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IT WASN'T LONG AGO, AFTER ALL, WHEN OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY WAS IN ITS WORST MESS IN YEARS, WHEN OUR NATIONAL SECURITY WAS BADLY ENDANGERED -- ENDANGERED NOT ONLY BY SOVIET EXPANSIONISM AND A MASSIVE SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP, BUT EVEN BY THREATS AND AGGRESSIONS FROM TINY NATIONS RUN BY BULLYING DESPOTS AND DICTATORS.

FROM WASHINGTON, WE HEARD ONLY AN ELABORATE AND DISHEARTENING SERIES OF EXCUSES ABOUT OUR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS: WE WERE TOLD THOSE PROBLEMS WERE BASICALLY INSOLUBLE; THAT WE HAD TO ACCOMMODATE OURSELVES TO STAGFLATION, TO LIMITATIONS ON GROWTH, TO LIVING WITH LESS. SOME SAID OUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM WEREN'T UP TO FUNCTIONING IN THE MODERN WORLD; AND WORSE, SOME SAID ALL OF THIS WAS THE FAULT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WHO, WE WERE TOLD, SUFFERED FROM A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE.

WELL, THERE WAS A BREAKDOWN IN AMERICA, BUT IT HAD PRECIOUS LITTLE TO DO WITH OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM OR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IT HAD EVERYTHING TO DO WITH 63 SQUARE MILES OF RIVERFRONT REAL ESTATE CALLED THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND SOME OF THE POLITICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS WHO'VE BEEN BIVOUACKED THERE TOO LONG.

NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS ADMINISTRATION WASN'T IN OFFICE BUT A FEW MINUTES BEFORE WE WENT TO WORK ON THOSE SAME NATIONAL PROBLEMS SOME SAID HAD NO SOLUTION. WE AIMED OUR FIRE AT THE HIGH SPENDING AND TAXES AND UNNECESSARY FEDERAL REGULATIONS THAT WERE THWARTING THE SPIRIT OF ENTERPRISE AND FAITH IN HARD WORK IN AMERICA. AND TODAY -- AS WE LOOK AT AN EXPANDING ECONOMY AND A LOW INFLATION RATE -- WE CAN SEE HOW FAR WE HAVE COME FROM THE DAYS WHEN INFLATION WAS RUNNING AT 12.4 PERCENT, THE PRIME RATE WAS AT 21.5 PERCENT, UNEMPLOYMENT WAS CLIMBING, AND WE WERE ENTERING OUR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR OF STAGNANT OR DECLINING PRODUCTIVITY.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT, TOO, THERE HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC CHANGES. THIS ADMINISTRATION SPOKE CANDIDLY ABOUT THE WRONGS AND DANGERS OF TOTALITARIANISM; WE CHECKED ITS ADVANCE; WE REBUILT OUR DEFENSES; WE REVITALIZED OUR ALLIANCES -- YET AT THE SAME TIME, WE LAUNCHED THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE SERIES OF ARMS REDUCTION PROPOSALS IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY.

NOW I KNOW IT'S A POLITICAL YEAR, AND SOME MAY EXPECT ME TO STAND HERE AND CLAIM THIS WAS A VICTORY FOR ONE ADMINISTRATION OR ONE POLITICAL PERSUASION. BUT AS I'VE SAID MANY TIMES BEFORE, THIS VICTORY WENT FAR BEYOND ANY ONE PERSON OR ONE PARTY. IT WAS A VICTORY THAT BELONGED TO THE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY WERE THE ONES WHO, TIME AFTER TIME, FORCED THE GRASPING POLITICIANS AND INDIFFERENT BUREAUCRATS IN WASHINGTON TO DO WHAT ALL THE SMART SAYERS AND SEERS SAID WAS IMPOSSIBLE: CUT FEDERAL SPENDING, CUT INDIVIDUAL TAX RATES, END THE UNFAIRNESS OF BRACKET CREEP BY INDEXING TAX RATES TO INFLATION, THIN OUT THE THICKET OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, FIGHT WASTE AND FRAUD, REBUILD OUR DEFENSES, AND RESIST TOTALITARIAN EXPANSIONISM IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

AND I THINK IF THIS ADMINISTRATION DESERVES CREDIT, IT'S ONLY FOR HAVING THE KIND OF TRUST IN THE PEOPLE THAT MADE US WILLING TO TAKE OUR CASE TO THEM AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT.

WE DARED TO DO IT THEN AND WE DARE TO DO IT NOW FOR ONE SIMPLE REASON: WE BELIEVED WE WERE SPEAKING FOR A NEW POLITICAL CONSENSUS IN AMERICA: A CONSENSUS THAT OBJECTED TO GOVERNMENT INTRUSIONS INTO AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENT WAS NEITHER COMPETENT NOR NEEDED; BUT A CONSENSUS THAT WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO PERFORM ITS LEGITIMATE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES LIKE PROVIDING FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE AND PRESERVING DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY; A CONSENSUS, IN SHORT, THAT WANTED TO GET GOVERNMENT OFF OUR BACKS, OUT OF OUR POCKETS, AND BACK TO THE STANDARDS OF RESTRAINT AND EXCELLENCE OUR FOREFATHERS ENVISIONED.

NOW IT IS TRUE THAT THE FOCUS OF MUCH OF OUR EFFORT IN WASHINGTON DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS BEEN ON THOSE TWIN CRISES WE INHERITED ON ENTERING OFFICE: THE CRISIS OF OUR ECONOMY AND OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

BUT NOW THAT OUR ECONOMIC EXPANSION IS WELL UNDERWAY, NOW THAT AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND SECURITY ARE BEING ENHANCED AND RESTORED, I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO REPORT ON ANOTHER CRISIS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON QUIETLY BUT EFFECTIVELY, ONE THAT I KNOW DEEPLY CONCERNS ALL OF YOU: THE CRISIS OF CRIME IN AMERICA.

TWO WEEKS AGO IN HARTFORD, I REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ON THE STEPS WE HAVE BEEN TAKING SINCE OUR FIRST FEW DAYS IN OFFICE TO FIGHT THE MENACE OF CRIME IN AMERICA. YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THAT MENACE HAD GROWN -- VIOLENT CRIME HAD RISEN 50 PERCENT IN A DECADE. IT WAS COSTING MORE THAN \$10 BILLION IN FINANCIAL LOSSES, TOUCHING 30 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S HOMES, AND TAKING THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 23,000 AMERICANS A YEAR.

I NOTED THEN SOMETHING BASIC, SOMETHING OBVIOUS: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH LENIENCY TOWARD CAREER CRIMINALS. AND THEY ARE FED UP WITH THOSE WRONGDOERS WHO ARE OPENLY CONTEMPTUOUS OF OUR WAY OF JUSTICE, WHO DO NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN BE CAUGHT AND, IF THEY ARE CAUGHT, ARE CONFIDENT THAT ONCE THE CASES AGAINST THEM ENTER OUR LEGAL SYSTEM THE CHARGES WILL BE DROPPED, POSTPONED, PLEA BARGAINED AWAY, OR LOST IN A MAZE OF LEGAL TECHNICALITIES THAT MAKE A MOCKERY OF OUR SOCIETY'S LONGSTANDING AND COMMENDABLE RESPECT FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES.

I ALSO NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LOST PATIENCE WITH LIBERAL LENIENCY AND PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL APOLOGIES FOR CRIME; THEY ARE DEMANDING THAT OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RETURN TO REALISM, THAT OUR COURTS AFFIRM TRADITIONAL VALUES: VALUES THAT TEACH US RIGHT AND WRONG MATTERS, INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AND RETRIBUTION SHOULD BE SWIFT AND SURE FOR THOSE WHO PREY ON THE INNOCENT.

AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IS AT LAST BEING FELT AGAIN: REPORTED CRIME DROPPED 4.3 PERCENT IN 1982, THE FIRST DECLINE SINCE 1977. AND REPORTED CRIMES FOR LAST YEAR SHOWED AN EVEN MORE REMARKABLE 7 PERCENT DECREASE. THIS IS THE SHARPEST DECREASE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CRIME STATISTICS AND THE FIRST TIME THE SERIOUS CRIME INDEX HAS SHOWN A DECLINE FOR 2 YEARS IN A ROW.

NOW, A FEW PEOPLE WANT TO ATTRIBUTE THE ENCOURAGING DOWNWARD TREND IN CRIME TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE FEWER MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION NOW IN THE CRIME-PRONE AGE GROUP. WELL, I CHALLENGE THIS VIEW: COINCIDENCE ISN'T NECESSARILY CORRELATION. THE TRUTH IS THAT CRIME SOMETIMES HAS RISEN WITH POPULATION GROWTH AND SOMETIMES NOT; THERE'S NOTHING HISTORICALLY INEVITABLE ABOUT IT. BETWEEN 1970 AND 1982, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBERS IN THE CRIME-PRONE AGE GROUP DID DROP SLIGHTLY BY ABOUT 1 PERCENT, BUT SERIOUS CRIME WENT UP 40 PERCENT.

