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## ARRIVAL STATEMENT

### U.S. SENATE OBSERVER TEAM

WE HAD AN EXCELLENT AND BUSY TRIP TO GENEVA.

WE WENT THERE, IN THE FIRST PLACE, BECAUSE THE SENATE HAS AN -  
IMPORTANT, CONSTITUTIONALLY-BASED ROLE IN THE PROCESS OF ACHIEVING  
AND APPROVING ANY ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT. IN PERFORMING THAT  
ROLE -- IN THIS INSTANCE BY MONITORING THE OPENING OF THESE  
IMPORTANT TALKS -- WE HAD THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE US  
NEGOTIATING TEAM. WE WILL BE GIVING OUR IMPRESSIONS OF THE  
EVENTS IN GENEVA TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE SENATE IN THE DAYS  
AHEAD.

WE ALSO WENT TO GENEVA -- FIVE REPUBLICANS AND FIVE DEMOCRATS --  
TO SHOW OUR BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S ARMS  
CONTROL EFFORTS. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT OUR UNIFIED PRESENCE  
STRENGTHENED THE HAND OF OUR NEGOTIATORS IN THEIR ENCOUNTERS WITH  
THE SOVIET DELEGATES. WE ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT WE COME BACK EVEN  
MORE UNITED THAN WHEN WE LEFT, IN OUR DETERMINATION TO HELP ACHIEVE  
A BALANCED, VERIFIABLE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT.

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FINALLY, WE WENT TO GENEVA TO GET TO KNOW BETTER OUR OWN NEGOTIATING TEAM AND TO LET THEM KNOW THAT WE ARE BEHIND THEM. IN MAX KAMPELMAN, JOHN TOWER, MIKE GLITMAN AND THEIR DEPUTIES, THE PRESIDENT HAS ASSEMBLED AN OUTSTANDING, DEDICATED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE TEAM. IT IS ALREADY CLEAR, FROM THESE INITIAL CONTACTS WITH THEM, THAT THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY AND COOPERATIVELY WITH THEM AS THE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED.

THE TALKS IN GENEVA ARE GOING TO BE LONG AND COMPLEX. WE IN THE SENATE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY OUR APPROPRIATE ROLE, RESPONSIBLY AND IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY. TWO MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP, SENATORS STEVENS AND GORE, HAVE REMAINED IN GENEVA FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO MONITOR THE TALKS, AND OTHERS OF US WILL BE GOING OVER PERIODICALLY FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

ALL OF US ARE DEDICATED TO MAKING THIS PROCESS WORK TO IMPROVE THE CHANCES OF GETTING A GOOD AGREEMENT WITH THE RUSSIANS AND ULTIMATELY GETTING IT APPROVED IN THE SENATE.