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(ROHRBACHER)

JULY 19, 1984

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CARIBBEAN LEADERS CONFERENCE  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE AND HONOR FOR  
ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS GATHERING OF  
LEADERS FROM THE CARIBBEAN, YOU ARE AMONG  
OUR NEAREST NEIGHBORS AND CLOSEST FRIENDS,  
OUR SOCIETIES, ECONOMIES, AND HISTORIES HAVE  
BEEN INTERTWINED FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS OF  
THE AMERICAS.

AS WE FACE THE FUTURE TOGETHER, I THINK  
WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BE CONFIDENT, FOUR  
YEARS AGO, ECONOMIC PROSPECTS WERE BLEAK AND  
THE FORCES OF TYRANNY WERE ON THE MOVE,  
EMBOLDENED BY WHAT SEEMED TO BE A PARALYSIS  
AMONG THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES OF THE  
HEMISPHERE.

BUT, BY JOINING TOGETHER WITH COURAGE  
AND DETERMINATION, WE'VE TURNED THAT  
SITUATION AROUND, NOW THE TIDE OF THE  
FUTURE IS A FREEDOM TIDE.

THE FREE PEOPLE OF THIS HEMISPHERE ARE  
UNITED AND SHARE A COMMON SENSE OF PURPOSE.

NOWHERE IS THAT MORE APPARENT THAN WITH THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE CARIBBEAN DEMOCRACIES,  
AS HAS BEEN SO EVIDENT IN OUR MEETING TODAY.

OVER THESE PAST 4 YEARS, WE'VE STRIVED  
TO ENCOURAGE DEMOCRACY / ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC  
VITALITY OF THE REGION / AND COOPERATE IN THE  
DEFENSE OF FREEDOM. THESE ARE NOT SEPARATE  
GOALS, THEY ARE MUTUALLY REINFORCING.

PRESIDENT JORGE BLANCO POINTED THAT OUT  
EARLIER THIS YEAR, WHEN HE OBSERVED,  
". . . BREAD / HEALTH / EDUCATION / LIBERTY /  
DEMOCRACY / AND PEACE / ARE INDIVISIBLE AND  
IRREPLACEABLE VALUES."

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT DEMOCRATIC  
GOVERNMENT IS THE BIRTHRIGHT OF EVERY  
AMERICAN / ALL OF US FROM THE NORTH SLOPE OF  
ALASKA TO THE TIP OF TIERRA DEL FUEGO,  
AND MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

TODAY, 26 OF 33 INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES IN THE  
HEMISPHERE --( COUNTRIES WITH 90 PERCENT OF  
THE HEMISPHERE'S POPULATION )--  
ARE DEMOCRATIC OR IN TRANSITION TO  
DEMOCRACY.

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YOUR OWN DEMOCRACIES ARE AN EXAMPLE TO  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EVERYWHERE. THAT'S NOT  
TO SAY YOU DON'T FACE GREAT CHALLENGES.

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THE WORLDWIDE RECESSION PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED  
THE CARIBBEAN / WITH MARKET PRICES FOR KEY  
COMMODITIES YOU PRODUCE DROPPING EVEN AS THE  
COSTS OF YOUR IMPORTS WERE RISING.

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THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN HARD-PRESSED  
ECONOMICALLY / BUT WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO  
HELP AND PROVIDE HOPE / -- AND WE'LL CONTINUE  
TO DO SO. THE UNITED STATES HAS A DEEP AND  
ABIDING INTEREST IN THE WELL-BEING OF ITS  
NEIGHBORS.

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IN THESE LAST 3 YEARS, WE'VE BEGUN TO  
PUT OUR OWN ECONOMIC HOUSE IN ORDER BY  
CUTTING THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING  
AND REGULATIONS. WE ARE ENJOYING HIGH  
GROWTH, DECLINING UNEMPLOYMENT AND LOW  
INFLATION, AND WE'VE BECOME ONCE AGAIN AN  
ENGINE FOR WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

WE BELIEVE THE SECRET OF THAT SUCCESS IS  
LOWER TAX RATES AND THAT'S A SECRET  
EVERYONE CAN SHARE AND BENEFIT FROM.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE'VE INCREASED OUR  
AID TO THE REGION, AND HELPED STRENGTHEN THE  
INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND'S ABILITY TO  
ASSIST COUNTRIES WITH DEBT PROBLEMS.

BUT LET'S BE REALISTIC STOP-GAP MEASURES  
WITH THE I.M.F. ARE MERELY THAT TEMPORARY  
SOLUTIONS. THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION IS STRONG  
AND STEADY GROWTH IN EVERY CARIBBEAN  
COUNTRY.

OUR CARIBBEAN BASIN INITIATIVE NOW  
GETTING UNDER WAY GIVES YOUR PEOPLE NEW  
ACCESS TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST AND MOST  
DYNAMIC MARKET. IT ENCOURAGES JOB-CREATING  
BUSINESS INVESTMENT FOR GROWTH AND  
PROSPERITY.

AND IT IS BEING PUT INTO PLACE AT A TIME  
WHEN A STRONG DOLLAR AND AN EXPANDING  
AMERICAN ECONOMY CAN TRANSLATE INTO GREATER  
DEMAND FOR YOUR PRODUCTS. THE C.B.I. IS  
PART OF OUR BROADER, OVERALL ECONOMIC  
STRATEGY TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC VITALITY AND  
RAISE LIVING STANDARDS THROUGHOUT THE  
CARIBBEAN.

