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Incremental Costs for Desert Shield/Desert Storm

60.4 - 71.4

(\$ in Billions)

Noncombat Costs

Incremental noncombat costs from 8/90-3/91 for reserve callup, transportation, fuel, in-country costs, and support for over 500,000 personnel.

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Combat Costs

Combat cost, including ammunition and ordnance consumed, loss of aircraft, helicopters, tracked vehicles, consumption of spare parts, loss of communication equipment, various pieces of support equipment and cost of opening, inspecting and repairing all major and minor equipment that experienced dramatically accelerated deterioration during the intensive combat period.

17.0 - 22.0

Post-Combat Costs

Post combat phasedown and troop return including incremental cost of reservists, higher active duty manpower levels, in-country costs for transportation, sustainment of large forces in field conditions, dismantling of facilities, preparation of material for shipment and the cost of returning equipment and material from the Persian Gulf. Costs also include reconstitution of war reserve stocks and deactivation and mothballing of the Ready Reserve Fleet.

15.0 - 21.0

War-related, Disability, and Personnel ~~Benefits~~ Costs

Long-Term Personnel Costs

~~Long-term~~ higher military benefit costs, including disability and death benefits, for reservists called to active duty, active duty members not permitted to retire or leave the service as planned and increased long-term benefits for those who participated in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

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Total

60.4 - 71.4

Cost estimates reflect the best information available. Final costs will vary as more complete combat consumption data is known, spare parts usage is fully reported, equipment is opened and inspected to assess maintenance needs and the duration of the phasedown period is determined.

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Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505

11 March 1991

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Papal Statements on the Gulf War

After 17 January, John Paul II expressed regrets and unease about the war as often as several times a week. He was especially critical of air attacks that he said "indiscriminately threaten civilian populations." On 18 February, Vatican radio quoted the Pope as saying, "We are not pacifists at any cost. We desire peace and justice. There can be no peace without justice." [REDACTED]

Some Church leaders went further than the Pope. A spokesman for the Conference of Italian Bishops stated on 30 January that " . . . the Pope's position is clear . . . just or unjust, the war [must] be stopped immediately . . . " *L'Observatore Romano*, the semi-official Vatican newspaper, took a consistently pacifist line, and Catholic organizations marched conspicuously in antiwar demonstrations. [REDACTED]

The Church's criticism of the war posed a major challenge to Andreotti's five-party government. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Communists, now renamed the Democratic Party of the Left, lost no time in exploiting the peace issue and seized on the papal statements in an attempt to gain influence with Catholic pacifists. [REDACTED]

Andreotti resisted the antiwar movement with support of his Foreign and Defense Ministers. He almost certainly viewed Rome's military contribution and financial assistance to the frontline states as part of Italy's coming of age as an important Western country. [REDACTED] antiwar sentiment, though worrisome, is manageable. [REDACTED]

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Post War Events

THE CHIEF of STAFF
has seen

1. Greet the First Troops to Return
2. Ticker Tape Parades (include Coalition Troops and Vietnam Vets): San Diego, New York, Chicago, Atlanta, etc.
3. Monday: National Holiday - Parade in D.C. (Finale)
4. Speech to Joint Session of Congress
5. Medal Presentation Events
6. Event Honoring Female Troops
7. Sunday: National Day of Thanks (follow-up to National Day of Prayer)
8. Travel to Hi-Tech Plants - Celebrate American Workers and Technology
9. Coalition Summit in D.C.
10. Arlington National Cemetery Event? Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?
11. Memorial Service with Families of All Casualties
12. Foreign Travel: Europe and Gulf
13. Presidential Video Tape or Letter for Local Events
14. Aggressive Cabinet/Surrogate Travel to State and Local Celebrations

2/28 @ 9:00am

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1991

*Governor! We are putting together a national framework for addressing the homecoming issue. I worry that V.A. and others may freelance. Help us keep it on track pls.
David*

MEMORANDUM

FOR: DAVID DEMAREST

FROM: THE CARNEY SUB-GROUP
OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP ON THE GULF

RE: HOMECOMING

The Carney sub-group met this morning to discuss homecoming activities. Tony Benedi could not join us but sent a memo outlining events presently being reviewed by scheduling. See attached.

Before we are overtaken by events, our challenge is to create a basic framework for the homecoming activities. We have more questions than answers, namely, no clear indication about when the troops will begin coming home, but here are our initial suggestions for a hero's welcome.

Conceptually, we want to greet the first home, visit the wounded and comfort the bereaved, pump up the troops still there, have a big salute in honor of the troops here in Washington in the middle of the homecoming, and use Memorial Day as the anchor at the end of this chapter in American history. (Assuming the schedule works out to do this.)

Among the ideas we kicked around this morning:

- o Proclaim a national day of celebration, sometime between mid-April and early May. This is when we would hold the parade, as well as a service at the National Cathedral. Please note, Secretary Derwinski talked to the Governor this morning and asked to take the lead on all parades. We will coordinate.
- o Perhaps as early as this weekend, attend a memorial service for the Pennsylvania reserves killed by the scud missile.
- o DOD is preparing a list and map of the big military bases around the country with a rough estimate of how many troops have been deployed. The President, as well as Mrs. Bush and the Vice President, should attend the homecoming celebrations at these bases.

Many of these places have long standing, institutional ceremonies for welcoming home their troops, i.e., parachuting back home, etc. DOD is also getting this information for us.

