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WASHINGTON

July 3, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Presidential Radio Talk: Crime

JOHN G. ROBERTS

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the abovereferenced remarks be sent directly to Ben Elliott by noon today. The remarks take some credit for the recent drop in crime, focusing on the appointment of sensible judges, the anti-drug initiatives, and (as in any remarks drafted by Dolan) the organized crime initiatives. The remarks then discuss the legislative proposals bottled up in the House, and urge listeners to let their representatives know how they feel about them. This last section seems consistent with the interpretations of the anti-lobbying provisions by the Justice Department and our office. Justice has consistently advised us that those provisions do not restrict such expressions by the President.

In the last line on page 1, "justices" should be changed to "judges." The last sentence in the second full paragraph on page 2 also needs to be changed. The resolution according subpoena power to the Organized Crime Commission has already passed Congress, and is awaiting enrollment. We cannot announce that we will sign the resolution, since we should never make such statements until the resolution has been through the formal clearance process. Accordingly, I recommend simply dropping "from the Congress," so the sentence does not read as a prod to Congressional action that has already taken place.

Attachment

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cc: Richard G. Darman

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Please provide any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 by NOON TOMORROW, TUESDAY, JULY 3, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

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Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President Ext. 2702 104 JJ_ -2 111 6 01

(Dolan/BE) July 2, 1984 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: CRIME SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1984

My fellow Americans, I would like to talk with you today about a subject that's been a priority since this Administration's first day in office: fighting crime in America. Today, crime takes the lives of 25,000 Americans a year, it touches nearly a third of American homes, and results in at least \$8.8 billion a year in financial losses.

Yet, just as America has regained her economic strength and international prestige in the last few years, so, too, the crime problem in America has shown improvement for the first time in many years. In recent speeches in Hartford, Connecticut, and San Antonio, Texas, I've pointed out that the 7-percent decrease in crime reported for last year is the sharpest decrease in the history of the crime statistics, and it marks the first time the serious crime index has shown a decline 2 years in a row.

Of course, we still have a long way to go, but this statistic does demonstrate that our Administration's efforts, and those of State and local governments, are finally having an impact on crime. At the State level, for example, numerous legislatures have passed tough new sentencing laws. And here at the Federal level we've taken several critically important steps.

First, from our first day in office, the Attorney General and I have emphasized the importance of appointing to the Federal bench -- including the Supreme Court -- justices determined to uphold the rights of society and the innocent victims, as well as the rights of the accused.

Second, we have launched an all-out assault on the illicit drug trade, that feverswamp of career criminals in America. Taking our cue from the success of our South Florida task force, we have brought aboard more than 1,200 new investigators and prosecutors and established 12 regional task forces throughout the United States to crack down on the big money drug traffickers. The results of that effort have been encouraging. The drug task forces have initiated 600 cases, they've indicted more than 2,500 individuals. And 104 of these indictments have been under the new "Drug Kingpin" law which carries maximum penalty of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Third, we have launched a full-scale offensive on the homeground of career criminals: Organized crime itself. Organized crime arrests have tripled and confiscation of their assets is also sharply up. Our new Commission on Organized Crime has brought much-needed public attention to this problem and, as soon as it receives subpoena power from the Congress, it will do even more.

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Believe me, we in the Administration have been trying to speak up for you, the millions of Americans who are fed up with crime, fed up with fear in our streets and neighborhoods, fed up with lenient judges, fed up with a criminal justice system that too often treats criminals better than it does their victims.

Too many Americans have had to suffer the effects of crime while too many of our leaders have stuck to the old, discredited,

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liberal illusions about crime, illusions that refuse to hold criminals responsible for their actions.

For example, I wonder how many of you know 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.

I told a group of Texas lawyers yesterday we're not about to quit 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 you, the people.

And so I am asking for your help today. Please send a message to the House leadership: Tell them to stop kowtowing to the special interests and start listening to you, the American people.

Americans want this anti-crime legislation and they want it now. And, if those of you listening will lend a hand, we can get it now. Please tell your elected Representatives you expect full

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and fair representation -- and that means getting this bill out _ of committee and onto the floor of the House for a vote.

We've made real progress against crime in the last few years; together we can keep up the good work.

