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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN . . .

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
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BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, DR. McCALL

SENATOR TOWER

JAY WOLFE

(President, Student Body)

STUDENTS, FACULTY AND GUESTS OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AT BAYLOR
UNIVERSITY, THE HOME OF THE BAYLOR BEARS --
AND ITS GREAT COACH GRANT TEAFF (TEAFF) --
TO WHOM I HAD THE HONOR OF PRESENTING THE 1974
COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN
FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION LAST YEAR.
BAYLOR HAS A RIGHT TO BE VERY PROUD OF COACH TEAFF.

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AND BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER, TO ALL

OF YOU C.B.ers IN THE AUDIENCE, I BRING A

SPECIAL HELLO FROM FIRST MAMA -- AND FROM

FIRST PAPA TOO.

I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH YOU TODAY. THEY SAY THAT ANYTHING IS
POSSIBLE IN TEXAS, AND I ALWAYS LEAVE THIS STATE
WITH GREAT OPTIMISM AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

BEFORE I GET TO YOUR QUESTIONS, LET ME FIRST SAY

A FEW WORDS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE BIRTH OF THE

UNITED STATES TWO CENTURIES AGO.

AND WE HAVE A LONG WAY

YET TO TRAVEL.

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WE BEGAN OUR FIRST CENTURY WITH A POLITICAL
EXPERIMENT — A DARING AND UNIQUE EXPERIMENT IN THE CONCEPT
OF SELF-RULE• OUR FIRST CENTURY SAW THE FIRM ESTABLISHMENT
OF A FREE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE RIGHT OF THE
INDIVIDUAL TO DETERMINE HIS OWN DESTINY•

THAT CONCEPT WAS CARRIED INTO THE SECOND CENTURY

AND, ALONG WITH IT, WE TRANSFORMED AN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY

INTO THE MIGHTIEST AND MOST PRODUCTIVE NATION IN HUMAN HISTORY.

AS WE BEGIN OUR THIRD CENTURY WE SHOULD APPRECIATE

THE WISDOM AND FORESIGHT OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS AND WE SHOULD

REAFFIRM THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AS WE CONFIRM OUR EFFORTS TO

SECURE LASTING FREEDOM, LASTING PEACE AND LASTING PROSPERITY.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE PRESERVE THE INDIVIDUAL

FREEDOM OF ALL AMERICANS. BUT, BEYOND THAT, WE SHOULD

STRIVE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL.

WE MUST DEVISE SAFEGUARDS FOR THE INDIVIDUALISM OF

EVERY AMERICAN, TO PROTECT PERSONAL FREEDOMS AND OUR

INDIVIDUALITY FROM THE PRESSURES OF MASSIVE GOVERNMENT, BIG

BUSINESS OR ORGANIZED LABOR, FROM MASSIVE EDUCATION OR

MASSIVE COMMUNICATION. WE MUST NOT SMOTHER INDIVIDUAL

EXPRESSION AND CREATIVITY, AND WE MUST NOT STIFLE INDIVIDUAL

OPPORTUNITY.

THE OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE TO PURSUE

A HIGHER EDUCATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES

FOR A FULFILLING CAREER IN A STABLE WORLD

ONCE YOU LEAVE THIS CAMPUS?

MY NEW BUDGET FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS

DESIGNED TO BOLSTER OUR ECONOMY BY GENERATING NEW JOB S --

NOT MAKE-WORK, DEAD-END GOVERNMENT SPONSORED JOB S, / BUT JOB S

IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WHERE FIVE OUT OF SIX EMPLOYMENT

OPPORTUNITIES ARE TO BE FOUND IN AMERICA•

THESE JOB S IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAVE CAREERS

ATTACHED TO THEM•

THEY OFFER YOU MORE THAN A TEMPORARY GOVERNMENT PAYCHECK --

THEY OFFER YOU A FUTURE AND A CHALLENGE.

TODAY, BECAUSE WE MADE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS AND

STUCK WITH THEM, WE ARE RECOVERING IN A STRONG AND VIGOROUS

WAY FROM THE WORST RECESSION AMERICA HAS SUFFERED IN

40 YEARS.

WE ARE RECOVERING NOT BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT UNDERTOOK TO PUT
EVERY UNEMPLOYED AMERICAN ON THE FEDERAL PAYROLL, BUT BECAUSE
WE HAVE STIMULATED THE GREAT AMERICAN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE
SYSTEM TO PRODUCE MORE GOODS, MORE SERVICES, MORE
INVESTMENTS - AND AS A RESULT, MORE JOBS•

THESE ARE GENUINE, LONG-TERM JOBS GENERATED BY THE
DEMANDS OF AN IMPROVING ECONOMY, NOT BY ANY QUICK FIX
GIMMICKS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

WE PROVIDED THAT STIMULATION THROUGH MY PROGRAM
OF TAX CUTS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO INCREASE THEIR PURCHASING POWER,
AND TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS EXPANSION AND JOB PRODUCTION --
NOT THROUGH MASSIVE NEW GOVERNMENT SPENDING.