- o Each branch of the service is preparing welcome home events and activities. DOD will coordinate. They are sending down the word today that they want to be notified in advance of all local parades, events and activities so that we can send every base in the country a welcome message from the President.
- o Human interest, correspondence is sending out individualized thank you letters on azure to anyone who writes the President about the Gulf. This includes the 100,000 piece backlog as well as all future notes of congratulations.
- o We think the President should do a UN speech, as well as a trip to Europe and the Middle East to recognize the efforts of the coalition forces. A visit to Kuwait (much later) has been suggested by all sorts of people.
- o It looks like there were two to three hundred troops wounded in combat. VA is checking on the possibility of a hospital visit, but for now all injured troops are still in the Middle East.
- o The Congress is preparing a resolution to congratulate itself which should pass this week. Talk of proclaiming February 27, as "VK" day. Nice celebration for next year.
- o Lift restrictions on press interviews and access. Arrange an interview for Army, Navy, Air Force Times, as well as Stars and Stripes and the Armed Forces networks.

Participants:

Carney

Amend

Metzger

Kalinger -- *Defense Dept*

Timberlake -- *Veterans Affairs*

Portman



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1991

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With the tremendous outpouring of support given to the U.S. servicemen and women who served in Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the White House should take the lead in directing a nationwide homecoming. Because most active duty, reserve, and National Guard units were deployed to the Persian Gulf as units, it is likely that they will return together to their home bases and communities.

Independent of spontaneous events that will spring up all over the country, there should be a coordinated nationwide homecoming in Washington, D.C. Additionally, senior members of the administration should be made available to honor every request from any city, town, or National Guard Armory to attend local celebrations. These officials would act as official spokespersons to deliver your personal congratulations and gratitude to the returning forces.

I would ask also that special attention be paid to the men and women who, as a result of Desert Storm, are patients in military and VA hospitals. We will work on this special need.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "EJD", is written over the typed name.

Edward J. Derwinski

EJD/ett

Blind copy to: John Sununu

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS
THE CAPITOL
MARCH 6, 1990
9:00 PM

MR. PRESIDENT. MR. SPEAKER. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:
FIVE SHORT WEEKS AGO, I CAME TO THIS HOUSE TO SPEAK TO
YOU ABOUT THE STATE OF THE UNION. WE MET THEN IN TIME
OF WAR. TONIGHT, WE MEET IN A WORLD BLESSED.... BY THE
PROMISE OF PEACE. //

FROM THE MOMENT OPERATION DESERT STORM COMMENCED ON
JANUARY 16, UNTIL THE TIME THE GUNS FELL SILENT AT
MIDNIGHT ONE WEEK AGO, THIS NATION HAS WATCHED ITS SONS
AND DAUGHTERS WITH PRIDE --- WATCHED OVER THEM WITH
PRAYER. // AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF, I CAN REPORT TO
YOU: OUR ARMED FORCES FOUGHT WITH HONOR AND VALOR. AS
PRESIDENT, I CAN REPORT TO THE NATION -- AGGRESSION IS
DEFEATED. THE WAR IS OVER. ///

THIS IS A VICTORY FOR EVERY COUNTRY IN THE
COALITION -- AND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS. A VICTORY FOR
UNPRECEDENTED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY
-- SO WELL LED BY OUR SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES BAKER.//
IT IS A VICTORY FOR THE RULE OF LAW -- AND FOR WHAT IS
RIGHT. //

DESERT STORM'S SUCCESS BELONGS TO THE TEAM THAT SO ABLY LEADS OUR ARMED FORCES: OUR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS: DICK CHENEY AND COLIN POWELL. //

AND OF COURSE, THIS MILITARY VICTORY ALSO BELONGS TO THE ONE THE BRITISH CALL THE "MAN OF THE MATCH" -- THE TOWER OF CALM AT THE EYE OF DESERT STORM -- GENERAL NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF. ///

AND LET US NOT FORGET SAUDI GENERAL KHALID, OR BRITAIN'S GENERAL DE LA BILLIERE, OR GENERAL ROQUEJOFFRE OF FRANCE -- AND ALL THE OTHERS WHOSE LEADERSHIP PLAYED SUCH A VITAL ROLE. // AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, ALL THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE FIELD. //

I THANK THE MEMBERS OF THIS CONGRESS -- SUPPORT HERE FOR OUR TROOPS IN BATTLE WAS OVERWHELMING. AND ABOVE ALL, I THANK THOSE WHOSE UNFAILING LOVE AND SUPPORT SUSTAINED OUR COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN: I THANK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ///

TONIGHT, I COME TO THIS HOUSE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE
WORLD -- THE WORLD AFTER WAR.

THE RECENT CHALLENGE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CLEARER.
SADDAM HUSSEIN WAS THE VILLAIN -- KUWAIT THE VICTIM.
TO THE AID OF THIS SMALL COUNTRY CAME NATIONS FROM
NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE, FROM ASIA AND SOUTH AMERICA,
FROM AFRICA AND THE ARAB WORLD -- ALL UNITED AGAINST
AGGRESSION. //

OUR UNCOMMON COALITION MUST NOW WORK IN COMMON
PURPOSE -- TO FORGE A FUTURE THAT SHOULD NEVER AGAIN BE
HELD HOSTAGE TO THE DARKER SIDE OF HUMAN NATURE. //

TONIGHT IN IRAQ, SADDAM WALKS AMIDST RUIN. // HIS WAR MACHINE IS CRUSHED. // HIS ABILITY TO THREATEN MASS DESTRUCTION IS ITSELF DESTROYED. // HIS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LIED TO -- DENIED THE TRUTH. AND WHEN HIS DEFEATED LEGIONS COME HOME, ALL IRAQIS WILL SEE AND FEEL THE HAVOC HE HAS WROUGHT. // AND THIS I PROMISE YOU: FOR ALL THAT SADDAM HAS DONE TO HIS OWN PEOPLE, TO THE KUWAITIS, AND TO THE ENTIRE WORLD -- SADDAM AND THOSE AROUND HIM ARE ACCOUNTABLE. ///

