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REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON HIS ARRIVAL
AT
BOEING FIELD

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Governor Dan Evans, Senator Magnuson, Senator Stevens, Congressman Joel Pritchard, Mayor Uhlman, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

It is really wonderful to be in Seattle and I do thank you for the beautiful salmon. We are now the beneficiaries, in my State of Michigan, not of salmon quite as large as that, but salmon. We started developing, a few years ago, by transplanting some salmon from this area of the world and we now have tremendous supplies in Lake Michigan of Coho salmon. And we are proud of it. They don't match that salmon in size but they do remind us of the West Coast and the wonderful opportunities that all of you have who live here.

May I also thank you, Governor, for the beautiful fruit and the Bicentennial medal.

As I flew in from Washington I couldn't help but be impressed with the superb port facilities that you all have here. And that reminded me of the great significance that foreign trade has, not only for you here in Seattle, but the impact that it has in a beneficial way for all of the United States.

Naturally I thought of Seattle when I flew out in Air Force One. I suspect that was made -- wherever the plant is -- right here. (Laughter) It is a great aircraft and, of course, Seattle, with the Boeing Company, contributes very significantly not only to the aerospace industry as a whole but, very importantly, to our national security. And I compliment the company and particularly its employees for this contribution to our domestic as well as military security.

But also as we flew, as we arrived in the Seattle area, we traveled over some great, great country, the northwest. I saw the wonderful fields, the grain growing and it couldn't help but have an impact on me coming from my part of the country and, particularly, now from Washington, D.C., to appreciate how vast our Nation is and how diverse it is, not only in agricultural land but people, natural resources.

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When you add it all up, we in America have something that few, if any other countries in the world have. We have unbelievable assets that we have inherited from others. It is our responsibility, and I know we will assume it, to utilize these resources, whether it is land, natural resources, a harbor, a technical, scientific capability, but we will use the resources of people to make this an even better country in which to live.

I know all of us in the Congress, in the Executive Branch, and all Americans, some 214 billion, want America to keep moving ahead for the benefit of everybody.

I thank you, Governor Evans, and all of you from the State of Washington for your very warm welcome. I know I will have a real good time here.

Thank you, again.

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