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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
I AM VERY HAPPY TO BE BACK IN THE SUNSHINE STATE OF FLORIDA AND IN THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF ORLANDO.
BEFORE WE BEGIN THE QUESTIONS, I HAVE

ONE ANNOUNCEMENT: THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HAS DECIDED TO HOLD ITS 1978 ANNUAL CONVENTION HERE IN ORLANDO.
IT IS EXPECTED THE CONVENTION WILL GENERATE ABOUT A MILLION
DOLLARS FOR YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY.

THE UNITED STATES TRAVEL SERVICE, A DIVISION
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ATTRACTING
THIS CONVENTION TO THE UNITED STATES, AND YOUR OWN
OUTSTANDING FACILITIES MADE ORLANDO THE FINAL CHOICE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER.
THIS IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN WORK TOGETHER TOWARD A COMMON GOAL.

I CONGRATULATE THE CITY OF ORLANDO, AND I AM PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PLAY A PART IN THIS SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

END OF TEXT

I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT AMERICANS WANT TO VOTE WITH THEIR HEADS -- NOT WITH THEIR FEET.

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WE MUST KEEP OUR DEFENSES SECOND TO NONE.
IN WAR THERE ARE NO SILVER MEDALS.