ALL OF US GRIEVE FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR. FOR THE PEOPLE OF KUWAIT -- AND THE SUFFERING THAT SCARS THE SOUL OF THAT PROUD NATION. WE GRIEVE FOR ALL OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES -- FOR ALL THE INNOCENTS CAUGHT UP IN THIS CONFLICT. AND YES, WE GRIEVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ -- A PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN OUR ENEMY. MY HOPE IS THAT ONE DAY WE WILL ONCE AGAIN WELCOME THEM AS FRIENDS INTO THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. ///

OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DOES
NOT END WITH THE LIBERATION OF KUWAIT. SO TONIGHT, LET
ME OUTLINE FOUR KEY CHALLENGES TO BE MET:

FIRST, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE SHARED
SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE REGION. OUR FRIENDS AND
ALLIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST RECOGNIZE THAT THEY WILL BEAR
THE BULK OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGIONAL SECURITY.
BUT WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT JUST AS WE STOOD WITH
THEM TO REPEL AGGRESSION -- SO NOW AMERICA STANDS READY
TO WORK WITH THEM TO SECURE THE PEACE.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN STATIONING U.S. GROUND FORCES ON
THE ARABIAN PENINSULA -- BUT IT DOES MEAN AMERICAN
PARTICIPATION IN JOINT EXERCISES -- INVOLVING BOTH AIR
AND GROUND FORCES. AND IT MEANS MAINTAINING A CAPABLE
U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE REGION -- JUST AS WE HAVE
FOR OVER FORTY YEARS. LET IT BE CLEAR: OUR VITAL
NATIONAL INTERESTS DEPEND ON A STABLE AND SECURE GULF.

SECOND, WE MUST ACT TO CONTROL THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND THE MISSILES USED TO DELIVER THEM. IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF THE NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERSIAN GULF WERE NOW, IN THE WAKE OF WAR, TO EMBARK ON A NEW ARMS RACE.

IRAQ REQUIRES SPECIAL VIGILANCE. UNTIL IRAQ CONVINCES THE WORLD OF ITS PEACEFUL INTENTIONS -- THAT ITS LEADERS WILL NOT USE NEW REVENUES TO REARM AND REBUILD ITS MENACING WAR MACHINE -- IRAQ MUST NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INSTRUMENTS OF WAR. ///

THIRD, WE MUST WORK TO CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ON THE NIGHT I ANNOUNCED OPERATION DESERT STORM, I EXPRESSED MY HOPE THAT OUT OF THE HORRORS OF WAR MIGHT COME NEW MOMENTUM FOR PEACE. WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE MODERN AGE, GEOGRAPHY CANNOT GUARANTEE SECURITY -- AND SECURITY DOES NOT COME FROM MILITARY POWER ALONE. //

ALL OF US KNOW THE DEPTH OF BITTERNESS THAT HAS MADE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS SO PAINFUL AND INTRACTABLE. YET, IN THE CONFLICT JUST CONCLUDED, ISRAEL AND MANY OF THE ARAB STATES HAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME FOUND THEMSELVES CONFRONTING THE SAME AGGRESSOR.

BY NOW, IT SHOULD BE PLAIN TO ALL PARTIES THAT PEACEMAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST REQUIRES COMPROMISE. AT THE SAME TIME, PEACE BRINGS REAL BENEFITS TO EVERYONE. WE MUST DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES -- AND BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS. THE TACTICS OF TERROR LEAD NOWHERE -- THERE CAN BE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR DIPLOMACY.

A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE MUST BE GROUNDED IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORY FOR PEACE. THIS PRINCIPLE MUST BE ELABORATED TO PROVIDE FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY AND RECOGNITION, AND AT THE SAME TIME FOR LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RIGHTS. ANYTHING ELSE WOULD FAIL THE TWIN TESTS OF FAIRNESS AND SECURITY. THE TIME HAS COME TO PUT AN END TO ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. //

THE WAR WITH IRAQ IS OVER. THE QUEST FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS IN LEBANON, IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE, AND IN THE GULF MUST GO FORWARD WITH NEW VIGOR AND DETERMINATION. I GUARANTEE YOU: NO ONE WILL WORK HARDER FOR A STABLE PEACE IN THE REGION THAN WE WILL.

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FOURTH, WE MUST FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE AND PROGRESS. THE PERSIAN GULF AND MIDDLE EAST FORM A REGION RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES -- WITH A WEALTH OF UNTAPPED HUMAN POTENTIAL. RESOURCES ONCE SQUANDERED ON MILITARY MIGHT MUST BE REDIRECTED TO MORE PEACEFUL ENDS. WE ARE ALREADY ADDRESSING THE IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF IRAQ'S AGGRESSION. NOW, THE CHALLENGE IS TO REACH HIGHER -- TO FOSTER ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE REGION. //

BY MEETING THESE FOUR CHALLENGES WE CAN BUILD A
FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE. I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE
BAKER TO GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST, TO BEGIN THIS PROCESS.
HE WILL GO TO LISTEN, TO PROBE, TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS
-- TO ADVANCE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND STABILITY. I
HAVE ALSO ASKED HIM TO RAISE THE PLIGHT OF THE HOSTAGES
HELD IN LEBANON. WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THEM -- WE WILL
NOT FORGET THEM. ///

TO ALL THE CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT THIS REGION OF
THE WORLD, THERE IS NO SINGLE SOLUTION -- NO SOLELY
AMERICAN ANSWER. BUT WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
AMERICA WILL WORK TIRELESSLY AS A CATALYST FOR POSITIVE
CHANGE. //

