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THIS TRIP TO EUROPE HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR ALL

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *dy*

AMERICANS. WE LIVE IN A WORLD IN WHICH ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THIS NATION -- INCLUDING ENERGY, THE ECONOMY, AND OUR SECURITY -- ARE CLOSELY LINKED TO OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS.

OUR FIRST STOP WILL BE IN BRUSSELS WHERE I WILL MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TO JOINTLY ASSESS THE STATE OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AND PLAN ITS FUTURE. I WANT TO REAFFIRM AT THIS TIME THE UNITED STATES' COMMITMENT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY WHICH IS VITAL TO AMERICAN SECURITY AND WELL-BEING.

IN SPAIN I WILL REVIEW WITH SPANISH LEADERS OUR

EXPANDING COOPERATION, AS SPAIN ASSUMES AN INCREASINGLY

IMPORTANT ROLE IN BOTH ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN AFFAIRS.

IN AUSTRIA, MY MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT

WILL CENTER ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS AND THE EVOLUTION OF

U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. AMERICAN INTERESTS, AS WELL AS THOSE

OF OUR ALLIES, DEPEND UPON EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

OUR POLICY IS AIMED AT ONE GOAL -- THAT OF ACHIEVING A JUST
PEACE. I ALSO WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY WHILE IN AUSTRIA TO
MEET AGAIN WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY.

FOLLOWING THE NATO SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS, MY MEETINGS
IN ROME WITH PRESIDENT LEONE AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT WILL PERMIT US TO REVIEW THE MANY IMPORTANT INTERESTS
WE SHARE AS ALLIES, AND AS GOOD FRIENDS.

AND I LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
WITH HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL THE SIXTH TO DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN
SUBJECTS OF IMPORTANCE TO PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE ON THIS BRIEF TRIP.
I WILL REPRESENT A CONFIDENT AND UNITED AMERICA -- AN AMERICA
DETERMINED, WITH ITS ALLIES, TO SAFEGUARD OUR VITAL INTERESTS.

THE UNITED STATES IS EQUALLY DETERMINED TO REDUCE THE CHANCES
OF CONFLICT, TO INCREASE COOPERATION AND TO ENHANCE THE
WELL-BEING OF AMERICANS AND ALL PEOPLES.

I GO DETERMINED TO ADVANCE OUR COMMON INTERESTS
WITH OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES AND WITH PRIDE IN OUR GREAT COUNTRY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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