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ANNIVERSARY OF DUCK STAMP PROGRAM

SECRETARY CLARK, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

TODAY WE JOIN IN HONORING THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL
AND POPULAR OF ALL FEDERAL WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS. OFFICIALLY, THE
CENTERPIECE OF THIS PROGRAM IS CALLED THE
MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING AND CONSERVATION
STAMP BUT TO WILDLIFE LOVERS ACROSS THE
COUNTRY, IT'S SIMPLY THE DUCK STAMP.

THE DUCK STAMP WAS THE BRAIN CHILD OF A
FAMOUS IOWAN AND A GREAT AMERICAN,
THE AWARD-WINNING EDITORIAL CARTOONIST AND
CONSERVATIONIST JAY N. DARLING, KNOWN TO ALL
AS "DING." DING WAS ONE OF THE FOREMOST
CONSERVATION FIGURES OF HIS DAY.

AND THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER AS A CARTOONIST,
THAT COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION CAME THROUGH
LOUD AND CLEAR.

The President has seen

SOMETIMES DING DREW A BLEAK PICTURE. BUT HE DID SO FOR A PURPOSE — TO SHAKE HIS FELLOW CITIZENS OUT OF THEIR COMPLACENCY ABOUT OUR RESOURCES. TOO MANY STILL CONSIDERED OUR RESOURCES INEXHAUSTIBLE. DING KNEW DIFFERENT, AND FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, HE MADE THE CONCEPT OF CONSERVATION COME ALIVE.

DING SAW THE GREED AND FOIBLES THAT THREATENED TO WRECK OUR RESOURCES, BUT HE ALSO SAW THE ABIDING GOODNESS IN ONE VERY IMPORTANT SPECIES — HIS FELLOW MAN.

DING WAS CONVINCED THAT AMERICANS WOULD RESPOND TO THE CALL TO HELP OUR WILDLIFE, AND THAT THEIR EFFORTS COULD REVERSE THE SERIOUS DECLINE THAT WAS AFFECTING OUR WILDLIFE AND WATERFOWL. HE WAS RIGHT ON BOTH COUNTS. THE PEOPLE RESPONDED, AND THE WATERFOWL CAME BACK.

MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, IT WAS DING'S IDEA FOR A DUCK STAMP THAT ENABLED THAT CHANGE TO TAKE PLACE. THE DUCK STAMP QUICKLY CAUGHT ON WITH DUCK HUNTERS, CORPORATIONS AND CONSERVATION GROUPS OF ALL KINDS. TO DATE, NEARLY 89 MILLION STAMPS HAVE BEEN SOLD, FOR REVENUES TOTALLING NEARLY \$300 MILLION. AND THOSE REVENUES HAVE BEEN USED TO PURCHASE THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF WETLANDS. ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX OF OUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES HAVE BEEN FUNDED WHOLLY OR IN PART THROUGH THE DUCK STAMP PROGRAM. THESE REFUGES SERVE AS A HAVEN FOR WATERFOWL, PROTECT FISH AND OTHER WILDLIFE, REDUCE FLOODING, AND SERVE AS NATURAL WATER PURIFIERS.

FOR FIVE DECADES, YOU, THE SPORTSMEN AND CONSERVATIONISTS WHO'VE BEEN BUYING DUCK STAMPS, HAVE BEEN GIVING OUR NATION A GIFT OF BEAUTIFUL WETLANDS AND FLOURISHING WILDLIFE.

ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS, I THANK YOU,
AND AS DUCK STAMPS BEGIN THEIR SECOND HALF
CENTURY, I BELIEVE WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE MORE
AND MORE AMERICANS JOIN YOU IN YOUR
TRADITION OF GIVING.

THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU, AND NOW I'D
LIKE TO SIGN THE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE
WEEK OF JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 8 NATIONAL DUCK
STAMP WEEK AND 1984 THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
YEAR OF THE DUCK STAMP.

[Handwritten signature]

The President has seen _____
(Rohrabacher/BE)
June 29, 1984
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: "FIRECRACKER 400" AUTO RACE
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1984

Starting Race from Air Force One

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Ladies and gentlemen, I'm sorry I can't be with you for the beginning of the race, but I'm happy to have this opportunity to help get the main event underway. It was a thrill for me to begin the "Daytona 500" in February. So, this is a double thrill to do the same for the "Pepsi Firecracker 400". I wish all the drivers a safe race and all of you an exciting and fun-filled Fourth of July.

So now all that is left to say is: (with gusto)

GENTLEMEN START YOUR ENGINES!!!!!!

Upon Being Introduced for Radio Interview

OK

It is a great pleasure for me to be here. I sincerely hope everyone all over the country is enjoying the celebration of our country's birthday. Being here is a special treat for me, Ned. Years ago, I was a sportscaster myself. But, Ned, this is a little different from ball games I used to call. Where does the race stand now?

ON STAGE AT AFTERNOON PICNIC

BILL FRANCE JR.

THANK YOU. THIS HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC
FOURTH OF JULY. WITH YOUR SKILL, YOUR
DARING, AND YOUR PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE,
YOU'VE -- (AND I MEAN ALL OF YOU) -- MADE
STOCK CAR RACING A MAJOR AMERICAN SPORT.
EACH OF YOU SHOULD BE PROUD. I WANT TO TAKE
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY A SPECIAL WORD OF
THANKS TO BILL FRANCE ^{SR.} FOR ALL HE'S DONE TO
MAKE THIS SPORT WHAT IT IS TODAY.

BILL, SOME PEOPLE SAY YOU'RE THE GRAND
OLD MAN OF STOCK CAR RACING. ~~BUT THEY TELL~~
~~ME~~ YOU'RE ONLY 74. WHAT DO THEY MEAN, GRAND
"OLD" MAN? / 7 OLD IS ALWAYS 15 YRS OLDER
"U ARE."

SERIOUSLY, BILL, YOU AND BILL
FRANCE JR. HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH AND
YOU'VE ADDED SOME PEPPER TO THE AMERICAN
SPIRIT.

The President has seen

I THINK I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY STOCK CAR RACING IS SO POPULAR. AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS CHERISHED MOBILITY, AND WE GREATLY ADMIRE INNOVATION. BY COMBINING MAN AND MACHINE, STOCK CAR RACING BRINGS OUT THE BEST OF BOTH THESE AMERICAN IMPULSES.

I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT GOES INTO THESE PRECISION MACHINES. IT MAKES YOU REALIZE THAT THE RACE IS WON IN THE GARAGE AS WELL AS ON THE TRACK.

SO, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU WHOSE FINE WORK ON THE COMPETING CARS MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE.

