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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *g*

REMARKS TO THE  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1975

BEFORE I BEGIN MY FORMAL REMARKS, I WANT TO EXPRESS  
MY PERSONAL SENSE OF LOSS AT THE SUDDEN DEATH OF YOUR LATE  
PRESIDENT GENERAL, MRS. HENRY STEWART JONES. MRS. JONES WAS  
A DEDICATED, SERIOUS PATRIOT -- A GREAT PERSON. SHE WILL BE  
GREATLY MISSED, BUT I HOPE THAT WHAT I HAVE TO SAY TODAY REFLECTS  
SOME OF THE IDEALS SHE HELD AND SOME OF THE CONCERNS SHE FELT FOR  
OUR GREAT NATION.

*My Mother - a proud & dedicated member - I am honored to have this D.A.R. badge*

IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO ADDRESS THIS GATHERING.

AS DESCENDANTS OF THE BRAVE AMERICANS WHO FOUNDED

OUR NATION, YOU HAVE A PROUD HERITAGE.

BUT I THINK YOU WOULD BE THE FIRST TO AGREE THAT THIS

HERITAGE BELONGS NOT ONLY TO THE D-A-R, BUT TO ALL AMERICANS

INSPIRED BY OUR HISTORY.

WE SHARE A COMMON HERITAGE.

ALTHOUGH YOU ARE THE "DAUGHTERS" OF THE AMERICAN

REVOLUTION, ALL OF US ARE IN A SENSE THE CHILDREN -- THE HEIRS --

OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

AND, THIS YEAR ESPECIALLY, AS WE PREPARE FOR THE  
CELEBRATION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL, IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR ALL  
AMERICANS TO DO SOME SOUL-SEARCHING ABOUT WHERE WE ARE GOING  
AS A NATION AND WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THE PRECIOUS HERITAGE  
OF FREEDOM THAT WE INHERITED. THIS IS A GOOD TIME BOTH TO  
LOOK BACKWARD AND TO LOOK FORWARD -- A GOOD TIME TO TAKE  
STOCK.

IN DOING SO, WE SHOULD NOT FALL INTO THE TRAP  
OF BLIND NOSTALGIA -- OF PERSUADING OURSELVES THAT  
AMERICA'S BEST YEARS ARE BEHIND US.

THERE IS A LOT OF NEGATIVE TALK LIKE THAT GOING  
AROUND. IT CAN BE ANSWERED IN ONE WORD: NONSENSE.

THE TRUTH IS THAT IF WE WERE TO SOMEHOW TRAVEL  
BACK IN TIME TOGETHER TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION -- WE  
MIGHT BE MORE SHOCKED BY THE SIMILARITIES THAN BY THE  
DIFFERENCES. IF ANYTHING, TIMES WERE FAR TOUGHER THEN.



WE WERE A DIVIDED PEOPLE. MANY HISTORIANS

ESTIMATE THAT THE COLONISTS WERE SPLIT INTO THREE FACTIONS:

THOSE WHO FAVORED INDEPENDENCE, | THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE

ROYAL CAUSE, AND THOSE WHO STRADDLED THE FENCE, WAITING

TO SEE WHICH SIDE WOULD WIN.

INFLATION WAS MORE THAN A SERIOUS PROBLEM

DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION -- IT WAS A NEAR-FATAL DISEASE.

PRINTING-PRESS MONEY, \ THE SO-CALLED CONTINENTAL DOLLAR,

WAS ONLY WORTH A FRACTION OF ITS PAPER VALUE. MANY

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT, EVEN FROM

HUNGRY AMERICAN SOLDIERS TRYING TO BUY PROVISIONS.

TOO OFTEN, AMERICAN ARMIES WERE DEFEATED IN  
BATTLE AND DRIVEN TO HUMILIATING RETREATS. DISEASE,  
LACK OF EQUIPMENT AND LACK OF TRAINING WERE CHRONIC.  
WE WERE DEPENDENT ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR MANY OF OUR  
WEAPONS, UNIFORMS, AND EQUIPMENT -- AND EVEN FOR  
FOREIGN "ADVISORS" TO TRAIN OUR TROOPS.

IF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT SPENT MILLIONS  
TO HELP EQUIP AMERICAN FORCES, AND IF WE HAD NOT BEEN  
ASSISTED BY A FRENCH ARMY AND FLEET AT YORKTOWN, THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION MIGHT HAVE DRAGGED ON INCONCLUSIVELY  
FOR YEARS.

YET, OUT OF ALL THAT SUFFERING AND UNCERTAINTY, A  
NEW NATION WAS BORN AND GREW UP INTO ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND  
MOST POWERFUL IN THE WORLD.

