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THE SUMMIT: PRESIDENTIAL BROADCAST
SUMMARY

1. PRESIDENT REAGAN DESCRIBES HIS JOURNEY TO GENEVA AS A QUOTE MISSION FOR PEACE UNQUOTE WHICH HE HOPES WILL BEGIN A DIALOGUE LASTING BEYOND HIS PRESIDENCY. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CONTACT. KEYNOTE IS QUOTE HOPE WITHOUT ILLUSION UNQUOTE. NO NEW PROPOSALS.

DETAIL

2. IN A BROADCAST TO THE NATION TONIGHT, PRESIDENT REAGAN DESCRIBED HIS HOPES AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE GENEVA SUMMIT. IT WOULD BE QUOTE A MISSION FOR PEACE UNQUOTE. IT WOULD NOT REMOVE THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AMERICA AND THE SOVIET UNION, BUT HE HOPED IT MIGHT QUOTE BEGIN A DIALOGUE THAT ENDURES BEYOND MY PRESIDENCY UNQUOTE, AND COULD HELP TO BUILD THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A LASTING PEACE. TRUE PEACE DEPENDED UPON HUMAN RIGHTS, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW. HIS AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WAS THE STEADY EXPANSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SUPPORT FOR RESOLVING REGIONAL CONFLICTS, THE BROADENING OF PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES, AND THE STEADY REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD QUOTE NO HIGHER PRIORITY UNQUOTE THAN TO LIMIT AND END THE DANGEROUS COMPETITION IN NUCLEAR ARMS. QUOTE WE HAVE GONE THE EXTRA MILE, BUT OUR OFFERS HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN WELCOMED ... I AM PLEASED NOW, HOWEVER, BY THE INTEREST EXPRESSED IN REDUCING OFFENSIVE WEAPONS BY THE NEW SOVIET LEADERSHIP ... THE US IS PREPARED TO REDUCE COMPARABLE NUCLEAR SYSTEMS BY 50 PER CENT. WE SEEK REDUCTIONS THAT WILL RESULT IN A STABLE BALANCE BETWEEN US WITH NO FIRST STRIKE CAPABILITY AND VERIFIED FULL COMPLIANCE ... THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD BENEFIT IF WE COULD BOTH ABANDON THESE WEAPONS ALTOGETHER AND MOVE TO NON-NUCLEAR DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS THAT THREATEN NO-ONE. UNQUOTE

4. THE PRESIDENT SAID PEACE WAS ALSO UNDERMINED BY THE USE OF FORCE, SUBVERSION AND TERROR, AND RECALLED HIS UN PROPOSAL FOR SUPER-POWER COOPERATION IN RESOLVING REGIONAL CONFLICTS IN AFGHANISTAN, ANGOLA, NICARAGUA, ETHIOPIA AND CAMBODIA.

5. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT FREEDOM WAS AMERICA'S CORE, AND THAT THE AFFIRMATION OF FREEDOM WOULD BE ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS AT GENEVA. HUMAN RIGHTS WERE AS FUNDAMENTAL A PIECE AS ARMS CONTROL. THE US STOOD FOR OPENNESS. HE HOPED THE SUMMIT WOULD OPEN NEW AVENUES FOR COOPERATION AND CONTACT THROUGH CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND SPORTING EXCHANGES. HE REPEATED HIS REQUEST FOR RECIPROCAL MEDIA ACCESS FOR LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. HE BELIEVED THAT PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE YOUNG GENERATION, COULD QUOTE BUILD GENUINE CONSTITUENCIES FOR PEACE IN BOTH COUNTRIES UNQUOTE. THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED THAT HE WAS GOING TO GENEVA WITHOUT ILLUSIONS BUT WITH HOPE. THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD FACED A COMMON ENEMY IN THE PAST. QUOTING A LETTER FROM A MOTHER OF CHILDREN IN LOUISIANA, HE SAID THE CENTRAL TRUTH OF THIS GENERATION WAS THE CRY OF ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD FOR PEACE, AND FOR LOVE OF FELLOW MAN, AND HE PRAYED FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE.

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