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(Elliott/Khedouri/RR)

July 13, 1984

2:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: ENVIRONMENT
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1984

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My fellow Americans, I'd like to talk to you today about our environment. But as I mentioned earlier this week, in doing so, I might be letting you in on a little secret -- as a matter of fact, one of the best-kept secrets in Washington.

More than 15 years ago, the State of California decided that we needed to take action to combat the smog that was choking the beautiful cities of my home State. Out of that concern was born the first serious program to require manufacturers to build cleaner cars and help control air pollution. The auto industry had to build two kinds of cars: one that would be for sale in the other 49 States and one that would meet the stiff anti-pollution standards required in California. We had other concerns in California, such as protecting our magnificent and unique coastline, and we took the lead in that area as well.

It took the rest of the Nation a few years to catch on, but in 1970 the Congress followed California's lead and enacted the Clean Air Act. Other laws to protect and clean up the Nation's lakes and rivers were passed and America got on with the job of protecting the environment.

Part of the secret I mentioned is that I happen to have been Governor of California back when much of this was being done. Now, obviously, neither the problems in California nor those nationally have been solved, but I am proud of having been one of the first to recognize that States and the Federal Government

have a duty to protect our natural resources from the damaging effects of pollution that can accompany industrial development.

The other part of the well-kept secret has to do with the environmental record of our Administration which is one of achievement in parks, wilderness land, and wildlife refuges. According to studies by the Environmental Protection Agency, the quality of our air and water has continued to improve during our Administration. In many big cities, the number of days on which pollution alerts are declared has gone down. And if you live near a river, you may have noticed that the signs have been coming down that used to warn people not to fish or swim.

We came to Washington ² committed to respect the great bounty and beauty of God's creation. We believe very strongly in the concept of stewardship, caring for the resources we have, so they can be shared and used productively for generations to come. And we've put that philosophy to work, correcting deficiencies of past policies and advancing long overdue initiatives.

Let me give you some facts that our critics never seem to remember. When we took office in 1980, we faced a dusty shelf of reports which pointed out our predecessors had been so busy spending money on new lands for parks, that they had seriously neglected basic upkeep of the magnificent parks we had.

So we temporarily put off acquiring new park land and started a new billion-dollar, 5-year program to repair and modernize facilities at our national parks and wildlife refuges. If you've been to just about any national park lately, you've probably seen the results. We've nearly finished repairing the

damage from years of neglect, and I've asked the Congress for almost \$160 million to resume buying lands to round out our national park and refuge systems.

We also took the lead in developing a new approach to protecting some 700 miles of undeveloped coastal areas -- the dunes, beaches, and barrier islands that are some of our most beautiful and productive natural resources.

There are some who want you to believe that commitment to protecting the environment can be measured by comparing the budgets of EPA under the previous administration, with those proposed and approved by the Congress under my Administration.

But they deliberately ignore that the major Federal environmental laws are designed to be carried out by the States in partnership with EPA. By the time the Clean Air, Clean Water, and other big programs put in place in the early 1970's moved into their second decade, the States had largely taken over the job formerly performed by the Federal Government.

With this successful delegation to the States, EPA, under the leadership of Bill Ruckelshaus, has been freed to move on to the challenges of the 1980's, such as cleaning up abandoned toxic waste dumps. Under our Administration, funding for the Superfund clean-up program will have increased from just over \$100 million in 1981 to \$620 million in 1985. By the end of this year, EPA expects to have undertaken more than 400 emergency actions to remove and contain public health hazards. And, because we recognize that we need to do more clean-up work than the current

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6:00 p.m.

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As I said, our progress on protecting the environment is one of the best-kept secrets in Washington. But it's not, by far, the only secret, and I'll have more on that in the months ahead.

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

(ELLIOTT)

JULY 16, 1984/11:30 A.M.

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CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK PROCLAMATION

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR
BEING WITH US HERE TODAY. I WILL SAY I'M
DELIGHTED TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU, BUT I AM
VERY MUCH AWARE THAT, IN YOUR CASE, THAT
WORD DELIGHT DOES NOT NEARLY SUFFICE.

I LOOK AT YOU, AND I KNOW I AM LOOKING
AT PEOPLE WHO HAVE SEEN AND SUFFERED THE
FULL GAMUT OF TOTALITARIAN TERROR. SOME OF
YOU LOST FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR
STRUGGLES; SOME OF YOU RISKED YOUR LIVES AND
ALL YOUR EARTHLY BELONGINGS; ALL OF YOU WILL
BEAR SCARS FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES. YOU
ARE MEN AND WOMEN OF COURAGE — HEROES WHO
HAVE DEVOTED A LIFETIME TO STRUGGLE FOR
GOD'S GREATEST GIFT — FOR FREEDOM — AND
FOR THAT I CAN ONLY SAY I AM HONORED TO
STAND WITH YOU TODAY, AND I WILL BE PROUD TO
STAND BY YOU ALWAYS.

YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IS THE PREEMINENT STRUGGLE OF OUR TIME. ONE OF THE GREAT TRAGEDIES OF OUR AGE IS THAT UGLY, SINISTER WALLS CONTINUE TO DENY FOR THE MILLIONS TRAPPED BEHIND THEM THE MOST BASIC YEARNINGS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

LET US MAKE IT PLAIN THAT WE MUST AND WILL CONDEMN ALL TYRANTS WHO DENY THEIR CITIZENS HUMAN RIGHTS — WHETHER THEY BE DICTATORS OF THE LEFT OR OF THE RIGHT. BUT FOR THE SAKE OF OUR SECURITY, FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FREEDOM, LET US UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE SINGLE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE WORLD TODAY. IT IS THE CHALLENGE OF ONE SYSTEM THAT PUTS ITSELF ABOVE GOD, THAT DEMANDS CONTROL OVER PEOPLE'S LIVES, AND THAT DEFINES ITS VERY EXISTENCE BY THE RELENTLESS DRIVE TO CONQUER MORE AND MORE LANDS — AND THAT SYSTEM IS COMMUNIST TOTALITARIANISM.