~~RICHARD~~ ^{CALE} YARBOROUGH, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE OTHER DRIVERS FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF SKILL AND COURAGE. THIS RACE PUTS THE DRIVER TO THE TEST. YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP COOL UNDER GREAT PRESSURE. KEEPING COOL SITTING SO CLOSE TO A HOT ENGINE ISN'T SO EASY. YOU NEED INTENSE CONCENTRATION AND STAMINA.

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IT'S AMAZING TO SEE YOU DRIVING BUMPER
TO BUMPER AT SPEEDS UP TO 200 MILES
PER HOUR. I'VE DONE A LITTLE BUMPER TO
BUMPER DRIVING ON THE FREEWAY BACK IN
LOS ANGELES, BUT I WASN'T GOING QUITE THAT
FAST. R. PETTY, YOUR VICTORY IS SOMETHING
FOR WHICH YOU, AND THOSE WHO WORKED WITH
YOU, CAN RIGHTFULLY BE PROUD.

I KNOW HOW YOU ALL FEEL, I'M IN A
LITTLE RACE OF MY OWN THIS YEAR.

SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, THIS IS THE FOURTH
OF JULY. TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR
COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM.
OUR FOUNDING FATHERS GAVE US A WONDERFUL
GIFT 208 YEARS AGO: A FREE COUNTRY, A
COUNTRY WHERE NO ONE NEED LIVE IN FEAR, AND
WHERE EVERYONE CAN SPEAK AND PRAY AND LIVE
AS HE OR SHE SEES FIT.

AS WE COMMEMORATE OUR COUNTRY'S BIRTH AND ITS FREEDOM, I HOPE WE CAN TAKE A MOMENT TO SAY A LITTLE PRAYER IN THANKS FOR THE GREAT BLESSINGS WE ENJOY IN AMERICA.

I'M CERTAIN IF JEFFERSON, ADAMS, AND WASHINGTON WERE WITH US TODAY, THEY'D BE SHARING IN THE FESTIVITIES. IF PATRICK HENRY WERE HERE, FROM WHAT I'VE READ ABOUT HIM, I IMAGINE HE MIGHT EVEN HAVE DRIVEN ONE OF THE CARS IN THIS RACE. THE FOUNDING FATHERS WERE GUTSY AND LET'S NEVER FORGET IT. THESE PATRIOTS AND ALL THE OTHERS RICH AND POOR, OF EVERY RACE AND RELIGION WHO WORKED AND STRUGGLED, AND SOMETIMES FOUGHT AND DIED FOR OUR FREEDOM, ARE WITH US IN SPIRIT TODAY.

THANKS FOR LETTING ME BE WITH YOU,
GOD BLESS YOU. AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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On Stage at Afternoon Picnic

Thank you. This has been a fantastic Fourth of July. With your skill, your daring, and your pursuit of excellence, you've -- and I mean all of you, -- made stock car racing a major American sport. Each of you should be proud. I want to take this opportunity to say a special word of thanks to Bill France for all he's done to make this sport what it is today.

Bill, some people say you're the grand old man of stock car racing. But they tell me you're only 74. What do they mean, grand "old" man?

Seriously, Bill, you and Bill France Jr. have accomplished so much and you've added some pepper to the American spirit.

I think I can understand why stock car racing is so popular. Americans have always cherished mobility, and we greatly admire innovation. By combining man and machine, stock car racing brings out the best of both these American impulses.

I appreciate all the work that goes into these precision machines. It makes you realize that the race is won in the garage as well as on the track. So, congratulations to all of you whose fine work on the competing cars made all this possible.

_____, congratulations to you and the other drivers for a demonstration of skill and courage. This race puts the driver to the test. You've got to keep cool under great pressure. Keeping cool sitting so close to a hot engine isn't so easy. You need intense concentration and stamina.

It's amazing to see you driving bumper to bumper at speeds up to 200 miles per hour. I've ^{DONE A LITTLE} ~~driven~~ bumper to bumper ^{DRIVING} on the freeway back in Los Angeles, but ~~we weren't~~ ^I going quite that fast. _____, your victory is something for which you, and those who worked with you, can rightfully be proud.

^I ~~You~~ know, ^{HOW YOU ALL FEEL} I'm in a little race of my own this year.

Seriously, though, this is the Fourth of July. Today we are celebrating our country's independence and freedom. Our Founding Fathers gave us a wonderful gift 208 years ago: a free country, a country where no one need live in fear, and where everyone can speak and pray and live as he or she sees fit. As we commemorate our country's birth and its freedom, I hope we can take a moment to say a little prayer in thanks for the great blessings we enjoy in America.

I'm certain if Jefferson, Adams, and Washington were with us today, they'd be sharing in the festivities. If Patrick Henry were here, from what I've read about him, I imagine he might even have driven one of the cars in this race. The Founding Fathers were gutsy and let's never forget it. These patriots and all the others -- rich and poor, of every race and religion -- who worked and struggled, and sometimes fought and died for our freedom, are with us in spirit today.

Thanks for letting me be with you. God bless you. And God bless America.

(NOONAN)

JULY 4, 1984
DECATUR, ALABAMA

SPIRIT OF AMERICA RALLY

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THANK YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

WHAT A WONDERFUL FESTIVAL THIS IS.

AND ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE THINGS ABOUT
IT IS THAT YOU BEGAN THIS ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY
CELEBRATION 18 YEARS AGO -- WHEN SOME PEOPLE

SAID PATRIOTISM WAS OUT OF STYLE. WELL I

GUESS HERE IN DECATUR, IT WAS NEVER OUT OF

STYLE. WHEN OTHER PEOPLE WERE BURNING OUR
FLAG YOU WERE WAVING IT. I DON'T KNOW IF A

PRESIDENT EVER THANKED YOU FOR THAT.

BUT PLEASE ACCEPT MY GRATITUDE...AND

ADMIRATION. IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE AND TO SAY

HELLO AGAIN TO SENATOR DENTON AND

CONGRESSMEN EDWARDS AND FLIPPO. AND IT'S

GOOD TO SEE YOUR GOVERNOR, MY FRIEND, GEORGE

WALLACE. YOU KNOW WE WERE GOVERNORS

TOGETHER.

The President has seen

I RECALL ONCE IN LOS ANGELES WHEN I WAS ATTENDING A MEETING IN A HOTEL THERE, AS WE WERE BREAKING UP I WAS TOLD THAT GEORGE WAS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE HOTEL, SO I DROPPED IN TO SEE HIM, HE WAS REPRESENTING YOUR BEST INTERESTS AS HE ALWAYS DOES. HE WAS TELLING A GROUP OF CALIFORNIA BUSINESS EXECUTIVES THE ADVANTAGES OF LEAVING CALIFORNIA AND RELOCATING IN ALABAMA.