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

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August 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the abovereferenced remarks be sent directly to Ben Elliott by noon today. The remarks begin with the President announcing that he has signed the Equal Access Act. The President then goes on to criticize the House Democratic leadership for bottling up important legislation, including the balanced budget amendment, the enterprise zones bill, full I.R.A.'s for spouses working in the home, tuition tax credits, and the comprehensive anti-crime package.

Radio Talk: Equal Access Bill

I have reviewed the remarks and have no objections.

Attachment

August 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING FROM: FRED F. FIELDING FROM COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Radio Talk: Equal Access Bill

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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(Elliott) August 8, 1984 6:30 p.m.

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RADIO TALK: EQUAL ACCESS BILL SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 1984

My fellow Americans, I'm pleased to tell you that today I have signed HR 1310 containing an Equal Access amendment. Enactment of this bill means religious groups in America can begin enjoying a right they have too long been denied -- the freedom to meet in public high schools during non-school hours, just as other student groups are allowed to do.

You might remember that at the start of my last news conference, I asked the House Democratic leadership to permit a vote on the Equal Access bill; and to permit votes on five other legislative measures important to you and your families that they -- the Democratic leadership -- had bottled up for months, and in some cases, for years.

Well, the Congress recessed yesterday, and the House leaders are returning to their districts. They'll be campaigning on what they call their "New Realism." But, before they give too many speeches about all the wise things they <u>intend</u> to do for America, I want to give you a little report card on what they <u>didn't</u> do, when new realism was put to the test.

Of those six important pieces of legislation we requested -specific measures to help reduce deficits, reward hard work and thrift, make your neighborhoods and cities safer, and increase personal liberties -- only one was voted on, the Equal Access Bill. And Equal Access was only voted on after a majority of the House, led by Carl D. Perkins, defied the Democratic leadership, Page 2

which continued to resist right up to the bitter end. New realism has already received a failing grade.

When the Democratic leadership keeps saying NO to America, they show how far they have drifted from mainstream thinking. And they show contempt for democracy, for make no mistake, it is the will of the people, expressed through their duly elected representatives, that is being denied.

We asked for a vote on a Constitutional Amendment mandating a balanced Federal budget. We will insist that the Congress move toward a balanced budget, not by imposing new taxes on your families, but by spending within its means. The overwhelming majority of Americans -- Republicans, Democrats and Independents -- agree with this position. But the House Democratic leaders don't want spending restraint, because their party has made campaign promises that add up to \$1500 in additional taxes for each American household. So they said no.

We asked for a vote on our enterprise zones bill to provide incentives for people to invest, work, hire, and start up new businesses in economically distressed areas. This measure has been passed twice by the Republican Senate; it's supported by a majority of members in the House, and by a broad coalition of community leaders. I might add, we are ready to designate 75 zones to create opportunity, independence, and hope for our neediest citizens. But the Democratic leadership said no.

We asked for a vote on our proposal granting spouses working in the home the same individual retirement rights -- I.R.A.'s -as spouses working outside the home. Each could save and exclude Fage 3

from taxation up to \$2,000 a year. The House Democratic leadership said no.

We asked for a vote on a bill allowing tuition tax credits for low- and middle-income parents who pay to send their children to parochial or independent schools, while also paying their <u>full</u> share of taxes to support public schools. The House Democratic leadership said no.

And we asked for action on our comprehensive anti-crime package to crack down on criminals through new restrictions on bail, tougher sentencing, and stricter enforcement of drug trafficking laws. This bill passed the Senate 91 to 1. But the House Democratic leadership said no.

You might be interested to know what House Speaker Tip O'Neill has called these proposals for a balanced budget, expanded I.R.A.'s, enterprise zones, tuition tax credits, tougher law enforcement and Equal Access for religious groups. He says they're quote "a right wing agenda" unquote. Does the Speaker truly believe common sense in budgeting and greater opportunity and security for people is just a right-wing agenda?

The Presidential nominee of the Democratic party and his running mate could have interceded and asked the Speaker to give democracy a chance. They could have, but they didn't. They, too, said no.

All this has gotten me to thinking recently about a great Democrat. It was just 40 years ago that Harry Truman called the 80th Congress, then controlled by the Republicans, the Do-Nothing Congress. Well, compared to this Congress, the 80th was a hotbed of activity. One thing is sure, Harry Truman wasn't afraid of the American people, he wasn't afraid of democracy; and were he with us now, I think he would relish the chance to run against the so-called new realism of today's Do-Nothing Democrats.

