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GENTLEMEN: I AM VERY HONORED AND GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT. BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE IMPORTANT IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A NATIONAL CONSENSUS ON POLICY ISSUES AFFECTING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND, QUITE FRANKLY, I LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO GET MY PERSPECTIVE ACROSS TO AUDIENCES LIKE THIS ONE. TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A FEW OF THE THREATS AND CHALLENGES CONFRONTING THE UNITED STATES THAT HAVE BEEN WEIGHING HEAVILY ON MY MIND AND, I SUSPECT, ON YOURS AS WELL. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THIS COUNTRY'S INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND HOW PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF CAN MAKE AND ARE MAKING SUCH AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR MISSION.

JUST A FEW DECADES AGO, THE UNITED STATES DOMINATED THE WORLD ECONOMICALLY, POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WERE THE ONLY INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS THAT REALLY MATTERED. THAT DAY IS LONG PAST. THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS HAS PROLIFERATED, ISSUES HAVE BECOME BEWILDERINGLY COMPLEX, THE PACE OF CHANGE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE ALMOST OVERWHELMING, AND THE WORLD MUCH SMALLER AND FAR MORE INTERDEPENDENT. AND THIS, IN TURN, HAS REVOLUTIONALIZED THE WORLD OF INTELLIGENCE.

THE SOVIET UNION, OF COURSE, REMAINS THE PRINCIPAL THREAT TO OUR SECURITY AND THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE. BUT THE NATURE OF THIS THREAT HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY SINCE THE DAYS WHEN RUSSIA WAS LARGELY CONFINED TO THE EURASIA LAND MASS. WE FACE A GRIM REALITY; THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE BUILDING OF A MILITARY FORCE THAT COULD FIGHT

AND WIN A NUCLEAR WAR. MOSCOW IS RELENTLESSLY EXPANDING A LARGE ARSENAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AIMED AT THE U.S., EUROPE AND EAST ASIA. NEW MISSILES AND MISSILE CARRYING AIRCRAFT AND SUBMARINES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED, TESTED AND DEPLOYED IN AMAZING PROFUSION.

BY 1980 SOVIET STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE FORCES ALREADY HAD CAUGHT UP, AND IN SOME KEY AREAS SURPASSED THOSE OF OUR OWN. JUST ONE SOBERING EXAMPLE: THE SOVIETS ARE NOW PROTECTING THEIR LAND BASED MISSILE FORCE BY MAKING IT MOBILE. A MOBILE U.S. ICBM WILL NOT BE DEPLOYED UNTIL THE 1990s AT BEST.

PERHAPS EVEN MORE ALARMING, THE SOVIETS ARE IN THE MIDST OF A MAJOR LONGTERM MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM -- THEIR OWN "STAR WARS," IF YOU WILL, INVOLVING SOME 10 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES AND THOUSANDS OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS. THEY LONG AGO DEPLOYED AN ABM SYSTEM AROUND MOSCOW. WE ARE THE NEWCOMERS ON THE BLOCK, ALTHOUGH YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW IT BY LISTENING TO SOVIET PROPAGANDA CONDEMNING THE PRESIDENT'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE AS "DESTABLIZING."

DUE IN LARGE PART TO OUR EXTRAORDINARY TECHNICAL COLLECTION CAPABILITIES, WE HAVE DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF STAYING ON TOP OF MOSCOW'S TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO ERODE THE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR BALANCE IN ITS FAVOR. BUT AS WE PROCEED FURTHER INTO THE CURRENT ARMS CONTROL DIALOGUE WITH MOSCOW, THE DEMANDS FOR HIGH-QUALITY INTELLIGENCE ON SOVIET PLANS AND ACTIONS WILL BE

EXTRAORDINARY. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE NOT RESTING ON OUR LAURELS. WE ARE WORKING ON PROMISING NEW COLLECTION SYSTEMS, AND DEVOTING ENORMOUS RESOURCES TO MONITORING CURRENT SOVIET CAPABILITIES AND ASSESSING THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SOVIET WEAPONS THAT MAY NOT BE DEPLOYED FOR TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS.