NO, THE REAL EXPLANATION FOR THE DROP IN CRIME LIES IN THE NATIONWIDE CRACKDOWN ON CAREER CRIMINALS IN AMERICA. THE GROWTH OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATIONS, THE NEW STATUTES IN MANY STATES TOUGHENING CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND THE SWEEPING STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL ARE ALL INDICATIONS OF THIS NEW CONSENSUS, OF A RETURN TO TRADITIONAL VALUES AND AN INSISTENCE THAT CRIMINAL PREDATORS WHO MAKE A MOCKERY OF THOSE VALUES BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

THAT'S WHY -- FROM OUR FIRST FEW DAYS IN OFFICE -- THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND I GAVE THE CLOSEST ATTENTION TO THE KINDS OF CANDIDATES PICKED FOR FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS. YES, WE WANTED CANDIDATES WHO WERE SENSITIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED, BUT WE ALSO WANTED CANDIDATES WHO UNDERSTOOD THAT SOCIETY AND THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF CRIME HAD RIGHTS THAT NEEDED PROTECTION, TOO.

WE MOVED TO CRACK DOWN ON THE GROWING MENACE OF ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING. WE INCREASED OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET BY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT AND ADDED OVER 1,900 NEW INVESTIGATORS AND PROSECUTORS; MOST OF THEM WENT TO WORK IN THE 12 NEW REGIONAL DRUG TASK FORCES WE ESTABLISHED AROUND THE COUNTRY. THESE TASK FORCES ARE ALREADY CRACKING MAJOR DRUG RINGS: THEY'VE INITIATED 620 CASES, THEY'VE INDICTED MORE THAN 2,600 INDIVIDUALS, AND 143 OF THESE INDICTMENTS HAVE BEEN UNDER THE "DRUG KINGPIN" LAW WHICH CARRIES MAXIMUM PENALTY OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.



WE'VE ALSO DECLARED WAR ON ORGANIZED CRIME IN AMERICA. I'M PROUD TO TELL YOU THAT ORGANIZED CRIME CONVICTIONS ARE UP FROM 515 IN FISCAL 1981, TO 1,331 IN 1983; WE ARE GETTING LONGER PRISON SENTENCES, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT TO CONFISCATE THE FINANCIAL ASSETS OF THE MOBSTERS. OUR NEW ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION HAS BEGUN HEARINGS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE MOB TODAY IN AMERICA AND ITS MONEY-LAUNDERING TECHNIQUES; AND ITS WORK WILL NOW BE GREATLY BROADENED BECAUSE JUST LAST WEEK IT RECEIVED SUBPOENA POWERS FROM THE CONGRESS. BELIEVE ME, WE HAVE IT WITHIN OUR POWER TO SHATTER THE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SYNDICATES THAT MAKE UP ORGANIZED CRIME IN AMERICA. THIS ADMINISTRATION SEEKS NO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, NO DETENTE WITH THE MOB. OUR GOAL IS TO CRIPPLE THEIR ORGANIZATION, DRY UP THEIR PROFITS, AND PUT THEIR MEMBERS BEHIND BARS WHERE THEY BELONG.

THE LIST GOES ON ABOUT THE OFFENSIVE WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING ON AGAINST CRIME DURING THE PAST 3-1/2 YEARS. OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCILS UNDER OUR U.S. ATTORNEYS HAVE HELPED IMPROVE COOPERATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; WE'VE IMPLEMENTED MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR TASK FORCE ON VIOLENT CRIME; WE APPOINTED A TASK FORCE ON THE VICTIMS OF CRIME THAT HAS COME UP WITH LEGISLATION THAT WILL COMPENSATE CRIME VICTIMS AND NOT FROM TAX DOLLARS, BUT FROM THE PENALTIES PAID BY CRIMINAL WRONGDOERS; WE'VE WON SOME IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES MAKING IT EASIER FOR THE I.R.S. TO WORK ON ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATIONS AND REVISING THE POSSE COMITATUS LAW TO PERMIT THE USE OF MILITARY RESOURCES AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU TODAY THAT THE MAJOR PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AGAINST CRIME REMAINS RIGHT WHERE IT HAS REMAINED FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS -- DEAD IN THE WATER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NOW, OUR CRIME PACKAGE INCLUDES BILLS CALLING FOR BAIL REFORM, TOUGHER SENTENCING, JUSTICE ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND LOCALITIES, IMPROVEMENT IN THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE AND THE INSANITY DEFENSE, AND MAJOR REFORMS AFFECTING DRUG TRAFFICKING, PRISON CROWDING, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, AND FORFEITURE. ALL OF THESE REFORMS ARE BADLY NEEDED AND CONSTITUTIONALLY SOUND. IN FACT, OUR CORE CRIME PACKAGE HAS ALREADY PASSED THE SENATE ONCE -- BY A VOTE OF 91 TO 1; BUT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP KEEPS IT BOTTLED UP IN COMMITTEE.

NOW THIS ISN'T ALL THAT SURPRISING. THIS IS THE SAME LIBERAL LEADERSHIP THAT HAS DONE NOTHING BUT STAND IN THE WAY OF INITIATIVES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT AND NEED -- INITIATIVES LIKE TUITION TAX CREDITS TO HELP HARDWORKING FAMILIES; ENTERPRISE ZONES TO PROVIDE JOBS AND HOPE TO THOSE WHO YEARN FOR PROGRESS; A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT MANDATING A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET; AND, YES, AN INITIATIVE TO RETURN THE FREEDOM OF VOLUNTARY PRAYER TO CHILDREN IN EVERY SCHOOL ACROSS OUR LAND.

yesterday the Supreme Court agreed with one of our proposals concerning the exclusionary rule. But Congress still needs to <sup>en</sup>act our proposal ~~to~~ so that the Supreme Court's rationale will ~~be~~ applied to the full range of appropriate searches.

WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO QUIT -- NOT ON THOSE INITIATIVES, AND NOT ON OUR CRIME BILL. WE'RE GOING TO DO WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST. WE'RE GOING OUT TO THE HEARTLAND; WE'RE TAKING OUR CASE TO THE PEOPLE; IT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. THE LIBERALS IN THE HOUSE CAN STAND IN THE WAY AGAIN IF THEY WANT TO: JUST AS THEY DID WHEN THEY OPPOSED SPENDING CUTS AND TAX CUTS, REBUILDING OUR MILITARY STRENGTH OR HELPING EL SALVADOR AND OTHER NATIONS RESIST TOTALITARIAN RULE. BUT THEY DIDN'T WIN THEN -- AND HERE'S A FLASH FROM THE GIPPER -- THEY'RE NOT GOING TO WIN NOW.

SO I DO HAVE SOME ADVICE THIS MORNING FOR THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP: STOP KOWTOWING TO THE PUNDITS AND THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND START LISTENING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THIS ANTI-CRIME LEGISLATION; THEY WANT IT NOW; AND WITH YOUR HELP, THEY CAN GET IT. PLEASE TELL YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES YOU EXPECT FULL AND FAIR REPRESENTATION -- AND THAT MEANS GETTING THIS BILL OUT ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE FOR A VOTE.

BUT I BELIEVE THE ISSUE GOES BEYOND THIS URGENTLY NEEDED CRIME LEGISLATION. THIS NEW CONSENSUS I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT GOES DEEPER THAN JUST AN INTEREST IN A LIMITED BUT EFFECTIVE RULE OF LAW. IT UNDERSTANDS THAT LAW IS NOT JUST A WAY OF PREVENTING ONE CITIZEN FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ANOTHER; IT IS ALSO THE COLLECTIVE MORAL VOICE OF SOCIETY. AND SO IT UNDERSTANDS THAT LAWS AND GOVERNMENT, THE POWER OF THE STATE AND POLITICS ITSELF CAN NEVER REALLY ACCOUNT FOR THE MORAL OR MATERIAL PROGRESS OF A SOCIETY; AT ROOT THESE THINGS ARE REFLECTIONS OF MUCH DEEPER CURRENTS -- THE WISDOM, THE ENERGY AND THE DECENCY OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

"YOU MAY THINK THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS YOUR SECURITY," JUSTICE CHARLES EVANS HUGHES ONCE SAID, "IT IS NOTHING BUT A BIT OF PAPER. YOU MAY THINK THAT THE STATUTES ARE YOUR SECURITY -- THEY ARE NOTHING BUT WORDS IN A BOOK. YOU MAY THINK THAT ELABORATE MECHANISM OF GOVERNMENT IS YOUR SECURITY -- IT IS NOTHING AT ALL, UNLESS YOU HAVE SOUND AND UNCORRUPTED PUBLIC OPINION TO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR CONSTITUTION, TO GIVE VITALITY TO YOUR STATUTES, AND TO MAKE EFFICIENT YOUR GOVERNMENT MACHINERY."