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

WASHINGTON

August 17, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

JOHN G. ROBERTS

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Radio Talk: Olympics

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the attached radio address be sent directly to Ben Elliott by noon today. The remarks move from a celebration of the Olympic spirit into a discussion of the economic recovery. The theme is that the recovery is fueled by an optimistic American spirit ignored by the liberal analysts. I have reviewed the remarks and have no objections.

WASHINGTON

August 17, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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October 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Radio Talk: Drugs (10/4 -- 4:30 p.m. Draft)

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the abovereferenced draft radio talk be sent directly to Ben Elliott by 10:00 a.m. today. The remarks review candidate Mondale's proposed "new" initiatives to combat drug abuse and trafficking, noting that the Administration is already actively -- and successfully -- pursuing Mondale's "new" proposals. The remarks note that the Vice President is already acting as a high-level drug coordinator as head of the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System, that international cooperation is vastly improved, that enforcement efforts have been dramatically increased, and that cooperation with State and local officials has never been better. The remarks conclude by reviewing efforts spearheaded by the First Lady to reduce the demand for drugs among young people. I have reviewed the remarks and have no objections, beyond the minor point that is raised in the attached draft memorandum for Elliott.

Attachment

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REMARKS:

Please provide any edits directly to Ben Elliott by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

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Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President Ext. 2702

(Elliott/Judge) October 4, 1984 4:30 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: DRUGS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1984

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My fellow Americans, this week my opponent unveiled with great fanfare his "Plan to Combat Dangerous Drugs" -- a plan comprising what he called four New Initiatives.

Well, forgive me, but his so-called new initiatives aren't new at all. Every one of them is, by now, an old initiative, begun by us more than 2-1/2 years ago, when we first started the South Florida Task Force. Then, a year later, following the success of the Task Force, we extended these initiatives nationwide and set up the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System -- known as N.N.B.I.S.

Consider my opponent's first <u>new</u> initiative: Create a high-level drug coordinator. Perhaps he hasn't heard, but we already have a drug interdiction coordinator at the highest possible level of Government -- Vice President George Bush.

The Vice President has been in charge of the South Florida Task Force and N.N.B.I.S. from the start. Under his direction, nearly 2 dozen Federal agencies have been brought into the war on drugs. Many of these -- including the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines -- have never before been involved in fighting drugs. The Vice President has worked closely with the Attorney General who has created 13 new organized crime and drug enforcement task forces. And those task forces are bringing record numbers of indictments against the leaders of drug trafficking.

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His second <u>new</u> initiative: Undertake broad international initiatives. Again, he's a little late. We're already working with other governments, as no administration before, to stop the flow of drugs into our country. Bolivia and Peru recently began coca plant control programs. Pakistan has reduced its opium poppy cultivation more than 90 percent, and Burma is moving to do the same. Columbia has begun spraying its marijuana crops and, in the last year, has located and destroyed cocaine factories hidden in the jungles. This past summer, the Vice President met with representatives of five Latin American countries to discuss further efforts. And, as you saw this past week, expert cooperation between our Justice Department and the Italian government led to arrests of mafia leaders operating in the U.S.

My opponent's third <u>new</u> initiative: Step up American enforcement efforts. Someone should tell him that we've included \$1.2 billion in the 1985 Federal budget for drug law enforcement -- a 70-percent increase over the last budget of his administration; and that we've increased the number of Special Agents in Customs from 600 to 1,000.

Apparently he hasn't talked to Federal agents who've been saying regularly and publicly they've had more support from this Administration than any before. Apparently he hasn't heard about the increase in radar balloons and Navy and Air Force surveillance flights to track planes attempting to slip across the Gulf of Mexico and the Mexican Border. Not to mention the Coast Guard fully implementing its Marine Interdiction and Surveillance Team Program. Finally, his fourth <u>new</u> initiative: More State and local support. State and local officials involved in the drug war testified, not long ago, to the House Select Committee on Narcotics Control and Abuse. Every one of them expressed satisfaction with the new, high level of information sharing and the equipment loans they are getting.

Both at home and abroad we've seen record drug busts and convictions. We've also seen something else for the first time in America. In each of the last 2 years, violent crime has dropped -- the first time that's happened since the F.B.I. began keeping statistics.