BUT WE CANNOT LEAD A NEW WORLD ABROAD IF, AT HOME, IT'S POLITICS AS USUAL ON AMERICAN DEFENSE AND DIPLOMACY. IT'S TIME TO TURN AWAY FROM THE TEMPTATION TO PROTECT UNNEEDED WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND OBSOLETE BASES. IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO MICRO-MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS -- MICRO-MANAGEMENT THAT HUMILIATES OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES AND HAMSTRINGS OUR DIPLOMACY. IT'S TIME TO RISE ABOVE THE PAROCHIAL AND THE PORK BARREL -- TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY, WHAT'S RIGHT, AND WHAT WILL ENABLE THIS NATION TO PLAY THE LEADERSHIP ROLE REQUIRED OF US. //

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CONFLICT IN THE GULF REACH FAR BEYOND THE CONFINES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. // TWICE BEFORE IN THIS CENTURY, AN ENTIRE WORLD WAS CONVULSED BY WAR. TWICE THIS CENTURY, OUT OF THE HORRORS OF WAR HOPE EMERGED FOR ENDURING PEACE. TWICE BEFORE, THOSE HOPES PROVED TO BE A DISTANT DREAM, BEYOND THE GRASP OF MAN. //

UNTIL NOW, // THE WORLD WE'VE KNOWN HAS BEEN A
WORLD DIVIDED -- A WORLD OF BARBED WIRE AND CONCRETE
BLOCK, CONFLICT AND COLD WAR. ///

NOW, WE CAN SEE A NEW WORLD COMING INTO VIEW. A
WORLD IN WHICH THERE IS THE VERY REAL PROSPECT OF A NEW
WORLD ORDER. IN THE WORDS OF WINSTON CHURCHILL, A
"WORLD ORDER" IN WHICH "THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND
FAIR PLAY... PROTECT THE WEAK AGAINST THE STRONG...."
A WORLD WHERE THE UNITED NATIONS -- FREED FROM COLD WAR
STALEMATE -- IS POISED TO FULFILL THE HISTORIC VISION
OF ITS FOUNDERS. A WORLD IN WHICH FREEDOM AND RESPECT
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FIND A HOME AMONG ALL NATIONS. //

THE GULF WAR PUT THIS NEW WORLD TO ITS FIRST TEST.
/ AND MY FELLOW AMERICANS: WE-PASSED-THAT-TEST. //

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR PRINCIPLES -- FOR THE SAKE OF
THE KUWAITI PEOPLE -- WE STOOD OUR GROUND. // BECAUSE
THE WORLD WOULD NOT LOOK THE OTHER WAY -- AMBASSADOR AL
SABAH, TONIGHT, KUWAIT IS FREE. ///

TONIGHT, AS OUR TROOPS BEGIN TO COME HOME -- LET US
RECOGNIZE THAT THE HARD WORK OF FREEDOM STILL CALLS US
FORWARD. / WE'VE LEARNED THE HARD LESSONS OF HISTORY.
THE VICTORY OVER IRAQ WAS NOT WAGED AS "A WAR TO END
ALL WARS." EVEN THE NEW WORLD ORDER CANNOT GUARANTEE
AN ERA OF PERPETUAL PEACE. BUT ENDURING PEACE MUST BE
OUR MISSION. //

OUR SUCCESS IN THE GULF WILL SHAPE NOT ONLY THE NEW
WORLD ORDER WE SEEK -- BUT OUR MISSION HERE AT HOME.

//

IN THE WAR JUST ENDED, THERE WERE CLEAR-CUT
OBJECTIVES -- TIMETABLES -- AND, ABOVE ALL, AN
OVERRIDING IMPERATIVE TO ACHIEVE RESULTS. WE MUST
BRING THAT SAME SENSE OF SELF-DISCIPLINE -- THAT SAME
SENSE OF URGENCY -- TO THE WAY WE MEET CHALLENGES HERE
AT HOME.

IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS AND IN MY BUDGET,
I DEFINED A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA TO PREPARE FOR THE
NEXT AMERICAN CENTURY.

OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO GET THIS ECONOMY ROLLING AGAIN. THE FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY THE CRISIS IN THE GULF WERE UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER, OIL PRICES ARE DOWN, INTEREST RATES ARE DOWN, AND CONFIDENCE IS RIGHTLY COMING BACK. AMERICANS CAN MOVE FORWARD -- TO LEND, SPEND AND INVEST IN THIS, THE STRONGEST ECONOMY ON EARTH. ////

WE MUST ALSO ENACT THE LEGISLATION THAT IS KEY TO BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA. FOR EXAMPLE: IN 1990, WE ENACTED AN HISTORIC CLEAN AIR ACT -- NOW WE'VE PROPOSED A NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY. WE PASSED A CHILD CARE BILL THAT PUT POWER IN THE HANDS OF PARENTS. TODAY, WE'RE READY TO DO THE SAME THING WITH OUR SCHOOLS, AND EXPAND CHOICE IN EDUCATION. WE PASSED A CRIME BILL THAT MADE A USEFUL START IN FIGHTING CRIME AND DRUGS. THIS YEAR, WE'RE SENDING TO CONGRESS OUR COMPREHENSIVE CRIME PACKAGE TO FINISH THE JOB. WE PASSED THE LANDMARK AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. NOW WE'VE SENT FORWARD OUR CIVIL RIGHTS BILL. WE ALSO PASSED THE AVIATION BILL -- THIS YEAR, WE'VE SENT UP OUR NEW HIGHWAY BILL.