OVER A DECADE AGO, IT WAS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LEWIS POWELL WHO NOTED THAT, AS OUR SOCIETY GREW MORE DEVELOPED, WE SAW A WEAKENING OF THE "MOST PERSONAL FORMS" OF AUTHORITY: "THE HOME, CHURCH, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY," WHICH ONCE GAVE DIRECTION TO OUR LIVES. HE WONDERED HOW WE COULD SURVIVE WITHOUT THE "HUMANIZING AUTHORITY" OF THESE INSTITUTIONS THAT IN THE PAST "SHAPED THE CHARACTER OF OUR PEOPLE."

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OTHER WRITERS AND THINKERS IN OUR TIME HAVE MADE SIMILAR OBSERVATIONS. DR. CHARLES MALIK, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WONDERED HOW IT WAS THAT IN SO MANY UNIVERSITIES WHAT HE CALLED THE WONDERFUL LIVING VALUES OF THE GREAT TRADITION WERE ALL BUT FORGOTTEN IN THE CURRICULUM.

AND A FEW YEARS AGO, SOCIAL CRITIC AND THEOLOGIAN MICHAEL NOVAK WROTE ABOUT THE WEAKENING OF FAMILY VALUES. "THE FAMILY NOURISHES 'BASIC TRUST.' AND FROM THIS SPRING CREATIVITY, PSYCHIC ENERGY, SOCIAL DYNAMISM . . . FAMILIAL ARTS THAT TOOK GENERATIONS TO ACQUIRE CAN BE LOST IN A SINGLE GENERATION, CAN DISAPPEAR FOR CENTURIES. IF THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE DETERIORATES," HE SAID, "THERE IS NO 'QUALITY OF LIFE.'"

AND THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO MAKE OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE; TO MAKE THEM REDUCE THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND RESTORE GOVERNMENT'S LEGITIMATE FUNCTIONS. IT IS ALSO WHY RESTORING COMMONSENSE AND DECENCY TO OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS EQUALLY VITAL. FOR TOO LONG, OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS IGNORED REALITY AND MORAL VALUES. AS FORMER NEW YORK POLICE COMMISSIONER ROBERT MCGUIRE SAID, "IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS, CASES ARE BEING TRIVIALIZED IN WAYS INDEPENDENT OF THE EVIDENCE, INSTEAD OF THE SYSTEM BEING GEARED TO TREAT EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE AS A MANIFESTATION OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR. THE MAIN IMPETUS IS TO DISPOSE OF IT. NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT THE MORALITY OF CRIME." OUR GOAL, THEN, IS NOT TO PASS LAWS THAT WILL MAKE THE PEOPLE GOOD; OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE OUR LAWS AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS REFLECT THE GOODNESS OF OUR PEOPLE; AND THE THINGS THAT THEY MOST DEEPLY BELIEVE IN. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFLECT ONCE AGAIN THE INNATE DECENCY AND SOUND VALUES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I BEGAN BY SPEAKING TODAY ABOUT THE TEXAS LEGEND; ITS HOLD EVEN TODAY ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND. NOT FAR FROM HERE, 187 MEN GAVE A DISPLAY OF PERSONAL VALOR AND COMMITMENT TO IDEALS THE WORLD WILL NEVER FORGET.

AND SOMETIMES IT'S FORGOTTEN THAT ONLY A FEW MILES FROM HERE A YOUNG COLONEL NAMED ROBERT E. LEE HELD HIS FIRST REAL COMMAND.

"WHO ARE YOU, MY BOYS?" HE ONCE SHOUTED TO SOME REGIMENTS ARRIVING JUST IN TIME TO FILL A GAP AND PREVENT DISASTER AT THE BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS. "TEXAS BOYS," CAME BACK THE REPLY. "HURRAH FOR TEXAS," LEE SHOUTED, AND HE WAVED HIS HAT AND TRIED TO LEAD THEM INTO BATTLE. IT WAS THEN THEY GRABBED HIS HARNESS AND STIRRUPS AND THE CRY WENT UP "LEE TO THE REAR!" THEY REFUSED TO BUDGE UNTIL HE REMOVED HIMSELF FROM DANGER, THEN THEY TURNED AND FOUGHT AND SAVED THE DAY.

ROBERT E. LEE, THIS SOUTHERNER WHO CRITICIZED SECESSION AND CALLED SLAVERY A GREAT MORAL WRONG, WOULD BECOME HIMSELF AN AMERICAN LEGEND; YET A MAN WHO, THOUGH HE RODE OFF INTO MYTH AND GLORY, WOULD SUFFER CRUELLY IN HIS OWN TIME. AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF HIS CAUSE, HE WOULD WORK TO BIND THE NATION'S WOUNDS. AND TO THOSE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE NATION'S FUTURE HE ONCE SAID, "THE TRUTH IS THIS: THE MARCH OF PROVIDENCE IS SO SLOW AND OUR DESIRES SO IMPATIENT; THE WORK OF PROGRESS SO IMMENSE AND OUR MEANS OF AIDING IT SO FEEBLE; THE LIFE OF HUMANITY IS SO LONG, THAT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SO BRIEF, THAT WE OFTEN SEE ONLY THE EBB OF THE ADVANCING WAVE AND ARE THUS DISCOURAGED. IT IS HISTORY THAT TEACHES US TO HOPE."

IF WE LOOK TO HISTORY, IF WE EXAMINE CLOSELY THE LAST FEW YEARS AND SEE HOW FAR WE HAVE COME, WE CAN SAY THESE HAVE BEEN HOPEFUL YEARS AND BE GRATEFUL FOR THEM. LET US MOVE FORWARD NOW TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT A "NEW AGE OF REFORM," TO COMPLETE OUR "NATIONAL RENEWAL," AND TO BRING ABOUT A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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BUT NOW THAT OUR ECONOMIC EXPANSION IS WELL UNDERWAY, NOW THAT AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND SECURITY ARE BEING ENHANCED AND RESTORED, I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO REPORT ON ANOTHER CRISIS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON QUIETLY BUT EFFECTIVELY, ONE THAT I KNOW DEEPLY CONCERNS ALL OF YOU: THE CRISIS OF CRIME IN AMERICA.

TWO WEEKS AGO IN HARTFORD, I REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ON THE STEPS WE HAVE BEEN TAKING SINCE OUR FIRST FEW DAYS

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IN OFFICE TO FIGHT THE MENACE OF CRIME IN AMERICA. YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THAT MENACE HAD GROWN -- VIOLENT CRIME HAD RISEN 50 PERCENT IN A DECADE. IT WAS COSTING MORE THAN \$10 BILLION IN FINANCIAL LOSSES, TOUCHING NEARLY 30 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S HOMES, AND TAKING THE LIVES OF ALMOST 25,000 AMERICANS A YEAR.

I NOTED THEN SOMETHING BASIC, SOMETHING OBVIOUS: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH THE LENIENCY TOWARD CAREER CRIMINALS. AND THEY ARE FED UP WITH THOSE WRONGDOERS WHO ARE OPENLY CONTEMPTUOUS OF OUR WAY OF JUSTICE, WHO DO NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN BE CAUGHT AND, IF THEY ARE CAUGHT, ARE CONFIDENT THAT ONCE THE CASES AGAINST THEM ENTER OUR LEGAL SYSTEM THE CHARGES WILL BE DROPPED, POSTPONED, PLEA BARGAINED AWAY, OR LOST IN A MAZE OF LEGAL TECHNICALITIES THAT MAKE A MOCKERY OF OUR SOCIETY'S LONGSTANDING AND COMMENDABLE RESPECT FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES.

I ALSO NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LOST PATIENCE WITH LIBERAL LENIENCY AND PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL APOLOGIES FOR CRIME; THEY ARE DEMANDING THAT OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RETURN TO REALISM, THAT OUR COURTS AFFIRM TRADITIONAL VALUES: VALUES THAT TEACH US RIGHT AND WRONG MATTERS, INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AND RETRIBUTION SHOULD BE SWIFT AND SURE FOR THOSE WHO PREY ON THE INNOCENT.

AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IS AT LAST BEING FELT AGAIN: REPORTED CRIME DROPPED 4.3 PERCENT IN 1982, THE FIRST DECLINE SINCE 1977. AND REPORTED CRIMES FOR LAST YEAR SHOWED AN EVEN MORE REMARKABLE 7 PERCENT DECREASE. THIS IS THE SHARPEST DECREASE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CRIME STATISTICS AND THE FIRST TIME THE SERIOUS CRIME INDEX HAS SHOWN A DECLINE FOR 2 YEARS IN A ROW.

NOW, A FEW PEOPLE WANT TO ATTRIBUTE THE ENCOURAGING DOWNWARD TREND IN CRIME TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE FEWER MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION NOW IN THE CRIME-PRONE AGE GROUP. WELL, I CHALLENGE THIS VIEW: COINCIDENCE ISN'T NECESSARILY CORRELATION. THE TRUTH IS THAT CRIME SOMETIMES HAS RISEN WITH POPULATION GROWTH AND SOMETIMES NOT; THERE'S NOTHING HISTORICALLY INEVITABLE ABOUT IT. BETWEEN 1970 AND 1982, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBERS IN THE CRIME-PRONE AGE GROUP DID DROP SLIGHTLY BY ABOUT 1 PERCENT, BUT SERIOUS CRIME WENT UP 40 PERCENT.