LOOK AT THE LESSON OF HISTORY: MANY NATIONS TODAY HAVE BEEN CONQUERED BY FORCE — NOT BY MORAL FORCE, NOT BY PERSUASION, AND CERTAINLY NOT BY THE TIDES OF HISTORY. NO, THEY WERE SEIZED BY FORCES OF VIOLENCE — BY TANKS AND GUNS IN POLAND, HUNGARY, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA; BY BOMBS, CHEMICAL POISONS, AND FORCED STARVATION IN AFGHANISTAN, VIETNAM, AND KAMPUCHEA; AND EVERYWHERE, BY THE FORCES OF PERSECUTION AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE — PEOPLE WHOSE ONLY CRIME MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SIMPLE FAITH, A LOVE OF THEIR GOD, A LONGING TO WORSHIP — AS MOSLEMS, BUDDHISTS, JEWS, OR FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

THEY WERE TAKEN CAPTIVES BY FORCE AND THEY REMAIN CAPTIVES BY FORCE. THE CITIZENS OF NICARAGUA ARE THE LATEST TO JOIN THIS UNHAPPY LOT — VICTIMS OF THE CAMPAIGN OF PERSECUTION AGAINST LIBERTY AND FAITH THAT FOLLOWS EVERY COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF MANAGUA, MIGUEL OBANDO Y BRAVO, AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS FLOCK HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SINGLED OUT AS ENEMIES BY THE SANDINISTA REGIME. LAST WEEK THE ARCHBISHOP SAID, "WE ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF A MARXIST-LENINIST GOVERNMENT THAT CANNOT ACCEPT AN INDEPENDENT CHURCH... THE GOVERNMENT'S GOAL," HE SAID, "IS TO ELIMINATE THE CHURCH, TO ELIMINATE PRIESTS WHO ARE LOYAL TO THE POPE AND TO THE CHURCH HIERARCHY."

POPE JOHN PAUL II SAID, "I EXPRESS MY FIRM DISAPPROVAL AND MY INTIMATE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUFFERING OF THE CHURCH IN NICARAGUA." AND, I KNOW I SPEAK FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO JOIN THE POPE IN SAYING — WE, TOO, DISAPPROVE; AND, YES, PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA, WE, TOO, SUFFER WITH YOU.

DEMOCRACY IS FAR FROM PERFECT; BUT
DEMOCRACY DOES NOT WAGE WAR ON ITS
NEIGHBORS; DOES NOT BUILD WALLS TO KEEP ITS
PEOPLE IN; AND DOES NOT ORGANIZE ARMIES OF
SECRET POLICE TO SPY ON THEM AND KEEP THEM
QUIET. DEMOCRACY REFLECTS ALL THE MISTAKES,
ALL THE FRAILTIES, BUT ALSO THE DEEPEST
HOPES AND DREAMS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT. AND
DEMOCRACY RESTS UPON A NOBLE PRINCIPLE THAT
HAS AND ALWAYS WILL MAKE TYRANTS TREMBLE —
GOVERNMENT DERIVES ITS LEGITIMACY FROM THE
CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED.

THAT IS WHY PEOPLE, WITH THEIR INNATE
GOOD SENSE, HAVE NEVER CHOSEN OF THEIR OWN
FREE WILL TO LIVE AS SLAVES; BUT MILLIONS
HAVE RISKED THEIR LIVES TO ESCAPE THE
DARKNESS OF OPPRESSION TO LIVE IN THE
SUNLIGHT OF FREEDOM.

AND THAT IS WHY WE CAN SAY HERE TODAY WITH CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR PATH IS THE RIGHT AND GOOD PATH, AND THAT, YES, DEMOCRACY IS THE WAY OF THE FUTURE.

TO ALL THOSE TRAPPED IN TYRANNY —
(WHEREVER THEY MAY BE) — LET US SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, NOT AS REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS, BUT AS AMERICANS SAYING, YOU ARE NOT ALONE, YOUR DREAMS ARE NOT IN VAIN, HOLD ONTO YOUR DREAMS BECAUSE THE TIDE OF THE FUTURE IS A FREEDOM TIDE, AND TOTALITARIANISM CANNOT HOLD IT BACK.

WE ARE PEACEFUL PEOPLE; WE OCCUPY NO COUNTRIES, WE SEEK NO CONFRONTATION WITH ANY NATION. AS I HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY, THERE IS NOTHING WE WANT MORE, NOTHING WE ARE TRYING HARDER TO ACHIEVE THAN TO BRING ABOUT A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD. PEACE IS OUR HIGHEST ASPIRATION.

WE ARE PREPARED FOR PEACE AND PREPARED
TO PERSIST FOR PEACE. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL
WROTE, "ENDURANCE IS THE CROWNING QUALITY
AND PATIENCE ALL THE PASSION OF GREAT
HEARTS -- ONE DAY WITH LIFE AND HEART IS
MORE THAN ENOUGH TO FIND A WORLD." WE WILL
ALWAYS SUMMON OUR STRENGTH TO WORK ANOTHER
DAY TO MAKE THIS WORLD A SAFER PLACE.