AND THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR PENDING PROPOSALS FOR REFORM AND RENEWAL.

TONIGHT, I CALL ON CONGRESS TO MOVE FORWARD AGGRESSIVELY ON OUR DOMESTIC FRONT. LET'S BEGIN WITH TWO INITIATIVES WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON QUICKLY: TRANSPORTATION AND CRIME -- AND THEN, LET'S BUILD ON SUCCESS WITH THOSE AND ENACT THE REST OF OUR AGENDA. // IF OUR FORCES COULD WIN THE GROUND WAR IN 100 HOURS -- THEN SURELY THE CONGRESS CAN PASS THIS LEGISLATION IN 100 DAYS. // LET THAT BE A PROMISE WE MAKE TONIGHT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. //

WHEN I SPOKE IN THIS HOUSE ABOUT THE STATE OF OUR UNION, I ASKED ALL OF YOU: IF WE CAN SELFLESSLY CONFRONT EVIL FOR THE SAKE OF GOOD IN A LAND SO FAR AWAY -- THEN SURELY WE CAN MAKE THIS LAND ALL THAT IT SHOULD BE. // IN THE TIME SINCE THEN, THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF DESERT STORM ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN EVEN THEY MAY REALIZE. THEY SET OUT TO CONFRONT AN ENEMY ABROAD -- AND IN THE PROCESS, THEY TRANSFORMED A NATION AT HOME. //

THINK OF THE WAY THEY WENT ABOUT THEIR MISSION
-- WITH CONFIDENCE AND QUIET PRIDE. // THINK ABOUT
THEIR SENSE OF DUTY -- ABOUT ALL THEY TAUGHT US --
ABOUT OUR VALUES. ABOUT OURSELVES. //

WE HEAR SO OFTEN ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN TURMOIL
-- HOW OUR CHILDREN FALL SHORT -- HOW OUR SCHOOLS FAIL
US. HOW AMERICAN PRODUCTS AND AMERICAN WORKERS ARE
SECOND-CLASS. // WELL, DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT. // THE
AMERICA WE SAW IN DESERT STORM WAS FIRST-CLASS TALENT.
//

AND THEY DID IT USING AMERICA'S STATE-OF-THE-ART
TECHNOLOGY.

WE SAW THE EXCELLENCE EMBODIED IN THE PATRIOT
MISSILE -- AND THE PATRIOTS WHO MADE IT WORK. //

AND WE SAW SOLDIERS WHO KNOW ABOUT HONOR AND
BRAVERY AND DUTY AND COUNTRY -- AND THE WORLD-SHAKING
POWER OF THESE SIMPLE WORDS. ///

THERE IS SOMETHING NOBLE AND MAJESTIC ABOUT THE
PRIDE -- ABOUT THE PATRIOTISM -- THAT WE FEEL TONIGHT.

SO, TO EVERYONE HERE -- AND EVERYONE WATCHING AT
HOME -- THINK ABOUT THE MEN AND WOMEN OF DESERT STORM.
LET US HONOR THEM WITH OUR GRATITUDE. LET US COMFORT
THE FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN -- AND REMEMBER EACH
PRECIOUS LIFE LOST. //

LET US LEARN FROM THEM AS WELL. LET US HONOR
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED US / BY SERVING OTHERS. //

LET US HONOR THEM AS INDIVIDUALS -- MEN AND WOMEN
OF EVERY RACE, ALL CREEDS AND COLORS -- BY SETTING THE
FACE OF THIS NATION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION, BIGOTRY AND
HATE. ///

I'M SURE MANY OF YOU SAW ON TELEVISION THE UNFORGETTABLE SCENE OF FOUR TERRIFIED IRAQI SOLDIERS SURRENDERING. THEY EMERGED FROM THEIR BUNKER -- BROKEN, TEARS STREAMING FROM THEIR EYES, FEARING THE WORST. / AND THEN THERE WAS THE AMERICAN SOLDIER. REMEMBER WHAT HE SAID? HE SAID: "IT'S OKAY. YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW. // YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW." //

THAT SCENE SAYS A LOT ABOUT AMERICA -- A LOT ABOUT WHO WE ARE. // AMERICANS ARE A CARING PEOPLE. WE ARE A GOOD PEOPLE -- A GENEROUS PEOPLE. LET US ALWAYS BE CARING AND GOOD AND GENEROUS IN ALL WE DO. ///

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JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS
THE CAPITOL
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MR. PRESIDENT. MR. SPEAKER. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:
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YOU ABOUT THE STATE OF THE UNION. WE MET THEN IN TIME
OF WAR. TONIGHT, WE MEET IN A WORLD BLESSED.... BY THE
PROMISE OF PEACE. //

FROM THE MOMENT OPERATION DESERT STORM COMMENCED ON
JANUARY 16, UNTIL THE TIME THE GUNS FELL SILENT AT
MIDNIGHT ONE WEEK AGO, THIS NATION HAS WATCHED ITS SONS
AND DAUGHTERS WITH PRIDE -- WATCHED OVER THEM WITH
PRAYER. // AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF, I CAN REPORT TO
YOU: OUR ARMED FORCES FOUGHT WITH HONOR AND VALOR. AS
PRESIDENT, I CAN REPORT TO THE NATION -- AGGRESSION IS
DEFEATED. THE WAR IS OVER. ///

THIS IS A VICTORY FOR EVERY COUNTRY IN THE
COALITION -- AND FOR THE UNITED NATIONS. A VICTORY FOR
UNPRECEDENTED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY
-- SO WELL LED BY OUR SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES BAKER.//
IT IS A VICTORY FOR THE RULE OF LAW -- AND FOR WHAT IS
RIGHT. //