NO, THE REAL EXPLANATION FOR THE DROP IN CRIME LIES IN THE NATIONWIDE CRACKDOWN ON CAREER CRIMINALS IN AMERICA. THE GROWTH OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATIONS, THE NEW STATUTES IN MANY STATES TOUGHENING CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND THE SWEEPING STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL ARE ALL INDICATIONS OF THIS NEW CONSENSUS, OF A RETURN TO TRADITIONAL VALUES AND AN INSISTENCE THAT CRIMINAL PREDATORS WHO MAKE A MOCKERY OF THOSE VALUES BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

THAT'S WHY -- FROM OUR FIRST FEW DAYS IN OFFICE -- THE ATTORNEY

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GENERAL AND I GAVE THE CLOSEST ATTENTION TO THE KINDS OF CANDIDATES PICKED FOR FEDERAL JUDGESHIP. YES, WE WANTED CANDIDATES WHO WERE SENSITIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED, BUT WE ALSO WANTED CANDIDATES WHO UNDERSTOOD THAT SOCIETY AND THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF CRIME HAD RIGHTS THAT NEEDED PROTECTION, TOO.

WE MOVED TO CRACK DOWN ON THE GROWING MENACE OF ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING. WE INCREASED OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET BY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT AND ADDED OVER 1,900 NEW INVESTIGATORS AND PROSECUTORS; MOST OF THEM WENT TO WORK IN THE 12 NEW REGIONAL DRUG TASK FORCES WE ESTABLISHED AROUND THE COUNTRY. THESE TASK FORCES ARE ALREADY CRACKING MAJOR DRUG RINGS: THEY'VE INITIATED 620 CASES, THEY'VE INDICTED MORE THAN 2,600 INDIVIDUALS. AND 143 OF THESE INDICTMENTS HAVE BEEN UNDER THE "DRUG KINGPIN" LAW WHICH CARRIES MAXIMUM PENALTY OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.

WE'VE ALSO DECLARED WAR ON ORGANIZED CRIME IN AMERICA. I'M PROUD TO TELL YOU THAT ORGANIZED CRIME CONVICTIONS ARE UP FROM 515 IN FISCAL 1981, TO 1,331 IN 1983; WE ARE GETTING LONGER PRISON SENTENCES, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT TO CONFISCATE THE FINANCIAL ASSETS OF THE MOBSTERS. OUR NEW ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION HAS BEGUN HEARINGS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE MOB TODAY IN AMERICA AND ITS MONEY-LAUNDERING TECHNIQUES; AND ITS WORK WILL NOW BE GREATLY BROADENED BECAUSE JUST LAST WEEK IT RECEIVED SUBPOENA POWERS FROM THE CONGRESS. BELIEVE ME, WE HAVE IT WITHIN OUR POWER TO SHATTER THE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SYNDICATES THAT MAKE UP ORGANIZED CRIME IN AMERICA. THIS ADMINISTRATION SEEKS NO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, NO DETENTE WITH THE MOB. OUR GOAL IS TO CRIPPLE THEIR ORGANIZATION, DRY UP THEIR PROFITS, AND PUT THEIR MEMBERS BEHIND BARS WHERE THEY BELONG.

THE LIST GOES ON ABOUT THE OFFENSIVE WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING ON AGAINST CRIME DURING THE PAST 3-1/2 YEARS. OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCILS UNDER OUR U.S. ATTORNEYS HAVE HELPED IMPROVE COOPERATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; WE'VE IMPLEMENTED MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR TASK FORCE ON VIOLENT CRIME; WE APPOINTED A TASK FORCE ON THE VICTIMS OF CRIME THAT HAS COME UP WITH LEGISLATION THAT WILL COMPENSATE CRIME VICTIMS AND NOT FROM TAX DOLLARS, BUT FROM THE PENALTIES PAID BY CRIMINAL WRONGDOERS; WE'VE WON SOME IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES MAKING IT EASIER FOR THE I.R.S. TO WORK ON ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATIONS AND REVISING THE POSSE COMITATUS LAW TO PERMIT THE USE OF MILITARY RESOURCES AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU TODAY THAT THE MAJOR PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AGAINST CRIME REMAINS RIGHT WHERE IT HAS REMAINED FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS -- DEAD IN THE WATER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NOW, OUR CRIME PACKAGE INCLUDES BILLS CALLING FOR BAIL REFORM,

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TOUGHER SENTENCING, JUSTICE ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND LOCALITIES, IMPROVEMENT IN THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE AND THE INSANITY DEFENSE, AND MAJOR REFORMS AFFECTING DRUG TRAFFICKING, PRISON CROWDING, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, AND FORFEITURE. ALL OF THESE REFORMS ARE BADLY NEEDED AND CONSTITUTIONALLY SOUND. IN FACT, OUR CORE CRIME PACKAGE HAS ALREADY PASSED THE SENATE ONCE -- BY A VOTE OF 91 TO 1; BUT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP KEEPS IT BOTTLED UP IN COMMITTEE.

NOW THIS ISN'T ALL THAT SURPRISING. THIS IS THE SAME LIBERAL LEADERSHIP THAT HAS DONE NOTHING BUT STAND IN THE WAY OF INITIATIVES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT AND NEED -- INITIATIVES LIKE ENTERPRISE ZONES TO PROVIDE JOBS AND HOPE TO THOSE WHO YEARN FOR PROGRESS; INITIATIVES LIKE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT MANDATING A BALANCED BUDGET; AND, YES, INITIATIVES THAT WILL RETURN THE FREEDOM OF VOLUNTARY PRAYER TO CHILDREN IN EVERY SCHOOL ACROSS OUR LAND.

WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO QUIT -- NOT ON THOSE INITIATIVES, AND NOT ON OUR CRIME BILL. WE'RE GOING TO DO WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST. WE'RE GOING OUT TO THE HEARTLAND; WE'RE TAKING OUR CASE TO THE PEOPLE; IT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. THE LIBERALS IN THE HOUSE CAN STAND IN THE WAY AGAIN IF THEY WANT TO: JUST AS THEY DID WHEN THEY OPPOSED SPENDING CUTS AND TAX CUTS, REBUILDING OUR MILITARY STRENGTH OR HELPING CENTRAL AMERICAN NATIONS RESIST TOTALITARIAN RULE. BUT THEY DIDN'T WIN THEN -- AND HERE'S A FLASH FROM THE GIPPER -- THEY'RE NOT GOING TO WIN NOW.

SO I DO HAVE SOME ADVICE THIS MORNING FOR THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP: STOP KOWTOWING TO THE PUNDITS AND THE SPECIAL INTERESTS, STOP LISTENING TO THE ARMADILLOS AND START LISTENING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THIS ANTI-CRIME LEGISLATION; THEY WANT IT NOW; AND WITH YOUR HELP, THEY CAN GET IT.

PLEASE TELL YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES YOU EXPECT FULL AND FAIR REPRESENTATION -- AND THAT MEANS GETTING THIS BILL OUT ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE FOR A VOTE.

BUT I BELIEVE THE ISSUE GOES BEYOND THIS URGENTLY NEEDED CRIME LEGISLATION. THIS NEW CONSENSUS I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT GOES DEEPER THAN JUST AN INTEREST IN A LIMITED BUT EFFECTIVE RULE OF LAW. IT UNDERSTANDS THAT LAW IS NOT JUST A WAY OF PREVENTING ONE CITIZEN FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ANOTHER; IT IS ALSO THE COLLECTIVE MORAL VOICE OF SOCIETY. AND SO IT UNDERSTANDS THAT LAWS AND GOVERNMENT, THE POWER OF THE STATE AND POLITICS ITSELF CAN NEVER REALLY ACCOUNT FOR THE MORAL OR MATERIAL PROGRESS OF A SOCIETY; AT ROOT THESE THINGS ARE REFLECTIONS OF MUCH DEEPER CURRENTS -- THE WISDOM, THE ENERGY AND THE DECENCY OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

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OVER A DECADE AGO, IT WAS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LEWIS POWELL WHO NOTED THAT, AS OUR SOCIETY GREW MORE DEVELOPED, WE SAW A WEAKENING OF THE "MOST PERSONAL FORMS" OF AUTHORITY: "THE HOME, CHURCH, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY," WHICH ONCE GAVE DIRECTION TO OUR LIVES. HE WONDERED HOW WE COULD SURVIVE WITHOUT THE "HUMANIZING AUTHORITY" OF THESE INSTITUTIONS THAT IN THE PAST "SHAPED THE CHARACTER OF OUR PEOPLE."

OTHER WRITERS AND THINKERS IN OUR TIME HAVE MADE SIMILAR OBSERVATIONS. DR. CHARLES MALIK, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WONDERED HOW IT WAS THAT IN SO MANY UNIVERSITIES WHAT HE CALLED THE "WONDERFUL LIVING VALUES OF THE GREAT TRADITION" WERE ALL BUT FORGOTTEN IN THE CURRICULUM.