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ADMIRAL WHITMIRE ON RECEIVING THE AUDIE MURPHY PATRIOTISM AWARD. I KNEW AUDIE MURPHY. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. HE WAS BURIED, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY, WHERE THERE'S A SIMPLE STONE AT HIS GRAVE. IT SAYS: AUDIE MURPHY...TEXAS. BUT IT COULD SAY "AUDIE MURPHY, AMERICAN" BECAUSE IN ONE OF OUR ROUGHEST HOURS HIS COURAGE AND PLAIN DECENCY CAST A LIGHT ON THE ENTIRE REPUBLIC.

AUDIE MURPHY, IN WORLD WAR II, CLIMBED ON THE TURRET OF A DISABLED TANK ALL ALONE HOLDING OFF AN ENEMY ADVANCE WITH A MACHINE GUN. HE RADIOED FOR ARTILLERY SUPPORT. WHEN THE ARTILLERY COMMANDER ASKED HOW CLOSE THE ENEMY WAS TO HIS POSITION HE SAID, WAIT A MINUTE I'LL LET YOU TALK TO THEM. HE WAS ASKING THAT ARTILLERY FIRE BE DIRECTED AT HIS OWN POSITION.

I'M SO HAPPY TO BE HERE TONIGHT. I DON'T GET TO THE SOUTH OFTEN ENOUGH TO SUIT ME. I ALWAYS FEEL A SPECIAL AFFINITY FOR THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE IN IT. EVEN NOW IN OUR MODERN TIMES, WHEN PEOPLE WHO AREN'T FROM THE SOUTH TALK ABOUT IT, THEY TEND TO DWELL ON THE PHYSICAL BEAUTY OF THE PLACE AND THEY WAX POETIC ABOUT "MOONLIGHT ON THE MAGNOLIAS."

OF COURSE, THE SOUTH IS LOVELY, BUT THERE ARE THOSE --(AND I'M ONE)-- WHO FEEL A SPECIAL AFFECTION FOR ITS PEOPLE.

I RESPECT THE VALUES THAT TOOK ROOT HERE,
AND THE PRIDE THAT IS A PART OF THE SOUTHERN
CHARACTER. I AM DRAWN TO YOUR GOOD SENSE
AND DECENT TRADITIONS, YOUR FIDELITY TO GOD
AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO YOUR REGION.

SOUTHERNERS LOVE OUR COUNTRY AND THEY'RE
VERY PROTECTIVE TOWARD IT. I'VE BEEN
STRUCK, WHEN WATCHING A CLIP OF AN AMERICAN
SOLDIER TALKING TO A REPORTER ON THE
T.V. NEWS, HOW OFTEN THE SOLDIER TALKS WITH
THE LILTING CADENCE OF CHARLESTON/OR MEMPHIS/
OR WINSTON-SALEM OR DECATUR. THE SOUTH WAS
THE HOME OF PATRIOTS IN 1776, WHEN A
SOUTHERNER DREW UP OUR DECLARATION OF
INDEPENDENCE. AND IT'S THE HOME OF PATRIOTS
TODAY, 208 YEARS LATER.

WE ARE HERE TONIGHT AT A GREAT
CELEBRATION, A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE
NATION. WE COME TOGETHER TO HONOR THOSE WHO
INVENTED THIS COUNTRY AND WHO SAW TO IT THAT
IT WOULD ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF HIGH IDEALS.

AND WE CELEBRATE THOSE WHO, IN EACH GENERATION, HAVE PROTECTED THOSE IDEALS AND ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY.

THAT CAUSE IS A SUBJECT OF HIGH SERIOUSNESS — BUT ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS IT'S HARD TO BE SOMBER AND FULL OF DEEP THOUGHTS.

ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS IT'S HARD NOT TO BE HAPPY.

WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

WHEN I WAS IN CHINA RECENTLY I TOLD THE STUDENTS OF A UNIVERSITY IN SHANGHAI ABOUT OUR COUNTRY. I WANTED SO MUCH FOR THEM TO

UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE AS A PEOPLE. I TOLD THEM THAT WE ARE IN MANY WAYS A NATION THAT LOVES TO CONTEND WITH ITSELF — WE LOVE TO ARGUE, AND WE'RE FREE TO ARGUE, AND THAT IS AS IT SHOULD BE. BUT I TOLD THEM THAT WE

ALWAYS MANAGE TO STAY UNITED AROUND CERTAIN THINGS: ➤

OUR CENTRAL BELIEF THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED
EQUAL AND OUR BELIEF THAT DEMOCRACY IS
THE FAIREST AND MOST HONORABLE POLITICAL
SYSTEM YET DEvised BY MAN. THEY SEEMED TO

UNDERSTAND, AND THAT PLEASED ME VERY MUCH.

AND OF COURSE, WHAT I SAID WAS TRUE. WE ARE
GREAT ARGUERS BUT IN SPITE OF ALL OUR
DIFFERENCES WE ARE STILL A UNITED COUNTRY.

WE CELEBRATE THAT UNITY TODAY.

WE CELEBRATE, TOO, THE MIRACLE OF 208 YEARS
OF FREEDOM.

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT A GREAT DEAL
LATELY. WHEN YOU ARE PRESIDENT, WHEN YOU
WORK IN THE OVAL OFFICE, A LOT OF PROBLEMS
CROSS YOUR DESK. YOU'RE REPEATEDLY REMINDED
THAT THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO / SO MANY CAUSES
TO CARE ABOUT AND CARRY FORWARD IN OUR
COUNTRY AND IN THE WORLD. BUT I'LL TELL YOU
WHAT HAS IMPRESSED ME MOST, WHAT I'VE GOTTEN
SUCH A DEEP FEELING OF THE PAST 3-1/2 YEARS.

IT'S THAT WE ARE VERY LUCKY WE ARE TRULY
BLESSED TO LIVE IN THIS TIME AND PLACE.

SO MANY PEOPLE RUN AROUND AND SURVEY
THE MODERN LANDSCAPE AND SEE THE PROBLEMS OF
MANKIND AND THEY SAY, "IT'S SUCH A TROUBLED
WORLD." WE HEAR PEOPLE SAY THAT THIS IS A
TERRIBLE CENTURY, THAT WE LIVE IN AN
INCREASINGLY TOTALITARIAN AGE
THAT FREEDOM IS DEAD, OR AN ILLUSION TO
BEGIN WITH, THAT MAN IS JUST THE POWERLESS
VICTIM OF HISTORICAL FORCES, THAT HISTORY IS
SOMETHING BEYOND OUR WILL, SOMETHING WE
CAN'T AFFECT. THE COUNSEL OF THESE SOUR
SOULS WOULD SEEM TO BE, MANKIND HAS HAD IT,
AND WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST GIVE UP.