THAT'S THE CHALLENGE FOR INTELLIGENCE. IN A MORE GENERAL SENSE, IT'S GOING TO BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THIS NATION DEVELOP A HARD-HEADED, DISCIPLINED APPROACH TO ARMS CONTROL. WE CANNOT ALLOW GORBACHEV'S FULL COURT PROPAGANDA PRESS TO STAMPEDE US INTO ACCEPTING NEW AGREEMENTS THAT MERELY ALLOW THE SOVIETS TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR GAINS WHILE CUTTING OFF OUR OWN OPPORTUNITIES TO MODERNIZE OUR STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSE FORCES.

I HAVE BEEN TALKING IN A STRATEGIC MILITARY CONTEXT BUT THE MAIN THREAT FROM THE SOVIETS PROBABLY LIES ELSEWHERE. THE WEST ONCE AGAIN IS ENGAGED IN A CRITICAL STRUGGLE WITH TOTALITARIANISM, THIS TIME IN THE FORM OF MARXISM/LENINISM. AND THE PRIMARY BATTLEFIELD OF THIS STRUGGLE IS NOT ON THE MISSILE TEST RANGE OR AT THE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATING TABLE BUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE OF THE THIRD WORLD.

IN THE AFTERMATH OF OUR SAD EXPERIENCE IN VIETNAM, THE SOVIET UNION BEGAN TO TEST WHETHER THE US WOULD RESIST FOREIGN PROVOKED AND SUPPORTED INSTABILITY AND SUBVERSION ELSEWHERE IN THE THIRD WORLD. IT DEVELOPED AN AGGRESSIVE STRATEGY WHICH

AVOIDS DIRECT CONFRONTATION AND INSTEAD TAKES MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THIRD WORLD SURROGATES LIKE CUBA, VIETNAM, LIBYA AND NICARAGUA TO OBTAIN SOVIET OBJECTIVES.

OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES HAVE SUPPORTED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RADICAL REGIMES OR INSURGENCIES IN MORE THAN A DOZEN COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD. TIME AND AGAIN WE HAVE WATCHED THE SOVIETS AND THEIR SURROGATES MOVE IN TO EXPLOIT AND INSTIGATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISCONTENT. THEY GAIN AN INSURGENT BASE, EXPAND IT WITH TRAINED MEN AND MILITARY ARMS, DRIVE OUT INVESTMENT, AND WAIT FOR ANOTHER PLUM TO FALL. SINCE 1972 TWENTY-FIVE NATIONS HAVE FALLEN UNDER A SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED DEGREE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE OR INSURGENCY SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIETS OR THEIR PROXIES, WHILE ONLY FIVE NATIONS HAVE EXTRICATED THEMSELVES FROM SOVIET GRASP.

THAT'S THE BAD NEWS. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE PENDULUM OF HISTORY SLOWLY BUT SURELY HAS BEEN SWINGING AWAY FROM MARXISM AS A MODEL FOR COUNTRIES IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, AND TOWARD THE CONCEPTS OF DEMOCRACY AND FREE MARKET ECONOMICS. MOSCOW NOW FINDS ITSELF ON THE DEFENSIVE, SUPPORTING HIGH COST, LONG TERM EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN IN POWER THE REPRESSIVE REGIMES THEY HAVE INSTALLED OR COOPTED IN PLACES LIKE AFGHANISTAN, ANGOLA, ETHIOPIA, CAMBODIA, MOZAMBIQUE, YEMEN AND NICARAGUA. THIS DEVELOPING TRANSITION FROM AGGRESSOR TO A DEFENSIVE, STATUS QUO BACKER OF REPRESSION COULD TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF THE

GREAT HISTORICAL TURNING POINTS OF OUR LIFETIME. BUT IT WILL ONLY WORK OUT THIS WAY IF THE WEST, WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS THIRD WORLD FORCES, CAN MUSTER THE RESOLVE AND COURAGE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS "WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY" TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY.

IN THIS REGARD, IT WILL COME AS NO SURPRISE TO ANY OF YOU THAT I BELIEVE THE STAKES IN CENTRAL AMERICA ARE HUGE AND HISTORIC. A SOVIET MILITARY BASE ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT DIVIDING NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA IS BEING PUT INTO PLACE -- A TOEHOLD OF SOVIET MILITARY POWER AND SUBVERSION THAT COULD ENDANGER THE PANAMA CANAL IN THE SHORT TERM AND MEXICO IN THE SOMEWHAT LONGER TERM. RIGHT NOW THE SANDINISTA ARMY WITH CUBAN HELICOPTER PILOTS AND COMBAT DIRECTION AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS OF SOPHISTICATED SOVIET WEAPONRY IS GOING ALL OUT TO DESTROY THE NICARAGUAN RESISTANCE BEFORE NEW ASSISTANCE CAN REACH IT. IN THE MEANTIME, THE SANDINISTAS ARE STICKING TO THEIR BLUEPRINT OF BUILDING AN ALL-POWERFUL STATE SECURITY APPARATUS, THE STRONGEST ARMED FORCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND IN DEVELOPING A CENTER FOR EXPORTING SUBVERSION AND TERRORISM TO THE REGION.