Let me mention something else, because for all the so-called new initiatives my opponent is proposing, initiatives already begun, he did omit one very important one. We're not just increasing our efforts to limit the supply of drugs -- we're also trying to limit the demand for drugs. That's why Nancy's been joining with concerned parents and citizens all across our country to put out the word to young Americans -- stay away from drugs; drugs hurt, and drugs kill.

And we can all be proud of the way our young people have responded. In 1979, one in nine high school seniors used marijuana on a daily basis. By 1983, the number had dropped to one in eighteen -- still too high, but a great improvement.

Just as Americans have pulled together to turn around so many other problems we inherited 4 years ago -- inflation, record interest rates, taxes, no growth, falling test scores in school, and low morale in our military -- so, too, we're coming together as a Nation to tackle the drug problem. So the question I keep wondering about my opponent is -- where's he been?

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

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Proposed Presidential Radio Talk: Economy

Richard Darman has asked that comments be sent directly to Ben Elliott on the above-referenced remarks by 4:00 p.m. today. The remarks review the progress of the economic recovery and ask listeners whether they want to continue down the path of recovery and growth or return to the policies of the Carter-Mondale Administration. The remarks repeat the central theme of the domestic side of the campaign: that deficits can be cut by continued growth rather than the tax increases proposed by Mr. Mondale. I have reviewed the remarks and have no objections.

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Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President Ext. 2702

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Presidential Radio Talk: Budget

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: David L. Chew

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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Thanks.

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David L. Chew Staff Secretary Ext. 2702

(Elliott) February 28, 1985 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: BUDGET SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1985

My fellow Americans, perhaps you've noticed, as I have, an interesting change in the country in recent weeks. All last year, right through the election and into January, we witnessed a non-stop barrage -- in speeches, commentaries, and editorials -about the dangers of deficits and what must be done to reduce them.

I was actually becoming hopeful that new courage was taking root; hopeful that a new consensus to cut Federal spending growth was even emerging among those who have labored a lifetime to expand Government's size and power.

That was a hasty judgement. For just 1 month ago, the mood of the born-again budget balancers abruptly changed, and now they seem to suffer from a crisis of faith. What caused the sudden change of heart? Well, 1 month ago, we submitted our budget to Congress; a budget designed to do just what we pledged during the election -- tackle the deficits by cutting spending where it is wasteful, where it is not urgent, and where it subsidizes some people at the expense of all the rest of us.

As promised, many of its proposals follow recommendations of the Grace Commission, a group of some 2,000 citizens who compiled a lengthy report on how to cut spending growth, without harming the needy or impairing any essential purpose of Government.

For example: The Small Business Administration has made loans to less than one-half of 1 percent of the small business

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community. Yet, at a time when small business is thriving, many of these loans are in or near default. We propose ending such subsidies, for the benefit of taxpayers at large.

Subsidizing Amtrak costs taxpayers \$35 per passenger every time a train leaves a station. But that's not the only unwise transportation subsidy. Why, for instance, should the Federal Government be forcing Minnesota's taxpayers to subsidize subway fares in New York? Why should any taxpayer subsidize the Washington, D.C. transit system -- an area with the highest median incomes in America, where bus drivers can earn over \$40,000 a year in pay and fringe benefits?

Yet these and other proposed budget savings have been greeted by a chorus of boos from guess who -- the very people who told us again and again that tough action on deficits couldn't wait. Today, they say, "Now is not the time."

Consider the political spectacle of recent days: The House Budget Committee, with all of its Members insisting the deficit must be reduced, travels the country inviting special interest groups to complain about every proposal for budget savings.

The President of the U.S. Conference of Mayors accuses us a bandoning the Federal Government's commitment to urban America, when the growing non-inflationary economy is creating more than 300,000 jobs a month and record revenues for local governments.

Leaders of four higher education associations shiver outside the Department of Education to symbolize, as they put it, that higher education is being "frozen out" of the budget. Their wor' "frozen" is meant to describe a proposal that would spend more

than \$7 billion -- as much as in 1982 and 1983, and more than double what it was just 10 years ago.

Members of the business community oppose the end of subsidies for Amtrak; farm State Senators push multi-billion-dollar bail-outs for agriculture; and one Representative in the House rebukes proposed cutbacks in Federal spending on opera and music in our budget for the National Endowment for the Arts.