WE CAN AND MUST WORK TOGETHER TO  
IMPROVE THE WELL BEING OF OUR PEOPLE AND TO  
ENSURE OUR SAFETY AS WELL. I'D LIKE TO TAKE  
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE MANY OF YOU  
FOR YOUR COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP IN TURNING  
BACK THE COMMUNIST POWER GRAB IN GRENADA  
LAST FALL.

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WE CAN BE PROUD THAT, THANKS TO THE UNITY AND DETERMINATION OF OUR DEMOCRACIES / WE SAVED THE PEOPLE OF THAT TROUBLED ISLAND / WE RESTORED THEIR FREEDOM / WE REVIVED THEIR HOPE IN THE FUTURE / AND WE PREVENTED DANGER AND TURMOIL FROM SPREADING BEYOND GRENADA'S

SHORES. LET US ALWAYS REMEMBER THE CRUCIAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE LEGITIMATE USE OF FORCE FOR LIBERATION VERSUS TOTALITARIAN AGGRESSION FOR CONQUEST.

BUT, WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN GRENADA WAS NOT AN ISOLATED INCIDENT. THE SOVIET BLOC AND CUBA HAVE BEEN COMMITTING ENORMOUS RESOURCES TO UNDERMINING OUR LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE.

NOWHERE IS THIS THREAT MORE PRESSING THAN IN NICARAGUA / A COUNTRY WHICH TODAY MARKS THE FIFTH YEAR OF SANDINISTA DICTATORSHIP.

THE SANDINISTA REV. (LK. CASIROS REV.) IS "REV. BETRAYED."

*Vow*

FACED WITH MOUNTING INTERNAL PRESSURES AND DISILLUSIONMENT ABROAD, THE SANDINISTAS HAVE ANNOUNCED AN ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. WE WOULD WHOLEHEARTEDLY WELCOME A GENUINE DEMOCRATIC ELECTION IN NICARAGUA. BUT, NO PERSON COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY WILL BE TAKEN IN BY A SOVIET-STYLE SHAM ELECTION.

THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA IS NOT PROMISING/ BUT IF THE SANDINISTAS WOULD KEEP THEIR ORIGINAL COMMITMENT/- PERMIT FREE ELECTIONS/ RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS/ AND ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT NATION /- CONFLICT IN THE REGION WOULD SUBSIDE.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE A MORAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT <sup>AN/DIAE</sup> THOSE WHO ASPIRES TO LIVE IN A TRUE DEMOCRACY, FREE FROM COMMUNIST INTERFERENCE. IF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES DO NOT STAND TOGETHER, WE CERTAINLY WILL BE UNABLE TO STAND ALONE.



JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, TOTALITARIANISM WAS ON THE RISE. BUT THERE'S A NEW SPIRIT AMONG DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES. PRIME MINISTER ADAMS DESCRIBED IT, "THERE IS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AMONG DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES WHICH CAN TRANSCEND ETHNICITY AND DIFFERENCES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT." THIS SPIRIT IS A POWERFUL NEW FORCE FOR FREEDOM IN THE WORLD TODAY.

WHAT WE DO TOGETHER, AS A FAMILY OF FREE MEN AND WOMEN, WILL DETERMINE WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BE LIKE FOR OUR CHILDREN. IF WE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO LIVE UP TO OUR SHARED VALUES / THE PROMISE OF FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY OF THE NEW WORLD WILL, AT LONG LAST, BE REALIZED. BY WORKING TOGETHER, THE FREE PEOPLE OF THIS HEMISPHERE CAN MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE NEXT CENTURY WILL INDEED BE OUR CENTURY / A DEMOCRATIC CENTURY.

I HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED BEING WITH YOU TODAY. GOD BLESS YOU.



(Rohrabacher/BE)  
July 17, 1984  
9:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CARIBBEAN LEADERS CONFERENCE  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA  
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1984

It is a special pleasure and honor for me to participate in this gathering of leaders from the Caribbean. You are among our nearest neighbors and closest friends. Our societies, economies, and histories have been intertwined from the earliest days of the Americas.

As we face the future together, I think we have good reason to be confident. Four years ago, economic prospects were bleak and the forces of tyranny were on the move, emboldened by what seemed to be a paralysis among the democratic peoples of the hemisphere.

But, by joining together with courage and determination, we've turned that situation around. Now the tide of the future is a freedom tide. The free people of this hemisphere are united and share a common sense of purpose. Nowhere is that more apparent than with the United States and the Caribbean democracies, as has been so evident in our meeting today.

Over these past 4 years, we've strived to encourage democracy, enhance the economic vitality of the region, and cooperate in the defense of freedom. These are not separate goals, they are mutually reinforcing. President Jorge Blanco pointed that out earlier this year, when he observed, ". . . bread, health, education, liberty, democracy, and peace are indivisible and irreplaceable values."

I firmly believe that democratic government is the birthright of every American, all of us from the North Slope of Alaska to the tip of Tierra del Fuego. And much progress has been made. Today, 26 of 33 independent countries in the hemisphere -- countries with 90 percent of the hemisphere's population -- are democratic or in transition to democracy.

