he can take his body farther into the air than most people are tall. Trischa Zorn, of Mission Viejo, California is legally blind. But that didn't keep her from winning an athletic scholarship to the University of Nebraska and becoming one of the fastest backstrokers in the world. Harri Jauhiainen of Finland is an amputee, but he can run 400 meters in less than 50 seconds. And then there's Charlie Reid. Charlie works out twice a week with the "New York Knights," a sports group run by United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. Today Charlie can bench press 480 pounds -- about three times his own weight -- and there's a good chance that, at these Games, Charlie will set a new world record.

By competing in these Games, each of you is sending a message of hope throughout the world. You're proving that a disability doesn't have to stand in the way of a full and active life. And you're showing all of us just how far a man or woman can go if only they have the dedication and will.

A month after these Games end, another great sporting event will begin -- the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Athletes from all over the world will gather for those Games, just as you have gathered here today. Those athletes may post faster times or lift heavier weights. But sports has less to do with things like times and weights and distances than with something very simple

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-- the human heart. And when it comes to that, the athletes in Los Angeles will have to tip their hats to you, because you're the champions of the world.

Now it's my honor to declare the 1984 International Games for the Disabled officially open.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

(ROHRBACHER).

Save this - David Q+A. JUNE 18, 1984

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GREETING TO DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL
TEENAGE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT IS
ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO HAVE A GROUP OF
ENERGY-FILLED TEENAGE REPUBLICANS OVER FOR A
VISIT. OUR POLITICAL PROCESS NEEDS YOUR
YOUTH AND YOUR CREATIVITY. THE REPUBLICAN
PARTY CAN BE PROUD OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE ALL
OVER THIS COUNTRY WHO ARE COMING UP THROUGH
THE RANKS. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT ONE DAY YOU
WILL BE THE LEADERS OF OUR PARTY, AND YOU
WILL BE THE LEADERS OF AMERICA.

SOMETIMES IT'S NOT SO EASY TO HAVE
FAITH IN THE FUTURE. THERE'S A STORY ABOUT
THE FELLOW WHO FELL OFF THE CLIFF AND HALF
WAY DOWN GRABBED ONTO A LIMB. THERE HE WAS
DANGLING 300 FEET ABOVE THE ROCKY CANYON
BELOW. HE LOOKED UP AND SHOUTED, "GOD IF
YOU'RE UP THERE, TELL ME WHAT TO DO."

THEN A BOOMING VOICE CAME OUT OF
NOWHERE, "IF YOU HAVE FAITH, LET GO."

THE FELLOW LOOKED DOWN FOR A MOMENT,
LOOKED UP AGAIN, AND SHOUTED, "IS THERE
ANYONE ELSE UP THERE?"

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, WE'VE GOT MANY
REASONS TO HAVE FAITH IN THE FUTURE.

AND, TODAY, IT IS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
THAT OFFERS YOUNG PEOPLE HOPE FOR A BETTER
FUTURE. BY STICKING TO OUR GUNS WITH
LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS — SOLUTIONS THAT BUILD
A BETTER TOMORROW — WE'VE KEPT FAITH WITH
THE YOUTH OF TODAY.

I LAST MET WITH A T.A.R.S. GROUP HERE
DURING THE FIRST SUMMER OF THIS
ADMINISTRATION. SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE BEEN
IN THAT GROUP. BARBY WELLS WAS THERE.
SHE'S BEEN DOING A TREMENDOUS JOB.

WE WERE STRUGGLING THEN TO OVERCOME THE NEAR ECONOMIC CATASTROPHE LEFT US BY TWO DECADES OF FEDERAL IRRESPONSIBILITY. OUR GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SPENDING LIKE THERE WAS NO TOMORROW. TOMORROW GOT HERE WITH A THUD. WHAT THE POLICIES OF TAX, TAX, SPEND, SPEND GAVE US WAS STAGNATION AND INFLATION. THESE TWIN DEMONS WERE UNDERMINING EVERY YOUNG PERSON'S CHANCE FOR A DECENT LIFE.

ONE THING I'VE LEARNED SINCE GETTING HERE IS THAT IT TAKES TIME TO PUT YOUR PROGRAM IN PLACE, AND THEN IT TAKES TIME FOR IT TO WORK ITS MAGIC. USUALLY THE FIRST 2 YEARS OF ANY PRESIDENCY ARE SPENT EASING AWAY FROM THE POLICIES OF YOUR PREDECESSOR. OF COURSE THERE WERE THOSE BLAMING ME FOR OUR COUNTRY'S ILLS EVEN BEFORE OUR PROGRAM WENT INTO EFFECT.

