

REMARKS OF

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TODAY WE ARE OBSERVING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE WORLD WAR II D-DAY LANDING...A SIGNIFICANT
DAY IN THE MINDS OF ALL CITIZENS OF THE FREE WORLD.

WE OWE A GREAT DEBT TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF
THAT EVENTFUL LANDING. OUTSTANDING AMONG THOSE
PARTICIPANTS WAS KANSAS' OWN PRESERVER OF PEACE,
THE LATE GENERAL EISENHOWER.

HE WAS A MILITARY MAN, A MAN OF THE PEOPLE,
A MAN OF PEACE. GENERAL EISENHOWER BELIEVED MUCH
AS OUR PRESIDENT OF TODAY BELIEVES...THE MILITARY
MUST ALWAYS REMAIN THE SERVANT OF OUR NATIONAL
POLICY IN BRINGING ABOUT WORLD PEACE, BUT AS HE
PUT IT, "THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT IS A VITAL
ELEMENT IN KEEPING THE PEACE. OUR ARMS MUST BE
MIGHTY, READY FOR INSTANT ACTION, SO THAT NO POTENTIAL
AGGRESSOR MAY BE TEMPTED TO RISK HIS OWN
DESTRUCTION."

PRESIDENT NIXON HAS CHOSEN TO UPHOLD THAT
COMMONSENSE JUDGMENT UNMARRED WITH THE PASSING OF
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. HE SAID DEFENSE DECISIONS "MUST
BE MADE ON THE HARD REALITIES OF THE OFFENSIVE
CAPABILITIES OF OUR ADVERSARIES AND NOT ON OUR
FERVENT HOPES ABOUT THEIR INTENTIONS."

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE PRESENTED WITH THE "FALSE CHOICE" BETWEEN MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE AT HOME AND MEETING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ABROAD. THE PRESIDENT SAYS, "WE SHALL MEET BOTH OR WE SHALL MEET NEITHER." THIS WAS THE SPIRIT PREVALENT IN OUR COUNTRY TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY. WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AS OUR LEADER, THIS WILL BE THE SPIRIT OF TOMORROW.

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