CHARACTER HAD A LOT TO DO WITH IT -- THE COURAGE AND  
VISION OF MEN LIKE WASHINGTON, SHARED BY THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS  
AND THE VALIANT PATRIOT WOMEN WHO SUSTAINED THEIR FIGHTING MEN --  
AS THEY HAVE IN ALL OUR STRUGGLES -- WITH THEIR WORK AND THEIR  
PRAYERS. VALUES WERE ALSO IMPORTANT -- THE MORAL IMPERATIVES  
AND POLITICAL IDEALS THAT WERE EXPRESSED WITH SUCH ELOQUENCE BY  
PATRICK HENRY AND THOMAS JEFFERSON AND WITH SUCH CLARITY BY  
ALEXANDER HAMILTON AND JAMES MADISON.

AND DIVINE PROVIDENCE ALSO HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT

-- NOR WERE OUR FOREFATHERS ASHAMED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR DEBT

TO THIS SOURCE OF STRENGTH IN TIME OF TROUBLE.

CALL IT DIVINE PROVIDENCE OR CALL IT DESTINY,

THIRTEEN SMALL COLONIES CLUSTERED ALONG THE ATLANTIC COAST

SOMEHOW MANAGED TO PRODUCE ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT GENERATIONS

OF LEADERS KNOWN TO HISTORY -- THE SOLDIERS AND STATESMEN

WE KNOW AS THE FOUNDERS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY.



BUT EVEN MORE REMARKABLE THAN THE GENIUS OF THE  
FOUNDERS THEMSELVES IS THE FACT THAT GENERATION AFTER GENERATION  
OF AMERICANS HAVE CONTINUED TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION THEY  
LEFT US. WE HAVE NEVER LOST SIGHT OF THEIR DREAM.

OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE HAD BRILLIANT LEADERS.

BUT NO OTHER COUNTRY CAN POINT TO TWO CENTURIES DEDICATED

TO EXPANDING AND PERFECTING A CONTINUING REVOLUTION IN A

FREE SOCIETY. THAT IS WHAT MAKES AMERICA UNIQUE.

AND THAT IS WHY -- ALTHOUGH OUR EXPERIENCE  
IN INDOCHINA HAS BEEN ONE OF HEROIC SACRIFICES AND GREAT  
DISAPPOINTMENTS -- I AM CONVINCED THAT WE CAN AND WILL  
EMERGE FROM THIS ORDEAL STRONGER AND WISER AS A NATION --  
JUST AS WE HAVE FROM OTHERS EVEN GREATER IN THE PAST.

AND THIS BRINGS ME TO THE SOUL-SEARCHING --

THE INVENTORY OF OPPORTUNITIES, / OF CHALLENGES BEFORE US TODAY.

HOW DO WE STAND TODAY?

ARE WE STILL ON THE RIGHT COURSE?

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IN THE TIME HERE TO GO

OVER EVERY SINGLE ISSUE -- POLITICAL, MILITARY, DIPLOMATIC

AND ECONOMIC -- THAT THIS QUESTION RAISES. SO LET ME

FOCUS TODAY ON ONE OF THEM -- OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE.

ARE WE STRONG ENOUGH TODAY? AND, JUST AS IMPORTANT,

WILL WE BE STRONG ENOUGH TOMORROW?

ACCORDING TO A RECENT POLL, SOME AMERICANS  
HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR WORLD POSITION AND THE COST OF  
MAINTAINING THAT POSITION. THE POLL INDICATED THAT  
AMERICANS WANT THE UNITED STATES -- AND I QUOTE --  
"TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE WORLD." YET AT THE SAME  
TIME, THEY BELIEVE THE DEFENSE BUDGET SHOULD BE REDUCED.

AMERICANS STILL BELIEVE THAT BEING STRONG MILITARILY  
IS IMPORTANT.      THEY WANT -- IN THE WORDS OF THE POLL'S  
REPORT -- "A POWERFUL AND MILITARILY SECURE STANDING FOR  
THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD."      WHAT THEY DON'T LIKE  
IS THE PRICE TAG THAT COMES WITH IT.

THIS IS A BASIC DILEMMA.            WHEN A NATION  
WANTS TO ACHIEVE CONTRADICTORY GOALS -- SUCH AS MILITARY  
SECURITY AND LESS DEFENSE SPENDING -- SOONER OR LATER,  
CITIZENS MUST MAKE A CHOICE.