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU, THEY AREN'T
TALKING ABOUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I KNOW.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO BE ALIVE.
THERE ARE SO MANY CHALLENGES BEFORE US.

AND WE'RE SO LUCKY BECAUSE AS A PEOPLE WE
STILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PATRIOTS,
AND AS A NATION WE STILL STAND FOR
SOMETHING. LOOK AT THE CHALLENGES OF OUR
TIME. GOD HAS GRANTED US THE CHALLENGE TO
CHANGE OUR OWN COUNTRY AND MAKE IT BETTER BY
MOVING IT CLOSER TO THE INTENTIONS OF THE
MEN WHO INVENTED IT. WE HAVE THE CHALLENGE
TO MAKE AMERICA EVEN MORE FREE THAN SHE
IS TO ENSURE GREATER FREEDOM IN THE
MARKETPLACE, WHERE OUR BOLDNESS, POWER, AND
GENIUS CAN BLOOM. WE MUST WORK FOR GREATER
FREEDOM FOR YOU SO THAT YOU CAN BENEFIT
FROM YOUR LABORS, AND SO THAT YOUR EARNINGS
WILL REMAIN WHERE THEY BELONG: IN YOUR
POCKETBOOKS, FOR YOUR FAMILIES, AND IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOODS. WE HAVE THE POWER AND THE
CHALLENGE TO EXPAND FREEDOM IN ALL AREAS OF
LIFE FREEDOM OF INQUIRY AND THOUGHT,
FREEDOM FOR THE PRACTICE OF RELIGION
FREEDOM IN COMMERCE.

OURS IS THE CHALLENGE TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE FAMILY — THE CHALLENGE TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE SMALLEST UNIT OF GOVERNMENT, THE TOWN, WHERE THE EXPRESSION OF THE PUBLIC WILL IS MOST DIRECTLY FELT. OURS IS THE CHALLENGE TO SEE TO IT THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE FAMILY AND THE TOWN AND ^{Yes OUR} ~~THE~~ CHURCH CAN FLOURISH AND ARE PROTECTED.

AND OURS IS THE CHALLENGE TO STAND FOR FREEDOM IN THE WORLD. WE SEE THE GULAGS AND THE PRISONS — THOSE PLACES WHERE MAN IS NOT FREE TO DO WORK OF HIS CHOOSING AND PROFIT FROM HIS LABORS — PLACES WHERE THE FREEDOM TO WORSHIP GOD HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED AND WHERE SOULS HAVE WITHERED. BUT WE ARE BLESSED BY GOD WITH THE RIGHT TO SAY OF OUR COUNTRY — THIS IS WHERE FREEDOM IS. THIS IS THE LAND OF LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES. MY FRIENDS THIS IS NOT JUST RHETORIC; THIS IS REAL.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WE STAND AS A
BEACON. AMERICA IS TODAY WHAT IT WAS TWO
CENTURIES AGO — A PLACE THAT DREAMERS DREAM
OF.

IT IS NOT SO OF OTHER PLACES, OTHER
SYSTEMS.

CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU HEARD
OF A WEST BERLINER JUMPING OVER THE WALL TO
GET INTO EAST BERLIN? CAN YOU THINK OF A
TIME WHEN SOMEONE RODE A ^{HOME MADE} BALLOON FROM
WESTERN EUROPE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA? OR WHEN
SOMEONE TOOK A LEAKY FISHING TRAWLER ON A
DEATH-DEFYING JOURNEY TO ENJOY THE FREEDOM
OF HAVANA, CUBA? CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME
WHEN ANY FAMILY THIRSTING FOR OPPORTUNITY
LEFT A DEMOCRACY TO LIVE IN A COUNTRY THAT
WAS NOT FREE?

THE TRUTH IS THE TOTALITARIAN WORLD IS
A TIRED PLACE, HELD DOWN BY A GRAVITY OF ITS
OWN DEVISING. BUT AMERICA IS A ROCKET
PUSHING UPWARD TO THE STARS.

OTHER COUNTRIES SEE OUR ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND SEEK TO EMULATE IT. MORE AND MORE THE WORLD IS REAWAKENING TO THE FACT THAT FREEDOM IS BETTER THAN TYRANNY, THAT DEMOCRACY IS BETTER THAN THE IRON FIST OF DICTATORS, THAT FREEDOM IS THE ONE CONDITION IN WHICH MAN CAN FLOURISH, AND MAN WAS MEANT TO FLOURISH, MEANT TO BE FREE, THAT IS WHY WE WERE CREATED, THAT IS WHY IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT DEMOCRACY IS JUST A POLITICAL READING OF THE BIBLE.

THE WORLD HAS FLIRTED WITH SYSTEMS OTHER THAN DEMOCRACY. FOR A WHILE THEY WERE IN VOGUE. THERE WERE THOSE WHO SAID OUR PROBLEMS ARE INTRACTIBLE AND WE NEED HUGE GOVERNMENT TO TELL US WHAT TO DO. FOR A WHILE THE DOCTRINE OF MARX AND LENIN SEEMED SOMETHING NEW AND REVOLUTIONARY, ALL FOR A WHILE... BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED, MAN HAS MOVED ON.

AND MORE AND MORE WE CAN SEE THAT THE TIDE
OF THE FUTURE IS A FREEDOM TIDE.

MAN STILL THIRSTS FOR FREEDOM.

AND WHEREVER THE PERSECUTED FIGHT FOR
FREEDOM OUR SOULS AND OUR SPIRITS ARE WITH
THEM. WE ARE WITH THE TRADE UNIONIST IN
CRACOW MARCHING BEHIND A CRUCIFIX WE ARE
WITH THE AFGHAN REBEL FIGHTING THE TANKS
WITH AN UNDYING, ANCESTRAL WILL WE ARE
WITH THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA WHO
STRUGGLE EACH DAY FOR LIBERTY.

IN SPITE OF DECADES OF TROUBLES, AND
SOMETIMES SELF-DOUBT, LOOK ACROSS THE WORLD.
FOR THE PERSECUTED AND PUNISHED --(FOR THOSE
WHO YEARN TO BE FREE)-- FOR THOSE WHO FIGHT
FOR THE RIGHT TO WORSHIP, / TO SPEAK FREELY, /
TO WRITE WHAT THEY WANT, / TO ENJOY THE
FREEDOM GOD MEANT US TO HAVE / -- FOR ALL
THOSE PEOPLE AMERICA IS NOT JUST A WORD / IT
IS A HOPE, A TORCH SHEDDING LIGHT.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THE PERSECUTED HEAR THE
WORD "AMERICA," AND IN THAT SOUND THEY CAN
HEAR THE SUN RISE -- HEAR THE RIVERS RUSH --
HEAR THE COLD SWIFT AIR AT THE TOP OF THE
PEAK. THEY CAN HEAR FREEDOM.