AND A FEW YEARS AGO, SOCIAL CRITIC AND THEOLOGIAN MICHAEL NOVAK WROTE ABOUT THE WEAKENING OF FAMILY VALUES. "THE FAMILY NOURISHES 'BASIC TRUST.' AND FROM THIS SPRINGS CREATIVITY, PSYCHIC ENERGY, SOCIAL DYNAMISM. FAMILIAL STRENGTH THAT TOOK GENERATIONS TO ACQUIRE AND CAN BE LOST IN A SINGLE GENERATION, CAN DISAPPEAR FOR CENTURIES. IF THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE DETERIORATES," HE SAID, "THERE IS NO 'QUALITY OF LIFE.'"

AND THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO MAKE OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE; TO MAKE THEM REDUCE THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND RESTORE GOVERNMENT'S LEGITIMATE FUNCTIONS. IT IS ALSO WHY RESTORING COMMONSENSE AND DECENCY TO OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS EQUALLY VITAL. FOR TOO LONG, OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS IGNORED REALITY AND MORAL VALUES. AS FORMER NEW YORK POLICE COMMISSIONER ROBERT MCGUIRE SAID, "IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS, CASES ARE BEING TRIVIALIZED IN WAYS INDEPENDENT OF THE EVIDENCE, INSTEAD OF THE SYSTEM BEING GEARED TO TREAT EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE AS A MANIFESTATION OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR. THE MAIN IMPETUS IS TO DISPOSE OF IT. NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT THE MORALITY OF CRIME." OUR GOAL, THEN, IS NOT TO PASS LAWS THAT WILL MAKE THE PEOPLE GOOD; OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE OUR LAWS AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS REFLECT THE GOODNESS OF OUR PEOPLE; AND THE THINGS THAT THEY MOST DEEPLY BELIEVE IN. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFLECT ONCE AGAIN THE INNATE DECENCY AND SOUND VALUES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I BEGAN BY SPEAKING TODAY ABOUT THE TEXAS LEGEND; ITS HOLD EVEN TODAY ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND. NOT FAR FROM HERE, 187 MEN GAVE A DISPLAY OF PERSONAL VALOR AND COMMITMENT TO IDEALS THE WORLD WILL NEVER FORGET.

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AND SOMETIMES IT'S FORGOTTEN THAT ONLY A FEW MILES FROM HERE A YOUNG COLONEL NAMED ROBERT E. LEE HELD HIS FIRST REAL COMMAND. HE WOULD BECOME HIMSELF AN AMERICAN LEGEND; YET A MAN WHO, THOUGH HE RODE OFF INTO MYTH AND GLORY, WOULD SUFFER CRUELLY IN HIS OWN TIME. AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF HIS CAUSE, HE WOULD WORK TO BIND THE NATION'S WOUNDS. AND TO THOSE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE NATION'S FUTURE HE ONCE SAID, "THE TRUTH IS THIS: THE MARCH OF PROVIDENCE IS SO SLOW AND OUR DESIRES SO IMPATIENT; THE WORK OF PROGRESS SO IMMENSE AND OUR MEANS OF AIDING IT SO FEEBLE; THE LIFE OF HUMANITY IS SO LONG, THAT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SO BRIEF, THAT WE OFTEN SEE ONLY THE EBB OF THE ADVANCING WAVE AND ARE THUS DISCOURAGED. IT IS HISTORY THAT TEACHES US TO HOPE."

IF WE LOOK TO HISTORY, IF WE EXAMINE CLOSELY THE LAST FEW YEARS AND SEE HOW FAR WE HAVE COME, WE CAN SAY THESE HAVE BEEN HOPEFUL YEARS AND BE GRATEFUL FOR THEM. LET US MOVE FORWARD NOW TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT A "NEW AGE OF REFORM," TO COMPLETE OUR "NATIONAL RENEWAL," AND TO BRING ABOUT A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM.

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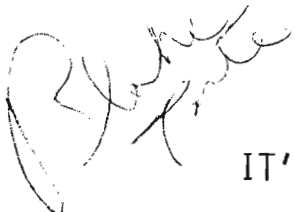
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I GUESS IT'S JUST INSTINCTIVE FOR TEXANS TO THINK BIG. I MENTIONED TO JIM BAKER A FEW MONTHS AGO THAT WITH THE ELECTION COMING UP I PROBABLY SHOULD GET OUT AND MEET SOME PEOPLE. NEXT THING I KNEW I WAS IN CHINA MEETING A BILLION OF THEM.

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NOW I KNOW EVERYBODY EXPECTS ME TO BE POLITICAL THIS MORNING. BUT THIS IS AN OFFICIAL STOP, SO I'LL RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO COMMENT ON ALL THE ODD CAUSES AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS THE OTHER PARTY SEEMS TO BE EMBRACING THESE DAYS.

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YOU KNOW I'VE DISCOVERED THAT MUCH OF THE TEXAS LEGEND IS TRUE. I'VE LEARNED, FOR EXAMPLE, NEVER TO TRY TO TOP A TEXAN. I MADE THAT MISTAKE A FEW YEARS AGO. I WAS TALKING TO A TEXAN FRIEND OF MINE ABOUT OUR RANCH UP IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR SANTA BARBARA. HE GOT AROUND TO ASKING HOW MANY ACRES IT WAS. I TOLD HIM 688. HE ASKED ME IF I'D BOUGHT IT AT A TOY STORE.

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AND I THINK IF THIS ADMINISTRATION DESERVES CREDIT, IT'S ONLY FOR HAVING THE KIND OF TRUST IN THE PEOPLE THAT MADE US WILLING TO TAKE OUR CASE TO THEM AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT.

WE DARED TO DO IT THEN AND WE DARE TO DO IT NOW FOR ONE SIMPLE REASON: WE BELIEVED WE WERE SPEAKING FOR A NEW POLITICAL CONSENSUS IN AMERICA: A CONSENSUS THAT OBJECTED TO GOVERNMENT INTRUSIONS INTO AREAS WHERE GOVERNMENT WAS NEITHER COMPETENT NOR NEEDED; BUT A CONSENSUS THAT WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO PERFORM ITS LEGITIMATE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES LIKE PROVIDING FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE AND PRESERVING DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY; A CONSENSUS, IN SHORT, THAT WANTED TO GET GOVERNMENT OFF OUR BACKS, OUT OF OUR POCKETS, AND BACK TO THE STANDARDS OF RESTRAINT AND EXCELLENCE OUR FOREFATHERS ENVISIONED.

NOW IT IS TRUE THAT THE FOCUS OF MUCH OF OUR EFFORT IN WASHINGTON DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS BEEN ON THOSE TWIN CRISES WE INHERITED ON ENTERING OFFICE: THE CRISIS OF OUR ECONOMY AND OUR NATIONAL SECURITY,

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BUT NOW THAT OUR ECONOMIC EXPANSION IS WELL UNDERWAY, NOW THAT AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND SECURITY ARE BEING ENHANCED AND RESTORED, I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO REPORT ON ANOTHER CRISIS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON QUIETLY BUT EFFECTIVELY, ONE THAT I KNOW DEEPLY CONCERNS ALL OF YOU: THE CRISIS OF CRIME IN AMERICA.

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TWO WEEKS AGO IN HARTFORD, I REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ON THE STEPS WE HAVE BEEN TAKING SINCE OUR FIRST FEW DAYS IN OFFICE TO FIGHT THE MENACE OF CRIME IN AMERICA. YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THAT MENACE HAD GROWN -- VIOLENT CRIME HAD RISEN 50 PERCENT IN A DECADE. IT WAS COSTING MORE THAN \$10 BILLION IN FINANCIAL LOSSES, TOUCHING 30 PERCENT OF AMERICA'S HOMES, AND TAKING THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 23,000 AMERICANS A YEAR.

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I NOTED THEN SOMETHING BASIC, SOMETHING OBVIOUS: THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED UP WITH LENIENCY TOWARD CAREER CRIMINALS. AND THEY ARE FED UP WITH THOSE WRONGDOERS WHO ARE OPENLY CONTEMPTUOUS OF OUR WAY OF JUSTICE, WHO DO NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN BE CAUGHT AND, IF THEY ARE CAUGHT, ARE CONFIDENT THAT ONCE THE CASES AGAINST THEM ENTER OUR LEGAL SYSTEM THE CHARGES WILL BE DROPPED, POSTPONED, PLEA BARGAINED AWAY, OR LOST IN A MAZE OF LEGAL TECHNICALITIES THAT MAKE A MOCKERY OF OUR SOCIETY'S LONGSTANDING AND COMMENDABLE RESPECT FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES.

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I ALSO NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE LOST PATIENCE WITH LIBERAL LENIENCY AND PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL APOLOGIES FOR CRIME; THEY ARE DEMANDING THAT OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RETURN TO REALISM, THAT OUR COURTS AFFIRM TRADITIONAL VALUES: VALUES THAT TEACH US RIGHT AND WRONG MATTERS, INDIVIDUALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AND RETRIBUTION SHOULD BE SWIFT AND SURE FOR THOSE WHO PREY ON THE INNOCENT.