BUT AS WE GO FORWARD IN THIS WORTHY
ENDEAVOR, LET US ALSO REMEMBER WHO WE ARE
AND WHAT WE STAND FOR. WE ARE A NATION
UNDER GOD, AND HIS DIVINE SPIRIT OF TRUTH
AND LOVE MUST GUIDE AND ALWAYS REMAIN
CENTRAL TO OUR EXISTENCE. YES, WE STAND FOR
PEACE / BUT WE STAND FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM
AND FOR PEACE WITH DIGNITY.

AND WHEN WE SPEAK OF THE DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, NOTHING COULD BE MORE TRAGIC THAN THE FATE OF THE NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, DR. ANDREI SAKHAROV, AND HIS WIFE, YELENA BONNER, WHO ARE CURRENTLY SUFFERING SEVERE PERSECUTION AND ARE CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF HUMANITY. THE WORLD DEMANDS TO KNOW THE FATE OF THESE TWO GOOD AND COURAGEOUS PEOPLE.

SO TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE OUR POLICY MUST ALSO BE WILLFUL IGNORANCE OF UGLY TRUTHS, MUST BE SILENCE IN THE FACE OF PERSECUTION AND APPEASEMENT OR SURRENDER TO AGGRESSION I SAY NO, THAT PRICE IS FAR TOO STEEP AND WE DARE NOT AND WILL NEVER PAY IT.

IF OUR OBSERVANCE OF CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK IS TO HAVE MEANING, THEN IT MUST BE OBSERVED IN WORD AND IN DEED.

TODAY, I AM CALLING ON PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WHO ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO JOIN WITH US IN HELPING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN AFGHANISTAN, BECAUSE THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT, THEY WANT OUR SUPPORT, AND THEY DESERVE OUR SUPPORT. THE CAUSE OF PEACE IS NOT SERVED BY A CONQUERING FORCE OF MORE THAN 100,000 SOVIET TROOPS; THE CAUSE OF PEACE WILL ONLY BE SERVED WHEN THOSE TROOPS ARE OUT AND AFGHANISTAN BELONGS AGAIN TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE.

AND TODAY, I AM APPEALING TO THOSE WHO REFUSE TO HELP THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN NICARAGUA, REFUSE TO ASSIST THEIR COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY, FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, AND FOR FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND WORSHIP IN THEIR HOMELAND.

I URGE YOU TO PONDER LONG AND HARD, TO REFLECT ON THE FATAL CONSEQUENCES OF COMPLACENCY AND ISOLATIONISM, AND, ABOVE ALL, TO UNDERSTAND, THAT FREEDOM IS NEVER MORE THAN ONE GENERATION FROM EXTINCTION. IT IS VITAL FOR THE SAKE OF OUR OWN FUTURE THAT THE CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE DEMOCRATIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE.

FREEDOM'S GREATEST SHIELD IS A SHIELD OF TRUTH. AND OUR SHIELD IS STRONGER TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE. I AM PROUD TO TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE BEGUN AN INITIATIVE THAT WILL BRING WORDS OF TRUTH AND A MESSAGE OF HOPE TO MILLIONS OF IMPRISONED PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE CONSTRUCTION BUDGET OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA WAS ONLY \$2.6 MILLION IN 1981.

SO OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS DEVELOPED A
6-YEAR, \$1 BILLION PROGRAM TO MODERNIZE THE
VOICE OF AMERICA, AND I'M PLEASED TO REPORT
THAT THE CONGRESS HAS VOTED TO PROVIDE
NEARLY \$100 MILLION FOR 1985. WE ARE ALSO
COMMITTED TO EXPANDING SIGNIFICANTLY THE
ABILITY OF RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO
LIBERTY TO COMMUNICATE TO THE PEOPLES OF
EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION. AND WE
ARE PLEASED THAT THE CONGRESS HAS AUTHORIZED
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RADIO MARTI WHICH WILL
BROADCAST THE TRUTH TO THE PEOPLE OF CUBA.

THERE IS CAUSE FOR HOPE AND FOR
PROMISE. AND SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITH,
FOR YOUR COURAGE, AND I THANK YOU FOR
STANDING TOGETHER. BECAUSE WITH YOU BY OUR
SIDE, WE WILL KEEP OUR SIGHTS ON THE
FARTHEST STARS/ WE WILL CLIMB HIGHER/ WE
WILL BE A SHINING CITY ON A HILL. OUR TIME
IS NOW.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU
ALL.

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AND NOW I'LL SIGN THE CAPTIVE NATIONS
WEEK PROCLAMATION.

(Robinson/BE)
July 16, 1984
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR LEGISLATION
TO RAISE NATIONWIDE DRINKING AGE
TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1984

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Secretary Dole, Governor Kean, Candy Lightner, and members of the Congress: Good afternoon and welcome to the White House. When I accepted the nomination of my party to run for President 4 years ago today, I shared my vision of the future. I said, "We need a rebirth of the American tradition of leadership at every level of government and in private life as well. The United States of America is unique in world history because it has a genius for leaders -- many leaders -- on many levels."

Since then, we've seen the rise of a great national movement -- a movement led by men and women in all walks of life. It began in communities, spread to State governments, and has now won wide support here in our Nation's Capital -- the movement against drunk driving. The bill we've gathered to sign today reflects the will of the American people and takes the battle to stop drunk driving one crucial step further.

Permit me to tell you why I believe this bill is so important. We know that drinking plus driving can spell death and disaster. We know that people from 18 to 20 are more likely to be in alcohol-related accidents than those in any other age group. We know that America has a clear stake in making certain that her sons and daughters, so full of vitality and promise, are not crippled or killed. And we know one simple measure that will save thousands of young lives -- raising the drinking age to 21.

