

SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER

AT LUNCH FOR PRESIDENT REAGAN

ON TUESDAY 8 JUNE 1982

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO WELCOME AND HONOUR OUR GREAT ALLY -  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS REAGAN - IT IS A PRIVILEGE AND  
PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU BOTH HERE WITH US.

IT IS RARE ENOUGH TO HAVE AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT  
AS A GUEST AT No. 10.

BUT MY RESEARCHES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND OUT  
WHEN WE LAST HAD THE HONOUR OF THE FIRST LADY  
WITH US AS WELL.

# YOUR PRESENCE GIVES

YOUR PRESENCE GIVES ME AND INDEED MANY OF OUR GUESTS A  
CHANCE TO REPAY AS BEST WE CAN THE HOSPITALITY  
YOU BESTOWED ON US WHEN WE WERE YOUR FIRST  
OFFICIAL GUESTS FROM ABROAD AT THE BEGINNING  
OF YOUR PRESIDENTIAL TERM OF OFFICE.

I REALISE THAT YOU HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED  
RECENTLY TO TAKING YOUR MEALS IN GRANDER  
PLACES - THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES, WINDSOR CASTLE.  
AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS A VERY SIMPLE HOUSE,  
BUT ONE WHICH HAS WITNESSED THE SHAPING OF  
OUR SHARED HISTORY SINCE IT FIRST BECAME THE  
ABODE OF PRIME MINISTERS IN 1732.

/ SOME OF US

SOME OF US WERE PRESENT A SHORT TIME AGO TO HEAR YOUR  
MAGNIFICENT SPEECH TO MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES  
OF PARLIAMENT IN THE HISTORIC SETTING OF THE  
ROYAL GALLERY.

IT WAS, IF I MAY SAY SO, AN EXCEEDINGLY HARD  
ACT TO FOLLOW.

SO I SHALL SAY ONLY A FEW WORDS.

#### SUPPORT OVER FALKLANDS

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID AND READ OVER THE YEARS, MR. PRESIDENT,  
ABOUT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.  
THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO ADD TO THE GENERALITIES  
ON THE SUBJECT TODAY, BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD BEFORE  
OUR EYES IN RECENT WEEKS THE MOST CONCRETE  
EXPRESSION OF WHAT IN PRACTICE OUR FRIENDSHIP  
MEANS.

/ I REFER TO YOUR



I REFER TO YOUR AWARENESS OF OUR READINESS TO RESIST AGGRESSION IN THE FALKLANDS EVEN AT GREAT SACRIFICE: AND TO OUR AWARENESS OF YOUR READINESS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO US EVEN AT CONSIDERABLE COST TO AMERICAN INTERESTS.

IT IS THIS PREPAREDNESS ON BOTH SIDES FOR SACRIFICES IN THE COMMON INTEREST AND THE WIDER INTEREST THAT CHARACTERISES OUR PARTNERSHIP: AND I SHOULD LIKE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO YOU MR. SECRETARY HAIG, WHOM I ALSO GREET HERE HEARTILY TODAY, AND THROUGH YOU TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR YOUR PREDICTABLY GENEROUS RESPONSE. BELIEVE ME, MR. PRESIDENT, WE DO NOT TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE DEPTH OF OUR NATIONAL BEING.

/ MR. PRESIDENT,

MISSION TO EUROPE

MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR MISSION TO LONDON AND TO OTHER CAPITALS OF EUROPE IS A REMARKABLE ONE, AND WE ARE FULLY CONSCIOUS BOTH OF ITS SYMBOLISM AND SUBSTANCE.

FROM THE DAY YOU TOOK OFFICE YOU WERE DETERMINED TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO THE ALLIANCE.

ONE OF YOUR PREDECESSORS, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER PUT IT SO WELL WHEN HE SAID:

"ONE TRUTH MUST RULE ALL WE THINK AND ALL WE DO. THE UNITY OF ALL WHO DWELL IN FREEDOM IS THEIR ONLY SURE DEFENCE."

YOU RECOGNISED HOW CENTRAL YOUR ALLIES WERE TO AMERICA'S INTERESTS AND VICE VERSA - THAT NO COUNTRY, HOWEVER STRONG, CAN REMAIN AN ISLAND IN THE MODERN WORLD.

/ I WANT YOU

I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW FULLY WE RECIPROCATE YOUR  
CONVICTION ABOUT THE NEED FOR A DYNAMIC TWO-WAY  
ALLIANCE.

