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MFN FOR SOVIETS
PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCES
TRADE AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW

I AM PLEASED BY TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT IN MOSCOW THAT THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO SUBMIT FOR SENATE APPROVAL A COMPREHENSIVE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION, INCLUDING THE GRANTING OF MFN STATUS.

IT IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD ON THE ROAD TO IMPROVED AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES. TO THE EXTENT THAT IT HELPS FOSTER STABILITY AND IMPROVES THE PROSPECTS FOR BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE SOVIET PEOPLE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BENEFITING US -- ESPECIALLY BY EXPANDING OUR POTENTIAL EXPORT MARKETS -- IT IS TRULY A "WIN-WIN" SITUATION.

AS I THINK MOST SENATORS KNOW, THERE IS AT LEAST ONE PROBLEM THAT WE WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE AS WE WORK ON THE AGREEMENT -- AND THAT IS MAKING SURE THAT APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT COMPROMISE OUR LONG-HELD AND LEGITIMATE POSITION ON FREEDOM FOR THE BALTICS. BUT THAT IS SOMETHING I AM CONFIDENT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH WITHOUT SCUTTLING THE AGREEMENT ITSELF.

SO I LOOK FORWARD TO THE EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE AGREEMENT TO THE SENATE. I INTEND TO SUPPORT IT, AND WORK FOR PROMPT PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.

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