IN THIS LATTER REGARD, THE LINK BETWEEN LIBYAN-AND CUBAN-SPONSORED TERRORISM IN CUBA AND NICARAGUA IS LARGE AND GROWING LARGER. FOR SOME YEARS, THE LIBYANS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT IN NICARAGUA WITH SOMETHING LIKE \$100 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. WE NOW SEEN NICARAGUA TRAINING YOUNG MEN FOR VIOLENCE AND SUBVERSION,

SENDING THEM AS FAR DOWN INTO SOUTH AMERICA AS CHILE. YOUNG MEN FROM LATIN AMERICA ARE BEING SENT TO LIBYA FOR TRAINING IN THE TERRORIST CAMPS THERE AND THEN ARE BROUGHT BACK TO BE PLANTED AMONG THE POPULATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA, IN VENEZUELA, IN ECUADOR. IF THE SANDINISTA REGIME CONSOLIDATES ITSELF, WE CAN EXPECT MANAGUA TO BECOME THE BEIRUT OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

AND OF COURSE, THERE IS NO WAY THIS COUNTRY CAN IMMUNIZE ITSELF FROM SUCH AN INFECTION. ALREADY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NICARAGUANS AND SALVADORANS HAVE FLED THEIR COUNTRIES AND HEADED NORTH. CAN ANYONE DOUBT THAT AS SOON AS IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE ABOUT TO COMPLETE THEIR CONQUEST OF NICARAGUA ANOTHER SIGNAL WILL BE FLASHED AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WILL LEAVE CENTRAL AMERICA, AND ULTIMATELY MEXICO, TO CROSS THE BORDER OF THE UNITED STATES. RECENTLY, I SPOKE IN SAN ANTONIO. MAYOR CISNEROS SURPRISED ME BY TELLING ME THAT SAN ANTONIO HAS BECOME THE TENTH LARGEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES. I TOLD HIM IF THE SANDINISTAS CONSOLIDATE IN NICARAGUA, IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE SAN ANTONIO BECOMES THE LARGEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES, AND I BELIEVE THAT.

THERE IS NOTHING INEVITABLE ABOUT THIS SCENARIO. TWO CAN PLAY THE SAME GAME. JUST AS THERE IS A CLASSIC FORMULA FOR COMMUNIST SUBVERSION AND TAKEOVER, THERE ALSO IS A PROVEN METHOD OF OVERTHROWING REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT THAT CAN BE APPLIED SUCCESSFULLY IN NICARAGUA. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT

MATCHING THE SANDINISTAS WEAPON-FOR-WEAPON OR OF ACHIEVING A CLASSIC MILITARY VICTORY. HISTORY SHOWS THAT A COMBINATION OF NAGGING INSURGENT MILITARY PRESSURE AND PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT IS WHAT BRINGS DOWN OR ALTERS AN UNPOPULAR GOVERNMENT. THIS PROCESS ALREADY IS UNDERWAY IN NICARAGUA. THE INSURGENTS HAVE MADE GAINS AMONG RURAL PEASANTS UNHAPPY WITH MANAGUA'S RECENT COLLECTIVIZATION AND RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT'S MANDATORY MILITARY DRAFT AND ANTI-CHURCH POLICIES. THE HEAVY FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THE SANDINISTAS' COUNTERINSURGENCY EFFORT COMBINED WITH POOR ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT ALSO IS CREATING MOUNTING DISCONTENT WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