WE HERE ALSO REALISE, MR. PRESIDENT, WHAT YOU HAVE DONE  
BOTH TO INCREASE IMMEDIATE AMERICAN MILITARY  
STRENGTH AND TO REANIMATE TALKS ON ARMS REDUCTIONS -  
OBJECTIVES THAT MUST GO HAND IN HAND.

YOU HAVE SEIZED THE INITIATIVE IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS  
AND, AS SEEN BY US IN WESTERN EUROPE, THAT IS  
ALREADY A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

/ OPEN TRADE



OPEN TRADE

MAY I ALSO STRESS WHAT YOU STAND FOR IN INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC LIFE, YOUR COMMITMENT TO AN OPEN

WORLD TRADE SYSTEM, WHATEVER THE IMMEDIATE

PRESSURES FOR RESTRICTION.

THAT IS OUR ROLE, TOO, AND WE WILL STRUGGLE FOR

IT ALONGSIDE YOU.

FRIENDSHIP

BOTH BEFORE AND SINCE YOU TOOK OFFICE, MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE COME TO KNOW YOU AS A PERSONAL FRIEND:

- WHO CAN BE RELIED ON IN TIMES OF DANGER;

- WHO IS NOT GOING TO COMPROMISE ON THE VALUES

OF THE FREE WORLD;

- WHO SEEKS THE REDUCTION OF WORLD TENSIONS AND

THE STRENGTHENING OF WORLD SECURITY;

/ - WHO



- WHO WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE  
CREATIVE ENTERPRISE AND INITIATIVE;
- WHO WANTS THE INDIVIDUAL TO FLOURISH IN  
FREEDOM, IN JUSTICE AND IN PEACE.

I HAVE FOUND IN MY THREE YEARS IN THIS OFFICE, AS I AM  
SURE MY PREDECESSORS HAVE DONE, THAT THERE  
IS ONE FURTHER CHARACTERISTIC THAT IS DOMINANT  
FOR THOSE CONCERNED WITH POLICY.

I REFER TO OUR ABILITY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF  
COMMON INTEREST, (WHICH MEANS OF COURSE IN  
TODAY'S WORLD PRACTICALLY EVERY ISSUE IN PUBLIC  
LIFE) - TO DISCUSS THEM FREELY AND CANDIDLY,  
NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS AGREEING, BUT GIVING AND  
TAKING ADVICE AS FAMILY FRIENDS, WITHOUT EXCITING  
ANXIETY OR ENVY.

/ You, Mr. PRESIDENT.

YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND YOU MR. SECRETARY HAIG, HAVE  
ALWAYS SHOWN THIS SPIRIT.

IT IS SOMETHING UNIQUE BETWEEN US, AND IS  
OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THE CAUSE WE BOTH  
SHARE.

YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE QUOTED OUR GREATEST STATESMAN  
OF THE CENTURY - WINSTON CHURCHILL.

YOU WILL KNOW THAT IN PARLIAMENT SQUARE, AS  
WELL AS WINSTON CHURCHILL, THERE STANDS THE  
STATUE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, WHO IN HIS MOST  
FAMOUS SPEECH OF ALL AT GETTYSBURG SAID:

/ "THE WORLD

"THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR LONG REMEMBER WHAT  
WE SAY HERE BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT  
THEY DID HERE.

IT IS FOR US THE LIVING ..... TO BE  
DEDICATED HERE TO THE UNFINISHED WORK  
THAT THEY WHO FOUGHT HERE HAVE THUS FAR  
SO NOBLY ADVANCED."

IT IS IN THAT SPIRIT AND MINDFUL OF THAT UNFINISHED WORK  
THAT I ASK YOU ALL TO RISE AND DRINK A TOAST  
TO THE ENDURING ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE UNITED  
STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.





10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

Abraham Lincoln.

The world will little note  
nor long remember what we say here  
but it can never forget what they  
did here. It is for us the living (rather)  
to be dedicated here to the unfinished work  
that they who fought here have thus far  
so nobly advanced.

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Lincoln.

"One truth must rule all we  
think and all we do. The unity of  
all who dwell in freedom is their only  
sure defense."

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← We are here today to welcome and ~~do~~ honour ~~to~~ our  
great ally - the United States of America.

← Mr. President, Mrs. Reagan - it is a ~~great honour~~ <sup>privilege</sup>  
and pleasure to have you both here with us.

← It is rare enough to have an American President as a  
guest at No. 10. But my researches have been  
unable to find out when we last had the honour of the  
First Lady with us as well.