WELL, WE DIDN'T GIVE IN WHEN THE HEAT WAS ON, AND I'M PROUD TO TELL YOU IT'S WORKING.

THIS COUNTRY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS,
IS ENJOYING SUBSTANTIAL, NONINFLATIONARY
GROWTH.

IN THE AMERICA WE ARE BUILDING, YOU CAN
LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO BUY A HOME.
WITH THE CONDITIONS WE INHERITED, THAT WAS
BECOMING A THING OF THE PAST.

WE ARE BUILDING A VIGOROUS ECONOMIC
EXPANSION THAT IS CREATING ENOUGH NEW JOBS
THAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO HAVE MEANINGFUL
EMPLOYMENT. THE STAGNATION WE INHERITED
LEFT MANY OF OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES WITH
LIMITED OPTIONS AND LITTLE TO LOOK FORWARD
TO.

WE INHERITED A DECLINING ECONOMY.
PRODUCTIVITY WAS DOWN. INVESTMENT WAS DOWN.
REAL WAGES WERE DOWN BUT UNEMPLOYMENT WAS
RISING. WE WERE BEING TOLD WE COULDN'T DO
ANY BETTER.

WE'VE TURNED THOSE GLOOMY FIGURES AROUND AND ALL OF AMERICA'S YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE BETTER OFF BECAUSE OF IT, WITH MORE OPPORTUNITY AND A CHANCE TO LIVE THE KIND OF LIVES THEY DESERVE.

IN THE COMING MONTHS, EACH OF YOU CAN HELP KEEP OUR COUNTRY GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ELECTIONS ARE FOUGHT AND WON BY LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THE FUTURE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THOSE WITH THE ENERGY TO LICK THE STAMPS, MAKE THE PHONE CALLS, DISTRIBUTE THE MATERIAL, SPREAD THE WORD, AND GET THE VOTE OUT. TEENAGE REPUBLICANS HAVE A TREMENDOUS RECORD. YOU CAN AND HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE. CAN WE COUNT ON YOU AGAIN THIS YEAR?

I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU'RE DOING ALREADY, AND I THANK YOU. I KNOW ABOUT YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORT. YOUR EFFORT IS CRITICAL, ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEW VOTERS.

I THINK IF WE GET OUR MESSAGE ACROSS --
A LOT OF THAT DEPENDS ON YOU -- WE CAN CARRY
A MAJORITY OF THE NEWLY REGISTERED YOUNG
VOTERS IN 1984.

I ALSO WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT NANCY AND
I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO CURB DRUG ABUSE
AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE
ARE THREATS TO THEIR WELL-BEING THAT YOUNG
PEOPLE OFTEN DON'T FULLY UNDERSTAND. YOU'RE
DOING SOMEONE A BIG FAVOR, SOMETHING THAT
COULD CHANGE HIS OR HER WHOLE LIFE, IF YOU
HELP THEM KEEP ON THE RIGHT PATH. GETTING
THEM REGISTERED REPUBLICAN WON'T HURT,
EITHER.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS COUNTRY SOMEDAY
WILL BE TOTALLY IN YOUR HANDS. HOW YOU
HANDLE YOUR LIVES -- YOUR HONESTY AND
CHARACTER -- WILL DETERMINE WHAT KIND OF
COUNTRY THIS WILL BE.

HOW ACTIVE YOU ARE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS WILL
DETERMINE IF WE KEEP AMERICA THE DECENT
PLACE OUR FOREFATHERS AND MOTHERS WANTED HER
TO BE. YOUR COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE WILL
KEEP OUR COUNTRY SAFE, FREE, AND AT PEACE.

LOOKING OVER THE CURRENT GENERATION OF
YOUNG PEOPLE, I CAN'T HELP BUT TELL YOU I'VE
NEVER BEEN MORE CONFIDENT. I KNOW YOU'LL
MAKE US PROUD, BECAUSE YOU ALREADY HAVE MADE
US PROUD. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY
AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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(Rohrabacher/BE)

June 15, 1984

4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GREETING TO DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL
TEENAGE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 1984

Welcome to the White House. It is always a pleasure to have a group of energy-filled teenage Republicans over for a visit. Our political process needs your youth ^{& your} creativity. The Republican Party can be proud of the young people all over this country who are coming up through the ranks. I have no doubt that one day you will be the leaders of our party, and you will be the leaders of America.

Sometimes it's not so easy to have faith in the future. There's a story about the fellow who fell off the cliff and half way down grabbed onto a limb. There he was dangling 300 feet above the rocky canyon below. He looked up and shouted, "God if you're up there, tell me what to do."

Then a booming voice came out of nowhere, "If you have faith, let go."

The fellow looked down for a moment, looked up again, and shouted, "Is there anyone else up there?"

Seriously, though, we've got many reasons to have faith in the future.

And, today, it is the Republican Party that offers young people hope for a better future. By sticking to our guns with long-term solutions -- solutions that build a better tomorrow -- we've kept faith with the youth of today.

I last met with a T.A.R.S. group here during the first summer of this Administration. Some of you may have been in that

group. Barby Wells was there. She's been doing a tremendous job. We were struggling then to overcome the near economic catastrophe left us by two decades of Federal irresponsibility. Our Government had been spending like there was no tomorrow. Tomorrow got here with a thud. What the policies of tax, tax, spend, spend gave us was stagnation and inflation. These twin demons were undermining every young person's chance for a decent life.

One thing I've learned since getting here is that it takes time to put your program in place, and then it takes time for it to work its magic. Usually the first 2 years of any Presidency are spent easing away from the policies of your predecessor. Of course there were those blaming me for our country's ills even before our program went into effect.

Well, we didn't give in when the heat was on, and I'm proud to tell you it's working. This country, for the first time in years, is enjoying substantial, noninflationary growth.

In the America we are building, you can look forward to being able to buy a home. With the conditions we inherited, that was becoming a thing of the past.

We are building a vigorous economic expansion that is creating enough new jobs that you can expect to have meaningful employment. The stagnation we inherited left many of our college graduates with limited options and little to look forward to.

We inherited a declining economy. Productivity was down. Investment was down. Real wages were down but unemployment was rising. We were being told we couldn't do any better. We've

turned those gloomy figures around and all of America's young people will be better off because of it, with more opportunity and a chance to live the kind of lives they deserve.

In the coming months, each of you can help keep our country going in the right direction. Elections are fought and won by local organizations all over the country. The future will be determined by those with the energy to lick the stamps, make the phone calls, distribute the material, spread the word, and get the vote out. Teenage Republicans have a tremendous record. You can and have made a difference. Can ^{we} ~~we~~ count on you again this year?

I know how much you're doing already, and I thank you. I know about your voter registration effort. Your effort is critical, especially for the new voters. I think if we get our message across -- a lot of that depends on you -- we can carry a majority of the newly registered young voters in 1984.

I also want you to know that Nancy and I appreciate your efforts to curb drug abuse among young people. Drug and alcohol abuse are threats to their well-being that young people often don't fully understand. You're doing someone a big favor, something that could change his or her whole life, if you help them keep on the right path. Getting them registered Republican won't hurt, either.

What happens to this country someday will be totally in your hands. How you handle your lives -- your honesty and character -- will determine what kind of country this will be. How active you are in community affairs will determine if we

keep America the decent place our forefathers and mothers wanted her to be. Your courage and perseverance will keep our country safe, free, and at peace.

Looking over the current generation of young people, I can't help but tell you I've never been more confident. I know you'll make us proud, because you already have made us proud. Thank you for being here today and God bless you.

(ROHRABACHER)

The President has seen _____

JUNE 18, 1984

PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE OF SRI LANKA
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PRESIDENT (JY-YUH-WAR-DUH-NUH), NANCY
AND I ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU AND
MRS. JAYEWARDENE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

ALTHOUGH OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE ON OPPOSITE
SIDES OF THE GLOBE, WE SHARE A COMMON BOND
IN THE GREAT INSTITUTION OF DEMOCRACY.

SRI LANKA, MR. PRESIDENT, HAS A
REMARKABLE RECORD AMONG NATIONS WHICH WON
THEIR INDEPENDENCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF WORLD
WAR II. YOU'VE HELD ELECTIONS AT REGULAR
INTERVALS. WITH ALMOST EQUAL REGULARITY —
YOUR OWN HARD-FOUGHT REELECTION IN 1982 AS A
NOTABLE EXCEPTION — YOUR PEOPLE, THROUGH
THEIR VOTES, HAVE REMOVED FROM POWER THE
GOVERNING PARTY. IN WHAT DISTINGUISHES
SRI LANKA AS A TRULY DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY,
LOSERS AS WELL AS WINNERS ACCEPT THE VERDICT
OF THE PEOPLE.

THE TRUE WINNERS ARE, OF COURSE, THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA.

I AM TOLD, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT IN YOUR EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON, PICTURES OF EVERY SRI LANKAN HEAD OF GOVERNMENT SINCE INDEPENDENCE — THOSE FROM YOUR OWN PARTY AS WELL AS THE OPPOSITION — ARE RESPECTFULLY DISPLAYED. THIS IS THE KIND OF DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF HUMAN LIBERTY, THE HALLMARK OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES.

UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATING YOUR PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS A PLEASURE FOR US TO HAVE YOU AS OUR GUEST. YOU UNDERScoreD THIS HEARTFELT COMMITMENT DURING YOUR FIRST VISIT HERE IN SEPTEMBER OF 1951, DURING A GATHERING OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONS WHO HAD FOUGHT IN THE PACIFIC WAR. SOME AT THAT SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE INSISTED THAT JAPAN SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN ITS FULL FREEDOM.

THEY ARGUED JAPAN SHOULD REMAIN SHACKLED,
AS A PUNISHMENT FOR ITS ROLE IN WORLD
WAR II. AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SRI LANKA,
YOU SPOKE OUT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM
FOR ALL PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE JAPANESE.

YOU QUOTED BUDDHA, THE GREAT TEACHER, AND
SAID THAT, "HATRED CEASES NOT BY HATRED, BUT
BY LOVE." MR. PRESIDENT, WE SHARE YOUR
DEDICATION TO FREEDOM AND GOOD WILL.

THIS IS MORE THAN POLITICAL THEORY, IT IS A
WAY OF LIFE. THIS SPIRIT MAKES IT NATURAL
THAT OUR TWO NATIONS SHOULD BE FRIENDS.

UNFORTUNATELY, NOT EVERYONE SHARES
THESE VALUES. RECENTLY, WE WERE REMINDED OF
THE MENACE OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO IMPOSE THEIR
WILL BY FORCE AND TERROR. TWO AMERICAN
CITIZENS WERE KIDNAPPED IN SRI LANKA AND
THREATENED WITH DEATH.

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY,
MR. PRESIDENT, TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR
YOUR DILIGENCE AND FOR YOUR RESOLUTE
HANDLING OF THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION.

THE SKILL AND COURAGE YOU DEMONSTRATED
HELPED FREE OUR COUNTRYMEN AND AT THE SAME
TIME PREVENTED THE TERRORISTS FROM ACHIEVING
THEIR GOAL.

DURING THAT TIME OF TENSION, YOU WROTE
TO ME. I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I
APPRECIATED YOU SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS.

"I HOPE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,"
YOU WROTE, "WILL BE ABLE TO ERADICATE
TERRORISM WHICH HAS BECOME A MAJOR CHALLENGE
TO THOSE OF US WHO BELIEVE IN THE DEMOCRATIC
PROCESS."

I SPEAK FOR ALL MY COUNTRYMEN — AND AFTER THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT I RECENTLY ATTENDED IN LONDON, I KNOW THIS SENTIMENT IS SHARED BY THE PEOPLE OF ALL THE DEMOCRACIES — WHEN I SAY THE FREE MEN AND WOMEN OF THIS PLANET WILL NEVER COWER BEFORE TERRORISTS. HUMAN LIBERTY WILL PREVAIL AND CIVILIZATION WILL TRIUMPH OVER THIS COWARDLY FORM OF BARBARISM.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE APPLAUD YOUR DETERMINATION NOT TO YIELD TO TERRORISM IN YOUR OWN COUNTRY, AS WELL AS YOUR EFFORTS TO FIND, THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF COMMUNAL STRIFE.

THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE EXCUSE FOR ANY POLITICAL GROUP TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN SRI LANKA, A COUNTRY WITH A STRONG DEMOCRATIC TRADITION AND PEACEFUL MEANS TO RESOLVE CONFLICT.