IT WAS SO 208 YEARS AGO, IT IS SO
TODAY.

MY FRIENDS WE ARE SO LUCKY, WE HAVE
BEEN GRANTED THE RIGHT TO STAND FOR
SOMETHING. SO MUCH OF OUR GREATNESS IS
BEHIND US. SO MUCH OF OUR GREATNESS IS
BEFORE US. IT IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO BE
ALIVE.

I THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU, AND MAY HE
CONTINUE TO BLESS THE NATION HE HAS SHOWERED
WITH HIS LOVE FOR MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES.

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1984 JUL -2 PM 12:46

(Noonan/BE)
July 2, 1984
12:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SPIRIT OF AMERICA RALLY
DECATUR, ALABAMA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 1984

Thank you ladies and gentlemen.

What a wonderful festival this is. And one of the most impressive things about it is that you began this annual 4th of July celebration 18 years ago -- when some people said patriotism was out of style. ^{WELL I GUESS} Here in Decatur, it was never out of style.

~~and~~ When other people were burning our flag you were waving it. I don't know if a President ever thanked you for that. But please accept my gratitude . . . and admiration. It's good to be

here and to say hello again to Senator Denton, and Congressmen Dickenson and Edwards. And it's good to see ^{YOUR} Governor, ^{MY FRIEND} George

Wallace ^{{ YOU KNOW WE WERE GOV'S TOGETHER. I RECALL ONCE IN LOS ANGELES WHEN I WAS ATTENDING A MEETING IN A HOTEL THERE, AS WE WERE BREAKING UP I WAS TOLD THAT GEORGE WAS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE HOTEL SO I DROPPED IN TO SEE HIM. HE WAS REPRESENTING YOUR BEST INTERESTS AS HE ALWAYS DOES. HE WAS TELLING A GROUP OF CALIF. BUS EXEC'S. THE ADVANTAGES}
I want to congratulate Admiral Whitmire on receiving the

Audie Murphy Award. I knew Audie Murphy. He was a good man. He was buried, as many of you know, in Arlington Cemetery, where there's a simple stone at his grave. It says: "Audie Murphy, Texas." But it could say "Audie Murphy, American" because in one of our roughest hours his courage and plain decency cast a light

on the entire Republic. ^{{ AUDIE MURPHY IN W.W. II STAYED IN THE TURRET OF A DISABLED TANK ALL ALONE HOLDING OFF AN ENEMY ADVANCE WITH A MACHING GUN. HE RAN FOR ARTILLERY SUPPORT. WHEN THE ARTILLERY COMMANDER ASKED HOW CLOSE THE ENEMY WAS TO HIS POSITION HE SAID WAIT A MINUTE I'LL LET YOU TALK TO THEM. HE WAS ASKING THAT ARTILLERY FIRE BE DIRECTED}
I'm so happy to be here tonight. I don't get to the South

often enough to suit me. I always feel a special affinity for this part of the country and the people in it. Even now in our modern times, when people who aren't from the South, ~~but who love~~ ~~it~~, talk about it, they tend to dwell on the physical beauty of

OF SERVICE WITH THE ARMY
OF HIS OWN POSITION.

the place -- and they wax poetic about "moonlight on the magnolias."

~~And~~, Of course, the South is lovely, but ^{THERE ARE THOSE -- AND IN ONE -- WHO} ~~when I say I love~~
~~the South I mean I~~ feel a special affection for its people. I
respect the values that took root here, and the pride that is a
part of the Southern character. I am drawn to your good sense
and decent traditions, your fidelity to God and your faithfulness
to your region. Southerners love our country and they're very
protective toward it. ^{I've} ~~I wonder if you have~~ been struck, ^{WHEN WATCHING} ~~and I~~
~~have, that when you watch the news, and there's~~ a clip of an
American soldier talking to a reporter . . . ^{ON THE TV NEWS, HOW} ~~that so~~ often the
soldier ^{TALKS WITH THE} ~~is a Southern boy, talking with the soft and~~ lilting
cadence of Charleston or Memphis or Winston-Salem or Decatur.
The South was the home of patriots in 1776, when a Southerner
drew up our Declaration of Independence . . . and it's the home
of patriots today, 208 years later.

We are here tonight at a great celebration, a birthday party
for the Nation. We come together to honor those who invented
this country and who saw to it that it would always be a place of
high ideals. And we celebrate those who, in each generation,
have protected those ideals and advanced the cause of democracy.

That cause is a subject of high seriousness -- but on a
night like this it's hard to be somber and full of deep thoughts.
On a night like this it's hard not to be happy.

We have so much to be thankful for. When I was in China
recently I ^{told} ~~addressed~~ the students of a university in Shanghai,
~~and I told them~~ about our country. I wanted so much for them to

understand who we are as a people. ~~And~~ I told them that we are in many ways a Nation that loves to contend with itself -- we love to argue, and we're free to argue, and that is as it should be. But I told them that we always manage to stay united around certain things: our central belief that all men are created equal -- and our belief that democracy is the fairest and most honorable political system yet devised by man. They seemed to understand, and that pleased me very much. And of course, what I said was true: We are great arguers, but in spite of all our differences we are still a united country. We celebrate that unity today. We celebrate, too, the miracle of 208 years of freedom.

I want to talk to you about something I've been thinking about a great deal lately. When you are President, when you work in the Oval Office, a lot of problems cross your desk. You're repeatedly reminded that there's so much to do, so many causes to care about and carry forward in our country and in the world. But I'll tell you what has impressed me most, what I've gotten such a deep feeling of the past 3-1/2 years. It's that we are very lucky -- we are truly blessed -- to live in this time and place.

So many people run around and survey the modern landscape and see the problems of mankind and they say, "It's such a troubled world." We hear people say that this is a terrible century, that we live in an increasingly totalitarian age -- that freedom is dead, or an illusion to begin with, that man is just the powerless victim of historical forces, that history is

something beyond our will, something we can't affect. The counsel of these sour souls would seem to be: Mankind has had it, and we might as well just give up.

Well, let me tell you: ^{THEY AREN'T TALKING ABOUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I KNOW.} ~~That is such a lot of bunk.~~

This is a wonderful time to be alive. There are so many challenges before us. And we're so lucky because as a people we still have the opportunity to be patriots, and as a Nation we still stand for something. Look at the challenges of our time. God has granted us the challenge to change our own country and make it better by moving it closer to the intentions of the men who invented it. We have the challenge to make America even more free than she is -- to ensure greater freedom in the marketplace, where our boldness, power, and genius can bloom. We must work for greater freedom for you, ~~our working men and women~~ -- so that you can benefit from your labors, and so that your earnings will remain where they belong: in your pocketbooks, for your families, and in your neighborhoods. We have the power and the challenge to expand freedom in all areas of life -- freedom of inquiry and thought, freedom for the practice of religion, freedom in commerce.