THE NEW MONEY RECENTLY VOTED BY CONGRESS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO FURTHER TURN UP THE HEAT ON THE SANDINISTAS BY STEADILY EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF RESISTANCE TROOPS IN THE FIELD AND BY OPENING NEW AREAS OF OPERATION. BUT WE SHOULD NOT KID OURSELVES. THE SOVIETS AND THEIR SANDINISTA CLIENTS WILL NOT GIVE UP THEIR TOEHOLD WITHOUT A DETERMINED FIGHT. WE ARE ONLY AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS STRUGGLE AND WE HAVE TO RESIST THAT OLD AMERICAN TENDENCY TO EXPECT INSTANT AND EASY SUCCESS. A MORE PROTRACTED COMMITMENT IS NECESSARY AND THIS MEANS CONVINCING CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO COUNTER SOVIET SUBVERSIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE THIRD WORLD. GIVEN THE NATURE OF INSURGENT CONFLICTS, THE COST TO MOSCOW AND ITS ALLIES OF COUNTERING AN INSURGENCY IS CONSIDERABLY GREATER THAN THE COST TO THE WEST. BY REQUIRING

MOSCOW TO COUNTER MULTIPLE INSURGENCIES, THE RISK AND COST TO THE SOVIETS ARE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, AND ALTERNATIVES TO SOVIET DOMINATION CAN BE KEPT ALIVE IN SEVERAL THIRD WORLD ARENAS.

I TOLD YOU THAT I WANTED TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE. THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE OUR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM TODAY IS MORE ROBUST THAN AT ANY TIME IN OUR HISTORY AND IN FAR BETTER SHAPE THAN 6 OR 7 YEARS AGO. WE HAVE MADE ENORMOUS PROGRESS ACROSS THE BOARD IN COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS. ANYONE WHO LEFT US MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE THE PLACE. WE HAVE RESTAFFED THE CLANDESTINE SERVICE AND OUR ANALYTICAL CADRE. WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED BOTH THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS. RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN GREATLY INCREASED. WE HAVE REBUILT OUR CAPABILITY ON THE THIRD WORLD, SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED OUR WORK ON THE SOVIET UNION, AND CREATED THE CAPABILITY TO TACKLE NEW INTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS.

BUT THE WORLD MOVES ON WITHOUT REGARD FOR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS. WE STILL ARE WORRIED ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO KEEP PACE WITH NEW SOVIET WEAPONS PROGRAMS AS THEY KEEP EXPANDING AND THE SOVIETS TURN MORE AND MORE TO MEASURES INTENDED TO DENY US CRITICAL INFORMATION. WHILE OUR CAPABILITIES AGAINST TERRORISM, NARCOTICS, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, SUBVERSION AND A LONG AND STEADILY GROWING LIST OF OTHER NEW CHALLENGES HAVE

IMPROVED BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS, THEY ARE STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT AND OFTEN BEYOND. AND STILL WE, OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS, MUST TRY TO HOLD IN RESERVE RESOURCES TO MONITOR COUNTLESS WARS AND CRISES AND STILL LOOK TO THE FUTURE.

SO WHILE WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN REBUILDING THIS COUNTRY'S INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS, THE BACKING AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS GOING TO BE NEEDED TO SUSTAIN AND BUILD ON THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE. I AM NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE OR SUPPORT. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT NO MATTER HOW STRENUOUS OUR OWN INTERNAL EFFORTS, WE CANNOT APPROACH OUR JOB WITH A STRICTLY IN-HOUSE MENTALITY. IF WE DON'T TAP THE IMPRESSIVE SOURCES OF EXPERTISE OUTSIDE OUR BUILDING, OUR OWN CAPITAL STOCK OF KNOWLEDGE AND IMAGINATION WILL RAPIDLY DEplete. WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO REBUILD OUR BRIDGES TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY FOLLOWING THE BAD OLD DAYS OF THE VIETNAM ERA. WE SUBMIT MANY OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSESSMENTS FOR REVIEW BY OUTSIDE ACADEMIC EXPERTS WHO WORK WITH US ON A CONSULTANT BASIS.

BUT THERE IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT SOURCE OF OUTSIDE EXPERTISE WE ARE USING MORE EFFECTIVELY -- THE PRIVATE BUSINESS SECTOR. IN ADDITION TO ALL THE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION SERVICES WE SUBSCRIBE TO, THE PUBLICATIONS WE PURCHASE, THE DATABASES WE RECEIVE OR COMPILE, AND OUR OWN PEOPLE OVERSEAS, WE LISTEN CLOSELY TO WHAT THE US BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS TO TELL US. WE FIND U.S. BUSINESSMEN -- WHETHER THEY BE MANUFACTURERS,

BANKERS, OR COMMODITY DEALERS -- READY AND WILLING TO SHARE THEIR INSIGHTS WITH US ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM HIGH-TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE AND JAPAN TO THIRD WORLD DEBT PROBLEMS TO SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASES AND MANY MORE.