AS A NATION OF MANY RACES, RELIGIONS,
AND ETHNIC GROUPS, WE AMERICANS KNOW FROM
EXPERIENCE THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR ALL IN A
DEMOCRACY. DIVIDING YOUR COUNTRY INTO
SEPARATE NATIONS — AS SOME WOULD HAVE YOU
DO — IS NOT THE SOLUTION. INSTEAD OF
SEPARATING PEOPLE, NOW IS THE TIME TO BRING
THEM TOGETHER. IN THE SAME SPIRIT YOU SPOKE
ABOUT IN SAN FRANCISCO THREE DECADES AGO —
OF LOVE NOT HATRED — A UNITED, PROGRESSIVE
SRI LANKA CAN FLOURISH AND LIVE IN PEACE
WITH ITSELF AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN
YOUR SEARCH FOR RECONCILIATION AND A BETTER
LIFE FOR ALL YOUR PEOPLE.

AND THEIR LIVES ARE IMPROVING.

YOUR LEADERSHIP, MR. PRESIDENT, INCREASED
PRODUCTIVITY AND BROUGHT DOWN UNEMPLOYMENT
RATES, AND CREATED EXCITING NEW
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CITIZENS.

SRI LANKA IS AMONG THOSE ENLIGHTENED NATIONS THAT UNDERSTAND INCENTIVES HOLD THE KEY FOR GREATER ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PERSONAL

OPPORTUNITY. I BELIEVE YOUR PEOPLE AND

THEIR CHILDREN WILL REAP REWARDS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, THANKS TO THE BOLD ECONOMIC

STEPS YOU'VE TAKEN. WE ARE PLEASED THAT

AMERICANS ARE PLAYING A PART IN THIS EFFORT.

YOUR ENDEAVORS TO IMPROVE YOUR PEOPLE'S

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING CONTINUES TO HAVE OUR

SOLID SUPPORT.

YOUR COUNTRY HAS VAST POTENTIAL.

MR. PRESIDENT, SRI LANKA IS AN EXAMPLE OF

INDEPENDENT PEOPLE DETERMINING THEIR OWN

DESTINY, AND A COUNTRY WHICH THE UNITED

STATES IS PROUD TO COUNT AMONG ITS FRIENDS.

MR. PRESIDENT AND MRS. JAYEWARDENE,

WELCOME TO AMERICA.

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JUNE 18, 1984

PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE OF SRI LANKA
STATE DINNER TOAST

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. (JY-YUH-WAR-DUH-NUH),
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU
WITH US. SRI LANKAN LEADERS, INCLUDING
YOURSELF, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE BEEN TO OUR
COUNTRY BEFORE. TONIGHT, HOWEVER, IS THE
FIRST TIME A SRI LANKAN CHIEF OF STATE HAS
BEEN AN OFFICIAL GUEST AT THE WHITE HOUSE.
IT IS OUR HONOR TO HAVE YOU WITH US, AND
NANCY AND I HOPE YOUR VISIT WILL BE FOLLOWED
BY MANY MORE.

OUR TALKS THIS MORNING REFLECTED THE
CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WHICH
EXISTS BETWEEN OUR TWO DEMOCRACIES.

WHEN YOUR GOVERNMENT WAS FIRST ELECTED IN
1977, MR. PRESIDENT, AMERICANS WERE EXCITED
BY YOUR BOLD PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU'VE LED YOUR COUNTRY IN A NEW DIRECTION AND, BY DOING SO, YOU'VE CREATED NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR PEOPLE AND EXPANDED THE POTENTIAL OF EVERY SRI LANKAN.

THE ACCELERATED MAHAWELI RIVER PROJECT IS PART OF YOUR EFFORT, AS IS FREEING THE SRI LANKAN ECONOMY FROM THE CONTROLS AND RED TAPE THAT STIFLED PROGRESS AND ECONOMIC EXPANSION. ONE INNOVATION OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ME, MR. PRESIDENT, IS THE CREATION OF A FREE TRADE ZONE.

THIS PRACTICAL APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT WITH ITS OPEN MARKET IS ATTRACTING INVESTMENT AND UNLEASHING THE ENERGY OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR. I HOPE THOSE OVER ON CAPITOL HILL WHO CLAIM ENTERPRISE ZONES WON'T WORK WILL TAKE NOTICE OF THE PROGRESS YOU'VE MADE.

WE IN THE UNITED STATES ARE HAPPY WE'VE
BEEN ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR PROGRESS.
OUR AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS
WORKING WITH YOU IN THE MAHAWELI RIVER
PROGRAM, AND ENCOURAGING SRI LANKA'S PRIVATE
ENTERPRISE SECTOR. WITH THE INCENTIVES
SRI LANKA NOW OFFERS INVESTORS, YOUR COUNTRY
IS ATTRACTING BUSINESS AND CAPTURING THE
ATTENTION OF AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS AND
INVESTORS. I THINK WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO
GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS
AND OUR PEOPLE ON MANY LEVELS.