DESERT STORM'S SUCCESS BELONGS TO THE TEAM THAT SO ABLY LEADS OUR ARMED FORCES: OUR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS: DICK CHENEY AND COLIN POWELL. //

AND OF COURSE, THIS MILITARY VICTORY ALSO BELONGS TO THE ONE THE BRITISH CALL THE "MAN OF THE MATCH" -- THE TOWER OF CALM AT THE EYE OF DESERT STORM -- GENERAL NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF. ///

AND LET US NOT FORGET SAUDI GENERAL KHALID, OR BRITAIN'S GENERAL DE LA BILLIERE, OR GENERAL ROQUEJOFFRE OF FRANCE -- AND ALL THE OTHERS WHOSE LEADERSHIP PLAYED SUCH A VITAL ROLE. // AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, ALL THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE FIELD. //

I THANK THE MEMBERS OF THIS CONGRESS -- SUPPORT HERE FOR OUR TROOPS IN BATTLE WAS OVERWHELMING. AND ABOVE ALL, I THANK THOSE WHOSE UNFAILING LOVE AND SUPPORT SUSTAINED OUR COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN: I THANK THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ///

TONIGHT, I COME TO THIS HOUSE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE
WORLD -- THE WORLD AFTER WAR.

THE RECENT CHALLENGE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CLEARER.
SADDAM HUSSEIN WAS THE VILLAIN -- KUWAIT THE VICTIM.
TO THE AID OF THIS SMALL COUNTRY CAME NATIONS FROM
NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE, FROM ASIA AND SOUTH AMERICA,
FROM AFRICA AND THE ARAB WORLD -- ALL UNITED AGAINST
AGGRESSION. //

OUR UNCOMMON COALITION MUST NOW WORK IN COMMON
PURPOSE -- TO FORGE A FUTURE THAT SHOULD NEVER AGAIN BE
HELD HOSTAGE TO THE DARKER SIDE OF HUMAN NATURE. //

TONIGHT IN IRAQ, SADDAM WALKS AMIDST RUIN. // HIS WAR MACHINE IS CRUSHED. // HIS ABILITY TO THREATEN MASS DESTRUCTION IS ITSELF DESTROYED. // HIS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LIED TO -- DENIED THE TRUTH. AND WHEN HIS DEFEATED LEGIONS COME HOME, ALL IRAQIS WILL SEE AND FEEL THE HAVOC HE HAS WROUGHT. // AND THIS I PROMISE YOU: FOR ALL THAT SADDAM HAS DONE TO HIS OWN PEOPLE, TO THE KUWAITIS, AND TO THE ENTIRE WORLD -- SADDAM AND THOSE AROUND HIM ARE ACCOUNTABLE. ///

ALL OF US GRIEVE FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR. FOR THE PEOPLE OF KUWAIT -- AND THE SUFFERING THAT SCARS THE SOUL OF THAT PROUD NATION. WE GRIEVE FOR ALL OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES -- FOR ALL THE INNOCENTS CAUGHT UP IN THIS CONFLICT. AND YES, WE GRIEVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ -- A PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN OUR ENEMY. MY HOPE IS THAT ONE DAY WE WILL ONCE AGAIN WELCOME THEM AS FRIENDS INTO THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. ///

OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DOES NOT END WITH THE LIBERATION OF KUWAIT. SO TONIGHT, LET ME OUTLINE FOUR KEY CHALLENGES TO BE MET:

FIRST, WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE SHARED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE REGION. OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST RECOGNIZE THAT THEY WILL BEAR THE BULK OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGIONAL SECURITY. BUT WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT JUST AS WE STOOD WITH THEM TO REPEL AGGRESSION -- SO NOW AMERICA STANDS READY TO WORK WITH THEM TO SECURE THE PEACE.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN STATIONING U.S. GROUND FORCES ON THE ARABIAN PENINSULA -- BUT IT DOES MEAN AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN JOINT EXERCISES -- INVOLVING BOTH AIR AND GROUND FORCES. AND IT MEANS MAINTAINING A CAPABLE U.S. NAVAL PRESENCE IN THE REGION -- JUST AS WE HAVE FOR OVER FORTY YEARS. LET IT BE CLEAR: OUR VITAL NATIONAL INTERESTS DEPEND ON A STABLE AND SECURE GULF.

SECOND, WE MUST ACT TO CONTROL THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND THE MISSILES USED TO DELIVER THEM. IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF THE NATIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND PERSIAN GULF WERE NOW, IN THE WAKE OF WAR, TO EMBARK ON A NEW ARMS RACE.

IRAQ REQUIRES SPECIAL VIGILANCE. UNTIL IRAQ CONVINCES THE WORLD OF ITS PEACEFUL INTENTIONS -- THAT ITS LEADERS WILL NOT USE NEW REVENUES TO REARM AND REBUILD ITS MENACING WAR MACHINE -- IRAQ MUST NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INSTRUMENTS OF WAR. ///

THIRD, WE MUST WORK TO CREATE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ON THE NIGHT I ANNOUNCED OPERATION DESERT STORM, I EXPRESSED MY HOPE THAT OUT OF THE HORRORS OF WAR MIGHT COME NEW MOMENTUM FOR PEACE. WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE MODERN AGE, GEOGRAPHY CANNOT GUARANTEE SECURITY -- AND SECURITY DOES NOT COME FROM MILITARY POWER ALONE. //

ALL OF US KNOW THE DEPTH OF BITTERNESS THAT HAS MADE THE DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ITS NEIGHBORS SO PAINFUL AND INTRACTABLE. YET, IN THE CONFLICT JUST CONCLUDED, ISRAEL AND MANY OF THE ARAB STATES HAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME FOUND THEMSELVES CONFRONTING THE SAME AGGRESSOR.

