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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Normandy, France)

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June 6, 1984

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Winfield House
London, England

11:33 A.M. (L)

THE PRESIDENT: Meeting with Conservative MPs, I thank you, Mr. Peter Viggers, and I thank all of you for your kind words and for your strong support for our efforts to preserve peace with freedom in our troubled world.

Your remarks are particularly timely today, being the 40th anniversary of D-Day, as the Ambassador said. In all the 20th century, D-Day stands as the shining example of what free nations can do when united and inspired by mankind's highest ideals.

I understand that your group is composed of Members of Parliament who were elected for the first time last June. And please accept my congratulations on the honor you've been accorded in joining the Mother of Parliaments. As younger Members of the House of Commons, you've reached maturity in a divided world. You may have heard that I come from a slightly older generation. Ours lived as adults through the most severe test in history for freedom-loving people.

So, I'm very gratified to see that those vital lessons learned by my generation -- lessons about the wisdom of collective defense and about the need for allied strength and unity to defend free institutions -- have been learned as well by all of you.

Today in Europe, peace through strength is not a slogan. It is a fact of life. There is another important lesson we've learned: While we remain strong, we must always be ready for reconciliation, ready to resolve differences with our adversaries and resolve them peacefully at the negotiating table.

I want you and your fellow citizens in Britain to know the United States is seeking and we will continue to seek cooperation with the Soviet Union to make our world a safer place. Continued public support for collective security in all NATO countries is absolutely essential. I thank you for all that you're doing to foster that support. You can be proud that you're members of a fraternity within the free nations who have assumed the heavy burden of working for both peace and liberty.

Just recently in Washington, I met with sixteen Foreign Ministers that make up the Alliance. And I couldn't help but think, as we sat around the table, there has never in history been such an alliance, dedicated to the preservation of peace and freedom.

With wisdom and courage, peace and freedom will not be lost again -- they can and will be preserved. We can live up to Winston Churchill's vision of freedom in 1941. He looked at the past and saw light which flickered; he looked at his time and saw light which flamed; but he looked at the future and saw "a light which shines over all the land and sea." He had another statement. He said that "When great forces are on the move in the world, we learn that we are spirits, not animals and that there is something going on in time and space and beyond time and space which, whether we like or not, spells duty."

Well, I thank all of you very much. And I feel greatly honored. God bless all of you. (Applause.)

END

11:36 A.M. (L)

(ELLIOTT)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

MEETING WITH CONSERVATIVE M.P.'S

THANK YOU, PETER VIGGERS, AND I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS, AND FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR OUR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE PEACE WITH FREEDOM IN OUR TROUBLED WORLD.

YOUR REMARKS ARE PARTICULARLY TIMELY, TODAY BEING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY. IN ALL THE 20TH CENTURY, D-DAY STANDS AS THE SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT FREE NATIONS CAN DO WHEN UNITED AND INSPIRED BY MANKIND'S HIGHEST IDEALS.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR GROUP IS COMPRISED OF M.P.'S WHO WERE ELECTED FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST JUNE. PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE HONOR YOU HAVE BEEN ACCORDED IN JOINING THE MOTHER OF PARLIAMENTS.

AS YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, YOU HAVE REACHED MATURITY IN A DIVIDED WORLD. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THAT I COME FROM A SLIGHTLY OLDER GENERATION. OURS LIVED AS ADULTS THROUGH THE MOST SEVERE TEST IN HISTORY FOR FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE.

SO I'M VERY GRATIFIED TO SEE THAT THOSE VITAL LESSONS LEARNED BY MY GENERATION -- LESSONS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF COLLECTIVE DEFENSE, AND ABOUT THE NEED FOR ALLIED STRENGTH AND UNITY TO DEFEND FREE INSTITUTIONS -- HAVE BEEN LEARNED BY YOU AS WELL. TODAY IN EUROPE, PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH IS NOT A SLOGAN; IT IS A FACT OF LIFE.

THERE IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT LESSON WE HAVE LEARNED: WHILE WE REMAIN STRONG, WE MUST ALWAYS BE READY FOR RECONCILIATION, READY TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES WITH OUR ADVERSARIES -- AND RESOLVE THEM PEACEFULLY AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. I WANT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS IN BRITAIN TO KNOW THE UNITED STATES IS SEEKING -- AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK -- COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION TO MAKE OUR WORLD A SAFER PLACE.

CONTINUED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ALL NATO COUNTRIES IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'RE DOING TO FOSTER THAT SUPPORT. YOU CAN BE PROUD THAT YOU ARE MEMBERS OF A SMALL FRATERNITY WITHIN THE FREE NATIONS WHO HAVE ASSUMED THE HEAVY BURDEN OF WORKING FOR BOTH PEACE AND LIBERTY.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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JC
(Rohrabacher/BE)

May 31, 1984

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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: MEETING WITH BRITISH M.P.'s
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

-- Thank you for your kind words of welcome and your letter of appreciation. Gestures of solidarity like this are not just a matter of courtesy, they reflect the spirit that binds the Alliance of the Western democracies.

-- NATO has succeeded in preserving peace for nearly 40 years. We can be exceptionally proud of this accomplishment. These four decades of peace are a tribute to the unity of free people and to the effectiveness of deterrence.

-- I hope all who are committed to the preservation of peace will note that this policy has worked; that peace through strength is not a slogan; it is a fact of life. People who say the debate taking place in the Western democracies is between those who want war and those who want peace are committing a serious injustice.

-- I'm proud today to be with you, elected representatives of the British people who reflect the high ideals, the courage, and the common sense of the this great nation. Your commitment to NATO has helped maintain a national recognition and appreciation of this time-tested method of preserving the peace.

-- As I told the NATO foreign ministers in Washington last week, I am confident that the Alliance will continue to be the cornerstone of American foreign policy. Its deterrent strength is something we can rely upon to preserve the peace, even while

we seek fair, equitable, and verifiable arms reduction agreements with the Soviet Union.

-- Continued public support for collective security in all NATO countries is absolutely essential. I want to thank you for all you're doing to foster that support. You can be proud that you are part of a small fraternity within the free nations on this planet who have taken upon yourselves the heavy burden of working for both peace and individual liberty.

Thank you very much.

JC

(Rohrabacher)
May 31, 1984
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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: MEETING WITH BRITISH M.P.'s
SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

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