Your own democracies are an example to developing countries everywhere. That's not to say you don't face great challenges. The worldwide recession profoundly affected the Caribbean, with market prices for key commodities you produce dropping even as the costs of your imports were rising. The United States has been hard-pressed economically, but we've done our best to help and provide hope -- and we'll continue to do so. The United States has a deep and abiding interest in the well-being of its neighbors.

In these last 3 years, we've begun to put our own economic house in order by cutting the growth of Government spending and regulations. We are enjoying high growth, declining unemployment, and low inflation, and we've become once again an engine for worldwide economic progress. We believe the secret of that success is lower tax rates, and that's a secret everyone can share and benefit from.

At the same time, we've increased our aid to the region, and helped strengthen the International Monetary Fund's ability to assist countries with debt problems. But let's be realistic: Stop-gap measures with the I.M.F. are merely that -- temporary

solutions. The ultimate solution is strong and steady growth in every Caribbean country.

Our Caribbean Basin Initiative now beginning gives your people new access to the world's largest and most dynamic market. It encourages job-creating business investment for growth and prosperity. And it is being put into place at a time when a strong dollar and an expanding American economy can translate into greater demand for your products. The C.B.I. is part of our broader, overall economic strategy to improve economic vitality and raise living standards throughout the Caribbean.

We can and must work together to improve the well being of our people and to ensure our safety as well. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate many of you for your courage and leadership in turning back the communist power grab in Grenada last fall. We can be proud that, thanks to the unity and determination of our democracies, we saved the people of that troubled island, we restored their freedom, we revived their hope in the future, and we prevented danger and turmoil from spreading beyond Grenada's shores. Let us always remember the crucial distinction between the legitimate use of force for liberation and totalitarian aggression for conquest.

But, what was happening in Grenada was not an isolated incident. The Soviet bloc and Cuba have been committing enormous resources to undermining our liberty and independence.

Nowhere is this threat more pressing than in Nicaragua, a country which today marks the fifth year of Sandinista dictatorship. The Sandinista revolution, like Castro's

revolution, is a revolution betrayed. We should remember that in 1979 genuine democrats joined with the Sandinistas as part of the political agreement which led to the departure of Somoza.

On June 23, 1979, the O.A.S. called for replacing the Somoza government with a broadly representative government committed to holding genuinely democratic elections. Then, on July 12, 1979, the Sandinistas made these promises in writing to the O.A.S. They repeated this commitment to implement genuine democracy with their signed endorsement of the 21 Contadora objectives in September, 1983. Tragically, for the past 5 years, the Sandinistas have worked systematically to establish a dictatorship firmly allied with Cuba and the Soviet Union.

Faced with mounting internal pressures and disillusionment abroad, the Sandinistas have announced an election for November of this year. We would wholeheartedly welcome a genuine democratic election in Nicaragua. But, no person committed to democracy will be taken in by a Soviet-style sham election.

The situation in Nicaragua is not promising, but if the Sandinistas would keep their original commitment -- permit free elections, respect human rights, and establish an independent nation -- conflict in the region would subside.

In the meantime, we have a moral responsibility to support those who aspire to live in a true democracy, free from communist interference. If the democratic peoples do not stand together, we certainly will be unable to stand alone.

Just a few years ago, totalitarianism was on the rise. But there's a new spirit among democratic peoples. Prime Minister

Adams described it, "There is a community of interest among democratic countries which can transcend ethnicity and differences in economic development." This spirit is a powerful new force for freedom in the world today.

What we do together, as a family of free men and women will determine what the future will be like for our children. If we are strong enough to live up to our shared values, the promise of freedom and opportunity of the New World will, at long last, be realized. By working together, the free people of this hemisphere can make certain that the next century will indeed be our century, a democratic century.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being with you today. God bless you.

President has seen \_\_\_\_\_

(Rohrabacher/BE)

July 20, 1984

5:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FEMALE EXECUTIVES  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 1984

It's an honor for me to join you, the members and friends of the National Association for Female Executives. Nearly one-hundred-twenty-thousand strong, you make up an impressive national network, sharing information, experience, and encouragement. For 12 years, as was the purpose of your founder, Wendy Rue, you've been working to heighten women's awareness to the many opportunities available to them and open new doors.

Due to your efforts and those of like-minded individuals, much progress has been made. *I hope you'll want to read it against me if I'd be remiss if I didn't take this* opportunity to highlight some of the accomplishments of our Administration in this regard.

During the past 3-1/2 years, I have appointed women to more than 1,600 top Government positions, including the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court and three women in the Cabinet. As a matter of fact, one of the members of my staff is a member of N.A.F.E. (NAFFY) -- Mary Jo Jacobi, who is my chief liaison to the business community.

The full weight of the Government of the United States is behind equal opportunity for women. Our Administration has moved to amend, or eliminate, statutes and regulations that discriminate on the basis of sex, and has encouraged the States to do likewise.

And I'm delighted to say that 42 States have already begun reviews of their laws and procedures, and more than half of our

States are already amending their laws to ensure equal treatment for women.