IT IS BECOMING FASHIONABLE IN SOME QUARTERS  
TO CHARGE THAT MILITARY FORCE IS OUTMODED IN THE MODERN WORLD.  
IT IS ARGUED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT MODERN WEAPONRY,  
ESPECIALLY NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS, ARE TOO DESTRUCTIVE TO USE --  
AND THAT, THEREFORE, THEY WON'T EVER BE USED.

FURTHER, IT IS ARGUED THAT, WHEN WE HAVE APPLIED  
MILITARY POWER, IT HAS NOT PRODUCED THE RESULTS WE WANTED --  
AS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

FINALLY, IT IS SAID THAT WE ARE UNLIKELY TO BE  
ATTACKED IN ANY EVENT. DETENTE, ACCORDING TO THIS  
REASONING, GUARANTEES THAT FUTURE CONFLICTS WILL BE  
NON-VIOLENT ONES WHICH MAY BE SETTLED BY NEGOTIATION.

THESE ARGUMENTS IGNORE A BASIC FACT OF INTERNATIONAL  
POLITICS -- ONE THAT HAS BEEN PROVEN REPEATEDLY THROUGHOUT  
HISTORY: NATIONAL INTERESTS CAN BE GUARDED ONLY BY NATIONAL  
STRENGTH -- AND, IN A CONFLICT-RIDDEN WORLD, NATIONAL  
STRENGTH, IN THE BROADEST SENSE, MUST BE SUPPORTED BY  
MILITARY STRENGTH.

IT IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED THAT DETENTE -- THE PROCESS  
OF REDUCING TENSIONS WITH THE U.S.S.R. -- HAS BEEN POSSIBLE  
ONLY BECAUSE OF U.S. STRENGTH AND RESOLVE. IT WAS AFTER  
A PROLONGED PERIOD OF COLD WAR TESTING AND CONFRONTATION --  
DURING WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND THE REST OF THE WESTERN  
WORLD STOOD FAST -- THAT IT BECAME POSSIBLE TO MOVE FORWARD  
WITH THE U.S.S.R. IN NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT REDUCING THE  
CHANCES FOR GRAVE MISCALCULATIONS AND REDUCING THE RISK  
OF NUCLEAR WAR.

IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, WE HAVE SAFEGUARDED OUR VITAL DEFENSE  
INTERESTS. TO WEAKEN OUR DEFENSES IS TO WEAKEN ONE OF  
THE FOUNDATIONS OF DETENTE.

A POSTURE OF DELIBERATE WEAKNESS IS MOST DANGEROUS  
WHEN THE WORLDWIDE MILITARY BALANCE THREATENS TO DETERIORATE.  
BUT AT ANY TIME, WEAKNESS WOULD BE FOLLY FOR THE UNITED STATES,  
A GREAT NATION, WITH INTERESTS SPANNING THE GLOBE.

IF WE WERE TO CUT OURSELVES BACK TO SUCH A WEAK  
POSTURE -- AS SOME RECOMMEND -- WE WOULD SOON FIND OURSELVES  
PAYING AN UNACCEPTABLE PRICE.

WE CANNOT SHRINK OUR ECONOMY BACK TO PRE-1939

DIMENSIONS. WE CANNOT TURN OUR BACK ON THE REST OF

THE WORLD AS WE FOOLISHLY SOUGHT TO DO IN THE 1930'S.

LIKE IT OR NOT, WE ARE A GREAT POWER AND OUR  
REAL CHOICE IS WHETHER TO SUCCEED OR FAIL IN A ROLE WE  
CANNOT SHIRK.        THERE IS NO OTHER NATION IN THE FREE WORLD  
CAPABLE OF STEPPING INTO OUR ROLE.

IF WE CONCLUDE, AS I BELIEVE WE MUST, THAT  
WE STILL NEED A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE, THE NEXT ISSUE IS  
OBVIOUS:        HOW MUCH AND WHAT KIND?



THE ANSWER DEPENDS ON OUR CONTINUING, VIGILANT  
ASSESSMENT OF THOSE DEFENSES NEEDED TO SAFEGUARD THIS GREAT  
NATION -- AN ASSESSMENT MEASURED IN TERMS OF THE INTENTIONS  
AND CAPABILITIES OF POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES AND THE COMMON  
STRENGTHS FORGED BY OUR ALLIANCES. OUR NUCLEAR DETERRENT  
MUST BE GAUGED AGAINST THE NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES AND INTENTION  
OF OTHERS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE SOVIET UNION.

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS AND THE  
VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT I SIGNED WITH GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV  
ARE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE. WE ARE WORKING TO PUT A CAP ON  
THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE.