AND THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IS AT LAST BEING FELT AGAIN: REPORTED CRIME DROPPED 4.3 PERCENT IN 1982, THE FIRST DECLINE SINCE 1977. AND REPORTED CRIMES FOR LAST YEAR SHOWED AN EVEN MORE REMARKABLE 7 PERCENT DECREASE. THIS IS THE SHARPEST DECREASE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CRIME STATISTICS AND THE FIRST TIME THE SERIOUS CRIME INDEX HAS SHOWN A DECLINE FOR 2 YEARS IN A ROW.

NOW, A FEW PEOPLE WANT TO ATTRIBUTE THE ENCOURAGING DOWNWARD TREND IN CRIME TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE FEWER MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION NOW IN THE CRIME-PRONE AGE GROUP. WELL, I CHALLENGE THIS VIEW: COINCIDENCE ISN'T NECESSARILY CAUSE. THE TRUTH IS THAT CRIME SOMETIMES HAS RISEN WITH POPULATION GROWTH AND SOMETIMES NOT; THERE'S NOTHING HISTORICALLY INEVITABLE ABOUT IT. BETWEEN 1970 AND 1982, FOR EXAMPLE, THE NUMBERS IN THE CRIME-PRONE AGE GROUP DID DROP SLIGHTLY BY ABOUT 1 PERCENT, BUT SERIOUS CRIME WENT UP 40 PERCENT.

NO, THE REAL EXPLANATION FOR THE DROP IN CRIME LIES IN THE NATIONWIDE CRACKDOWN ON CAREER CRIMINALS IN AMERICA. THE GROWTH OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATIONS, THE NEW STATUTES IN MANY STATES TOUGHENING CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND THE SWEEPING STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL ARE ALL INDICATIONS OF THIS NEW CONSENSUS, OF A RETURN TO TRADITIONAL VALUES AND AN INSISTENCE THAT CRIMINAL PREDATORS WHO MAKE A MOCKERY OF THOSE VALUES BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.

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THAT'S WHY -- FROM OUR FIRST FEW DAYS IN OFFICE -- THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND I GAVE THE CLOSEST ATTENTION TO THE KINDS OF CANDIDATES PICKED FOR FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS. YES, WE WANTED CANDIDATES WHO WERE SENSITIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF THE ACCUSED, BUT WE ALSO WANTED CANDIDATES WHO UNDERSTOOD THAT SOCIETY AND THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF CRIME HAD RIGHTS THAT NEEDED PROTECTION, TOO.

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WE MOVED TO CRACK DOWN ON THE GROWING MENACE OF ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING. WE INCREASED OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT BUDGET BY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT AND ADDED OVER 1,900 NEW INVESTIGATORS AND PROSECUTORS; MOST OF THEM WENT TO WORK IN THE 12 NEW REGIONAL DRUG TASK FORCES WE ESTABLISHED AROUND THE COUNTRY. THESE TASK FORCES ARE ALREADY CRACKING MAJOR DRUG RINGS: THEY'VE INITIATED 620 CASES, THEY'VE INDICTED MORE THAN 2,600 INDIVIDUALS. AND 143 OF THESE INDICTMENTS HAVE BEEN UNDER THE "DRUG KINGPIN" LAW WHICH CARRIES MAXIMUM PENALTY OF LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE.

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WE'VE ALSO DECLARED WAR ON ORGANIZED CRIME IN AMERICA. I'M PROUD TO TELL YOU THAT ORGANIZED CRIME CONVICTIONS ARE UP FROM 515 IN FISCAL 1981, TO 1,331 IN 1983; WE ARE GETTING LONGER PRISON SENTENCES, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT TO CONFISCATE THE FINANCIAL ASSETS OF THE MOBSTERS. OUR NEW ORGANIZED CRIME COMMISSION HAS BEGUN HEARINGS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE MOB TODAY IN AMERICA AND ITS MONEY-LAUNDERING TECHNIQUES; AND ITS WORK WILL NOW BE GREATLY BROADENED BECAUSE JUST LAST WEEK IT RECEIVED SUBPOENA POWERS FROM THE CONGRESS. BELIEVE ME, WE HAVE IT WITHIN OUR POWER TO SHATTER THE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SYNDICATES THAT MAKE UP ORGANIZED CRIME IN AMERICA. THIS ADMINISTRATION SEEKS NO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, NO DETENTE WITH THE MOB. OUR GOAL IS TO CRIPPLE THEIR ORGANIZATION, DRY UP THEIR PROFITS, AND PUT THEIR MEMBERS BEHIND BARS WHERE THEY BELONG.

THE LIST GOES ON ABOUT THE OFFENSIVE WE HAVE BEEN CARRYING ON AGAINST CRIME DURING THE PAST 3-1/2 YEARS. OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCILS UNDER OUR U.S. ATTORNEYS HAVE HELPED IMPROVE COOPERATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; WE'VE IMPLEMENTED MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF OUR TASK FORCE ON VIOLENT CRIME; WE APPOINTED A TASK FORCE ON THE VICTIMS OF CRIME THAT HAS COME UP WITH LEGISLATION THAT WILL COMPENSATE CRIME VICTIMS AND NOT FROM TAX DOLLARS, BUT FROM THE PENALTIES PAID BY CRIMINAL WRONGDOERS; WE'VE WON SOME IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES MAKING IT EASIER FOR THE I.R.S. TO WORK ON ORGANIZED CRIME INVESTIGATIONS AND REVISING THE POSSE COMITATUS LAW TO PERMIT THE USE OF MILITARY RESOURCES AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKERS.

BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU TODAY THAT THE MAJOR PART OF OUR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE AGAINST CRIME REMAINS RIGHT WHERE IT HAS REMAINED FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS -- DEAD IN THE WATER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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NOW, OUR CRIME PACKAGE INCLUDES BILLS CALLING FOR BAIL REFORM, TOUGHER SENTENCING, JUSTICE ASSISTANCE TO STATES AND LOCALITIES, IMPROVEMENT IN THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE AND THE INSANITY DEFENSE, AND MAJOR REFORMS AFFECTING DRUG TRAFFICKING, PRISON CROWDING, CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, AND FORFEITURE. ALL OF THESE REFORMS ARE BADLY NEEDED AND CONSTITUTIONALLY SOUND. IN FACT, YESTERDAY THE SUPREME COURT AGREED WITH ONE OF OUR PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE EXCLUSIONARY RULE. BUT THE CONGRESS STILL NEEDS TO ENACT OUR PROPOSAL SO THAT THE SUPREME COURT'S RATIONALE WILL BE APPLIED TO THE FULL RANGE OF APPROPRIATE SEARCHES. OUR CORE CRIME PACKAGE HAS ALREADY PASSED THE SENATE ONCE -- BY A VOTE OF 91 TO 1; BUT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP KEEPS IT BOTTLED UP IN COMMITTEE.

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NOW THIS ISN'T ALL THAT SURPRISING. THIS IS THE SAME LIBERAL LEADERSHIP THAT HAS DONE NOTHING BUT STAND IN THE WAY OF INITIATIVES THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT AND NEED -- INITIATIVES LIKE TUITION TAX CREDITS TO HELP HARDWORKING FAMILIES; ENTERPRISE ZONES TO PROVIDE JOBS AND HOPE TO THOSE WHO YEARN FOR PROGRESS; A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT MANDATING A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET; AND, YES, AN INITIATIVE TO RETURN THE FREEDOM OF VOLUNTARY PRAYER TO CHILDREN IN EVERY SCHOOL ACROSS OUR LAND.

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WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO QUIT -- NOT ON THOSE INITIATIVES, AND NOT ON OUR CRIME BILL. WE'RE GOING TO DO WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST. WE'RE GOING OUT TO THE HEARTLAND; WE'RE TAKING OUR CASE TO THE PEOPLE; IT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. THE LIBERALS IN THE HOUSE CAN STAND IN THE WAY AGAIN IF THEY WANT TO: JUST AS THEY DID WHEN THEY OPPOSED SPENDING CUTS AND TAX CUTS, REBUILDING OUR MILITARY STRENGTH OR HELPING EL SALVADOR AND OTHER NATIONS RESIST TOTALITARIAN RULE. BUT THEY DIDN'T WIN THEN -- AND HERE'S A FLASH FROM THE GIPPER -- THEY'RE NOT GOING TO WIN NOW.

SO I DO HAVE SOME ADVICE THIS MORNING FOR THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP: STOP KOWTOWING TO THE PUNDITS AND THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND START LISTENING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT THIS ANTI-CRIME LEGISLATION; THEY WANT IT NOW; AND WITH YOUR HELP, THEY CAN GET IT. PLEASE TELL YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES YOU EXPECT FULL AND FAIR REPRESENTATION -- AND THAT MEANS GETTING THIS BILL OUT ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE FOR A VOTE.