In individual cases, the Department of Justice has been hard at work to fight discrimination. The Department has filed the first seven suits in its history to enforce the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978. And one of those suits involved the rights of some 9,000 women. Just last year, the Justice Department won a record-breaking \$2.75 million discrimination case dealing with the rights of 685 women and blacks. In the Hishon case, which dealt with sexual discrimination by a law firm, the Justice Department helped bring about a landmark Supreme Court decision for the women of America.

Let there be no doubt -- this Administration considers discrimination based on sex just as great an evil as discrimination based on religion or race, and we will continue to prosecute cases of sex discrimination to the fullest extent of the law.

In other areas of particular interest to women, we've strengthened the Federal child support enforcement system and we're working hard toward new legislation that will further improve collection of child support for both welfare and non-welfare families.

Our Administration has greatly reduced the income tax marriage penalty. We've eliminated the estate tax levied on a surviving spouse, giving significant benefits to those with family firms and small businesses where women have long been hard-working partners. And we've expanded participation in



I.R.A. accounts, helping women whether they work at home or in paid jobs.

We're also working with the Congress to pass historic legislation that will reform inequities that women suffer in some private pension plans. All of this is in recognition of women's increasing role in America's economic life.

I've always believed the most important thing for the well-being of all Americans is a strong economy: and that requires growth-oriented taxing, spending, and regulating policies.

In the past 3-1/2 years, we've managed to reinvigorate a stagnant economy and substantially reduce what was a murderous rate of inflation. Today, virtually every economic indicator is positive. This means more and more opportunity for you, and for all Americans.

When I look at America, I see our basic industry making stirring gains, and new industries gathering strength. I see America leading the world in a technological revolution that's putting men and women into space and adding years to life on Earth. I see a country of self-reliant people, serving as a force for peace among nations. And I see women who are holding families together, entering the workforce, starting new enterprises, and managing large corporations, and doing it all with courage and confidence.

America is back, and I know that women are playing a vital part in leading our Nation into the future.

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I want to thank you for letting me join you, via video tape, for your convention. I hope you are having a productive and enjoyable gathering. God bless you.

(MYER)

JULY 20, 1984

CEREMONY FOR APOLLO ASTRONAUTS

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NEIL ARMSTRONG, BUZZ ALDRIN,  
MIKE COLLINS, JIM BEGGS, ALL OUR APOLLO  
ASTRONAUTS, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF NASA HERE  
AND THOSE WATCHING FROM NASA LOCATIONS  
AROUND THE COUNTRY, OUR FRIENDS OUT AT THE  
SPACE PAVILION AT THE WORLD'S FAIR IN  
NEW ORLEANS, AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE  
WHITE HOUSE. AS I LOOK AROUND, I CAN'T HELP  
THINKING THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN SO MANY STARS  
IN ONE PLACE SINCE I WAS ON THE BACK LOT OF  
WARNER BROTHERS.

WE CELEBRATE TODAY A UNIQUE MOMENT IN  
THE HISTORY OF MANKIND -- EAGLE'S TOUCHDOWN  
NEAR THE SOUTHWESTERN SHORE OF THE SEA OF  
TRANQUILITY. BUT IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT  
15 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE WE FIRST HEARD  
NEIL ARMSTRONG'S INSPIRING WORDS.

I KNOW IT'S BEEN THAT LONG, BUT WHY DON'T  
ANY OF YOU LOOK ANY OLDER?

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TODAY'S CELEBRATION ALSO BRINGS BACK A  
VERY FOND MEMORY. IN AUGUST 1969, AFTER A  
LONG QUARANTINE, THE WHITE HOUSE HONORED THE  
APOLLO 11 CREW WITH A DINNER IN CALIFORNIA.

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AS GOVERNOR, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
INTRODUCE THE PRESIDENT, AND I REMEMBER  
LOOKING OUT AT OUR DINNER GUESTS --  
AMBASSADORS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
83 COUNTRIES, 44 STATE GOVERNORS, 50 MEMBERS  
OF THE CONGRESS, 14 MEMBERS OF THE CABINET,  
AND THE LEADERSHIP OF NASA -- AND THINKING  
THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN OF NASA CHANGED  
FOREVER OUR CONCEPT OF THE UNIVERSE AND OUR  
RELATION TO IT. NO LONGER COULD THERE BE  
ANY MISTAKE ABOUT THE COMMON HERITAGE AND  
COMMON DESTINY OF ALL PEOPLE.

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THE APOLLO PROGRAM WAS A NOBLE  
ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MIND, HEART, AND  
SPIRIT -- AND THE MOST AMBITIOUS AND COMPLEX  
PROGRAM EVER UNDERTAKEN IN PEACETIME.

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THE LUNAR LANDINGS WERE A DAZZLING TRIUMPH  
OF EXPLORATION. THE MAYFLOWER DID SAIL ON.

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GUS GRISSOM, ED WHITE, AND ROGER  
CHAFFEE OPENED THE TRAIL AND WE WILL ALWAYS  
REMEMBER THEIR TRAGIC SACRIFICE. BUT THE  
PROGRAM WENT ON AND 12 AMERICANS LANDED ON  
THE MOON. BY THE END OF THE APOLLO PROGRAM,  
THE COLUMBIA, THE ENDEAVOUR, THE AMERICA,  
AND THE OTHER COMMAND MODULES HAD RETURNED  
27 APOLLO ASTRONAUTS SAFELY FROM THE MOON  
AND ITS VICINITY. AND, OH HOW OUR  
ASTRONAUTS, WITH THEIR QUIET CONFIDENCE,  
SUPERB PROFESSIONALISM, AND INNER STRENGTH,  
LIFTED OUR SPIRITS AND FEELINGS OF GOOD  
WILL.