SIMILARLY, THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES REQUIRED WILL DEPEND ON OUR CONTINUING ABILITY TO MAINTAIN A TRULY EFFECTIVE NATIONAL DEFENSE. IT ALSO WILL DEPEND ON OUR ABILITY TO MEET OUR SECURITY COMMITMENTS AND ON OUR ABILITY, WITH OUR ALLIES, TO WORK WITH THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS TOWARD REDUCTIONS IN FORCES WHICH WILL INCREASE THE PROSPECTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STABILITY.

IT IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD AT LARGE THAT THE STRATEGIC BALANCE BE MAINTAINED -- AND STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR DEFENSE.

WE WILL WORK TOWARD FURTHER STRATEGIC ARMS

LIMITATIONS. WE WILL MAINTAIN A STRATEGIC ARMS BALANCE.

NEITHER WE NOR OUR ALLIES CAN AFFORD THE CONSEQUENCES IF THIS

FUNDAMENTAL BALANCE SHIFTS AGAINST US. I PROMISE YOU THAT

NO DEFENSE BUDGET I SUBMIT TO THE CONGRESS WILL EVER SELL US

SHORT NOR SHIFT THAT BALANCE AGAINST AMERICA.

AND I CALL ON EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS  
TO MAKE THE SAME PLEDGE, FOR OUR SURVIVAL AS A NATION COULD  
WELL DEPEND UPON IT. AND I CALL UPON YOU TO LET YOUR SENATORS  
AND CONGRESSMEN KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

LET US NEVER FORGET THIS: THAT OUR PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE IS TO ONE NATION INDIVISIBLE -- NOT ONE NATION,  
INDEFENSIBLE!

IN THE AREA OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES, WE ALSO CONFRONT  
SOME DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. OUR TROOPS IN EUROPE, FOR  
EXAMPLE, ARE A KEY ELEMENT IN SHIELDING EUROPE FROM MILITARY  
ATTACKS OR PRESSURES. PRESENT FORCE LEVELS ARE NECESSARY  
TO MAINTAIN A SATISFACTORY CONVENTIONAL MILITARY BALANCE  
BETWEEN THE ALLIANCE AND THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS.

UNILATERAL U.S. REDUCTIONS WOULD UPSET THAT BALANCE AND

CONSTITUTE A MAJOR POLITICAL CHANGE. THE UNITED STATES HAS

AGREED WITH OUR ALLIES THAT THERE WILL BE NO UNILATERAL TROOP

REDUCTIONS EXCEPT THROUGH MUTUAL NEGOTIATIONS.



OUR TROOP LEVELS THERE ARE NOT AN OBSTACLE TO  
IMPROVED EAST - WEST RELATIONS IN EUROPE. ON THE CONTRARY,  
A STABLE MILITARY BALANCE HAS BEEN THE STARTING POINT FOR  
HOPEFUL NEW DIPLOMACY.

FOR THEIR PART, THE EUROPEANS CONTRIBUTE THE  
LARGEST PART TO THE CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE.  
UNILATERAL U.S. REDUCTIONS WOULD UNDERCUT THEIR EFFORTS, AND  
WOULD UNDERMINE CONFIDENCE IN U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE.

THERE ARE TWO OTHER CRUCIAL AREAS OF CONVENTIONAL  
FORCES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN OUR SIDE OF THE STRATEGIC BALANCE  
-- OUR LONG-RANGE AIRLIFT CAPABILITY AND SEA POWER.

IF WE ARE TO SUSTAIN OUR ABILITY TO REACT  
APPROPRIATELY TO THREATS TO OUR INTERESTS FAR FROM OUR SHORES,  
WE MAY NEED TO INCREASE OUR ALREADY CONSIDERABLE ABILITY TO  
AIRLIFT TROOPS AND SUPPLIES LONG DISTANCES.

THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES DEPEND HEAVILY  
ON THE FREEDOM OF THE SEAS FOR TRADE AND COMMERCE.

THUS, IT IS VITAL FOR US TO MAINTAIN A FULL RANGE OF  
CAPABILITIES AT SEA.

LAST SUMMER, THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE CELEBRATED  
ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY -- TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF PEACE  
THROUGH STRENGTH ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, AND TO REAFFIRM OUR COLLECTIVE RESOLVE,

WE JOINED WITH THE OTHER MEMBER NATIONS IN A DECLARATION

ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS. I WILL BE MEETING PERSONALLY WITH

ALLIED LEADERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO SEEK FURTHER PROGRESS

TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL -- A PEACEFUL AND SECURE FREE WORLD.

BUT NEITHER N-A-T-O NOR THE UNITED STATES CAN

GUARANTEE A PEACEFUL AND SECURE FREE WORLD IF WE ALLOW OUR

DEFENSES TO ERODE.