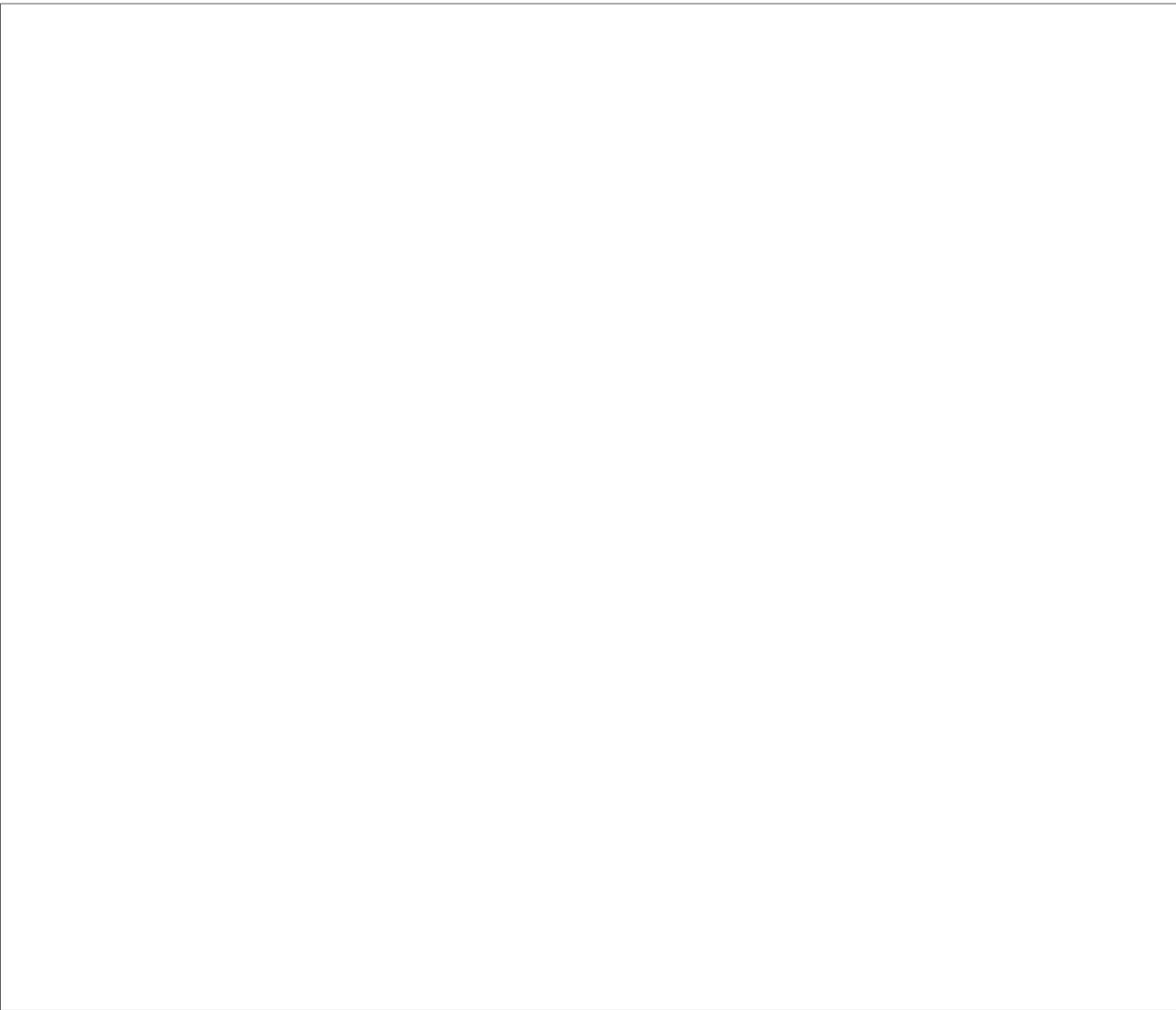
WE KNOW THEY'RE OUT THERE DEALING WITH THEIR FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS EVERY DAY AND HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND IDEAS THAT THE US GOVERNMENT CANNOT GET IN ANY OTHER WAY. WE HAVE REORGANIZED OUR COMPONENT RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING IN TOUCH WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND WE ARE DEVOTING SOME OF OUR BEST TALENT -- AND A LOT OF IT -- TO THE ENDEAVOR. IN SUM, WE VIEW THIS RELATIONSHIP AS ESSENTIAL TO OUR MISSION AND WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT IT REMAINS A STRONG ONE.

