

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1986

ADDRESS TO THE
10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION REUNION

THANK YOU _____ FOR THAT

INTRODUCTION. I'M PROUD TO HAVE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO BE BACK WITH THE MEN OF
THE "MAGNIFICENT TENTH" AGAIN. THIS

IMPRESSIVE REUNION--ALONG WITH ITS
INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR--SAYS MUCH ABOUT
THE SPECIAL CAMARADERIE OF THE
MOUNTAIN SOLDIER. I WELCOME OUR
FRIENDS FROM OVERSEAS AND SALUTE ALL
OF YOU FOR COMING SO FAR TO SHARE SO
MUCH. SEEING MAJESTIC MOUNT RAINIER
REMINDS ME OF MORE THAN A FEW MOUNTAIN
HIKES, TENTH MOUNTAIN STYLE. THAT WAS

YEARS BEFORE SOME MISINFORMED FOLKS
DECIDED THAT BACKPACKING WAS
RECREATIONAL FUN. I'LL TELL YOU, FOR
A KANSAS BOY, TENTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION
ACTION WAS A REAL EYE-OPENER. AFTER
ALL, THE HIGHEST POINT IN MY STATE IS
MOUNT SUNFLOWER--ALL FOUR THOUSAND
FEET OF HER. BUT THE ARMY TRAINING

PAID OFF: I'M STILL IN SHAPE TO CLIMB
THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST
MOUNTAIN---CAPITOL HILL!

I AM CERTAIN THIS WEEK THAT MANY
STORIES WILL BE TOLD AND RETOLD---THE
MOUNTAINS GET BIGGER, THE BATTLES
FIERCER, AND THE VICTORIES MORE
IMPORTANT. BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE---THE

TENTH MOUNTAIN WAS ONE OF A KIND---AND
HISTORY WILL BACK US UP. IN FACT, IT
WAS A GERMAN OFFICER, GENERAL VON
SENGER, WHO SAID IT BEST: THE "TENTH
WAS THE BEST DIVISION HE HAD FACED ON
ANY FRONT." I MENTIONED THAT ACCOLADE
LAST YEAR DURING THE TENTH'S
REACTIVATION CEREMONIES AT FORT DRUM,
NEW YORK, AND I COULDN'T HELP BUT

THINK ABOUT ALL OF YOU AS I TROOPED
THAT LINE OF YOUNG, ENTHUSIASTIC
SOLDIERS. I CAN REPORT THAT THEY HAVE
THAT SAME LEAN, HUNGRY LOOK IN THEIR
EYES THAT WE ONCE HAD. I CAN STILL
SEE THAT SAME ENTHUSIASTIC LOOK IN
THIS ROOM TONIGHT BUT, AFTER THAT
MEAL, I MUST ADMIT THAT THE HUNGRY
SIDE HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF---BUT
WE'LL HAVE TO WORK ON THE LEAN PART.

ROME REUNION

IN 1984, I ALSO HAD THE HONOR OF
REPRESENTING PRESIDENT REAGAN DURING
THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OF THE LIBERATION OF ROME. THAT
CELEBRATION WOULD NEVER HAVE OCCURRED
HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR YOUR BRAVERY AND
THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE OF 990 OF OUR

COMRADES. WHEN MARK CLARK AND HIS MEN
ROLLED INTO ROME 42 YEARS AGO, IT
MEANT THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF
TYRANNY ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT. OH
YES, THERE WERE MANY MORE MONTHS OF
COMBAT TO COME, AND MANY MILES UP AND
DOWN THE RUGGED LANDSCAPES TO GO, BUT
IT WAS OUR DETERMINATION, THAT OF THE
AMERICAN GI, THAT GOT THE JOB DONE.

OUR ROLE IN THE LIBERATION HAS BEEN
APTLY RECORDED BY ONE OF OWN, HARRY
DUSENBERY, WHO WROTE (PERMIT ME
HARRY), "THE TENTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION
SPEARHEADED THE DRIVE ALL THE WAY, AND
WE ARE PROUD OF THE PART WE PLAYED.
WE HAVE PAID THE PRICE FOR VICTORY; WE
MUST NOW ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES OF
VICTORY."

FREE WORLD LEADERSHIP

THE CONSEQUENCE, OF COURSE, HAS
BEEN OUR EMERGENCE AS THE LEADER--AND
DEFENDER--OF THE FREE WORLD. IN THIS
AGE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFRONTATION AND
THE OMNIPRESENT NUCLEAR THREAT, IT IS
MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO REMEMBER
THAT THE KEY TO PEACE IS A COMBINATION

OF MILITARY STRENGTH AND THE NATIONAL
WILL TO USE THAT STRENGTH. THANKS TO
PRESIDENT REAGAN, WE HAVE
SIGNIFICANTLY REBUILT OUR DEFENSE
FORCES, WHICH WERE PERMITTED TO ERODE
TO DANGEROUS LEVELS DURING THE 70's.
WE HAVE IMPROVED READINESS, INITIATED
A LONG-DEFERRED STRATEGIC
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, AND INSTITUTED

PERSONNEL INITIATIVES THAT HAVE
GREATLY ENHANCED MORALE. TODAY WE ARE
STRONGER, PROUDER, AND BETTER
EQUIPPED. HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT REST ON
OUR LAURELS WHILE OUR PRINCIPAL
ADVERSARY CONTINUES ITS AGGRESSIVE
ADVANCES AROUND THE WORLD.

