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TO: SENATOR DOLE

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SUBJECT: Speech to Pennsylvania VFW

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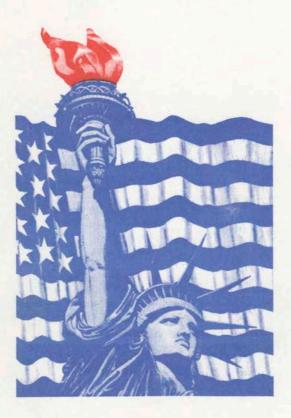
THAT COMMITMENT IS TO PROMOTE LIBERTY, PROTECT OUR INDENDENCE, AND ADVANCE FREEDOM BY REAL ACTIONS IN THE REAL WORLD—NOT JUST BY FINE WORDS ON A PATRIOTIC OCCASION.

LET US MATCH OUR DEEDS TO OUR RHETORIC—NOT PROMISE WHAT IS BEYOND OUR STRENGTH TO ACHIEVE—YET NEVER SHIRK FROM THE CHALLENGE OF PRESERVING FREEDOM. THAT IS THE WAY TO REAL PEACE, FOR PEACE WITHOUT FREEDOM IS A BITTER PROSPECT INDEED. WE DEVOUTLY PRAY THERE WILL BE NO MORE FOREIGN WARS—THAT YOU AND YOUR COMPATRIOTS AROUND THIS GREAT NATION WILL NOT BE JOINED BY FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN WHO MUST GO TO WAR BECAUSE OUR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP HAS FAILED TO PRESERVE THE PEACE. WE WILL FIGHT WHEN WE MUST—BUT PEACE WITH FREEDOM IS OUR HIGHEST GOAL, AND OUR DEEPEST OBLIGATION.



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