~~Mr. President~~  
Your presence <sup>gives</sup> me and indeed many of our guests  
a chance to repay as best we can the hospitality  
you bestowed on us when we were your first official  
guests from abroad (~~in Washington~~) at the beginning  
of your Presidential term of office. I realise  
that you have become accustomed recently to taking  
your meals in grander places - the Palace of  
Versailles, Windsor Castle. As you can see,  
this is a very simple house, but one which has  
witnessed the shaping of our shared history since  
it first became the abode of Prime Ministers in  
1732.

/ Some of us



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Some of us were present a short time ago to hear your magnificent speech to members of both Houses of Parliament in the historic setting of the Royal Gallery. It was, if I may say so, an exceedingly hard act to follow. So I shall say only a few words.

SUPPORT OUR FALKLANDS.

Much has been said and read over the years, Mr. President, about the relations between our two countries. There is no need for me to add to the generalities on the subject today, because we have had before our eyes in recent weeks the most concrete expression of what in practice our friendship means. I refer to your awareness of our readiness to resist aggression in the Falklands even at great sacrifice; and to our awareness of your readiness to give support to us, even at considerable cost to American interests.

It is this preparedness on both sides for sacrifices in the common interest and the wider interest that characterises our partnership: and I should like to pay tribute to you Mr. President and to you Mr. Secretary Haig, whom I also greet here heartily today, and through you to the American people for your predictably generous response. Believe me, Mr. President, we do not take it for granted. We are grateful to the depth of our national being.

/Mr. President,



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MISSION TO EUROPE

Mr. President, your mission to London and to other capitals of Europe is a remarkable one, and we are fully conscious both of its symbolism and substance.

From the day you took office you were determined to breathe new life into the alliance. L You recognised how central your allies were to America's interests and vice versa - that no country, however strong, can remain an island in the modern world.

I want you to know how fully we reciprocate your conviction about the need for a dynamic two-way alliance.

We here also realise, Mr. President, what you have done both to increase immediate <sup>American</sup> / military strength and to reanimate talks on arms reductions - objectives that must go hand in hand.

You have seized the initiative in East-West relations and, as seen by us in Western Europe, that is already a considerable achievement.

OPEN TRADE

May I also ~~signal~~ <sup>stress</sup> what ~~above all~~ you stand for in international economic life, your commitment to an open world trade system, whatever the immediate pressures for restriction. That is our role, too, and we will struggle for it alongside you.

/ Both before

One of our predecessors President Eisenhower put it so well when he said "One truth must rule all we think and all we do. The unity of all who dwell in freedom is their only sure defence."

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## FRIENDSHIP

Both before and since you took office, Mr. President,  
I have come to know you as a personal friend:

- who can be relied on in times of <sup>danger</sup>~~change~~;
- who is not going to compromise on the values  
of the free world;
- who seeks the reduction of world tensions  
and the strengthening of world security;
- who will do everything possible to encourage  
creative enterprise and initiative;
- who wants the individual to flourish in  
freedom, in justice and in peace.

I have found in my three years in this office, as  
I am sure my predecessors have done, that there  
is one further characteristic that is dominant for  
those concerned with policy. I refer to our  
ability to discuss problems of common interest, (which  
means of course in today's world practically every  
issue in public life) - to discuss them freely and  
candidly, not necessarily always agreeing, but giving  
and taking advice as family friends, ~~without~~  
~~commitment and~~ without exciting anxiety or envy.

/ You, Mr. President,



You, Mr. President, and you Mr. Secretary Haig, have ~~certainly~~ always shown this spirit, and dare I say that ~~this~~ <sup>it is</sup> is something unique between us, ~~as it is~~ <sup>and is</sup>, I feel sure, of inestimable value to the cause we both share.

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which was intended to

It is in that spirit and with ~~special feeling~~ <sup>for</sup> that I ask you all ladies and gentlemen to rise and drink a toast to the ~~President of the United States and Mrs. Reagan~~ <sup>ending relations between the</sup> and the United Kingdom

L of Mr. President

you have asked ~~Mr. President~~ <sup>our president</sup> ~~of the United States~~ <sup>as well as</sup> ~~in Parliament Square~~ <sup>where</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Churchill</sup> ~~speech~~ <sup>who in his</sup> ~~of Mr. Churchill~~ <sup>at 6 o'clock</sup> ~~most famous~~ <sup>of all</sup> ~~speech~~ <sup>of</sup>

"The world"