BUT I BELIEVE THE ISSUE GOES BEYOND THIS URGENTLY NEEDED CRIME LEGISLATION. THIS NEW CONSENSUS I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT GOES DEEPER THAN JUST AN INTEREST IN A LIMITED BUT EFFECTIVE RULE OF LAW. IT UNDERSTANDS THAT LAW IS NOT JUST A WAY OF PREVENTING ONE CITIZEN FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ANOTHER; IT IS ALSO THE COLLECTIVE MORAL VOICE OF SOCIETY. AND SO IT UNDERSTANDS THAT LAWS AND GOVERNMENT, THE POWER OF THE STATE AND POLITICS ITSELF CAN NEVER REALLY ACCOUNT FOR THE MORAL OR MATERIAL PROGRESS OF A SOCIETY; AT ROOT THESE THINGS ARE REFLECTIONS OF MUCH DEEPER CURRENTS -- THE WISDOM, THE ENERGY AND THE DECENCY OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.



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✓ YOU MAY THINK THAT THE CONSTITUTION IS YOUR SECURITY, "IT IS NOTHING BUT A BIT OF PAPER. YOU MAY THINK THAT THE STATUTES ARE YOUR SECURITY -- THEY ARE NOTHING BUT WORDS IN A BOOK. YOU MAY THINK THAT ELABORATE MECHANISM OF GOVERNMENT IS YOUR SECURITY -- IT IS NOTHING AT ALL, UNLESS YOU HAVE SOUND AND UNCORRUPTED PUBLIC OPINION TO GIVE LIFE TO YOUR CONSTITUTION, TO GIVE VITALITY TO YOUR STATUTES, AND TO MAKE EFFICIENT YOUR GOVERNMENT MACHINERY."

OVER A DECADE AGO, IT WAS SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LEWIS POWELL WHO NOTED THAT, AS OUR SOCIETY GREW MORE DEVELOPED, WE SAW A WEAKENING OF THE "MOST PERSONAL FORMS" OF AUTHORITY: "THE HOME, CHURCH, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY" WHICH ONCE GAVE DIRECTION TO OUR LIVES. HE WONDERED HOW WE COULD SURVIVE WITHOUT THE "HUMANIZING AUTHORITY" OF THESE INSTITUTIONS THAT IN THE PAST "SHAPED THE CHARACTER OF OUR PEOPLE."

OTHER WRITERS AND THINKERS IN OUR TIME HAVE MADE SIMILAR OBSERVATIONS. DR. CHARLES MALIK, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WONDERED HOW IT WAS THAT IN SO MANY UNIVERSITIES WHAT HE CALLED THE WONDERFUL LIVING VALUES OF THE GREAT TRADITION WERE ALL BUT FORGOTTEN IN THE CURRICULUM.

AND A FEW YEARS AGO, SOCIAL CRITIC AND THEOLOGIAN MICHAEL NOVAK WROTE ABOUT THE WEAKENING OF FAMILY VALUES. "THE FAMILY NOURISHES 'BASIC TRUST.' AND FROM THIS SPRING CREATIVITY, PSYCHIC ENERGY, SOCIAL DYNAMISM . . . FAMILIAL ARTS THAT TOOK GENERATIONS TO ACQUIRE CAN BE LOST IN A SINGLE GENERATION, CAN DISAPPEAR FOR CENTURIES. IF THE QUALITY OF FAMILY LIFE DETERIORATES," HE SAID, "THERE IS NO 'QUALITY OF LIFE.'"

AND THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO MAKE OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS RESPOND TO THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE; TO MAKE THEM REDUCE THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND RESTORE GOVERNMENT'S LEGITIMATE FUNCTIONS. IT IS ALSO WHY RESTORING COMMONSENSE AND DECENCY TO OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS EQUALLY VITAL. FOR TOO LONG, OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS IGNORED REALITY AND MORAL VALUES. AS FORMER NEW YORK POLICE COMMISSIONER ROBERT MCGUIRE SAID, IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS, CASES ARE BEING TRIVIALIZED IN WAYS INDEPENDENT OF THE EVIDENCE, INSTEAD OF THE SYSTEM BEING GEARED TO TREAT EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE AS A MANIFESTATION OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR. THE MAIN IMPETUS IS TO DISPOSE OF IT. NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT THE MORALITY OF CRIME. OUR GOAL, THEN, IS NOT TO PASS LAWS THAT WILL MAKE THE PEOPLE GOOD; OUR GOAL IS TO HAVE OUR LAWS AND LEGAL INSTITUTIONS REFLECT THE GOODNESS OF OUR PEOPLE; AND THE THINGS THAT THEY MOST DEEPLY BELIEVE IN. WE NEED TO MAKE OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFLECT ONCE AGAIN THE INNATE DECENCY AND SOUND VALUES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

I BEGAN BY SPEAKING TODAY ABOUT THE TEXAS LEGEND; ITS HOLD EVEN TODAY ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND. NOT FAR FROM HERE, 187 MEN GAVE A DISPLAY OF PERSONAL VALOR AND COMMITMENT TO IDEALS THE WORLD WILL NEVER FORGET.

AND SOMETIMES IT'S FORGOTTEN THAT ONLY A FEW MILES FROM HERE A YOUNG COLONEL NAMED ROBERT E. LEE HELD HIS FIRST REAL COMMAND.

"WHO ARE YOU, MY BOYS?" HE ONCE SHOUTED TO SOME REGIMENTS ARRIVING JUST IN TIME TO FILL A GAP AND PREVENT DISASTER AT THE BATTLE OF THE WILDERNESS. "TEXAS BOYS," CAME BACK THE REPLY. "HURRAH FOR TEXAS," LEE SHOUTED, AND HE WAVED HIS HAT AND TRIED TO LEAD THEM INTO BATTLE. IT WAS THEN THEY GRABBED HIS HARNESS AND STIRRUPS AND THE CRY WENT UP "LEE TO THE REAR!" THEY REFUSED TO BUDGE UNTIL HE REMOVED HIMSELF FROM DANGER, THEN THEY TURNED AND FOUGHT AND SAVED THE DAY.

ROBERT E. LEE, THIS SOUTHERNER WHO CRITICIZED SECESSION AND CALLED SLAVERY A GREAT MORAL WRONG, WOULD BECOME HIMSELF AN AMERICAN LEGEND; YET A MAN WHO, THOUGH HE RODE OFF INTO MYTH AND GLORY, WOULD SUFFER CRUELLY IN HIS OWN TIME. AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF HIS CAUSE, HE WOULD WORK TO BIND THE NATION'S WOUNDS. AND TO THOSE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE NATION'S FUTURE HE ONCE SAID, "THE TRUTH IS THIS: THE MARCH OF PROVIDENCE IS SO SLOW AND OUR DESIRES SO IMPATIENT; THE WORK OF PROGRESS SO IMMENSE AND OUR MEANS OF AIDING IT SO FEEBLE; THE LIFE OF HUMANITY IS SO LONG, THAT OF THE INDIVIDUAL SO BRIEF, THAT WE OFTEN SEE ONLY THE EBB OF THE ADVANCING WAVE AND ARE THUS DISCOURAGED. IT IS HISTORY THAT TEACHES US TO HOPE."

IF WE LOOK TO HISTORY, IF WE EXAMINE CLOSELY THE LAST FEW YEARS AND SEE HOW FAR WE HAVE COME, WE CAN SAY THESE HAVE BEEN HOPEFUL YEARS AND BE GRATEFUL FOR THEM. LET US MOVE FORWARD NOW TOGETHER TO BRING ABOUT A "NEW AGE OF REFORM," TO COMPLETE OUR "NATIONAL RENEWAL," AND TO BRING ABOUT A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

JULY 9, 1984

PRESIDENTIAL CITIZEN'S MEDAL TO  
MRS. DENNIS W. KEOGH

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DURING A LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE,  
DENNIS W. KEOGH EXHIBITED PROFESSIONAL AND  
PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT SET STANDARDS OF  
EXCELLENCE FOR OTHERS TO EMULATE. HE  
REPRESENTS THE BEST THAT AMERICA HAS TO  
OFFER IN ITS CITIZENS AND IN ITS DIPLOMATS.  
HIS DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND THE  
COURAGE HE DEMONSTRATED IN THE PERFORMANCE  
OF HIS DUTIES MERIT THE MOST PROFOUND  
RESPECT OF HIS FELLOW CITIZENS.

DENNIS KEOGH WAS KILLED ON  
APRIL 15, 1984 BY A TERRORIST'S BOMB WHILE  
SERVING AS CHIEF OF THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE  
IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA. HIS JOB WAS TO  
MONITOR THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN  
ANGOLA, AN IMPORTANT STEP WE HAVE ACHIEVED  
IN THE PROCESS OF BRINGING PEACE AND  
STABILITY TO SOUTHERN AFRICA AND  
INDEPENDENCE TO THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA.

DENNIS KEOGH WAS ONE OF OUR LEADING EXPERTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND PURSUED HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WITH THE SAME HIGH LEVEL OF COMPETENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM THAT CHARACTERIZED HIS ENTIRE CAREER. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS WERE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF AMERICAN EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE TO A VERY TROUBLED REGION.