Now, raising the drinking age isn't a fad or an experiment. It's a proven success. Nearly every State that has raised the drinking age to 21 has produced a significant drop in teenage driving fatalities. In Illinois, teenage fatalities have fallen 23 percent; in New Jersey, 26 percent; and in Michigan, 31 percent.

When the Commission on Drunk Driving submitted its report, it forcefully recommended that all 50 States should make 21 the legal drinking age. Yet, today, only about half our States have age-21 laws. That leaves us with a crazy-quilt of different State drinking laws, and far too many "blood borders" -- borders teens drive across to reach States with lower drinking ages. These teenagers drink, then careen home, and all too often cause crippling or fatal accidents.

This problem is bigger than the individual States -- it's a grave national problem that touches all our lives. With a problem so clear-cut and a proven solution at hand, I have no misgivings about this judicious use of Federal power. I'm convinced it will help persuade State legislatures to act in the national interest and save our children's lives by raising the drinking age to 21 across the country.

Many have toiled long and hard to make this bill possible. Members of the Congress, Secretary Dole, and the thousands of concerned Americans like the members of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, by supporting this legislation, you've done our Nation a service, and each of you has my heartfelt thanks.

Thank you, God bless you, and now let me sign the bill.

GOW. KEAN, SEC. DOLE, CANDY LI
LIGHTER & MEMBERS... DONG. } GOOD
AFTERNOON & WLCY... W. H. } WHEN.
--ACCPD... PARTY'S NOM. -- PRESIDENCY
4 YRS. AGO TODAY... SHARED... VISION
--FUT. } "SD." "WE ND." "REBIRTH... AM
TRAD." "LDRSHIP" "EVRY LEVEL" "GOVT. &
"PVT. LF." "WL." } "U.S." "A." "UNIQUE
"WRLD. HIST. BCUS." "HS." "GENIUS
"LDRs. -- MNY LDRs. -- ON MNY LEVELS.
SINCE THN. "SN." "RISE" "GRT. NAT.
MOVEMNT -- "MOVEMNT LED." "M. & W.
"ALL WLCs" "LF." } "BGN." "COMMUNITY
SPRD." "ST. GOVTS." & "NOW NON WD.
SUPPORT HR." "OUR NATS. CAP." -- "....
MAINT AGNST DRUNK DRIVING.

BUD. 532B. - 615B.

TXs. 44¢ - SVNGs.

LCK .. INVST. CAP.

HIGHEST % OUT MODP.

79 MIL. - 82 MIL. -

23,800
76% Autos - 38%

47% Steel 19%

27-5600

1,000 Ind. - 636 miles
computer DCE

"BILL" GATHERED SIGN TODAY (2
REFLECTS "WL." "AM. P. & TK." "BATTLE"
"STOP DRINK DRIVING ONE CRUCIAL
STEP FURTHER. PERMIT ME TELL U

WHY "BLV." "BILL" SO IMPORTANT. ...

KNOW - DRINKING + DRIVING "SPELL
DEATH & DISASTER" "KNOW" P. "18"

20% MORE LIKELY "BE" "ALCOHOL RELATED
ACCIDENTS" "THIS" "ANY OTHER AGE GROUP."

"KNOW" "AM." "CLR. STK." "MKNNG.
CERTAIN "HR. SONGS & Ds. SO FULL ...
VITALITY & PROMISE "NOT CRIPPLED OR
KILLED" & "KNOW ONE SIMPLE

MSURE "WL. SV. 1000s "Y. LVs -
RSNG. "DRINKING AGE" "21." NOW
RSNG. "DRINKING AGE" "NOT FAD OR

KEMP-ROTH - AS - MAY 1st

.. TOTL ... NI MEMBR .. CONG. SUPPORT

K-R - 22 SENs. (INCLUDING BAKER)

+ 89 H. MEMBR. } -- HS -- ENDORSEMENT

ALSO ... JOINT CONG. LDRSHIP. & ...

R.N.C. (THRU IT. EC. POLICY ADVISRY COMM.)

SEN. R. -- BN. NMD. CHMN. ... EC. POLICY COMM.

ON PLATFORM

"XPERIMENT" ... PROVN SUCCESS. &

NRLY EVRY ST. ... HS. PSD. ... DRINKING
AGE "21" PRODUCD "SIGNIF. DROP
"TEEN AGE DRVING FATALITYS" IN.

ILL. T.A. F.S. ... FALCN 23% IN.

N.J. WHR. GOV. KEAN ... LED ... RL.

CHMN. ... 26% } & "MICH. 31%

WHN. "COMMISSN" DRUNK DRVING.
SUBMITD "REPORT" FORCEFULLY RECOMMND
"ALL 50 STS. SHLD. MK. 21" LEGL
DRINKING AGE. } YET TODAY LESS "1/2

"STS. AGE 21 - LAWS. } THAT LV. US WITH ...

CRAZY-QUILT ... DIF. ST. DRINKING LAWS
& FAR ... MNY. "BLOOD BORDRS" - BORDRS
TEENs DRV. ACROSS "RCH. STS. ...

LOWR DRINKING AGES } THS. T. AGERS

1st LITTLE BOY 11-12 YRS. OLD
... "THEY SAY ... PRETTY OLD - TELL
... SM. - THINGS YOU REMEMBER
- LITTLE BOY?"] ... WHEN AM. HD.
... STRONGST DEN. ... ANY CO. "WRS.
... WHEN EVERY WRKING M. & W. OLD,
AFFORD - BUY - OWN HOME
... WHEN GAS, "28¢" GAL.
HE SD: "HEY YOU ARNT SO OLD
MISTR - ... WS. I HT. WY. WHEN ... WS,
"LITTLE BOY!"