BY NOW, IT SHOULD BE PLAIN TO ALL PARTIES THAT PEACEMAKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST REQUIRES COMPROMISE. AT THE SAME TIME, PEACE BRINGS REAL BENEFITS TO EVERYONE. WE MUST DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES -- AND BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS. THE TACTICS OF TERROR LEAD NOWHERE -- THERE CAN BE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR DIPLOMACY.

A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE MUST BE GROUNDED IN UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 AND THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORY FOR PEACE. THIS PRINCIPLE MUST BE ELABORATED TO PROVIDE FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY AND RECOGNITION, AND AT THE SAME TIME FOR LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RIGHTS. ANYTHING ELSE WOULD FAIL THE TWIN TESTS OF FAIRNESS AND SECURITY. THE TIME HAS COME TO PUT AN END TO ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. //

THE WAR WITH IRAQ IS OVER. THE QUEST FOR SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS IN LEBANON, IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE, AND IN THE GULF MUST GO FORWARD WITH NEW VIGOR AND DETERMINATION. I GUARANTEE YOU: NO ONE WILL WORK HARDER FOR A STABLE PEACE IN THE REGION THAN WE WILL.

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FOURTH, WE MUST FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE AND PROGRESS. THE PERSIAN GULF AND MIDDLE EAST FORM A REGION RICH IN NATURAL RESOURCES -- WITH A WEALTH OF UNTAPPED HUMAN POTENTIAL. RESOURCES ONCE SQUANDERED ON MILITARY MIGHT MUST BE REDIRECTED TO MORE PEACEFUL ENDS. WE ARE ALREADY ADDRESSING THE IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF IRAQ'S AGGRESSION. NOW, THE CHALLENGE IS TO REACH HIGHER -- TO FOSTER ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE REGION. //

BY MEETING THESE FOUR CHALLENGES WE CAN BUILD A
FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE. I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE
BAKER TO GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST, TO BEGIN THIS PROCESS.
HE WILL GO TO LISTEN, TO PROBE, TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS
-- TO ADVANCE THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND STABILITY. I
HAVE ALSO ASKED HIM TO RAISE THE PLIGHT OF THE HOSTAGES
HELD IN LEBANON. WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THEM -- WE WILL
NOT FORGET THEM. ///

TO ALL THE CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT THIS REGION OF
THE WORLD, THERE IS NO SINGLE SOLUTION -- NO SOLELY
AMERICAN ANSWER. BUT WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
AMERICA WILL WORK TIRELESSLY AS A CATALYST FOR POSITIVE
CHANGE. //

BUT WE CANNOT LEAD A NEW WORLD ABROAD IF, AT HOME, IT'S POLITICS AS USUAL ON AMERICAN DEFENSE AND DIPLOMACY. IT'S TIME TO TURN AWAY FROM THE TEMPTATION TO PROTECT UNNEEDED WEAPONS SYSTEMS AND OBSOLETE BASES. IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO MICRO-MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS -- MICRO-MANAGEMENT THAT HUMILIATES OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES AND HAMSTRINGS OUR DIPLOMACY. IT'S TIME TO RISE ABOVE THE PAROCHIAL AND THE PORK BARREL -- TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY, WHAT'S RIGHT, AND WHAT WILL ENABLE THIS NATION TO PLAY THE LEADERSHIP ROLE REQUIRED OF US. //

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CONFLICT IN THE GULF REACH FAR BEYOND THE CONFINES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. // TWICE BEFORE IN THIS CENTURY, AN ENTIRE WORLD WAS CONVULSED BY WAR. TWICE THIS CENTURY, OUT OF THE HORRORS OF WAR HOPE EMERGED FOR ENDURING PEACE. TWICE BEFORE, THOSE HOPES PROVED TO BE A DISTANT DREAM, BEYOND THE GRASP OF MAN. //

UNTIL NOW, // THE WORLD WE'VE KNOWN HAS BEEN A
WORLD DIVIDED -- A WORLD OF BARBED WIRE AND CONCRETE
BLOCK, CONFLICT AND COLD WAR. ///

NOW, WE CAN SEE A NEW WORLD COMING INTO VIEW. A
WORLD IN WHICH THERE IS THE VERY REAL PROSPECT OF A NEW
WORLD ORDER. IN THE WORDS OF WINSTON CHURCHILL, A
"WORLD ORDER" IN WHICH "THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE AND
FAIR PLAY... PROTECT THE WEAK AGAINST THE STRONG...."
A WORLD WHERE THE UNITED NATIONS -- FREED FROM COLD WAR
STALEMATE -- IS POISED TO FULFILL THE HISTORIC VISION
OF ITS FOUNDERS. A WORLD IN WHICH FREEDOM AND RESPECT
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FIND A HOME AMONG ALL NATIONS. //

THE GULF WAR PUT THIS NEW WORLD TO ITS FIRST TEST.
/ AND MY FELLOW AMERICANS: WE-PASSED-THAT-TEST. //

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR PRINCIPLES -- FOR THE SAKE OF
THE KUWAITI PEOPLE -- WE STOOD OUR GROUND. // BECAUSE
THE WORLD WOULD NOT LOOK THE OTHER WAY -- AMBASSADOR AL
SABAH, TONIGHT, KUWAIT IS FREE. ///