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RECENT YEARS HAVE NOT BEEN EASY FOR AMERICANS SERVING OVERSEAS ON BEHALF OF THEIR COUNTRY. THE LOSS OF DENNIS KEOGH CAUSES US TO THINK ABOUT THE PURPOSES HE SERVED. DENNIS KEOGH DIED IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE, A CAUSE CHERISHED BY ALL AMERICANS EVERYWHERE. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR DEDICATION TO THAT CAUSE OF PEACE, AND WE WILL NOT BE DETERRED BY WANTON CRIMINALITY — BY ACTS OF COWARDLY TERRORISM.

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IN AWARDING MR. KEOGH THE PRESIDENTIAL  
CITIZEN'S MEDAL, WE RECOGNIZE HIS OWN  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY, AND  
RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO THE PURPOSES FOR  
WHICH HE DIED — PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,  
INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA, AND  
A COMMUNITY OF NATIONS IN WHICH EACH AMONG  
US CAN WORK TOWARD ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND  
POLITICAL FREEDOM. } THROUGH THE ULTIMATE  
SACRIFICE, MR. KEOGH DEMONSTRATED HIS  
UNSWERVING COMMITMENT TO THESE GOALS, JUST  
AS THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE HE WORKED FOR  
UNDERSTANDING AMONG GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES.

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AMERICAN COALITION FOR TRADITIONAL VALUES

WELL, GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HONORING US WITH YOUR VISIT HERE TODAY. I WANT YOU TO KNOW, IN THIS SHORT TIME WE HAVE TOGETHER, HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE FOR THE GOOD AND IMPORTANT WORK YOU ARE DOING.

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BELIEVE ME, IF I COULD ASSIGN TIMES BY HOW IMPORTANT MEETINGS ARE, YOURS WOULD BE THE LONGER, AND MANY OF THOSE OTHERS WOULD BE MUCH SHORTER. I CAN'T STRESS STRONGLY ENOUGH THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS IMPORTANT, IS NECESSARY, AND IS RIGHT. AND AS LONG AS I AM PRESIDENT, YOU, AND OTHERS WHO STAND UP FOR OUR JUDEO-CHRISTIAN VALUES, WILL BE WELCOME HERE BECAUSE YOU BELONG HERE. NOW, OF COURSE, IF YOU COULD HELP REGISTER A FEW MILLION VOTERS, THEN MAYBE YOU COULD SEND A MESSAGE OF THUNDER FROM THE GRASSROOTS THAT NO ONE IN WASHINGTON COULD IGNORE.

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I KNOW THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN SEEM TO DELIGHT IN PRETENDING YOU DON'T EXIST. BUT PLEASE LISTEN TO ME WHEN I SAY, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. IN FACT, MAYBE IT'S TIME WE LET THEM IN ON A LITTLE SECRET. WE HAVE THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND TOGETHER WE SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR WHERE AMERICA'S HEART IS, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE REAL POWER LIES.

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NO MATTER WHERE I GO, NO GREATER TRUTH SHINES THROUGH THAN THE ONE YOU SEEK TO LIVE BY EACH DAY: PRESERVING AMERICA MUST BEGIN WITH FAITH IN THE GOD WHO HAS BLESSED OUR LAND. WE DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS, HE HAS THE ANSWERS — AND THE SOONER WE CAN ACCEPT THAT SIMPLE FACT, THE WISER AND BETTER OFF WE'LL BE. ISAIAH REMINDED US THAT THE LORD OPENS HIS GATES AND KEEPS IN PEACE A NATION THAT TRUSTS IN HIM.

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YOU ARE TRYING TO RESTORE TO THEIR PLACE OF HONOR THOSE BEDROCK VALUES HANDED DOWN BY FAMILIES AND CHURCHES TO SERVE AS SOCIETY'S COMPASS. } OUR TIME-TESTED VALUES HAVE NEVER FAILED US WHEN WE'VE HAD THE COURAGE TO LIVE UP TO THEM. } AND I THINK YOU'RE BEGINNING TO SUCCEED. } I THINK WE'RE SEEING SIGNS THAT AMERICA IS STRONGER ECONOMICALLY, AND, YES, STRONGER SPIRITUALLY TOO.

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BY THE END OF THE 1970'S, MILLIONS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES HAD SEEN THE GOLDEN PROMISE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM DESTROYED BY RUNAWAY INFLATION, TAXES, AND INTEREST RATES. } THE RATE OF PRICE INCREASES IS DOWN TO 3.6 PERCENT IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS, BUT I WILL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL INFLATION IS ZERO.

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WE PASSED A TAX RATE REDUCTION THAT'S HELPED PARENTS BY REDUCING, BY OVER \$900 A YEAR, THE TAX BILL THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN OWED BY A TYPICAL FAMILY. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT GREATER TAX FAIRNESS FOR FAMILIES, AND GREATER TAX INCENTIVES FOR FAMILIES, WILL BE KEY CONSIDERATIONS IN THE PROPOSALS BEING DEVELOPED TO SIMPLIFY OUR TAX SYSTEM.

I BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE A GREAT HUNGER IN AMERICA FOR A MORAL AND SPIRITUAL REVIVAL AS WELL. GEORGE GALLUP, JR. HAS NOTICED A STRONG AND WELCOME TREND IN HIS SURVEYS — "A BURGEONING OF INTEREST IN RELIGION. A SEARCHING FOR SPIRITUAL MOORINGS. A DESIRE FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF ONE'S FAITH."

WE'RE SEEING SIGNS THAT FAMILY LIFE IS MAKING A COMEBACK. WE'RE REMEMBERING THAT WITH FREEDOM COMES PERSONAL AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY; WE'RE REMEMBERING THAT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO WISH OTHERS WELL BY SUPPORTING A MORE BENEVOLENT GOVERNMENT. TOLERANCE, KINDNESS, AND LOVE BEGIN AT HOME — IN OUR OWN LIVES, IN OUR OWN FAMILIES, IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES.

AND I THINK ALL THIS IS BEGINNING TO HAVE A PROFOUND IMPACT ON US AS A PEOPLE, ON THE CHARACTER OF OUR NATION, AND ON THE DESTINY OF AMERICA.

CRIME RATES HAVE BEEN DROPPING; DIVORCE RATES HAVE BEEN DROPPING. AND I ASSURE YOU THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS DETERMINED TO WAGE ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST THE EVIL PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS AND PORNOGRAPHY TO PREY ON OUR FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES.

WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS, BUT ALL THAT WE  
HAVE DONE IS ONLY A FRACTION OF WHAT NEEDS  
TO BE DONE.

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HOW CAN WE REST, HOW CAN WE BE  
SATISFIED, KNOWING THAT THE GOD WHO HAS  
BLESSED OUR LAND HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM OUR  
CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS? WE CANNOT AND WE WILL  
NOT. IF ENOUGH OF US PRAY TOGETHER, STAND  
TOGETHER, AND WORK TOGETHER, THEN THE GATES  
OF RESISTANCE WILL FALL — AND WE WILL SEE  
THE DAY WHEN FREEDOM OF VOLUNTARY, VOCAL  
PRAYER HAS BEEN RESTORED TO EVERY CLASSROOM  
IN AMERICA. AND IF WE CAN GET GOD AND  
DISCIPLINE BACK IN OUR SCHOOLS, MAYBE WE CAN  
GET DRUGS AND VIOLENCE OUT.

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NEITHER CAN WE REST, NOR CAN THE CONSCIENCE OF AMERICA BE AT PEACE, WHEN THE LIVES OF OVER 4,000 UNBORN CHILDREN ARE BEING SNUFFED OUT EVERY DAY -- 4,000 CHILDREN WHO WILL NEVER LAUGH, NEVER SING, NEVER KNOW THE JOY OF HUMAN LOVE; WILL NEVER STRIVE TO HEAL THE SICK, FEED THE POOR, OR MAKE PEACE AMONG NATIONS. LET US GO FORTH WITH PEACEFUL, BUT RENEWED DETERMINATION, KNOWING THAT NO CHALLENGE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN RESTORING THE RIGHT TO LIFE -- FOR WITHOUT THAT RIGHT, NO OTHER RIGHTS HAVE ANY MEANING.

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WITHIN OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, LET US CONTINUE REACHING OUT, STRIVING FOR A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AMONG PEOPLE AND NATIONS -- AMONG ALL WHO SHARE OUR LIVES AND OUR DREAMS FOR A BETTER WORLD.

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AND LET US REMEMBER THAT THE BLESSINGS OF  
LIBERTY WE ENJOY DO NOT BELONG TO US ALONE;  
THEY ARE GIFTS FROM GOD TO MEN AND WOMEN  
EVERYWHERE; AND WE HAVE A DUTY TO SUPPORT  
ALL WHO STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM.

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THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITH. } AND THANK YOU FOR  
THE VICTORY OF PRINCIPLES AND IDEALS THAT I  
KNOW YOU WILL WIN, AND THAT ALL AMERICANS  
WILL SHARE.

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GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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