DRNK. THN. CAREEN HOME & ALL 4
"OFTN CAUSE CRIPPING OR FATAL ACCS

THS. PROB. "BIGGER" INDIVID. STS.—
ITS "GRV. NAT. PROB." "TAKES ALCOHOL

LVs. SWTH. "PROB. SO CLR. CUT &
"PROVN. SOLUTN" HND. "HV. NO
MISGVNGS ABT. THS. JUDICIOUS USE
"FED. POWR. I'M CONVINCED"

WL. HLP. PERSUADE ST. LEGIS.

"ACT" "NAT. INT. & SV." "CHLDREN
LVs. "RSNG. "DRINKING AGE" 21

ACROSS "CO. NY. ~~THE~~ TOLD
HRD. "MK. "BILL POSSIBLE MEMBERS"

CONG. - SEC. DOLE & "1000s" CONCERNED
ANYs. LK. "MEMBERS" "MOTHERS AGNST. DRINK.

BY SUPPORTING "LEGIS.

"DOVE" "NAT." SRVC. & LEAD "MY

(DOLAN)

The President has seen _____
JULY 18, 1984

CEREMONY WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S
PRIVATE SECTOR SURVEY ON COST CONTROL

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I WANT TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU HERE
TODAY. I'M SORRY ABOUT THE CHANGE IN
PLANS -- BUT IT LOOKED AS IF IT WAS GOING TO
RAIN ON OUR PARADE. WE DO HOPE TO SEE ALL
OF YOU AT SOME FUTURE DATE AT YOUR WHITE
HOUSE. AND I DO MEAN YOUR WHITE HOUSE.
NANCY AND I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS
AWFULLY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT WE'RE
JUST THE TEMPORARY TENANTS THERE. AND WHILE
IT'S NO SECRET THAT WE'RE HOPING FOR A
RENEWAL OF THE LEASE, WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN
THAT THIS HOME BELONGS FIRST TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE AND NO ONE ELSE.

AND IT'S IN THAT SPIRIT I WANTED TO
SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. AS I SAID RECENTLY IN
TEXAS, THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO
GOVERNMENT SIGNIFY FAR MORE THAN A VICTORY
FOR ANY ONE PERSON, PARTY, OR POLITICAL
PHILOSOPHY. WHEN THESE CHANGES WERE FIRST
PROPOSED, THE SEERS AND SAYERS OF
POTOMAC-LAND SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE, THAT
OUR PROBLEMS WERE TOO VAST AND COMPLICATED,
THAT OUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS COULDN'T
FUNCTION ANY MORE. THEY SAID THAT WE
COULDN'T SIMULTANEOUSLY CUT THE GROWTH OF
GOVERNMENT, REDUCE TAX RATES, SPARK AN
ECONOMIC EXPANSION, LAUNCH A WAR ON CRIME,
REBUILD OUR DEFENSES, STOP THE EXPANSION OF
TOTALITARIANISM, AND PUT FORWARD THE MOST
EXTENSIVE SERIES OF ARMS REDUCTION PROPOSALS
IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY.

WELL, THEY WERE WRONG. ALL THOSE THINGS ARE BEING ACCOMPLISHED; AND THEY ARE TOO VAST AND SWEEPING TO BE THE WORK OF ANY ONE PERSON OR ADMINISTRATION. THE IMPETUS FOR THOSE CHANGES HAS COME FROM WHAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE REAL SOURCE OF AMERICA'S SUCCESS AND GREATNESS; THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES. I'M TALKING ABOUT ALL THE AVERAGE CITIZENS WHO, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, MADE THEIR VOICES HEARD HERE IN WASHINGTON; WHO SAID THEY HAD HEARD ENOUGH EXCUSES FROM GRASPING POLITICIANS AND INDIFFERENT BUREAUCRATS; THE HEARTLAND PEOPLE WHO TOOK BACK THEIR GOVERNMENT FROM A WASHINGTON-ORIENTED LEADERSHIP THAT STOOD FOR PESSIMISM, DEFEATISM, AND INEPTITUDE.

ONE EXAMPLE OF THE PEOPLE'S NEW-FOUND INFLUENCE HERE IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN A COST-CUTTING REVOLUTION THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION BEGAN THE DAY IT TOOK OFFICE.

UNHERALDED, ALMOST UNREPORTED, IT IS A QUIET
REVOLUTION REACHING INTO EVERY PART OF THE
GOVERNMENT — PRUNING,/SHEARING,/CUTTING
BACK BUREAUCRACY,/MAKING IT MORE EFFICIENT
AND LESS WASTEFUL/ AND MAKING IT MORE
RESPONSIVE TO THE PEOPLE.

THREE YEARS AGO, I CALLED WASTE, FRAUD,
AND MISMANAGEMENT IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
AN UNRELENTING NATIONAL SCANDAL. WELL,
TODAY, ALTHOUGH WE ARE STILL A LONG WAY FROM
HOME, THAT SCANDAL IS STARTING TO RELENT.
LET ME TELL YOU WHY.

FROM DISCOVERING BENEFIT CHECKS STILL
BEING SENT TO THE DECEASED,/TO FINDING A
HAMMER THE PENTAGON WAS PAYING \$400 FOR/ OUR
INSPECTORS GENERAL/ AUDITORS/ AND
ADMINISTRATORS/ARE PUTTING THE SQUEEZE ON
BILLIONS IN WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT.

