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WHAT WE FACE

PRESIDENT SAUNDERS, AMBASSADOR LUCE, HONORED GUESTS, TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF WESTMINSTER COLLEGE. I THANK YOU MY DEAR FRIEND CLARE LUCE FOR THE GENEROSITY OF THAT ELOQUENT INTRODUCTION. I AM HONORED AND GRATEFUL AT BECOMING AN HONORARY ALUMNUS OF WESTMINSTER AND THE WARMTH OF YOUR WELCOME AND AT THE HONOR OF BEING ASKED TO SPEAK HERE AT WESTMINSTER IN THE GREEN LECTURE SERIES ON WHICH WINSTON CHURCHILL AND THOSE WHO FOLLOWED HIM HAVE BEEN CONFERRED SUCH DISTINCTION.

I FEEL MORE AT HOME HERE THAN YOU MIGHT IMAGINE. I CAME HERE FROM THE CIA CAMPUS IN VIRGINIA, ACROSS THE POTOMAC FROM WASHINGTON. CONTRARY TO THE SPY NOVELS AND MOVIES, MOST OF OUR PEOPLE IN INTELLIGENCE SPEND THEIR TIME SITTING AT COMPUTERS OR IN LIBRARIES EVALUATING AND ANALYZING INFORMATION. TODAY'S JAMES BONDS HAVE GRADUATE DEGREES AND ARE MORE CONVERSANT IN ECONOMICS, SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, DEMOGRAPHY AND HISTORY THAN WITH GAMBLING CASINOS, FAST CARS, SMOKEY BARS OR RUN-DOWN HOTELS AROUND THE WORLD. THEY DEVELOP AND USE TECHNICAL MARVELS AND APPLY THE FINEST SCHOLARSHIP TO GATHER, ANALYZE AND INTERPRET FACTS AND RELATIONSHIPS FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE EARTH AND BEYOND.

THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK IN INTELLIGENCE IS FORECASTING DEVELOPMENTS A FEW MONTHS OR YEARS AHEAD. WINSTON CHURCHILL HAD AN UNCANNY, PERHAPS UNIQUE, CAPACITY TO LOOK INTO THE HEARTS AND

MINDS OF CIVILIZATION'S ADVERSARIES AND ACCURATELY FORETELL THEIR INTENTIONS YEARS AND EVEN DECADES AHEAD. HE WAS A PROPHET ALONE IN THE EARLY 1930s AND, MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, HE WAS STILL A PROPHET NEARLY ALONE IN HIS VISION OF RUSSIA HERE AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE IN 1946.

ON THAT OCCASION, HE DEFINED A CHALLENGE WITH WHICH MY GENERATION HAS STRUGGLED FOR A THIRD OF A CENTURY AND WHICH THE GENERATION NOW AT WESTMINSTER MUST ALSO FACE. LISTEN TO HIS WORDS:

"FROM STETTIN IN THE BALTIC TO TRIESTE IN THE ADRIATIC, AN IRON CURTAIN HAS DESCENDED ACROSS THE CONTINENT....THE COMMUNIST PARTIES WHICH WERE VERY SMALL IN ALL THREE EASTERN STATES OF EUROPE, HAVE BEEN RAISED TO PRE-EMINENCE AND POWER FAR BEYOND THEIR NUMBERS AND ARE SEEKING EVERYWHERE TO OBTAIN TOTALITARIAN CONTROL."

HE WENT ON TO SAY:

"IN A GREAT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, FAR FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONTIERS AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, COMMUNIST FIFTH COLUMNS ARE ESTABLISHED AND WORK IN COMPLETE UNITY AND ABSOLUTE OBEDIENCE TO THE DIRECTIONS THEY RECEIVE FROM THE COMMUNIST CENTRE."

SPEAKING OF THE AMERICAN ATOMIC BOMB AND THE PERIL THAT WOULD EXIST IF A COMMUNIST STATE HAD THAT CAPABILITY, HE SAID:

"THE FEAR OF THEM ALONE MIGHT EASILY HAVE BEEN USED TO ENFORCE TOTALITARIAN SYSTEMS UPON THE FREE DEMOCRATIC WORLD, WITH CONSEQUENCES APPALLING TO HUMAN IMAGINATION."