Ours is the challenge to advance the interests of the family -- ~~ours~~ is the challenge to protect the interests of the smallest unit of government, the town, where the expression of the public will is most directly felt. Ours is the challenge to see to it that the interests of the family and the town and the church can flourish and are protected.

And ours is the challenge to stand for freedom in the world. We see the gulags and the prisons -- ~~we see~~ those places where man is not free to do work of his choosing and profit from his labors -- ~~we see~~ places where the freedom to worship God has been extinguished -- ~~we see~~ ^{AND} places where souls have withered. But we are blessed by God with the right to say of our country: This is where freedom is. This is the land of limitless possibilities. My friends this is not ^{JUST} rhetoric; this is real.

Throughout the world we stand as a beacon. America is today what it was two centuries ago -- a place that dreamers dream of.

It is not so of other places, other systems.

Can you think of a time when you heard of a West Berliner jumping over the wall to ^(GET INTO) East Berlin? Can you think of a time when someone rode a balloon from Western Europe to Czechoslovakia? ~~Can you think of a time~~ ^{OR} when someone took a leaky fishing trawler on a death-defying journey to ^{ENJOY THE} ~~win~~ freedom ^{OF} Havana ^{CUBA?} Can you think of a time when any family thirsting for opportunity left a democracy to live in a country that was not free?

The truth is the totalitarian world is a tired place, held down by a gravity of its own devising. But America is a rocket pushing upward to the stars. Other countries see our entrepreneurial spirit and seek to emulate it. More and more the world is reawakening to the fact that freedom is better than tyranny; that democracy is better than the iron fist of dictators; that freedom is the one condition in which man can flourish. And man was meant to flourish, ~~and man was~~ meant to be

free. That is why we were created. That is why it has been said that democracy is just a political reading of the Bible.

The world has flirted with systems other than democracy. For a while they were in vogue. There were those who said our problems are intractable and we need huge government to tell us what to do. For a while the doctrine of Marx and Lenin seemed something new and revolutionary. All for a while . . . But times have changed. Man has moved on. And more and more we can see that the tide of the future is a freedom tide.

Man still thirsts for freedom. And wherever the persecuted fight for freedom our souls and our spirits are with them. We are with the trade unionist in Cracow marching behind a crucifix -- we are with the Afghan rebel fighting the tanks with an undying, ancestral will -- we are with the people of Central America who struggle each day for liberty.

In spite of decades of troubles, and sometimes self-doubt, look across the world. For the persecuted and punished -- for those who yearn to be free -- for those who fight for the right to worship, to speak freely, to write what they want, to enjoy the freedom God meant us to have -- for all those people America is not just a word, it is a hope, ~~It is~~ a torch shedding light. Throughout the world the persecuted hear the word "America," and in that sound they can hear the sun rise -- ~~they can~~ hear the rivers rush -- ~~they can~~ hear the cold swift air at the top of the peak. They can hear freedom.

It was so 208 years ago. It is so today.

My friends we are so lucky; we have been granted the right to stand for something. So much of our greatness is behind us. So much of our greatness is before us. It is a wonderful time to be alive.

I thank you. God bless you, and may He continue to bless the Nation He has showered with His love for more than two centuries.

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THANK YOU ROGER / GOVERNOR BLANCHARD,
JIM McDONALD / LES RICHARDS / LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN, / YESTERDAY WE CELEBRATED
INDEPENDENCE DAY, WHEN ALL AMERICANS COME
TOGETHER AND WITH GOOD CHEER AND REVELRY
COMMEMORATE OUR FREEDOM. / TODAY WE HERALD
ANOTHER STEP FORWARD THAT WILL HELP ENSURE
THAT AMERICA REMAINS THE FREE AND PROSPEROUS
LAND THAT GOD INTENDED IT TO BE.

I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT WITH FREEDOM,
HARD WORK / AND THE PROFIT MOTIVE / THERE'S
NOTHING AMERICANS CAN'T DO. / WELL, THIS
PLANT REPRESENTS THE "CAN DO" SPIRIT FOR
WHICH YOUR INDUSTRY AND AMERICA HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN KNOWN.

IT TOOK GREAT COURAGE FOR ALL OF YOU TO
MAKE THIS KIND OF INVESTMENT.

The President has seen _____

IN A TIME OF GREAT UNCERTAINTY, G.M. PROVED THAT THEY HAD FAITH IN OUR COUNTRY AND FAITH IN OUR COUNTRY'S ECONOMY. SINCE 1979, MORE THAN \$50 BILLION HAS BEEN SPENT BY YOUR INDUSTRY SCRAPPING OLD PLANTS / BUILDING NEW ONES / DEVELOPING TECHNOLOGY / AND RETRAINING EMPLOYEES. OVER \$23 BILLION OF THAT WAS SPENT BY GENERAL MOTORS RIGHT HERE IN AMERICA.

PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER, WHO DEDICATED THE G.M. TECH CENTER WHICH I JUST VISITED, ONCE SAID, "THE FUTURE WILL BELONG, NOT TO THE FAINT-HEARTED, BUT TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN IT AND PREPARE FOR IT." YOU ARE PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE -- (FOR A BETTER FUTURE) -- AND SO LET OUR COMPETITORS TAKE NOTE TODAY: THE AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY IS BACK -- BACK WITH PRIDE / BACK WITH TEAMWORK / AND BACK WITH PERFORMANCE THAT CAN AND WILL MAKE US NUMBER ONE. THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

THIS PLANT IS A RESULT OF THE BOLD
LEADERSHIP OF YOUR INDUSTRY AND AN ADMIRABLE
COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF AMERICA,

I THINK YOUR PLANT SYMBOLIZES A NEW
SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN MANAGEMENT AND
LABOR. THAT COOPERATION REFLECTS THE
DETERMINATION OF THIS INDUSTRY NOT JUST TO
SURVIVE, BUT TO TRIUMPH. AND WE KNOW THAT
THE U.A.W. PUT ITS FULL SUPPORT BEHIND THIS
ENDEAVOR.