AUTHORIZATION BILL

OF COURSE, WHEN I TALK ABOUT "EVIL
FORCES" BENT ON TAKING OVER WASHINGTON,
MOST PEOPLE THINK I'M TALKING ABOUT
SENATE DEMOCRATS OR THE DALLAS
COWBOYS. NONETHELESS, LET THE WORLD
UNDERSTAND--OUR PURPOSE IS NOT
BELLIGERENCY, BUT RESPECT; NOT

CONFLICT, BUT DETERRENCE. LATE LAST
SATURDAY NIGHT, THE SENATE PASSED THE
DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL AND WHILE
IT GOES A LONG WAY IN ADVANCING THE
CAUSE OF PEACE, IT DOES NOT GO FAR
ENOUGH. YES WE'VE AUTHORIZED
CONTINUATION OF MANY HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE B-1 BOMBER, THE
BRADLEY FIGHTING VEHICLE, AND THE

TRIDENT SUBMARINES LIKE AS THOSE
STATIONED NEAR THIS VERY LODGE. BUT
THE MOST PROMISING OF ALL OUR
PROGRAMS, THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE
INITIATIVE APPEARS TO BE REDACTED RUNNING IN
PLACE.

SDI

THE PRESIDENT HAS LAID OUT A
COMPELLING VISION FOR SDI--THE VISION
OF A WORLD IN WHICH STRATEGIC DEFENSE,
RATHER THAN THE CHILLING CONCEPT OF
MUTUALLY ASSURED DESTRUCTION, WILL
SAFEGUARD OUR SECURITY; A WORLD IN
WHICH THERE IS NO LONGER ANY INCENTIVE

TO PRODUCE NEW NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR
MAINTAIN LARGE NUCLEAR STOCKPILES.
AMERICANS HAVE AN OVERWHELMING DESIRE
FOR PROTECTION FROM THE NUCLEAR
THREAT---MANY ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN
THAT WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NONE TODAY.
NO ONE CAN DOUBT THE IMPORTANCE OF SDI
TO OUR NEGOTIATING STRATEGY IN
GENEVA. INDEED IT IS, IN LARGE

MEASURE, THE VERY REASON THAT THE
SOVIETS ARE BACK IN GENEVA IN THE
FIRST PLACE. THE SOVIET NEGOTIATORS
ARE OBSESSED WITH SDI LARGELY BECAUSE
THEIR OWN RESEARCH IN THESE AREAS,
INITIATED IN THE 70's, HAS SHOWN GREAT
PROMISE. THEY ARE PAINFULLY AWARE,
THOUGH, THAT GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY,
AMERICAN INGENUITY COULD QUICKLY
SURPASS THEIR EFFORTS.

RISING TIDE

SDI HAS BEEN BUT ONE OF MANY
INDICATIONS OF NEW AND INNOVATIVE
ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PROBLEMS. ANSWERS
THAT, AS YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE
ARE OBLIGATED TO FIND. BUT SOMETHING
ELSE HAS BEEN GOING ON IN AMERICA---A
CHANGE OF MIND AND HEART THAT GOES

BEYOND ONE ELECTION OR EVEN ONE
PRESIDENT. THIS RISING TIDE OF
NATIONAL PRIDE, OF PATRIOTISM REBORN
WAS ALWAYS WITH THIS GROUP HERE
TONIGHT. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
SHARED BEFORE WE LEFT OUR HOMELAND TO
FIGHT FOR FREEDOM ON FOREIGN SOIL.
AND I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN WITH THE REST
OF OUR FELLOW AMERICANS ALL ALONG.

BUT FOR TOO LONG, "THE DOOM AND GLOOM
GANG" AND THE "BLAME AMERICA CROWD"
GOT ALL THE HEADLINES. AND SOME FOLKS
ACTUALLY STARTED TO BELIEVE THAT
SOMEHOW THIS COUNTRY DIDN'T HAVE ITS
FORTITUDE ANYMORE. WELL, NOBODY IS
BUYING THAT LINE THESE DAYS.

RONALD REAGAN HAS UNCORKED A
RESERVOIR OF NATIONAL PRIDE THAT HAS
SWEPT ACROSS EVERY CORNER OF THIS
GREAT NATION. AS FAR AS THIS SENATOR
IS CONCERNED, AMERICA ISN'T JUST
"BACK"---IT'S BACK AT THE HEAD OF THE
PACK, RIGHT WHERE SHE BELONGS.

CONCLUSION

IN CONCLUSION LET ME JUST STATE
THAT MY GOAL IS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
PEACE WE FOUGHT FOR SO VALIANTLY IS
MAINTAINED. THOMAS PAINE ONCE WROTE,
"THOSE OF US WHO WISH TO REAP THE
BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY.....MUST UNDERGO
THE FATIGUE OF SUPPORTING IT." IT

REQUIRED SO MUCH OF US--IN MANPOWER,
IN MONEY, AND ABOVE ALL, IN SPIRITUAL
AND NATIONAL RESOLVE. THOSE OF US WHO
TOOK PART IN THE FIGHTING BLESS EVER
SO DEARLY THE SUBSEQUENT PEACE. WE
HAIL THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT GREW OUT OF
THE HOSTILITY AND WE PLEDGE OURSELVES
ANEW TO THE CAUSE FOR WHICH SO MANY
GAVE SO MUCH.

THANK YOU ALL.

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SAVE SO MUCH

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THE HOSTILITIES AND BLOOD-OVERSEAS

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SO DEARLY THE SUBSEQUENT BECAUSE WE

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AND NATIONAL BECAUSE THOSE OF US WHO

IN MONEY AND ABOVE ALL IN SYMPATHY

BECAUSE SO MUCH OF US--IN MARCH

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