IN FACT, OVER THE LAST 20 MONTHS, I HAVE VETOED
48 BILLS. THIRTY-NINE OF THOSE VETOES HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED,
AND WITHOUT WEAKENING OR THREATENING OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN
ANY WAY, THOSE 39 VETOES WILL SAVE YOU 13 BILLION DOLLARS.

WE NOW HAVE MORE AMERICANS ON THE JOB THAN WE
HAVE HAD AT ANY OTHER TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY.

AND ALL THIS HAS HAPPENED BECAUSE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DID NOT
PANIC, BECAUSE THE GREAT AMERICAN SYSTEM OF FREE ENTERPRISE
IS WORKING.

FINALLY, WE MUST ASK THE QUESTION: HOW CAN WE
ENSURE THAT YOUR JOBS AND YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE WILL NOT
BE THREATENED BY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS?

YOUR LIVES ARE INSEPARABLY LINKED WITH THE STABILITY

OF THE WORLD. IN A THERMO-NUCLEAR AGE, THERE CAN BE NO

LASTING ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITHOUT A LASTING PEACE.

HERE, TOO, WE CAN BE PROUD OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

AMERICA TODAY IS AT PEACE. NO AMERICANS ARE

IN COMBAT ANYWHERE ON THE FACE OF THE GLOBE -- AND I INTEND

TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

WE ARE MEETING THE ACTIVE DUTY MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS
OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BY AN ALL VOLUNTARY RECRUITING
PROGRAM, WITHOUT THE DRAFT.

WE ARE AT PEACE, AND WE WILL STAY AT PEACE,
BECAUSE WE ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO KEEP THE PEACE, TO DETER
AGGRESSION, AND TO PROTECT OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.

SINCE I HAVE BECOME PRESIDENT,

I HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THE CONGRESS THE

TWO LARGEST MILITARY BUDGETS IN OUR

NATION'S HISTORY.

THEY WERE NEEDED TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT OUR MILITARY

CAPABILITIES CONTINUE TO BE STRONG IN THE YEARS AHEAD,

AS THEY MUST BE IF WE ARE TO FIND THE PEACE AND

SECURITY WE ALL SEEK. I AM DETERMINED, AS I

ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, TO KEEP AMERICA'S MILITARY

MIGHT UNSURPASSED BY ANY NATION ON THIS GLOBE.

YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES WHEN I HEAR THE
CRITICS COMPLAINING ABOUT AMERICAN DEFENSE POLICY
AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY ~~+~~ ALWAYS COMPLAINING
BUT NEVER OFFERING ANY PROGRAMS OF THEIR OWN --
I AM REMINDED OF ONE OF THE FINEST TEXANS I EVER HAD
THE PRIVILEGE TO KNOW IN THE CONGRESS.

SAM RAYBURN SERVED 50 YEARS IN WASHINGTON
WITH OVER 3,000 CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS AND 8

DIFFERENT PRESIDENTS. AT THE END OF A LONG DAY,

AFTER HE HAD WORKED HARD TO MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR

AMERICA, WHEN HE HEARD FROM THE CHRONIC

COMPLAINERS, HE LOVED TO RECALL WHAT HIS

FATHER ONCE TOLD HIM:

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" ANY DONKEY CAN KICK A BARN DOWN,
BUT IT TAKES AN AWFUL GOOD CARPENTER TO BUILD ONE UP. "

NOW AS FAR AS THE NATIONAL SECURITY
POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES ARE CONCERNED, /
I AM CONVINCED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD
RATHER HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO IS CONSTRUCTIVELY
SEEKING TO BUILD THE FOUNDATIONS OF LASTING
SECURITY / THAN SOMEONE WHO SPENDS MOST OF HIS
TIME TRYING TO KICK THEM DOWN.

I INVITE YOU ALL, THEN, TO JOIN ME ON A JOURNEY
INTO A CHALLENGING FUTURE, TO WALK WITH ME ON THE PATH OF PEACE
AND ON THE ROAD TO LASTING PROSPERITY. FOR THERE LIES
THE WAY OF HONOR AND ACHIVEMENT AND HAPPINESS FOR THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND FOR THE 215 MILLION AMERICANS
I AM HONORED TO SERVE AND PROUD TO LEAD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH●

NOW LET'S TAKE SOME

QUESTIONS●

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