KEEPING FAITH WITH THAT GOOD WILL, I
UNDERSTAND THAT G.M. CHOSE THIS SITE OVER
THREE LESS COSTLY LOCATIONS, PERMITTING THEM
TO PUT LAID OFF G.M. EMPLOYEES BACK TO WORK.
YOU'RE SHOWING JUST HOW MUCH CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED WHEN MANAGEMENT AND LABOR SPEAK
WITH EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF AT EACH OTHER,
WHEN MANAGEMENT AND LABOR WORK TOGETHER
INSTEAD OF AGAINST EACH OTHER.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO CONGRATULATE THE U.A.W. AND THE ENTIRE
AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT. DURING THESE LAST
FEW YEARS OF SEVERE ECONOMIC STRESS,
ORGANIZED LABOR HAS PLAYED A RESPONSIBLE AND
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN REBUILDING AMERICAN
INDUSTRY.

YOU'VE DEMONSTRATED, WHEN THE CHIPS ARE
DOWN, WHAT PEOPLE CAN ACCOMPLISH WORKING
TOGETHER FREELY, RATHER THAN AT THE DICTATES
OF SOME CENTRAL PLANNER OR BUREAUCRATIC
MANDATE. I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THE LAST THING
YOUR INDUSTRY NEEDS IS THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT BRINGING IN OUTSIDERS TO TELL YOU
HOW TO RUN YOUR BUSINESS AND HOW MUCH TO PAY
YOUR WORKERS.

AND LET ME JUST SHARE WITH YOU A
CONVICTION I FEEL DEEP IN MY BONES:

IF WE AMERICANS KEEP WORKING TOGETHER TO
IMPROVE QUALITY / KEEP INVESTING IN AMERICA'S
TECHNOLOGY TO BECOME MORE PRODUCTIVE AND
HOLD DOWN COSTS / THEN, YES, WE CAN
OUT-COMPETE, / OUT-PERFORM, / AND OUT-SELL / THE
PANTS OFF ANYBODY, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

EARLIER TODAY, I WAS AT THE TECH CENTER
TAKING A LOOK AT YOUR SATURN PROJECT. THE
ENERGY AND CREATIVITY OUT THERE CONFIRM MY
BELIEF THAT MANKIND IS ON THE EDGE OF A NEW
ERA OF OPPORTUNITY AND PROGRESS. PUTTING
TECHNOLOGY TO WORK FOR US -- (WHICH IS WHAT
YOUR SATURN PROJECT IS ALL ABOUT) -- WILL
ENSURE THAT WHEN THE FUTURE GETS HERE,
AMERICANS WILL BE LEADING THE WAY. SPACE
AGE TECHNOLOGY IS BEING PUT TO USE TO MAKE
CERTAIN AMERICA REMAINS ON THE CUTTING EDGE
OF PROGRESS, NEW PRODUCTS, AND NEW JOBS.

THE CONFIDENCE AND POSITIVE OUTLOOK EVIDENCED HERE TODAY IS THE KIND OF OPTIMISM AND PRIDE IN OUR WAY OF LIFE CROPPING UP IN CITIES AND TOWNS IN EVERY PART OF OUR COUNTRY.

IT IS A FAR CRY FROM THE GLOOM AND DOOM OF JUST 4 YEARS AGO. SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO REMEMBER THAT ONLY A SHORT TIME AGO PEOPLE WERE COUNTING AMERICA OUT / CLAIMING WE WERE A NATION IN DECLINE / THAT OUR BEST DAYS WERE BEHIND US.

INFLATION WAS RUNNING IN DOUBLE DIGITS, ROBBING WORKING PEOPLE AND THE ELDERLY OF THE VALUE OF THEIR SAVINGS. ECONOMIC STAGNATION WAS THROWING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE OUT OF WORK AND DESTROYING ANY CHANCE FOR THE POOR TO BETTER THEIR LOT.

THE AUTO INDUSTRY, LIKE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, WAS ON THE EDGE OF A CATASTROPHE. IN 1980 ALONE, THE "BIG THREE" LOST \$4 BILLION.

THEN CAME THE RECESSION, THE CULMINATION OF YEARS OF TOO MUCH TAXING, SPENDING, AND REGULATING BY THOSE WHO CLAIMED THEY COULD SPEND YOUR EARNINGS BETTER THAN YOU COULD.

WE WERE DETERMINED TO CHART A NEW DIRECTION FOR AMERICA, AND I KNOW IT HASN'T BEEN EASY, THE RECESSION WAS DEEPER AND LONGER THAN PREDICTED.

BUT THESE PROBLEMS HAD BEEN BUILDING UP FOR 20 YEARS. WE WERE DETERMINED TO FIND A REAL ECONOMIC CURE, NOT JUST RESORT, (AS THEY HAD SO OFTEN IN THE PAST,) TO ANOTHER POLITICAL QUICK FIX. THERE HAVE BEEN EIGHT RECESSIONS SINCE WORLD WAR II AND SEVEN OF THOSE WERE TREATED WITH QUICK FIXES.

THERE'S NO COMPASSION IN SNAKE OIL CURES.

WE WEATHERED THAT STORM TOGETHER, AND NOW THE SUN IS SHINING ON A STRONG ECONOMY, AND ON AN AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY THAT IS MOVING FORWARD AGAIN.

WE WENT TO WORK TO GET CONTROL OF FEDERAL SPENDING THAT HAD BEEN INCREASING 17 PERCENT PER YEAR. WE'VE CUT THAT IN HALF.

TAXES HAD MORE THAN DOUBLED JUST BETWEEN 1975 AND 1981, LEAVING WORKING PEOPLE PAYING TAXES AT RATES THAT ONLY A SHORT TIME BEFORE HAD BEEN RESERVED FOR THE WELL-TO-DO. THIS EVER-INCREASING TAX LOAD WAS DRAINING MONEY FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT COULD HAVE BEEN SPENT BUYING NEW CARS OR INVESTING IN NEW PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT.

WITH A 25-PERCENT, ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUT IN THE TAX RATES, WE'VE PREVENTED THE PEOPLE FROM BEING MAULED BY TAX INCREASES AND WE'VE INDEXED THE RATES SO ORDINARY PEOPLE WON'T BE PUSHED BY INFLATION INTO HIGHER AND HIGHER TAX BRACKETS.

WE IMMEDIATELY MOVED TO REDUCE THE REGULATORY BURDEN, WHICH BOUND THE HANDS OF OUR MOST PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS WITH FEDERAL RED TAPE. I'M PROUD TO SAY WE MADE A SPECIAL EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE AUTO INDUSTRY, SAVING YOU HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AT A TIME WHEN EVERY DOLLAR COUNTED.

IT TOOK TIME TO PUT OUR PROGRAM IN PLACE AND TIME TO TAKE EFFECT. THE SAME WAS TRUE FOR ALL THE AUTO INDUSTRY. AND I SALUTE ALL OF YOU WHO KEPT YOUR FAITH WHEN THINGS WERE ESPECIALLY TOUGH ~~AND~~ AND I KNOW THEY WERE TOUGH. BUT BY WORKING TOGETHER, AND BY BELIEVING IN EACH OTHER, WE'VE TURNED THAT SITUATION AROUND.