THROUGH THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON INTEGRITY AND EFFICIENCY, WE'VE USED THE INSPECTORS GENERAL AS A STRIKE FORCE TO CUT OUT BILLIONS IN WASTE, FRAUD, AND MISMANAGEMENT.

ALL OUR INSPECTORS GENERAL ARE DOING A REMARKABLE JOB. TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S BEING DONE IN JUST ONE DEPARTMENT, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. IN 1981, THE INSPECTORS GENERAL PROGRAM THERE ACCOUNTED FOR 517 CONVICTIONS IN FRAUD-AGAINST-THE-GOVERNMENT CASES AND \$165 MILLION IN SAVINGS. ONLY 2 YEARS LATER, THAT OFFICE — UNDER RICHARD KUSSEROW, (A FORMER F.B.I. SUPERVISOR WE BROUGHT IN FROM CHICAGO) — WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 800 FRAUD-AGAINST-THE-GOVERNMENT CONVICTIONS AND \$1.4 BILLION IN SAVINGS.

MANY OF YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THE MAZE WE
CALL THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY INCLUDES SOME
350 DIFFERENT ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS,
150 CIVILIAN PAYROLL/PERSONNEL SYSTEMS,
1,100 PAYMENT CENTERS, MOST OF THEM POORLY
COORDINATED AND MANY OF THEM INCOMPATIBLE,
WITH NO EFFECTIVE CASH OR DEBT MANAGEMENT.

UNDER A CAREFULLY DESIGNED PROGRAM CALLED
REFORM 88, WE ARE NOW BRINGING ABOUT SOME OF
THE MANAGEMENT REFORMS AND COST REDUCTIONS
THAT WILL CLEAR OUT THIS JUNGLE AND MAKE
SOME SENSE OF FEDERAL PROCEDURES AND
ORGANIZATION. ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR
INCLUDE THE COLLECTION OF BILLIONS IN
DELINQUENT DEBT, REDUCTION OF PAPERWORK BY
32 PERCENT AND SUSPENDING PUBLICATION OF AN
ESTIMATED 155 MILLION COPIES OF MARGINALLY
USEFUL FEDERAL PUBLICATIONS.

TO ENSURE THAT REFORMS OCCUR AND THAT SAVINGS ARE MADE / WE EXAMINE PROGRESS MADE DURING FORMAL MANAGEMENT REVIEWS WITH EACH FEDERAL AGENCY AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS.

BUT ULTIMATELY, I BELIEVE HISTORY WILL RECORD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S BIGGEST VICTORY OVER BUREAUCRACY AND BIG GOVERNMENT BEGAN WITH THE WORK OF YOU HERE TODAY. } I THINK ALL OF YOU REMEMBER THE SKEPTICISM, CYNICISM, AND EVEN SCORN WITH WHICH THE PERMANENT WASHINGTON ESTABLISHMENT GREETED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GRACE COMMISSION.

YOU KNOW, I REMEMBER DURING THE LAST CAMPAIGN / ANY TIME YOU BROUGHT UP THE PROBLEM OF WASTE, FRAUD, AND MISMANAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT / MANY PEOPLE WHO HAD GOTTEN USED TO THE WAYS OF WASHINGTON SAID IT WAS JUST CAMPAIGN RHETORIC.

THEY SAID SUCH PROBLEMS WERE SO INGRAINED —
AND, AS THEY LIKE TO SAY IN THIS CITY,
"STRUCTURAL" — THAT NOTHING COULD BE DONE
ABOUT THEM.

SOMETHING WAS DONE ABOUT THEM. } AND IN
LARGE PART WE HAVE ALL OF YOU TO THANK FOR
THAT. } THE END PRODUCT OF YOUR 18 MONTHS OF
HARD WORK WAS 2,478 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW
TO CUT THE DEFICIT / CONVEYED IN 36 TASK
FORCE REPORTS, / 11 SPECIAL REPORTS, / AND A
TWO-VOLUME FINAL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT.

YOUR 21,000 PAGES OF THE 48 REPORTS ARE
SUPPORTED BY 1.5 MILLION PAGES OF
DOCUMENTATION. } AND YOUR SURVEY WAS
CONDUCTED AT NO COST TO THE GOVERNMENT, / WITH
\$76 MILLION DONATED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN
PERSONNEL, / MATERIALS, / SUPPLIES, / EQUIPMENT, /
AND TRAVEL COSTS.

NOW I THINK YOU ALL KNOW I PLEDGED TO YOU LAST JANUARY NOT JUST TALK, BUT AGGRESSIVE ACTION ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. I RECEIVED A VERY THICK MEMORANDUM THE OTHER DAY. IT NOTED THAT OUR SPECIAL TASK FORCES SET UP TO REVIEW AND IMPLEMENT YOUR PROPOSALS HAVE CURRENTLY COMPLETED THEIR REVIEWS OF 44 PERCENT OF THE ISSUES AND MORE THAN 80 PERCENT OF THOSE ISSUES HAVE BEEN FORWARDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

YOU KNOW, THE REVIEW PROCESS INVOLVES VERY COMPLEX AND DETAILED COMPUTERIZED DATA — ALL OF WHICH WAS SUMMARIZED RECENTLY IN THAT VERY THICK MEMORANDUM THAT WAS SENT MY WAY. IT KIND OF REMINDS ME OF THE TIME A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID HE WAS SO DISTURBED BY DUPLICATION IN GOVERNMENT THAT HE WAS APPOINTING NOT ONE, BUT TWO COMMISSIONS TO STUDY THE PROBLEM.