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APOLLO ENRICHED OUR INTELLECTUAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE AND AWAKENED US TO MANKIND'S BOUNDLESS HORIZON. WE CARRIED A NEW SENSE OF PRIDE AND BECAME MORE CONFIDENT THAT WE'VE ONLY SEEN THE BEGINNING OF WHAT A FREE AND COURAGEOUS PEOPLE CAN DO.

AND, OF COURSE, THE APOLLO PROGRAM WAS A SUPREME TEST OF TECHNOLOGY, ALWAYS AT AND OFTEN BEYOND THE CUTTING EDGE. NEVER BEFORE HAD THE REQUIREMENTS OF RELIABILITY, ACCURACY, AND EFFICIENCY BEEN AS DEMANDING. NEVER BEFORE HAD THE QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING FOR EACH OF THE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF COMPONENTS BEEN AS RELENTLESS.

AND OUR DEVELOPERS AND INVENTORS RESPONDED WITH UNPRECEDENTED CREATIVITY. OUR FINEST MINDS IN GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY, AND UNIVERSITIES ALL PULLED TOGETHER, AND ONE SPARKLING TECHNICAL INNOVATION FOLLOWED ANOTHER.

AND ALL THE WHILE, OUR SPACE RESEARCH AND  
ENGINEERING SERVED THE DOWN-TO-EARTH NEEDS  
OF OUR OWN PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

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THE APOLLO PROJECT SPAWNED  
COMMUNICATIONS, WEATHER, NAVIGATION,  
AND EARTH RESOURCE SATELLITES AND MANY NEW  
INDUSTRIES LIKE SOLID STATE ELECTRONICS,  
MEDICAL ELECTRONICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCES.

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IT OPENED THE DOOR TO EXCITING SCIENTIFIC  
AND COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES, OPPORTUNITIES  
LIKE THE PROGRAMMABLE HEART PACEMAKER WHICH  
USES TECHNOLOGY FIRST DEVELOPED TO SEND  
CODED INSTRUCTIONS TO ORBITING SATELLITES.

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CORDLESS HOME APPLIANCES AND SURGICAL  
INSTRUMENTS GREW OUT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR  
APOLLO'S LUNAR EXPERIMENTS. } EVEN THE FABRIC  
ROOF OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN'S SILVERDOME --  
THE HOME OF THE DETROIT LIONS -- WAS MADE  
FROM THE PRODUCT DEVELOPED FOR NASA'S SPACE  
SUIT.

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THE ERA OF APOLLO HELPED US BUILD A  
TECHNOLOGICAL BASE SECOND TO NONE.  
BUT WE'VE ONLY TOUCHED THE EDGE OF  
POSSIBILITIES IN SPACE. THE APOLLO  
EXPERIENCE WAS ONLY A BEGINNING FOR AMERICA.

FROM APOLLO CAME THE SHUTTLE —  
THE WORLD'S FIRST TRUE SPACE TRANSPORTATION  
SYSTEM — AND ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE  
AMERICAN SPIRIT. THE SPACE SHUTTLE OPENED A  
NEW ERA TO PURSUE THE MANY SCIENTIFIC,  
EDUCATIONAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND COMMERCIAL  
OPPORTUNITIES OF SPACE. AS LONG AS WE  
CHALLENGE OUR IMAGINATION AND AIM HIGH,  
THERE'S NO END TO THE POTENTIAL OF SPACE.

THERE'S NEVER A TIME WHEN WE CAN STOP  
MOVING FORWARD, WHEN WE CAN STOP DREAMING.  
AND SO THIS PAST JANUARY, IN MY STATE OF THE  
UNION ADDRESS, I CHALLENGED OUR NATION TO  
DEVELOP A PERMANENTLY-MANNED SPACE STATION,  
AND TO DO SO WITHIN A DECADE.



AND I'M VERY PLEASED THAT THE CONGRESS HAS AUTHORIZED FUNDS ENABLING NASA TO TAKE THE FIRST STEPS IN THE DESIGN OF AMERICA'S SPACE STATION.

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THE FOOTPRINTS ON THE MOON SHOWED US THAT AMERICA'S FUTURE CAN BE DETERMINED BY OUR DREAMS AND OUR VISIONS. THE SHUTTLE AND OUR SPACE STATION WILL HELP MAKE THOSE DREAMS COME TRUE. OUR FREEDOM AND WELL-BEING ARE TIED TO NEW ACHIEVEMENTS AND PUSHING BACK NEW FRONTIERS. WE WILL PUSH BACK THOSE FRONTIERS, AND OPEN NEW DOORS TO DISCOVERY, OPPORTUNITY, AND PROGRESS.

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I ALSO SAID IN THAT STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS THAT WE WOULD SOON IMPLEMENT INITIATIVES TO HELP PROMOTE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN SPACE. WE ARE NOW EMBARKING ON THAT COURSE.

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WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO ENSURE INDUSTRY HAS ROUTINE ACCESS TO SPACE AND A SUITABLE, RELIABLE PLACE TO WORK THERE.