This past week, the Nation's Governors were in Washington. To their credit, they urged Congress to pass the line-item veto and the balanced budget amendment. But then they adopted a resolution they called a "freeze," even though it would exempt a whole range of domestic programs from any controls; a resolution they called an improvement over our budget, even though it would spend more, leave a higher deficit, disallow cost-of-living increases for Social Security recipients, rule out any real increases in defense, and open the door to tax increases.

I'm sorry, but that kind of improvement is unacceptable. I won't deny all the groups I mentioned represent valid interests which may seem compelling. But there is a larger interest to represent, more compelling and urgent than all the rest -- the freedom and security of America, and of the taxpayers, who must not only work, save, and invest to pull our economy forward, but also pay all the bills for everything Government does.

As long as I'm President, we are not going back to the days of failure when America was fast becoming an impotent democracy, too weak to meet defense commitments, too weak to resist communist take-overs in country after country, and, yes, too weak

to stop a Federal spending machine from impoverishing families and destroying our economy with runaway taxes and inflation.

We're asking Congress for political courage, a commodity not often in surplus in Washington. We're asking for \$50 billion in spending cuts by Easter. If there is inadequate courage to approve these cuts, then at least give me the authority to veto line items in the Federal budget. I will take the political responsibility, I will make the cuts, and I will take the heat.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Presidential Radio Talk: Canadian Trip

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cc: David L. Chew

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David L. Chew Staff Secretary Ext. 2702

PRESIDENTIAL RADIO TALK: CANADIAN TI SATURDAY,

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My fellow Americans, tomorrow, States in this second term, Nancy a visit our neighbors in Canada. We Canada's Prime Minister, Brian Mul effective defender of Canadian int United States, and the best vote-We're delighted that Brian M capital of his home province, as its old streets and charming wa intriguing corners of North Am doorstep. Quebec is modern, t with everything from subway c defense industries. Quebec We are going to Canada country is more important t overlook that fact; someti not seem to warrant as mu neighboring areas. But neighbors, with whom we boundary, must never be Canada and the Un we

Canada is also our principal foreign supplier of natural gas and electricity and our second largest supplier of oil. And Canada is the most important locale for our foreign investment. Walk around our cities and towns today and you can see increased Canadian investment in real estate and many other parts of the U.S. economy.

Most important, the national security of the United States and of Canada are very closely interrelated. The Commander of the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs is American, his Deputy is Canadian, and their staff integrated with American and Canadian officers.

Four years ago, relations between the United States and Canada had become testy. But we've been working hard on both sides of the border to set things right. Today, Canadian-American relations are good, as good as they've ever been, and during this trip the Prime Minister and I are determined to do all we can to make them even better.

We will seek to strengthen our economic relations. It is the firm policy of this Administration to resist protectionist pressures. And so we welcome the Mulroney government's legislation to loosen restrictions on foreign investment in Canada -- and we continue to welcome Canadian investment in the United States. We would like to go forward, with Canada and other countries joining us in a new round of multilateral trade talks in 1986.

We will encourage the sharing of our mutual defense responsibilities. Canada is a founding member of NATO, with a

proud military history stretching from Vimy Ridge in France during the First World War, to the skies over Germany in the Second, to the seas off Korea during that conflict. We've been disappointed in the past that Canada's expenditures on defense fell well below the NATO average. Today we're delighted with the commitment of Brian Mulroney's government to increase significantly Canada's overall contribution.

On the quest for arms reductions and on other global developments, Canada's expertise will be valued highly by us. The Prime Minister and I will exchange views on developments throughout the world, including the Geneva arms reduction talks, and our own efforts to protect freedom, democracy, and peace in this hemisphere.

The United States is a pioneer in environmental protection, and we share with Canada a special responsibility for protecting our shared North American environment. I know that acid rain concerns the Canadian government, and I'm anxious to hear the Prime Minister's views on that subject.

When Winston Churchill visited Canada in 1939, he said of the 5,000-mile peaceful border dividing Canada and the U.S.: "That long frontier from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, guarded only by neighborly respect and honorable obligations, is an example to every country and a pattern for the future of the world."

Today, more than ever, our progress, our partnership, and our friendship can be a model for others and a pattern for the future. Working together, Canada and the United States can **7**7

accomplish great things for the cause of a safer, freer, and more prosperous world. And that is what our trip is all about.

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