BUT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS ONE TIME I'M
GLAD GOVERNMENT IS PRODUCING PAPERWORK —
BECAUSE ALL OF THIS PAPERWORK IS BEING
PRODUCED TO KEEP A CAREFUL TAB ON HOW WORK
IS PROGRESSING ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

IT'S KIND OF FUN, ISN'T IT? } JUST THINK, YOU
AS PRIVATE CITIZENS NOW HAVE THE BUREAUCRATS
MAKING OUT FORMS AND NOT THE OTHER WAY
AROUND.

BY THE WAY, LET ME ALSO TELL YOU ABOUT
ONE DEVELOPMENT THAT OCCURRED TODAY. } I HAVE
JUST SIGNED A MAJOR PART OF OUR DEFICIT
DOWNPAYMENT PACKAGE, WHICH IS INTENDED TO
REDUCE THE DEFICIT BY \$62 BILLION. } WE'RE
DETERMINED TO GET THE FULL DOWNPAYMENT OF
NEARLY \$140 BILLION OVER 3 YEARS. } SO, I
WILL BE READY WITH MY VETO PEN TO MAKE SURE
THE SPENDING RESTRAINT WE NEED IS FULLY
REFLECTED IN THE REMAINING APPROPRIATIONS
BILLS.

BUT, FOR THE FUTURE, WHAT WE NEED MOST ARE LONG-TERM REFORMS TO ENSURE SUSTAINED REDUCTIONS IN SPENDING GROWTH. THAT'S WHY WE WILL PRESS ON FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO MANDATE A BALANCED FEDERAL BUDGET, AND TO PERMIT A LINE-ITEM VETO. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR REDUCED SPENDING GROWTH BY ADOPTING THE KIND OF COMMON SENSE, LONG-OVERDUE MEASURES YOU HAVE PROPOSED.

SO, I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE YOU A PROGRESS REPORT ON OUR WASTE AND FRAUD CAMPAIGN, AND TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DID DURING THE COURSE OF YOUR WORK ON THE GRACE COMMISSION. I KNOW IT MEANT MANY HOURS AWAY FROM YOUR JOBS AND FAMILIES.

EACH OF YOU HERE TODAY — WHETHER YOU PERSONALLY WORKED ON THE GRACE COMMISSION OR STOOD BY AND SUPPORTED YOUR FRIEND OR SPOUSE — SYMBOLIZED THE BEST IN AMERICA; A WILLINGNESS TO SET ASIDE INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCES FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF THE COUNTRY.

OUR CRITICS SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE. WELL, IT WAS DONE — BECAUSE OF A REMARKABLE MAN NAMED PETER GRACE, BECAUSE OF REMARKABLE PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELVES. I'M GRATEFUL AND YOUR COUNTRY'S GRATEFUL. YOU'VE GIVEN SOMETHING BACK TO AMERICA. YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THAT. YOUR WORK WAS COURAGEOUS AND DARING; YOU DIDN'T SEEK THE APPROVAL OF THE WASHINGTON ESTABLISHMENT, BUT PRODUCED A REPORT THAT SHOOK THE FOUNDATIONS OF THAT ESTABLISHMENT.

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NAPOLEON ONCE SAID TO ONE OF HIS
COMMANDERS, "IF YOU START TO TAKE VIENNA --
TAKE VIENNA." WELL, THERE'S A LOT OF WORK
LEFT TO BE DONE ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS,
BUT, BELIEVE ME, THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS
LEARNED FROM YOUR EXAMPLE. I CAN PROMISE
YOU AGAIN, NOT JUST TALK, BUT AGGRESSIVE
ACTION. AND BELIEVE ME, TOGETHER WE'RE
GOING TO TAKE VIENNA.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(ELLIOTT) The President has seen
JULY 18, 1984/2:30 P.M.

DROPBY BRIEFING ON CENTRAL AMERICA

WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, I AM VERY
PLEASED TO BE HERE WITH YOU, AND I WANT TO
TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK FAITH
WHITTLESEY FOR HER CONTINUING EFFORTS TO
KEEP ALL OF YOU INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS
IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND ABOUT UNITED STATES
POLICY FOR THAT REGION.

OVER THE LAST YEAR THAT THESE CENTRAL
AMERICA OUTREACH GROUP MEETINGS HAVE BEEN
HELD, YOU HAVE HEARD FROM DOZENS OF
WITNESSES TELLING YOU WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO
THEM, TO THEIR COUNTRY, AND TO THEIR HOPES
FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND PEACE.

TOMORROW WILL BE AN ESPECIALLY POIGNANT
ANNIVERSARY FOR OUR DEMOCRATIC NICARAGUAN
FRIENDS. THEY WILL RECALL THE JOY THAT THEY
FELT 5 YEARS AGO. A DICTATORSHIP WAS
DEFEATED, AND A DEMOCRACY WAS PROMISED FOR
THEIR FUTURE BY THE SANDINISTAS WHO HAD LED
THE REVOLUTION.

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BUT THE SANDINISTA REVOLUTION IS A
REVOLUTION BETRAYED / A REVOLUTION THAT HAS
LEFT IN ITS WAKE A TRAIL OF BROKEN PROMISES,
BROKEN HEARTS, AND BROKEN DREAMS.

TRAGICALLY, THERE IS FAR LESS PERSONAL
FREEDOM / FAR MORE REPRESSION IN NICARAGUA
TODAY THAN 5 YEARS AGO.] AND I'M TOLD THERE
ARE SEVERAL HERE AMONG US WHO HAVE SEEN
FIRSTHAND THE TRUTH OF THOSE WORDS.

THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED IN A
TOTALITARIAN DUNGEON / TRAPPED BY A
MILITARY DICTATORSHIP THAT OPPRESSES AND
IMPOVERISHES THEM WHILE ITS RULERS LIVE IN
PRIVILEGED, PROTECTED LUXURY, AND OPENLY
BOAST THEIR REVOLUTION WILL SPREAD TO
NICARAGUA'S NEIGHBORS AS WELL.] IT IS A
DICTATORSHIP MADE ALL THE MORE INSULTING /
ALL THE MORE DANGEROUS / BY THE UNWANTED
PRESENCE OF THOUSANDS OF CUBAN, SOVIET BLOC,
AND RADICAL ARAB "HELPERS."

I KNOW YOU HAVE HEARD HOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS BEEN PERSECUTED AND TREATED AS AN ENEMY BY THE SANDINISTA REGIME. WHEN THE PRIESTS WHO WERE EXPELLED FROM NICARAGUA REACHED COSTA RICA LAST MONDAY, THEY CELEBRATED A MASS IN SAN JOSE WITH ARCHBISHOP ROMAN ARRIETA OF SAN JOSE. THE ARCHBISHOP SAID IN HIS HOMILY, THERE WERE STILL IN THE WORLD MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL WHO DID NOT BELIEVE A TOTALITARIAN REGIME HAD ENTHRONED ITSELF IN NICARAGUA. NOW THOSE PEOPLE KNOW THE TRUTH. Cleveland.

THE POPE, WHO WAS SO OUTRAGEOUSLY INSULTED DURING HIS MASS IN MANAGUA IN MARCH 1983, ASKED FOR PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH IN NICARAGUA. HE EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPROVAL AND HIS INTIMATE SUFFERING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE UNDER THE BOOT OF SANDINISTA REPRESSION.

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AND AS I SAID ON MONDAY AT THE MARKING OF CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK, I KNOW I SPEAK FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WHO JOIN THE POPE IN SAYING -- WE, TOO, DISAPPROVE AND, YES, PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA, WE, TOO, SUFFER WITH YOU.

IF THE SANDINISTAS WANT COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP FROM THE CIVILIZED WORLD, THEN THEY CAN START TREATING THEIR OWN CITIZENS IN A CIVILIZED MANNER. THEY CAN START HONORING THEIR PROMISES OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY, FREEDOM OF WORSHIP AND THEY CAN AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE MOST BASIC AND HONORABLE PRINCIPLE OF A DEMOCRACY -- GOVERNMENT MUST DERIVE ITS LEGITIMACY FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED.

ALL OF US WHO CHERISH DEMOCRATIC VALUES SHOULD INSIST THE SANDINISTAS PERMIT GENUINELY OPEN AND FAIR AND FREE DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS.

WE MUST INSIST THAT THE SANDINISTAS (LIKE THEIR GUATEMALAN, HONDURAN, AND EL SALVADORAN NEIGHBORS)— OPEN THEIR DOORS TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE THEIR UPCOMING ELECTIONS— ESPECIALLY THE O.A.S. BECAUSE IT WAS TO THE O.A.S. THAT THEY PROMISED DEMOCRACY AND THE O.A.S. RECOGNIZED THE SANDINISTA REGIME BASED ON THESE PROMISES.

TOMORROW I WILL BE MEETING IN SOUTH CAROLINA WITH CARIBBEAN LEADERS WHO KNOW FROM FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE HOW A HOSTILE COUNTRY IN THEIR MIDST CAN THREATEN THEIR STABILITY AND SECURITY.

AS OUR CONGRESS RETURNS NEXT WEEK, I URGE THEM, ONCE AGAIN, TO UNDERSTAND OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A TRUSTEE OF FREEDOM AND TO VOTE FOR THE RESOURCES I HAVE REQUESTED TO SUPPORT DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

AND I HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL CONTINUE ATTENDING THESE CENTRAL AMERICA OUTREACH MEETINGS. ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN ONCE ASKED: "CAN ONE PART OF HUMANITY LEARN FROM THE BITTER EXPERIENCE OF ANOTHER...? IS IT POSSIBLE...TO WARN SOMEONE OF DANGER? HOW MANY WITNESSES HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE WEST IN THE LAST 60 YEARS? HOW MANY WAVES OF IMMIGRANTS? HOW MANY MILLIONS OF PERSONS? THEY ARE ALL HERE.) YOU MEET THEM EVERY DAY. YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE: / IF NOT BY THEIR SPIRITUAL DISORIENTATION / THEIR GRIEF / THEIR MELANCHOLY / THEN YOU CAN DISTINGUISH THEM BY THEIR ACCENTS OR THEIR EXTERNAL APPEARANCE. COMING FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH ONE ANOTHER, THEY HAVE BROUGHT YOU EXACTLY THE SAME EXPERIENCE / THEY TELL YOU EXACTLY THE SAME THING / THEY WARN YOU OF WHAT IS NOW TAKING PLACE AND OF WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE PAST. //

I DO BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE TO WARN OF
DANGER, TO LEARN FROM THE MILLIONS OF
WITNESSES WHO HAVE COME TO THE WEST FLEEING
TOTALITARIANISM. BUT WE MUST NOT TURN A
BLIND EYE AND A DEAF EAR TO TRUTH. WE MUST
HAVE THE WISDOM TO UNDERSTAND. AND WE MUST
HAVE THE COURAGE TO ACT. THIS YOU ARE
HELPING US DO, AND I CAN ONLY SAY, THANK YOU
AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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