ALL THIS, LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER WE HAD WON THE LONG STRUGGLE AGAINST HITLER WITH RUSSIA BY OUR SIDE, WAS NEW AND STARTLING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. CHURCHILL ALLOWED HIMSELF A CRY OF ANGUISH THAT AGAIN HIS WARNING WOULD GO UNHEEDED:

"THE LAST TIME I SAW IT ALL COMING, AND CRIED ALOUD TO MY OWN FELLOW COUNTRYMEN AND TO THE WORLD BUT...NO ONE WOULD LISTEN AND ONE BY ONE WE WERE ALL SUCKED INTO THE AWFUL WHIRLPOOL."

HOW MUCH MORE ALARMED WOULD CHURCHILL BE IF HE LOOKED AROUND THE WORLD TODAY AND SAW HOW THE SOVIETS HAVE GROWN IN STRENGTH AND HOW FAR THEY HAVE EXTENDED THEIR POWER AND INFLUENCE BEYOND THE IRON CURTAIN HE SO APTLY LABELED. HE WOULD SEE SOVIET POWER:

--IN VIETNAM ALONG CHINA'S SOUTHERN BORDER AND ASTRIDE THE SEA LANES WHICH BRING JAPAN'S OIL FROM THE PERSIAN GULF;

--IN AFGHANISTAN, 500 MILES CLOSER TO THE WARM WATER PORTS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AND TO THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ THROUGH WHICH COMES THE OIL ESSENTIAL TO WESTERN EUROPE;

--ON THE HORN OF AFRICA OVERLOOKING THE PASSAGEWAY OF SUEZ WHICH CONNECTS THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN;

--IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, RICH IN MINERALS, WHICH THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS MUST HAVE;

--AND IN THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA ON THE VERY DOORSTEP OF THE UNITED STATES.

AND WHAT WOULD CHURCHILL THINK OF THE CATAclySMIC EVENTS IN LEBANON AND GRENADA DURING THE LAST SEVEN DAYS. FOR REASONS WHICH YOU WILL UNDERSTAND, I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO GO INTO IN ANY DETAIL BEYOND WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED FROM THE MEDIA, AND LIKE ANY GOOD REPORTER I'M PREPARED TO GO TO JAIL TO PROTECT MY SOURCES. BUT I WILL HAZARD AN ATTEMPT TO RELATE THE EVENTS TO WHAT CHURCHILL CALLED THE SINEWS OF PEACE WHEN HE SPOKE HERE.

THE DISASTER IN LEBANON WOULD HAVE REMINDED HIM OF THE AWFUL PRICE THAT CAN BE LEARNED TO MAINTAIN PEACE. THE RESPONSE OF BOTH OUR MARINES IN LEBANON AND THE FLOOD OF NEW RECRUITS HERE WOULD HAVE REMINDED HIM OF THE COURAGE AND SPIRIT HIS COUNTRYMEN DEMONSTRATED WHEN THEY STOOD ALONE AGAINST THE FORCES OF DARKNESS IN EUROPE.

HE WOULD HAVE BEEN GRATIFIED TO SEE IN GRENADA A FREE NATION ACT TO CHECK THE POTENTIAL COMMUNIST AGGRESSION WHICH HE WARNED AGAINST HERE AS HE HAD FAILED TO GET HIS OWN COUNTRY TO ACT AGAINST THE FASCISM OF THE THIRTIES. HE WOULD REJOICE THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THE WEST HAS RESTORED TO A COLONY OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE THE FREEDOM WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM IT.

TODAY, WE ARE AS A NATION CHALLENGED ON MANY LEVELS. THE MOST POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING THREAT COMES FROM THE NUCLEAR MISSILES WHICH ARE AIMED AT US. THE SECOND COMES FROM THE LAND, AIR AND SEA FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS IN EUROPE WHICH CONTINUE TO GAIN ON NATO FORCES IN QUANTITY AND QUALITY. THE THIRD IS THE GROWING ABILITY OF THE SOVIETS TO PROJECT POWER OVER LONG DISTANCES, AN ABILITY VIVIDLY DEMONSTRATED BY THEIR USE OF AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT TO LINK UP ADVANCED SOVIET WEAPONS WITH CUBAN TROOPS THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM THEIR BORDERS. WE SAW THEM DO THIS FIRST IN ANGOLA AND AGAIN IN ETHIOPIA.

THE FOURTH LEVEL OF THREAT IS SOMETHING WE MIGHT CALL CREEPING IMPERIALISM. THE KREMLIN USES A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES TO EXPLOIT ECONOMIC, RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS AROUND THE WORLD AND TO DESTABILIZE AND SUBVERT OTHER COUNTRIES BY FOSTERING INTERNAL INSURGENCY. THE SOVIET UNION THEN SUPPLIES WEAPONS, TRAINING AND ADVISORS TO BRING IN RADICAL GOVERNMENTS WHICH WILL EXTEND SOVIET POWER AND FURTHER SOVIET INTERESTS.

IT IS TO THE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR THREAT AND THAT OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE THAT WE DEVOTE MOST OF OUR CONCERN AND COMMIT MOST OF OUR DEFENSE RESOURCES. YET, THE APPALLING DEVASTATION WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM THE USE OF THESE WEAPONS IS SUCH THAT THIS THREAT IS LESS LIKELY TO MATERIALIZE THAN THAT OF AGGRESSIVE PROTECTION OF POWER AND INTRUSION INTO OTHER COUNTRIES.

ALL OF THESE THREATS ARE INTERRELATED, AND THE MEASURES NEEDED TO DEAL WITH THEM ARE CLOSELY INTERCONNECTED. WE MUST MAINTAIN A STRATEGIC POSTURE THAT CONVINCES THE SOVIETS THAT THE RISK OF ANY ATTACK ON THE US OR ITS ALLIES FAR OUTWEIGHS ANY POSSIBLE BENEFITS. BUT MORE THAN THAT IS NECESSARY. THE GROWTH IN OVERALL SOVIET MILITARY POWER, UNMATCHED BY THE WEST OVER THE LAST 15 TO 20 YEARS, HAS ENCOURAGED THEM TO TRY INTIMIDATION TO SPLIT OUR ALLIES AWAY FROM US AND UNDERMINE OUR CREDIBILITY. IF THE ADVERSE SHIFT IN THE STRATEGIC BALANCE OF RECENT YEARS IS PERMITTED TO GO FAR ENOUGH, IT WILL BECOME EASIER FOR THE SOVIETS TO EXPLOIT SOFT SPOTS AROUND THE WORLD. IT WILL SEEM TO HAVE BECOME LESS RISKY FOR THE SOVIETS TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN SMALLER CONFLICTS ESPECIALLY IN LESS DEVELOPED PARTS OF THE WORLD.

TO FACE THESE THREATS EFFECTIVELY WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SOVIET UNION NOT AS WE WOULD LIKE IT BUT AS IT IS. WE LIVE ON THE SAME PLANET, WE HAVE TO GO ON SHARING IT. WE MUST THEREFORE STAND READY TO TALK TO THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP. THE CHARACTER OF MODERN WEAPONS, NOT ONLY NUCLEAR BUT CONVENTIONAL, MAKES THIS DIALOGUE INDISPENSABLE. BUT WE MUST RESOLVE NOT TO HAND AN ADVANTAGE TO THE OTHER SIDE, TO DO NOTHING THAT WOULD EITHER RISK THE CREDIBILITY OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE OR UNSETTLE THE MILITARY BALANCE ON WHICH PEACE ITSELF DEPENDS.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE, TOO, THAT THE SOVIETS WILL EXPLOIT ARMS CONTROL TALKS AND AGREEMENTS TO SLOW DOWN IMPROVEMENTS IN WESTERN

MILITARY CAPABILITIES WHILE THEY CONTINUE TO BUILD UP AND MODERNIZE THEIR OWN FORCES. THUS FAR THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN THIS OBJECTIVE. THEY HAVE NEGOTIATED CEILINGS WHICH PERMIT THEIR CONTINUED MILITARY BUILDUP OR THEY HAVE AVOIDED RESTRICTIONS ON NEW WEAPONS THEY INTEND TO BUILD. THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO FOREGO ANY OF ITS MAJOR MILITARY PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO INDUCE US TO DROP OUR OWN PROGRAMS.

NEVERTHELESS, WE SHOULD PERSIST IN ARMS NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO CONTAIN THIS COMPETITION. WE MUST CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT AT SOME POINT THERE WILL BE A CHANGE IN SOVIET PERCEPTIONS AND BEHAVIOR.

HERE AT WESTMINSTER, CHURCHILL WONDERED:

"NOBODY KNOWS WHAT SOVIET RUSSIA AND ITS COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION INTENDS TO DO IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, OR WHAT ARE THE LIMITS, IF ANY, TO THEIR EXPANSIVE AND PROSELYTIZING TENDENCIES."

A MONTH AFTER CHURCHILL MADE HIS SPEECH HERE AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, HIS QUESTION WAS ECHOED IN MOSCOW. THE NEW US AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA, GENERAL WALTER BEDELL SMITH, MET WITH STALIN IN THE KREMLIN TO ASK, "WHAT DOES THE SOVIET UNION WANT AND HOW FAR IS RUSSIA GOING TO GO?" STALIN ACCUSED THE US OF TRYING TO THWART RUSSIA AND DECLARED THAT CHURCHILL'S SPEECH HERE AT FULTON WAS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT. ASKED AGAIN, "HOW FAR IS RUSSIA GOING TO GO?" STALIN COOLLY REPLIED, "WE'RE NOT GOING MUCH FURTHER."

WE KNOW TODAY THAT RUSSIA HAS GONE A LOT FURTHER. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE UNDERSTAND HOW THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED. DURING THE MID TO LATE 1970s, THE SOVIETS UNFURLED A NEW STRATEGY ON A NEW FRONT--THE THIRD WORLD. AND THEIR STRATEGY HAS WORKED.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUE EMPLOYED IN THIS STRATEGY HAS BEEN THE USE OF PROXIES. THIS IS NOT EXACTLY NEW IN HISTORY. THE ROMANS USED MEN FROM CONQUERED COUNTRIES TO FIGHT THEIR ENEMIES. LATER, SWISS AND GERMAN MERCENARIES WERE AVAILABLE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ALL OVER EUROPE. THE BRITISH ARMY HAD ITS GHURKAS AND THE FRENCH THEIR FOREIGN LEGION. BUT THE SOVIETS USE THE CUBANS, EAST GERMANS, LIBYANS AND VIETNAMESE IN A QUITE DIFFERENT ROLE.

THESE PROXIES ACT IN PEACE AS WELL AS WAR. THEIR ROLE IS AS MUCH POLITICAL AS MILITARY. EAST GERMANS IN AFRICA, CUBANS IN LATIN AMERICA, VIETNAMESE IN ASIA HAVE A CERTAIN LEGITIMACY AND FREEDOM FROM IMPERIALIST TAINT THAT SOVIET TROOPS WOULD NOT ENJOY. DIFFERENT PROXIES HAVE SPECIALIZED FUNCTIONS. OF THE MORE THAN 40,000 CUBANS IN AFRICA, 80 PERCENT OF THE SOLDIERS ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY. VIETNAM, WITH THE FOURTH LARGEST ARMY IN THE WORLD, KEEPS CHINA AND THAILAND WORRIED AS IT SOLIDIFIES ITS POSITION IN KAMPUCHEA. MOST OF THE THOUSANDS OF EAST GERMAN EXPERTS IN AFRICA OR LATIN AMERICA ARE ACTIVE IN ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION, INDUSTRY, HEALTH, AND, ABOVE ALL, THE SECURITY FORCES WHICH PROTECT THE REGIMES FROM THE PEOPLE.

LIBYA, CUBA, SOUTH YEMEN, EAST GERMANY, AND BULGARIA OPERATE CAMPS FOR TRAINING TERRORISTS AND INSURGENTS WHO ARE THEN SENT AROUND THE WORLD. THE LIBYANS HAVE HELPED PROMOTE SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY GOALS THROUGH THEIR INVASION OF CHAD AND THROUGH THEIR ASSISTANCE TO REBELS IN THE PHILIPPINES, MOROCCO AND CENTRAL AMERICA. LET US ALSO NOT FORGET THEIR COUPS, PLOTS AND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE LEADERS OF PRO-WESTERN COUNTRIES, NOR THEIR FINANCIAL HELP TO SO-CALLED "LIBERATION" GROUPS AND TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AT LEAST TEN COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA.

GRENADA PROVIDES A VIVID ILLUSTRATION OF HOW THE SOVIETS PRACTICE CREEPING IMPERIALISM BY PROXY. EARLY REPORTS INDICATE THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE CUBANS ON THE ISLAND, THERE WERE ON THE ISLAND SOVIETS, NORTH KOREANS, LIBYANS, EAST GERMANS AND BULGARIANS WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY BASE IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN. THIS SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE. IT IS A MICROCOSM OF NICARAGUA. FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS MANAGUA HAS BEEN AN INTERNATIONAL CITY WITH CUBANS, SOVIETS, EAST GERMANS, VIETNAMESE, NORTH KOREANS, BULGARIANS, LIBYANS AND PLO ELEMENTS WORKING TOGETHER TO FASTEN A TOTALITARIAN GRIP ON NICARAGUA, TO MAKE NICARAGUA MILITARILY DOMINANT OVER ITS NEIGHBORS AND TO PROJECT REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE INTO EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS, COSTA RICA AND GUATEMALA.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT IN CHILE, COMMITTED PRO-SOVIET GOVERNMENTS HAVE NEVER COME TO POWER THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS BUT ALWAYS THROUGH VIOLENCE, COUPS AND CIVIL WARS. THE SOVIETS RECOGNIZE THAT IN MOST THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES POWER RESTS WITH THE MILITARY. THEY HAVE FOCUSED, THEREFORE, ON EITHER WINNING OVER THE OFFICERS' CORPS OR HELPING TO OVERTHROW AND REPLACE THEM WITH OTHERS MORE LIKELY TO DO THEIR BIDDING. HAVING FOR DECADES DENOUNCED THE "MERCHANTS OF DEATH," THE SOVIETS HAVE BECOME THE WORLD'S LEADING SUPPLIER OF ARMS. OVER RECENT YEARS, THEIR ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE THIRD WORLD HAVE BEEN FOUR TIMES GREATER THAN THEIR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THIS HAS MADE THIRD WORLD ARMS RECIPIENTS DEPENDENT ON THE SOVIETS FOR THOUSANDS OF ADVISORS, FOR SPARE PARTS, AND FOR CONTINUED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.

YET THE SOVIET UNION IS CRIPPLED. IT IS CRIPPLED IN HAVING ONLY A MILITARY DIMENSION. IT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER ECONOMIC, POLITICAL OR CULTURAL BENEFITS AT HOME OR ABROAD. WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE ECONOMIC RECORD OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE COME UNDER SOVIET INFLUENCE HAS RANGED FROM POOR TO VERY POOR. ECONOMIC PROGRESS HAS BEEN FAR GREATER IN THE FREE AREAS OF EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, IN CENTRAL AMERICA UNTIL DISRUPTION BY SOVIET AND CUBAN-BACKED INSURGENCY, IN THE IVORY COAST AND OTHER NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN AFRICA.

MILITARY SUPPORT CAN ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A SUPERPOWER AND A SMALL COUNTRY. BUT IN THE LONG RUN IT IS ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES WHICH ATTRACT, DELIVER BENEFITS, AND MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. THE SOVIET UNION CANNOT COMPETE IN THESE AREAS. THIS FORCES THE SOVIETS TO RELY ON SUBVERSION AND DISRUPTION OF STABLE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS TO WEAKEN WESTERN RELATIONSHIPS AND CREATE A CONDITION OF CHAOS IN WHICH THEIR SURROGATES AND INTERNAL ALLIES CAN SEIZE POWER.

IN THIS STRATEGY OF DISRUPTION, THE AREAS MOST HEAVILY TARGETED ARE CLEARLY THE MIDDLE EAST AND CENTRAL AMERICA. BY FANNING THE FLAME OF CONFLICT BETWEEN ARAB AND ISRAELI, SUNNI AND SHIA, RADICAL AND MODERATE ARAB, BY PLAYING BOTH SIDES AGAINST THE MIDDLE IN THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR, AND BY NAILING DOWN A MILITARY POSITION IN SYRIA AND AFGHANISTAN, THE SOVIETS HOPE TO KEEP THE MIDDLE EAST IN TURMOIL AND THE OIL RESOURCES ON WHICH THE WESTERN WORLD DEPENDS UNDER CONSTANT THREAT. THE OTHER SENSITIVE TARGET IS THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICA. SOVIET POWER IS ALREADY SOLIDLY ESTABLISHED IN CUBA AND NICARAGUA. THIS THREATENS THE PANAMA CANAL AND THE SEA LANES OF THE CARIBBEAN. INSURGENCIES AND REVOLUTIONARY VIOLENCE HAVE BEEN UNLEASHED TO TOPPLE GOVERNMENTS IN EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND GUATEMALA.

SINCE WORLD WAR II, WE HAVE SEEN THAT COUNTRIES FALLING UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL PROMPTLY PRODUCE A HEAVY FLOW OF REFUGEES--

PEOPLE VOTING WITH THEIR FEET TO GO ELSEWHERE. MILLIONS OF REFUGEES HAVE LEFT EASTERN EUROPE AND CUBA SINCE THE COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE PUT THEIR LIVES AT STAKE TO ESCAPE FROM INDOCHINA IN LEAKING SHIPS. MORE THAN ONE-FOURTH OF THE POPULATION OF AFGHANISTAN HAS FLED TO PAKISTAN AND IRAN. THE FLOW OF REFUGEES FROM CENTRAL AMERICA IS ALREADY UNDER WAY.

A CUBANIZATION OF CENTRAL AMERICA WOULD QUICKLY CREATE NEW REFUGEES BY THE MILLIONS. THE SOVIETS CAN CALCULATE THAT A GREATLY INCREASED MILITARY THREAT ON OUR SOUTHERN FLANK AND THE INTERNAL DISRUPTION THAT WOULD RESULT IF MILLIONS OF LATIN AMERICANS WALKED NORTH WOULD DISTRACT THE UNITED STATES FROM DEALING WITH WHAT COULD BE MORE LETHAL THREATS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. AT THE SAME TIME, AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA WILL BE DAMAGED IF THE WEST IS UNABLE TO SENSITIVELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO IN DEFENDING THEMSELVES AS WELL AS SOLVING THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS ON THEIR OWN TERMS.

THE US NEEDS A REALISTIC COUNTER-STRATEGY. MANY COMPONENTS OF THAT STRATEGY ARE FAMILIAR, BUT THEY MUST BE APPROACHED AND LINKED IN NEW WAYS. THE MEASURES NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE SOVIET CHALLENGE IN THE THIRD WORLD HAVE THE ADDITIONAL APPEAL THAT THEY ALSO REPRESENT A SENSIBLE AMERICAN APPROACH TO THE THIRD WORLD WHETHER OR NOT THE USSR IS INVOLVED:

1. WE HAVE TOO OFTEN NEGLECTED OUR FRIENDS AND NEUTRALS IN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA UNTIL THEY BECAME A PROBLEM OR WERE THREATENED BY DEVELOPMENTS HOSTILE TO OUR INTERESTS. THESE COUNTRIES NOW BUY 40% OF OUR EXPORTS; THAT ALONE IS REASON ENOUGH TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO THEIR PROBLEMS BEFORE OUR ATTENTION IS COMMANDED BY COUPS, INSURGENCIES OR INSTABILITY. THE PRIORITY OF LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN OUR OVERALL FOREIGN POLICY NEEDS TO BE RAISED AND SUSTAINED.

2. WE MUST BE PREPARED TO DEMAND FIRMLY BUT TACTFULLY AND PRIVATELY THAT OUR FRIENDS OBSERVE CERTAIN STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR WITH REGARD TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. IT IS REQUIRED BY OUR OWN PRINCIPLES AND ESSENTIAL TO POLITICAL SUPPORT IN THE US. MOREOVER, WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO TALK STRAIGHT TO THOSE WE WOULD HELP ABOUT ISSUES THEY MUST ADDRESS TO BLOCK FOREIGN EXPLOITATION OF THEIR PROBLEMS--ISSUES SUCH AS LAND REFORM, CORRUPTION AND THE LIKE. WE NEED TO SHOW HOW THE SOVIETS HAVE EXPLOITED SUCH VULNERABILITIES ELSEWHERE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE AREN'T PREACHING OUT OF CULTURAL ARROGANCE BUT ARE MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON EXPERIENCE.

3. WE NEED TO BE READY TO HELP OUR FRIENDS DEFEND THEMSELVES. WE CAN TRAIN THEM IN COUNTERINSURGENCY TACTICS AND UPGRADE THEIR COMMUNICATIONS, MOBILITY, POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES. WE NEED CHANGES IN OUR FOREIGN-MILITARY-SALES LAWS TO PERMIT THE US TO PROVIDE ARMS FOR SELF-DEFENSE MORE

QUICKLY. WE ALSO NEED TO CHANGE OUR MILITARY PROCUREMENT POLICIES SO AS TO HAVE STOCKS OF CERTAIN BASIC KINDS OF WEAPONS MORE READILY AVAILABLE.