U.S.-SRI LANKAN COOPERATION COMES IN
MANY FORMS. LAST YEAR THE PEACE CORPS BEGAN
A PROGRAM TO ASSIST IN THE UPGRADING OF
SRI LANKA'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING
SKILLS. TODAY WE SIGNED A SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES AN
UMBRELLA FOR INCREASED COLLABORATION.

AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE EARLY COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A TAX TREATY AND ON A BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATY. ALL THIS REFLECTS THE EXTRAORDINARY RELATIONSHIP WE ARE BUILDING, A RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST AND TRADE THAT WILL BENEFIT BOTH OUR PEOPLES.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE UNDERSTAND SRI LANKA'S CHOICE, AS A SMALL DEVELOPING COUNTRY, TO REMAIN NON-ALIGNED IN MATTERS OF FOREIGN POLICY. WE RESPECT GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT. SRI LANKA CONSISTENTLY HAS BEEN A FORCEFUL VOICE FOR REASON AND MODERATION IN NON-ALIGNED COUNCILS. YOUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN AND KAMPUCHEA HAS SWELLED THE INTERNATIONAL CHORUS CALLING FOR RESTORATION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THESE TWO BRUTALIZED COUNTRIES. WE HOPE SRI LANKA WILL REMAIN A STRONG MORAL FORCE IN WORLD POLITICS.

TODAY, MR. PRESIDENT, WE CAME TO KNOW
ONE ANOTHER BETTER AND TO UNDERSTAND MORE
FULLY OUR OBJECTIVES AND CONCERNS.

YOUR VISIT HAS UNDOUBTEDLY STRENGTHENED THE
BOND BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. AND IT HAS
LAID A BASIS FOR EVEN CLOSER, MORE
COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN SRI LANKA AND
THE UNITED STATES IN THE FUTURE.

AND FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I'D LIKE TO
THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE ELEPHANT, A
MAGNIFICENT PRESENT, YOU GAVE US TODAY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I ASK YOU TO
JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO PRESIDENT AND
MRS. [JY-YUH-WAR-DUH-NUH], AND THE
PROSPERITY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH
SRI LANKA.

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ACCEPTING GIFT OF A BABY ELEPHANT FROM
PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE SRI LANKA

MR. PRESIDENT, I AM EXCEPTIONALLY
PLEASED TO MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF OUR NEW
FRIEND, (JY-YAH-TU). I CAN TELL YOU,
WITHOUT QUALIFICATION, THAT JAYATHU IS THE
BEST LOOKING ELEPHANT I HAVE EVER SEEN HERE
ON THE SOUTH LAWN.

YOUR OWN POLITICAL PARTY IN SRI LANKA,
THE UNITED NATIONAL PARTY, SHARES A COMMON
FEATURE WITH MY OWN REPUBLICAN PARTY:
THE ELEPHANT IS ITS SYMBOL. AND JAYATHU IS
A PERFECT NAME. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT
JAYATHU MEANS "VICTORY." MR. PRESIDENT,
I APPRECIATE YOUR FINE SENSE OF TIMING.

I UNDERSTAND THAT JAYATHU UNTIL NOW HAS
LIVED IN THE BABY ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE IN THE
PLEASANT HILL COUNTRY OF SRI LANKA.
HER SURVIVAL IS TESTIMONY TO THE TRADITIONAL
RESPECT WHICH SRI LANKANS HAVE FOR THEIR
ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE.

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WE AMERICANS ADMIRE YOU AND YOUR
GOVERNMENT'S DEDICATION TO PRESERVE GOD'S
GIFTS OF NATURE.

IN THE UNITED STATES, WE LIKE TO THINK
OF THE ELEPHANT AS AN ANIMAL WITH A GOOD
MEMORY. JAYATHU IS VERY YOUNG, BUT CAN LOOK
FORWARD TO A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE HERE IN
WASHINGTON, WHERE SHE WILL HAVE A HOME IN
OUR NATIONAL ZOO. SHE WILL REMIND ALL WHO
SEE HER OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF
SRI LANKA AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES. I LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING LITTLE
JAYATHU GROW UP.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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