SENATOR BOB DOLE WELCOMING REMARKS TO PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN WICHITA, KANSAS JUNE 18, 1992

PRESIDENT YELTSIN, MRS. YELTSIN -- WELCOME TO KANSASI AS YOU STEP INTO THE HEARTLAND OF AMERICA LET ME TELL YOU, THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING. MR. PRESIDENT, YOU ARE TRULY THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

IN FACT, THE WAY YOU'RE GOING, YOU COULD BE THE MAN OF THE CENTURY.

THANKS TO YOUR COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP, A NEW ERA OF PEACE AND PARTNERSHIP IS FINALLY AT HAND, THE KIND OF PEACE THE PEOPLE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD ONLY DREAM ABOUT FOR THE PAST HALF CENTURY.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, KANSANS ARE EXCITED ABOUT YOUR HISTORIC VISIT, AND THEY ARE EAGER TO SHOW YOU WHY THE HEARTLAND IS SOMETHING SPECIAL.

THIS IS WHERE THE VALUES OF FAITH, HARD WORK AND FAMILY ARE STILL EVERYDAY FACTS OF LIFE -- IT'S A PLACE WHERE YOU WILL FEEL RIGHT AT HOME.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE DO HAVE MUCH IN COMMON: WE SHARE YOUR DESIRE FOR PEACE, YOUR RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND YOUR COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY.

WE ALSO WELCOME YOUR FUNDAMENTAL FREE MARKET REFORMS, AS WELL AS THE DOOR YOU HAVE OPENED TO MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES -- FROM OUR WHEAT FIELDS TO OUR ASSEMBLY LINES, FROM OUR CLASSROOMS TO OUR HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES, KANSAS HAS PLENTY TO OFFER.

ALTHOUGH TODAY'S VISIT WILL BE BRIEF, YOUR TIME WILL BE WELL SPENT -- WITH THE PEOPLE: THE WORKERS, THE STUDENTS, THE TEACHERS, THE FARMERS, AND THE FAMILIES WHO MAKE KANSAS GREAT.

MR. PRESIDENT, MRS. YELTSIN, WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY, AND HONORED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER.