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PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA FEBRUARY 19, 1988

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AND SECURE AMERICA. MOST OF US WHO ARE

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BUT ONLY ONE OF US IS LAYING OUT ANY REAL
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FREEZE ON FEDERAL SPENDING FROM MY FIRST WEEK
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COMMON-SENSE SOLUTION THAT IS ALSO

COMPASSIONATE. ONLY ONE OF US HAS THE

BACKGROUND AND THE BACKBONE TO SHRINK THE

DEFICIT -- AND TO DO SO WITHOUT RAISING TAX RATES

ON INDIVIDUALS OR CORPORATIONS.

I'M WILLING TO ADMIT THAT A FREEZE IS NOT

THE BEST ANSWER. IT HAS SOME DRAWBACKS. BUT IT

PUTS A LID ON SPENDING -- EXCEPT FOR THOSE

PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT THOSE UNABLE TO CARE FOR

THEMSELVES AND IT BUYS US TIME -- TIME TO GO

THROUGH THE BUDGET AND ELIMINATE THE

INEFFECTIVE AND INEFFICIENT PROGRAMS THAT SAP

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VETO -- A TOOL THAT WILL GIVE THE PRESIDENT THE

POWER TO FASHION A SENSIBLE BUDGET -- AND NOT

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SO I INTEND TO KILL THE DEFICIT -- AND KILL IT
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BIPARTISAN WAY THAT WILL MAKE SURE IT STAYS DEAD.

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ANY ADDITIONAL BURDENS ON THE BACKS OF SOCIAL

SECURITY RECIPIENTS. AS ONE WHO FORGED A

CONSENSUS ON THE PLAN TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY

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RONALD REAGAN.

BUT THE NEXT PRESIDENT MUST BE PREPARED

TO DEAL WITH A VASTLY DIFFERENT WORLD THAN WE

HAVE FACED OVER THE PAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

NOT SINCE THE YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORLD

WAR II HAVE WE FACED A CHALLENGE SO GREAT

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SO POTENT. HOW WE RESPOND TO THAT CHALLENGE
WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OUR SECURITY, OUR
PROSPERITY AND OUR STATURE IN THE WORLD WILL
FLOURISH INTO THE NEXT CENTURY OR WHETHER WE
WILL RETREAT AND DECLINE.

AS MUCH AS IN THOSE DARK AND DANGEROUS

POST-WORLD WAR IT YEARS, OUR RESPONSE WILL

DEMAND STRONG, DECISIVE LEADERSHIP, IMAGINATION

AND COURAGE.

IN BRINGING THAT KIND OF RESOLVE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO START WITH SOME BASICS -- BASICS LIKE FREEDOM AND COMMUNISM. I HAVE GRAPPLED WITH ISSUES OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS THROUGHOUT THREE DECADES OF PUBLIC LIFE. I HAVE VISITED THE SOVIET UNION. I HAVE MET MIKHAIL GORBACHEV. AND, BASED ON ALL THAT, I CAN TELL YOU TWO THINGS WHATEVER GLASNOST IS, IT IS NOT DEMOCRACY. WHATEVER GORBACHEV IS, HE IS STILL A HARD-AS-NAILS COMMUNIST.

WHEN MIKHAIL GORBACHEV LEFT WASHINGTON

A FEW WEEKS BACK, WITH MANY STILL IN THE GRIP OF

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COMMUNIST STATE -- WITH VERY LITTLE FREEDOM -- TO

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MIKHAIL GORBACHEV WOKE UP THE NEXT DAY.

BUT WE -- ALL OF US -- AWOKE IN THE FREEST

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WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT DIFFERENCE.

SO WHEN WE DEAL WITH THE SOVIETS, IT MUST ALWAYS BE FROM STRENGTH.

WHEN WE TALK TO MR. GORBACHEV, AS WE SHOULD -- IT SHOULD NEVER BE IN BLIND FAITH.

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PRINCIPLES THAT RONALD REAGAN ARTICULATED. OR

FORGET THE LASTING LESSONS THAT RONALD REAGAN

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RONALD REAGAN TAUGHT US THE RIGHT WAY: WE SET
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