4. WE MUST FIND A WAY TO MOBILIZE AND USE OUR GREATEST ASSET IN THE THIRD WORLD--PRIVATE BUSINESS. FEW IN THE THIRD WORLD WISH TO ADOPT THE SOVIET ECONOMIC SYSTEM. NEITHER WE NOR THE SOVIETS CAN OFFER UNLIMITED OR EVEN LARGE-SCALE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. INVESTMENT IS THE KEY TO ECONOMIC SUCCESS IN THE THIRD WORLD AND WE, OUR NATO ALLIES AND JAPAN NEED TO DEVELOP A COMMON STRATEGY TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT AND SUPPORT IT WITH KNOW HOW IN THE THIRD WORLD. THE SOVIETS ARE HELPLESS TO COMPETE WITH PRIVATE CAPITAL IN THESE COUNTRIES.

WITHOUT A SUSTAINED, CONSTANT POLICY APPLIED OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS, WE CANNOT COUNTER THE RELENTLESS PRESSURE OF THE USSR IN THE THIRD WORLD. IT IS PAST TIME FOR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT--EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRESS--TO TAKE THE SOVIET CHALLENGE IN THE THIRD WORLD SERIOUSLY AND TO DEVELOP A BROAD, INTEGRATED STRATEGY FOR COUNTERING IT. THE LESS-DEVELOPED NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL US-SOVIET BATTLEGROUND FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

THERE IS ALSO A POLITICAL WEAPON WE CAN DEPLOY AROUND THE WORLD WHICH IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SOVIETS' MILITARY ARSENAL AND SUBVERSIVE BAG OF TRICKS. ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ON BOTH SIDES OF THE IRON CURTAIN REMAIN UNITED AS THEY WERE IN

CHURCHILL'S DAY ON ONE ISSUE--THEIR ABHORRENCE OF DICTATORSHIP IN ALL ITS FORMS, MOST PARTICULARLY TOTALITARIANISM AND THE TERRIBLE INHUMANITIES IT HAS CAUSED IN OUR TIME--THE GREAT PURGE, AUSCHWITZ AND DACHAU, THE GULAG, AND CAMBODIA. THEY HAVE CERTAINLY NOTED IT WAS NOT THE DEMOCRACIES THAT INVADED AFGHANISTAN OR SUPPRESSED POLISH SOLIDARITY OR USED CHEMICAL AND TOXIC WARFARE IN AFGHANISTAN AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

AROUND THE WORLD TODAY, THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION IS GATHERING NEW STRENGTH, IN ASIA, IN AFRICA, IN OUR OWN HEMISPHERE. IN LATIN AMERICA, 18 OF 34 COUNTRIES HAVE FREELY-ELECTED GOVERNMENTS AND 6 ARE WORKING TOWARD DEMOCRATIZATION, ALTOGETHER REPRESENTING 70% OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT CONTINENT. IN THE UNITED NATIONS, 8 OF THE 10 DEVELOPING NATIONS WHICH HAVE JOINED THAT BODY IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS ARE DEMOCRACIES. WE MUST FOSTER THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF DEMOCRACY, THE SYSTEM OF A FREE PRESS, UNIONS, POLITICAL PARTIES, UNIVERSITIES, WHICH ALLOWS A PEOPLE TO CHOOSE ITS OWN WAY TO DEVELOP ITS OWN CULTURE, TO RECONCILE ITS OWN DIFFERENCES THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS.

FINALLY, IF WE ARE TO WIN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE WORLD'S FREEDOM AND LIBERTY, WE NEED TO REESTABLISH WHAT SIR JOHN PLUMB DESCRIBED SO ELOQUENTLY AS THE TRUE DOMINION OF HISTORY WHEN HE SPOKE ON THIS CAMPUS AT LAST MAY'S KEMPER LECTURE. IT IS IN THE TRUE STUDY OF OUR HISTORY AND OUR VALUES THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH THE SAME HISTORICAL CONFIDENCE IN OUR SOCIETY THAT

