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The President's disclosure of a breakthrough in the SALT Talks should be of encouragement to all Americans and to the whole world because it offers new hope that chances of a nuclear war at anytime in the future will be greatly diminished.

I am most encouraged by the fact that the President is making progress in his determined effort to turn this from an age of confrontation into an era of negotiation. It bodes well for all of our hopes for at least a generation of peace.

I believe we have been able to reach this agreement with the Russians that we should discuss controls on both offensive and defensive nuclear weapons because of, not only the President's determination to have meaningful negotiations but also because of his determination to keep the United States strong enough to negotiate from a position of military parity rather than from a position of weakness.

All Americans of today should be grateful for the President's leadership in the effort to build a lasting peace. I know Americans of tomorrow will be.