NOW WHAT ABOUT THE PRICE TAG -- WHAT IS IT COSTING

US TO MAINTAIN OUR MILITARY STRENGTH? CRITICS OF A

STRONG DEFENSE SAY THAT THE DEFENSE BUDGET IS HIGHER THAN EVER.

BUT THE TRUTH IS THAT, IN TERMS OF WHAT EACH DOLLAR WILL BUY,

THE DEFENSE BUDGET IS NOW LOWER THAN AT ANY TIME SINCE 1964,

PRIOR TO OUR VIET NAM BUILDUP. THE REASON FOR THIS IS

THAT INFLATION HAS TAKEN JUST AS HIGH A TOLL ON THE DEFENSE

DOLLAR'S PURCHASING POWER AS IT HAS THROUGHOUT THE ECONOMY.

TAKE AWAY THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION AND REAL PAY

INCREASES WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO RECRUIT OUR NEW, ALL VOLUNTEER  
FORCES, AND WHAT IS LEFT OF THE DEFENSE BUDGET HAS ACTUALLY  
DECLINED IN PURCHASING POWER DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

IN 1968, DEFENSE SPENDING REPRESENTED ABOUT  
SIXTY PERCENT OF OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING. TODAY,  
IT IS DOWN TO ABOUT TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT.



WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LET OUR DEFENSE STRENGTH  
SLIDE DOWN WHILE OTHER NATIONS BUILD THEIR FORCES UP.  
IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF EACH OF US TO KEEP AMERICA STRONG --  
THE OBLIGATION OF THE CONGRESS, OF THIS ADMINISTRATION,  
AND OF EACH AMERICAN CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS  
COUNTRY. I PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I WILL DO MY PART.

A GREAT HERO WHO LED OUR PEOPLE IN BOTH WAR AND  
IN PEACE, DWIGHT EISENHOWER, ONCE SAID THAT "A TRUE POSTURE  
OF DEFENSE IS COMPOSED OF THREE FACTORS -- SPIRITUAL,  
MILITARY AND ECONOMIC."

WE HAVE THE ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH  
IT TAKES TO KEEP AMERICA A FIRST-RATE POWER.

SPIRITUAL STRENGTH IS LESS TANGIBLE. IT IS

HARD TO MEASURE IN AN EXACT WAY. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS:

I HAVE TRAVELED TO JUST ABOUT EVERY CORNER OF AMERICA

SINCE BECOMING PRESIDENT. AND, EVERYWHERE, I FOUND

THE SAME CONFIDENCE, THE SAME GOOD SPIRIT, AND THE SAME

WILLINGNESS TO PULL TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS AN EVEN BETTER

COUNTRY.

YES, WE HAVE OUR PROBLEMS, OUR DOUBTS AND OUR  
QUESTIONS. YET WE ALSO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO ASK TOUGH  
QUESTIONS AND TO SEEK HONEST ANSWERS, PAINFUL THOUGH THEY  
MAY BE. AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE STILL HAVE THE CHARACTER  
AND THE VISION THAT WAS TEMPERED IN THE FORGE OF THE REVOLUTION  
TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

FINALLY, THERE IS OUR ACTUAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

I HAVE ALREADY TALKED TO YOU ABOUT SOME OF THE HARDWARE AND  
SOME OF THE COSTS. I WILL JUST ADD THAT I DON'T THINK WE HAVE  
EVER HAD FINER, BETTER MOTIVATED MEN AND WOMEN SERVING UNDER  
THE AMERICAN FLAG THAN WE DO TODAY -- AND I HAVE MET A LOT  
OF THESE FINE YOUNG PEOPLE.

THEY ARE OF THE STOCK WHICH GEORGE WASHINGTON

WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD TO COMMAND. AND WE SHOULD BE PROUD  
OF THEM.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FIRST MADE THE POINT THAT I HAVE  
TRIED TO PUT ACROSS TODAY. "TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR," HE  
SAID, "IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PRESERVING PEACE."

PEACE IS WHAT WE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT --

THE BUILDING OF PEACE AND THE PRESERVING OF PEACE. AND ONLY

A STRONG AMERICA CAN BUILD A STRONG AND DURABLE PEACE.

AS CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WE OWE  
THIS BOTH TO THE PATRIOTS WHO CAME BEFORE US, AND TO THE  
GENERATIONS WHO ONE DAY WILL INHERIT FROM US ALL THAT WE  
HAVE ACHIEVED TOGETHER IN TWO CENTURIES OF STRUGGLE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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