WINSTON CHURCHILL HAD IN HIS AND WHICH ENABLED HIM TO SPEAK SO ELOQUENTLY TO HIS PEOPLE AND THEY TO RESPOND SO WHOLEHEARTEDLY. IT IS YOUR CHALLENGE, AS OUR FUTURE LEADERS, TO BRING A PROPER SENSE OF OUR DESTINY TO OUR AFFAIRS AND THAT CAN ONLY COME THROUGH A KNOWLEDGE OF OUR PAST AND A FEELING FOR THE HERITAGE WHICH IS OURS TO PRESERVE AND PASS ON. AND I CAN IMAGINE NO SETTING AND NO ATMOSPHERE MORE CONDUCIVE TO KINDLING AND DEVELOPING THAT LEARNING AND THAT SENTIMENT THAN THE ONE WHICH BLESSES YOU IN THESE SURROUNDINGS AND IN THE TRADITION OF YOUR CHALLENGE.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY SOME TWENTY YEARS AGO OBSERVED THAT WE WERE INVOLVED IN A LONG TWILIGHT STRUGGLE. WINSTON CHURCHILL'S SPEECH HERE AT WESTMINSTER COLLEGE MARKED THE INITIAL RECOGNITION BY THE WEST THAT THE STRUGGLE HAD BEGUN. CHURCHILL ALSO OBSERVED THAT, "WHAT WE HAVE TO CONSIDER HERE TODAY WHILE TIME REMAINS, IS THE PERMANENT PREVENTION OF WAR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONDITIONS OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE IN ALL COUNTRIES."

IT IS NOW NEARING 40 YEARS SINCE WINSTON CHURCHILL SPOKE HERE. THE THOUGHT THAT I WOULD LEAVE WITH YOU IS THAT THE STRUGGLE WITH WHAT THE SOVIET UNION REPRESENTS IS NOT CONFINED TO CHURCHILL'S GENERATION, OR TO MY GENERATION, OR THE GENERATION OF YOUR FACULTY AND PARENTS, OR YOUR GENERATION. THIS IS A CONFLICT DEEPLY ROOTED IN IDEAS. THIS CONFLICT IS AS OLD AS RECORDED HISTORY. THE THREAT POSED BY THE SOVIET UNION IS THE

LINEAL DESCENDENT OF THE SAME THREAT WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS HAVE FACED FOR BETTER THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS: IT IS THE THREAT POSED BY DEPOTISM AGAINST THE MORE OR LESS STEADILY DEVELOPING CONCEPT THAT THE HIGHEST GOAL OF THE STATE IS TO PROTECT AND TO FOSTER THE CREATIVE CAPABILITIES AND THE LIBERTIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL. IT IS A CONTEST BETWEEN TWO ELEMENTAL AND HISTORICALLY OPPOSED IDEAS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE STATE. THE CHIEF THREAT POSED BY THE SOVIET UNION, THEREFORE, IS NOT NECESSARILY IN THE VASTNESS OF ITS MILITARY FORCES--THOUGH VAST THEY ARE--BUT IN THE RELENTLESSNESS OF THEIR ASSAULT ON OUR VALUES.

THREE DAYS AFTER HIS SPEECH HERE IN FULTON, MR. CHURCHILL ADDRESSED THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSEMBLY, THE OLDEST LEGISLATIVE BODY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. IN THAT SPEECH HE STATED:

"IT IS IN THE YEARS OF PEACE THAT WAR IS PREVENTED AND THOSE FOUNDATIONS LAID UPON WHICH THE NOBLE STRUCTURES OF THE FUTURE CAN BE BUILT. THAT PEACE WILL NOT BE PRESERVED WITHOUT THE VIRTUES WHICH MAKE VICTORY POSSIBLE IN WAR. PEACE WILL NOT BE PRESERVED BY PIOUS SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF PLATITUDES, OR BY OFFICIAL GRIMACES AND DIPLOMATIC CORRECTITUDE, OR BY CASTING ASIDE IN DANGEROUS TIMES OUR PANOPLY OF WAR-LIKE STRENGTH. THERE MUST BE EARNEST THOUGHT. THERE MUST BE FAITHFUL PERSEVERANCE AND FORESIGHT. GREATHEART MUST HAVE HIS SWORD AND ARMOR TO GUARD THE PILGRIMS ON THEIR WAY."

I AM CONFIDENT THAT SIR WINSTON WOULD AGREE THAT DESPITE OUR FONDEST HOPES TO FULFILL ISAIAH'S PROPHECY, ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY, AND ESPECIALLY ALL OF RUSSIAN HISTORY, POINTS TO OUR NEED AND THE NEED OF OUR CHILDREN FOR SWORDS AS WELL AS PLOWSHARES. I SEE, THEREFORE, THE SAME FUTURE CHURCHILL SAW HERE SO LONG AGO--NOT AN EASY FUTURE--BUT, WITH PERSEVERANCE AND DEVOTION TO OUR DUTY, A FREE ONE IN WHICH OUR VALUES AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE PRESERVED.

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