IN THE LAST 19 MONTHS, WE'VE ENJOYED ECONOMIC EXPANSION EVEN BEYOND OUR OWN EXPECTATIONS. IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, THE ECONOMY GREW AT THE ASTOUNDING RATE OF 9.7 PERCENT. SECOND QUARTER GROWTH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SOLID.

AND INFLATION RAN AT ONLY 3.6 PERCENT IN THESE LAST 3 MONTHS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A DECADE, WE'RE ENJOYING A STRONG ECONOMY / FALLING UNEMPLOYMENT / AND LOW INFLATION ALL AT THE SAME TIME -- AND WE'RE DETERMINED TO KEEP THEM THAT WAY.

THOSE SELLING THE OLD, NO-WIN NOTION THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE GROWTH WITHOUT HIGH INFLATION HAVE BEEN PROVEN WRONG. THEY WERE WRONG WHEN THEY SAID INFLATION AND INTEREST RATES COULDN'T COME DOWN, WRONG WHEN THEY SAID RECOVERY WOULDN'T COME, WRONG WHEN THEY SAID THE EXPANSION COULDN'T LAST -- AND I THINK IF THEY KEEP RUNNING DOWN AMERICA THEY'LL BE WRONG AGAIN, AND AGAIN, AND AGAIN.

WHAT WE ARE SEEING IS THAT THINGS ARE GETTING BETTER. ACROSS AMERICA, BUSINESSES ARE SHOWING A PROFIT / LAID-OFF WORKERS ARE BEING REHIRED, / AND NEW EMPLOYEES ARE BEING BROUGHT ON BOARD.

OVER 6 MILLION NEW JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS. EUROPE CALLS THIS "THE AMERICAN MIRACLE."

LAST YEAR, THE AUTO INDUSTRY HAD A GOOD YEAR. GENERAL MOTORS HAS BEEN REOPENING PLANTS AND PUTTING ON SECOND SHIFTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. I'M TOLD THAT IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS, YOU'VE BROUGHT 90,000 MEN AND WOMEN BACK ONTO THE PAYROLL.

AND THIS EXPANSION ISN'T JUST CONFINED TO BIG BUSINESS. OVER 600,000 NEW BUSINESSES WERE INCORPORATED LAST YEAR. MOST OF THESE WERE SMALL BUSINESSES.

JOHN NAISBITT, FUTURIST AND AUTHOR OF "MEGATRENDS," SAID EARLIER THIS YEAR THAT, 1984 HAS ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO WITNESS AN EXPLOSION OF BOTTOM-UP ENTREPRENEURIALISM AND THE DAWN OF AN ERA THAT MAY OFFER OUR BEST HOPE YET...

WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE CONFIDENT,
OUR COUNTRY HAS RECAPTURED THE PRIDE AND
COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT WAS FOR SO LONG AN
ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR NATIONAL CHARACTER,
YOU FOLKS HERE AT G.M. HAVE MUCH OF WHICH TO
BE PROUD ON THIS ACCOUNT. YOU NOT ONLY
BUILD CARS, YOU ARE MAKING THIS COUNTRY THE
DECENT PLACE WE WANT IT TO BE. (OAR-EE-UN)
EMPLOYEES ALONE DONATED ALMOST \$86,000 TO
THE UNITED WAY LAST YEAR. YOU ALSO GAVE
YOUR WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT THESE LAST
2 YEARS TO THE G.M./U.A.W. CHRISTMAS CARE
AND SHARE PROGRAM, FEEDING THE NEEDY THROUGH
DONATIONS OF CANNED FOODSTUFFS AND CASH.

ORION EMPLOYEES SERVE ON THE BOARDS OF
MANY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE
Y.M.C.A./THE PONTIAC URBAN LEAGUE AND THE
UNITED WAY. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO
CONGRATULATE MICHELLE ROBERTS, PRODUCTION
TECHNICIAN IN TAIL LIGHT ASSEMBLY.

SHE WORKS TIRELESSLY FOR THE UNITED WAY AND ALSO RECRUITS VOLUNTEERS FROM YOUR RANKS FOR WORTHY COMMUNITY PROJECTS. MS. ROBERTS' CITIZENSHIP IS AN EXAMPLE TO US ALL.

AND HERMAN LAFAYETTE, HE HAS HELPED OVER 1,000 YOUNG ADULTS IN THE JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM. HE'S ALSO WORKED AS A COUNSELOR AT A LOCAL HALFWAY HOUSE FOR FORMER PRISONERS.

YOUR COMPANY DESERVES SOME RECOGNITION ON THIS ACCOUNT. G.M.'S ANNUAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IS THE KIND OF PROGRAM OF WHICH ANY CORPORATION SHOULD BE PROUD. IT HIGHLIGHTS THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF EMPLOYEES LIKE KENNETH (MALE), WHO IS A CITY COUNCILMAN OF WESTLAND, AND WALLACE HOLLAND, A FORMER G.M. EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOW THE MAYOR OF PONTIAC.

I THINK AMERICANS -- ALL OF US -- HAVE
COME TO A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE VALUES
THAT BIND US TOGETHER. WE'RE SEEING A NEW
RESPECT FOR FAMILY AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS FASHIONABLE TO CLAIM
THAT GOD IS DEAD? WELL, TODAY I THINK WE'RE
SEEING THAT HE IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE
HEARTS OF OUR PEOPLE AND WE'RE GRATEFUL
TO HIM FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS HE HAS
SHOWERED UPON US.

WE'RE REDEDICATING OURSELVES TO THE
VALUES THAT DEFINE OUR CHARACTER, THAT MAKE
US A GOOD AND WORTHY PEOPLE, AND THAT CAN
AND WILL KEEP AMERICA STRONG AND SECURE AND
FREE.

OUR FOREFATHERS LEFT US A WONDEROUS
LAND OF LIBERTY. NOW IT IS UP TO US. THIS
DEDICATION TODAY, THE COOPERATION AND HARD
WORK BEHIND IT, THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND
HEARTFELT PATRIOTISM OF EVERYONE WHO WORKS
HERE, ARE PART OF A REBIRTH OF FREEDOM.

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THIS GENERATION OF AMERICANS IS MEETING THE
TEST. WE INTEND TO PASS ON A COUNTRY AS
PROSPEROUS AND FREE AS WHAT WAS GIVEN TO US.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME JOIN YOU
TODAY. GOOD LUCK, GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD
BLESS AMERICA.

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