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SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA -- WE'VE HAD A VERY BUSY AND USEFUL STAY
HERE IN SOUTH KOREA.

THE CENTERPIECE OF OUR STOP, OF COURSE, WAS OUR MEETING
AND LUNCHEON WITH PRESIDENT CHUN. WE APPRECIATE HIS GIVING
US SO MUCH OF HIS TIME, AND, EVEN MORE, WE VALUE HIS VIEWS
ON REGIONAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES SO IMPORTANT TO BOTH OF OUR
GOVERNMENTS.

WE ALSO HAD GOOD MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

TWO ISSUES, MORE THAN ANY OTHERS, DOMINATED OUR TALKS.
FIRST, OF COURSE, IS THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE PENINSULA
AND, MORE BROADLY, IN NORTH ASIA. THIS COUNTRY REMAINS VERY
MUCH OF A "FRONT LINE" BETWEEN THE FREE WORLD AND THE
COMMUNIST WORLD. WE EXPRESSED OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR
CONTINUED CLOSE SECURITY COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING THE CONTINUED STATIONING OF US FORCES HERE.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE EXPRESSED OUR ADMIRATION FOR THE
COURAGEOUS AND FORWARD-LOOKING STEPS THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN
GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO EASE TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA. IF
THE AUTHORITIES IN THE NORTH WILL RESPOND TO THESE
INITIATIVES IN GOOD FAITH, THERE MAY BE HOPE FOR A MORE
STABLE PEACE HERE.

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THE OTHER MAIN ISSUE WHICH WE DISCUSSED, AS WE SUGGESTED UPON OUR ARRIVAL, WAS TRADE, PARTICULARLY THE GROWING TRADE IMBALANCE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. WE UNDERSTAND EVEN MORE CLEARLY NOW THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN SITUATION IS A UNIQUE ONE -- IT IS NOT A "MINI-JAPAN" OR A MINI-ANYWHERE ELSE. IT DESERVES TO BE, IT MUST BE, VIEWED AND TREATED ON ITS OWN MERITS.

BUT WE DID EXPRESS WITH CANDOR AND SOME VIGOR OUR VIEW THAT THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO DO MORE TO OPEN UP TO THOSE AMERICAN EXPORTS WHICH CAN BE LEGITIMATELY COMPETITIVE HERE -- THINGS LIKE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, ALFALFA PRODUCTS, COMPUTERS, WOOD PRODUCTS, AUTOMOTIVE PARTS, CIGARETTES AND SERVICES LIKE INSURANCE AND BANKING. WE ALSO PRESSED OUR CASE FOR MORE VIGOROUS KOREAN ACTION ON OTHER TRADE PROBLEMS -- FOR EXAMPLE, THE QUESTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHTS.

ALTHOUGH I WOULD HAVE TO SAY CANDIDLY THAT WE DIDN'T FIND AGREEMENT ON EVERY ISSUE, WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY A GENERALLY POSITIVE AND RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE. THESE PROBLEMS ARE NOT GOING TO GO AWAY, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP WORKING ON THEM. BUT WE DO BELIEVE THAT OUR TALKS WERE USEFUL IN UNDERSCORING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEMS AND HELPING FIND SOME COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS.

SO WE WILL TAKE OUR LEAVE NOW, EN ROUTE TO JAPAN. IT WAS, AGAIN, AN EXCELLENT STAY, NOT SURPRISING BECAUSE IT WAS A STAY WITH OLD AND GOOD FRIENDS.

WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING, PERHAPS WITH THE MILLIONS OF OTHERS WHO WILL COME TO SEOUL IN 1988 TO WITNESS THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

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