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AND WE WILL DO THIS WITHOUT NEEDLESS  
REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS. ELEVEN SUCCESSFUL  
SHUTTLE FLIGHTS MEAN THAT WE ARE ON THE  
VERGE OF A SPACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THAT  
CAN DEPENDABLY SUPPORT SPACE INDUSTRIES.

AND THE BENEFITS OUR PEOPLE CAN RECEIVE FROM  
THE COMMERCIAL USE OF SPACE LITERALLY DAZZLE  
THE IMAGINATION.

TOGETHER, WE CAN PRODUCE RARE  
MEDICINES WITH THE POTENTIAL OF SAVING  
THOUSANDS OF LIVES AND HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS  
OF DOLLARS; WE CAN MANUFACTURE SUPERCHIPS  
THAT IMPROVE OUR COMPETITIVE POSITION IN THE  
WORLD COMPUTER MARKET; WE CAN BUILD SPACE  
OBSERVATORIES ENABLING SCIENTISTS TO SEE OUT  
TO THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE; AND WE CAN  
PRODUCE SPECIAL ALLOYS AND BIOLOGICAL  
MATERIALS THAT BENEFIT GREATLY FROM A  
ZERO-GRAVITY ENVIRONMENT.

BY ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE OF SPACE,  
WE WILL CARRY FORWARD THE SAME COURAGE AND  
INDOMITABLE SPIRIT THAT MADE US A GREAT  
NATION, AND THAT CARRIED OUR APOLLO  
ASTRONAUTS TO THE MOON.

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AS YOU KNOW, DR. GEORGE LOW — THE  
GUIDING LIGHT BEHIND THE APOLLO PROGRAM —  
PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS WEEK. DR. LOW  
BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A RESEARCH SCIENTIST AND  
PROGRESSED TO KEY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN  
THE MANNED SPACE FLIGHT PROGRAM, INCLUDING  
MANAGER OF THE APOLLO SPACECRAFT PROGRAM.  
HE PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN ALL THE APOLLO  
MISSIONS AND DIRECTED THE APOLLO 11 FLIGHT.  
DR. LOW ALSO SERVED AS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AND ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA, AND WAS  
INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PLANNING OF THE SHUTTLE  
PROGRAM. FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS, DR. LOW  
CONTINUED HIS LIFE-LONG EFFORTS TO BUILD A  
BETTER TOMORROW WHILE SERVING AS PRESIDENT  
OF RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

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WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT GEORGE LOW HAS DONE  
AND THE IDEALS HE STOOD FOR, AND WE WILL  
MISS HIM VERY MUCH. I KNOW YOU JOIN NANCY  
AND ME IN EXTENDING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO  
THE LOW FAMILY.

BUT, I'M SURE GEORGE LOW WOULD BE  
PLEASED THAT WE ARE HONORING OUR  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE PROMISE OF SPACE WITH A  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING TODAY AS "SPACE  
EXPLORATION DAY." LET US USE THIS OCCASION  
AS A COMMITMENT TO OUR FUTURE, TO THE BEST  
OF AMERICA. LET IT BE A REMINDER OF  
AMERICA'S SPIRIT OF EXPLORATION, OUR DESIRE  
TO CROSS NEW HORIZONS, AND TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT OURSELVES AND THE WORLD AROUND US.  
AND NOW I WILL SIGN THE PROCLAMATION.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DISTINGUISHED  
GUESTS, WELCOME.

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WE ARE HERE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE, AND  
HONOR, A SMALL BUT VERY SPECIAL GROUP OF  
AMERICANS — OUR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR,  
AND THOSE WHO ARE STILL MISSING.

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FOUR TIMES IN THIS CENTURY, WE HAVE  
BEEN FORCED, PAINFULLY AND RELUCTANTLY, TO  
SEND OUR MEN AND WOMEN TO FIGHT IN WAR ON  
FOREIGN SHORES. ] SOME OF THEM MADE THE  
SUPREME SACRIFICE OF THEIR LIVES. ] SOME  
OTHERS MADE SACRIFICES IN MANY WAYS EQUALLY  
GRAVE: THEY WERE IMPRISONED BY THE ENEMY.  
THEIR INCARCERATION OFTEN INCLUDED BEATINGS  
AND TORTURE, STARVATION AND ALL FORMS OF  
EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ABUSE. ] IT ALSO  
ENTAILED THE TERRIBLE LONELINESS OF LIVING  
THROUGH LOST YEARS, OF SEEING THE DAYS TICK  
AWAY WITHOUT FRIENDS, WITHOUT LOVED ONES,  
WITHOUT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

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WHAT HAS SUSTAINED SUCH MEN AND WOMEN  
IN THEIR ISOLATION? WHAT KEPT THEM GOING  
WHEN FAITH WANED, AS IT MUST HAVE, AND  
QUESTIONS BEGAN TO HAUNT AND DOUBTS BEGAN TO  
ACCUMULATE? WE HEAR THE STORIES OF THE  
RETURNED PRISONERS OF WORLD WAR II, AND  
KOREA, AND VIETNAM, AND WE MARVEL AT HOW  
THEY KEPT GOING.

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I RECALL THAT, WHEN MANY OF OUR  
PRISONERS RETURNED FROM VIETNAM 11 YEARS  
AGO, A NUMBER OF THEM SAID THERE WERE THREE  
THINGS THAT HELPED THEM SURVIVE CAPTIVITY  
AND RETURN WITH HONOR: FAITH IN GOD, FAITH  
IN THEIR FELLOW PRISONERS, AND FAITH IN  
THEIR COUNTRY. BY FAITH THEY DID NOT MEAN  
ONLY LOVE — THOUGH THEY DEMONSTRATED THAT  
IN ABUNDANCE. THEY MEANT A HEARTFELT BELIEF  
THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ABANDONED, THAT WE AT  
HOME WOULD MOVE MOUNTAINS TO RETURN THEM  
SAFELY TO US AFTER THE WAR.

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OUR PRISONERS OF WAR HAVE BEEN —  
AND ARE — THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE.  
THEY KEPT A TRUSTING HEART, THEY RETAINED  
THEIR SPIRIT AND THEIR WILL, THEY KEPT THE  
FAITH. } THEY TRUSTED US, AND THAT TRUST DID  
US GREAT HONOR.

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AMONG US HERE TODAY ARE SOME AMERICAN  
PRISONERS OF WAR. } MAY I SAY THAT YOU ARE —  
AS THE GREAT ALWAYS ARE — MORE THAN THE SUM  
TOTAL OF YOURSELVES. } YOU ARE A TESTAMENT TO  
THE STRENGTH AND CHARACTER OF THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE — YOU ARE A SYMBOL OF OUR SPIRIT —  
YOU ARE AN EXPRESSION OF AMERICAN TRUST.

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YOUR HEROISM IS AS OLD AS WAR ITSELF —  
AS OLD AS NAMES LIKE ANDERSONVILLE, AND  
LOS BANOS, AND CAMP 5, AND THE HANOI HILTON.

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MOST OF THOSE PLACES ARE GONE NOW, OR  
EMPTY. BUT THE SILENCE LEFT IN THEIR PLACE  
SURELY ECHOES WITH THE QUIET, UNHEARD VALOR  
OF THOSE WHO SUFFERED THERE AND CLUNG TO THE  
BELIEF THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT AND THEIR LOVED  
ONES WOULD BE SEMPER FI. ALWAYS FAITHFUL.

WE HONOR YOU, AND THAT HONOR IS  
UNENDING.

THERE ARE OTHERS TO WHOM WE MUST BE  
SEMPER FI — THOSE WHO ARE STILL MISSING,  
THE MEN WHO WENT ACROSS THE SEA, WHO NEVER  
RETURNED, AND WHOSE FATE IS UNKNOWN.

ALSO WITH US TODAY ARE SOME OF THE  
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THOSE STILL MISSING  
FROM KOREA AND VIETNAM. THEY, TOO, HAVE  
SHOWN MORE THAN THEIR SHARE OF HEROISM,  
HOLDING THE STANDARD FOR THOSE WHO WENT AWAY  
AND ARE NOT YET RETURNED TO US, INSISTING  
THAT THE WORLD REMEMBER AND RESPOND, ASKING  
ALL OF US TO HELP THEM IN THEIR GREAT  
EFFORT, NEVER GIVING UP OR ABANDONING HOPE.



OUR ADMINISTRATION INHERITED THE CHALLENGE OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING IN JANUARY OF 1981 — TWO DECADES AFTER THE FIRST MAN WAS PLACED ON THE MISSING LIST IN VIETNAM, AND ALMOST THREE DECADES AFTER THE ARMISTICE IN KOREA. THERE HAD BEEN MANY OBSTACLES AND EXCUSES IN THAT TIME AS TO WHY PROGRESS COULD NOT BE MADE. WE FOUND, 3 YEARS AGO, THAT THE GREATEST OBSTACLE WE FACED — AND WOULD CONTINUE TO FACE — WAS THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

DESPITE THE DAUNTING SPECTER OF 31 YEARS SINCE THE END OF THE KOREAN WAR, WE HAVE PRESSED THE GOVERNMENT OF NORTH KOREA FOR AN ACCOUNTING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM SOME DEDICATED VETERANS OF THAT WAR ON POSSIBLE GRAVE LOCATIONS OF SOME OF THEIR FELLOW SOLDIERS. WE ARE ACTING ON THIS INFORMATION.

IF IT IS CONFIRMED, WE WILL RETURN THEIR  
REMAINS TO THEIR HOMES AND TO THEIR LOVED  
ONES.

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WE ARE IN REGULAR DIALOGUE WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF LAOS — AND, THROUGH  
RECIPROCAL ACTIONS, THAT GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO  
HAVE GAINED A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
IMPORTANCE TO US OF THE P.O.W.-M.I.A. ISSUE.

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WE IN TURN HAVE GAINED A GREATER  
UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR FEELINGS AND  
PROBLEMS. } THIS PROCESS HAS LED US TO  
DISCUSSIONS OF JOINT CRASH SITE SEARCHES.  
IN THIS REGARD, I WANT TO PASS ON SOME GOOD  
NEWS TO YOU. } LATE LAST NIGHT, WE WERE  
INFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS OF  
OFFICIAL AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO  
EXCAVATION OF A U.S. CRASH SITE. } WE ARE  
WORKING OUT THE DETAILS NOW. } WE WELCOME  
THIS COOPERATIVE GESTURE.