TONIGHT, AS OUR TROOPS BEGIN TO COME HOME -- LET US
RECOGNIZE THAT THE HARD WORK OF FREEDOM STILL CALLS US
FORWARD. / WE'VE LEARNED THE HARD LESSONS OF HISTORY.
THE VICTORY OVER IRAQ WAS NOT WAGED AS "A WAR TO END
ALL WARS." EVEN THE NEW WORLD ORDER CANNOT GUARANTEE
AN ERA OF PERPETUAL PEACE. BUT ENDURING PEACE MUST BE
OUR MISSION. //

OUR SUCCESS IN THE GULF WILL SHAPE NOT ONLY THE NEW
WORLD ORDER WE SEEK -- BUT OUR MISSION HERE AT HOME.
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IN THE WAR JUST ENDED, THERE WERE CLEAR-CUT
OBJECTIVES -- TIMETABLES -- AND, ABOVE ALL, AN
OVERRIDING IMPERATIVE TO ACHIEVE RESULTS. WE MUST
BRING THAT SAME SENSE OF SELF-DISCIPLINE -- THAT SAME
SENSE OF URGENCY -- TO THE WAY WE MEET CHALLENGES HERE
AT HOME.

IN MY STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS AND IN MY BUDGET,
I DEFINED A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA TO PREPARE FOR THE
NEXT AMERICAN CENTURY.

OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO GET THIS ECONOMY ROLLING AGAIN. THE FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY CAUSED BY THE CRISIS IN THE GULF WERE UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER, OIL PRICES ARE DOWN, INTEREST RATES ARE DOWN, AND CONFIDENCE IS RIGHTLY COMING BACK. AMERICANS CAN MOVE FORWARD -- TO LEND, SPEND AND INVEST IN THIS, THE STRONGEST ECONOMY ON EARTH. ////

WE MUST ALSO ENACT THE LEGISLATION THAT IS KEY TO BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA. FOR EXAMPLE: IN 1990, WE ENACTED AN HISTORIC CLEAN AIR ACT -- NOW WE'VE PROPOSED A NATIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY. WE PASSED A CHILD CARE BILL THAT PUT POWER IN THE HANDS OF PARENTS. TODAY, WE'RE READY TO DO THE SAME THING WITH OUR SCHOOLS, AND EXPAND CHOICE IN EDUCATION. WE PASSED A CRIME BILL THAT MADE A USEFUL START IN FIGHTING CRIME AND DRUGS. THIS YEAR, WE'RE SENDING TO CONGRESS OUR COMPREHENSIVE CRIME PACKAGE TO FINISH THE JOB. WE PASSED THE LANDMARK AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. NOW WE'VE SENT FORWARD OUR CIVIL RIGHTS BILL. WE ALSO PASSED THE AVIATION BILL -- THIS YEAR, WE'VE SENT UP OUR NEW HIGHWAY BILL.

AND THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR PENDING PROPOSALS
FOR REFORM AND RENEWAL.

TONIGHT, I CALL ON CONGRESS TO MOVE FORWARD
AGGRESSIVELY ON OUR DOMESTIC FRONT. LET'S BEGIN WITH
TWO INITIATIVES WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON QUICKLY:
TRANSPORTATION AND CRIME -- AND THEN, LET'S BUILD ON
SUCCESS WITH THOSE AND ENACT THE REST OF OUR AGENDA.
// IF OUR FORCES COULD WIN THE GROUND WAR IN 100 HOURS
-- THEN SURELY THE CONGRESS CAN PASS THIS LEGISLATION
IN 100 DAYS. // LET THAT BE A PROMISE WE MAKE TONIGHT
TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. //

WHEN I SPOKE IN THIS HOUSE ABOUT THE STATE OF OUR
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CONFRONT EVIL FOR THE SAKE OF GOOD IN A LAND SO FAR
AWAY -- THEN SURELY WE CAN MAKE THIS LAND ALL THAT IT
SHOULD BE. // IN THE TIME SINCE THEN, THE BRAVE MEN
AND WOMEN OF DESERT STORM ACCOMPLISHED MORE THAN EVEN
THEY MAY REALIZE. THEY SET OUT TO CONFRONT AN ENEMY
ABROAD -- AND IN THE PROCESS, THEY TRANSFORMED A NATION
AT HOME. //

THINK OF THE WAY THEY WENT ABOUT THEIR MISSION
-- WITH CONFIDENCE AND QUIET PRIDE. // THINK ABOUT
THEIR SENSE OF DUTY -- ABOUT ALL THEY TAUGHT US --
ABOUT OUR VALUES. ABOUT OURSELVES. //

WE HEAR SO OFTEN ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN TURMOIL
-- HOW OUR CHILDREN FALL SHORT -- HOW OUR SCHOOLS FAIL
US. HOW AMERICAN PRODUCTS AND AMERICAN WORKERS ARE
SECOND-CLASS. // WELL, DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT. // THE
AMERICA WE SAW IN DESERT STORM WAS FIRST-CLASS TALENT.
//

AND THEY DID IT USING AMERICA'S STATE-OF-THE-ART
TECHNOLOGY.

WE SAW THE EXCELLENCE EMBODIED IN THE PATRIOT
MISSILE -- AND THE PATRIOTS WHO MADE IT WORK. //

AND WE SAW SOLDIERS WHO KNOW ABOUT HONOR AND
BRAVERY AND DUTY AND COUNTRY -- AND THE WORLD-SHAKING
POWER OF THESE SIMPLE WORDS. ///

THERE IS SOMETHING NOBLE AND MAJESTIC ABOUT THE
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SO, TO EVERYONE HERE -- AND EVERYONE WATCHING AT
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LET US HONOR THEM WITH OUR GRATITUDE. LET US COMFORT
THE FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN -- AND REMEMBER EACH
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LET US LEARN FROM THEM AS WELL. LET US HONOR
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