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IN VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT TURNED OVER THE REMAINS OF SEVERAL MORE U.S. SERVICEMEN 3 DAYS AGO. THE VIETNAMESE ALSO OFFERED TO RESUME TECHNICAL LEVEL MEETINGS IN AUGUST. WE APPRECIATE THESE ACTIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN ACCELERATION OF THE PROCESS — AN ACCELERATION THAT WAS PLEDGED TO OUR DELEGATION THAT TRAVELED TO HANOI IN FEBRUARY. ANN GRIFFITHS HELPED TO ARRANGE THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. AND ANN, WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, AND ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THIS PROCESS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT 30 YEARS AGO TODAY, ON JULY 20, 1954, THE GENEVA ACCORDS WERE SIGNED. IT WAS HOPED THAT THE TRUCE AGREEMENT WOULD BRING PEACE TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. INSTEAD, THEY HAVE BEEN AT WAR EVER SINCE, AND THOSE WARS HAVE CAUSED UNTOLD HUMAN SUFFERING. TODAY VIETNAM CONTINUES TO FIGHT IN KAMPUCHEA, AND ON ITS NORTHERN BORDERS.

NEARLY 10 YEARS AFTER THE END OF  
HOSTILITIES, THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM STILL HAVE MAJOR  
DIFFERENCES. BUT WE ARE ENCOURAGED THAT  
VIETNAM HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT OUR TWO  
COUNTRIES SHOULD COOPERATE ON THE  
P.O.W.-M.I.A. ISSUE AS A SEPARATE  
HUMANITARIAN MATTER. PEACEFUL COOPERATION,  
NEGOTIATION WITH ITS NEIGHBORS ON KAMPUCHEA,  
AND RESOLUTION OF THE P.O.W.-M.I.A. ISSUE  
PROVIDE THE KEY FOR ENDING VIETNAM'S  
ISOLATION. NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN BRING AN END TO  
THE LONG SUFFERING OF THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM.  
I BELIEVE IT TO BE IN VIETNAM'S OWN INTEREST  
TO CHOOSE THIS PATH. IT IS A DECISION WE  
WOULD TRULY WELCOME.

I AM MINDFUL THAT I STAND HERE BEFORE  
THE FAMILIES OF MANY OF THE MISSING.

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I AM MINDFUL THAT YOU GAVE YOUR SONS AND  
HUSBANDS AND FATHERS INTO THE CARE OF YOUR  
GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY LEFT TO FIGHT FOR OUR  
NATION. YOU KNEW THEY MIGHT DIE IN  
BATTLE — BUT YOU HAD AND WILL ALWAYS HAVE  
EVERY RIGHT TO EXPECT THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT  
WILL NOT ABANDON THOSE WHO FAILED TO RETURN.

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IN THIS YOU, TOO, SHOWED TRUST.  
AND I TELL YOU AGAIN THAT YOUR TRUST WILL  
NOT BE IN VAIN.

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FOR MANY YEARS YOU STOOD ALONE IN YOUR  
QUEST FOR ANSWERS. BUT TODAY YOU ARE NOT  
ALONE. AND I TELL YOU FROM MY HEART, YOU  
WILL NEVER BE ALONE AGAIN. ACROSS THE  
NATION THIS WEEK, HUNDREDS OF CEREMONIES ARE  
TAKING PLACE IN AN OUTPOURING OF CONCERN AND  
UNDERSTANDING AND SOLIDARITY.

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BALLOONS ARE BEING RELEASED ACROSS THE  
COUNTRY, A PRAYER MINISTRY IS ONGOING, AND  
THE SMALL BLACK AND WHITE FLAG YOU SEE OVER  
THIS HOUSE FLIES PROUDLY. ALL OF THIS IS  
GOOD, AND FITTING.

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IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR, I SAID TO YOU  
THAT WE MUST FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS AS A  
MATTER OF HIGHEST NATIONAL PRIORITY.

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MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN TO GIVE US SOME  
HOPE OF PROGRESS. IT IS AGONIZINGLY SLOW  
FOR YOU, AND FOR US, BUT WE MUST NOT LOSE  
FAITH IN EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF LACK OF  
ACTION FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

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TWO MONTHS AGO, I RECEIVED THE REMAINS  
OF THE UNKNOWN SERVICEMAN OF VIETNAM.  
AND I SAID TO ALL OF THE NATION — AND, MOST  
ESPECIALLY, TO ALL OF YOU — THAT WE WRITE  
NO LAST CHAPTERS, WE CLOSE NO BOOKS, WE PUT  
AWAY NO FINAL MEMORIES UNTIL YOUR QUESTIONS  
ARE ANSWERED.

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YOUR HUSBANDS, FATHERS, SONS AND  
BROTHERS DID THEIR DUTY BY THIS NATION;  
THIS NATION WILL DO ITS DUTY BY THEM.

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TODAY WE STAND TOGETHER, AND SOON WE  
WILL LOOK UP AND SEE, AS A SYMBOL OF OUR  
LONGING, A "MISSING MAN" FLYOVER. TODAY I  
PLEDGE: WE WILL NOT REST UNTIL THAT  
FORMATION IS COMPLETE.

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS.

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