BEFORE I SIT DOWN, LET ME LAY DOWN JUST ONE MORE MARKER. I AM SURE YOU HAVE ALL HEARD ABOUT THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S RECENT EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH AN OLD NATIONAL SECURITY PROBLEM THAT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY INTOLERABLE. I AM TALKING ABOUT THE DELIBERATE LEAKING OF SENSITIVE CLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF OUR GOVERNMENT, AND THE REPLAYING OF THAT INFORMATION BY THE MEDIA.

I DON'T HAVE TIME TONIGHT TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE CHAMBER OF HORRORS ON LEAKS. [REDACTED]

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ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST IS THE INVESTIGATIVE TEAMS THE NEW YORK TIMES AND WASHINGTON POST HAVE FORMED TO COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER IN PUBLISHING EXCITING OR CONTROVERSIAL STORIES ON THIS COUNTRY'S INTELLIGENCE EFFORT. AND THEY PROFESS TO BE BEWILDERED WHEN WE DO NOT EXPRESS ENTHUSIASM AND GRATITUDE FOR THIS EFFORT TO TELL WHAT THEY CALL "THE REAL STORY" OF INTELLIGENCE.

WE KNOW WE CAN'T THROW ROCKS AROUND IN A GLASS HOUSE. OUR FIRST PRIORITY MUST BE TO TIGHTEN DISCIPLINE WITHIN OUR

GOVERNMENT AND, BELIEVE ME, WE ARE DOING JUST THAT. WE ARE PUTTING INTO PLACE MECHANISMS TO AGGRESSIVELY INVESTIGATE APPARENT CASES OF LEAKING WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND TO TAKE PUNITIVE AND LEGAL ACTION AGAINST GUILTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS IN RECENT MONTHS.

BUT, OF COURSE, THE LEAK ITSELF IS JUST ONE SIDE OF THE EQUATION. WE HAVE TO DO A MUCH BETTER JOB THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST OF CONVINCING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE MEDIA OF THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND SENSITIVE TECHNICAL COLLECTION SYSTEMS. HERE ARE SOME GOOD ARGUMENTS. WE CAN, AND DO, LOSE SENSITIVE COLLECTION SYSTEMS THAT COST BILLIONS OF HARD EARNED TAX DOLLARS. AGENTS CAN, AND DO, DIE AS A DIRECT RESULT OF LEAKS AND OUR ALLIES CAN, AND DO, LOSE FAITH IN OUR ABILITIES TO PROTECT INFORMATION THEY PASS US. JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF ONE OF OUR CLOSEST ALLIES TOLD US THEY CAN NO LONGER PASS US ADVANCE INFORMATION ON TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. IT HAS HAD ENOUGH OF READING ABOUT ITS MOST SENSITIVE, WELL-PROTECTED INFORMATION IN THE U.S. MEDIA. AND WHEN SOURCES AND METHODS ARE COMPROMISED IN AREAS SUCH AS COUNTERTERRORISM, THE DIRECT RESULT EASILY CAN BE DEAD AMERICAN TOURISTS AND OTHER ORDINARY CITIZENS.

BUT DON'T JUST TAKE MY WORD FOR IT. LET ME QUOTE A MORE PROMINENT AMERICAN PUBLIC FIGURE ON THIS ISSUE. HE HAS SAID THAT

"THE NECESSITY OF PROCURING GOOD INTELLIGENCE IS APPARENT AND NEED NOT BE FURTHER URGED. ALL THAT REMAINS FOR ME TO ADD IS THAT YOU KEEP THE WHOLE MATTER AS SECRET AS POSSIBLE FOR UPON SECRECY SUCCESS DEPENDS IN MOST ENTERPRISES OF THIS KIND AND FOR WANT OF IT THEY ARE GENERALLY DEFEATED."

THAT WAS GEORGE WASHINGTON SPEAKING. YOU KNOW IT'S TRULY AMAZING HOW GOOD MOST OF WASHINGTON'S ADVICE WAS AND HOW WELL IT HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME. IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT A LOT OF HIS ADVICE HAS NOT BEEN EASY TO FOLLOW AND I SUPPOSE THIS IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. BUT IT'S ADVICE THAT I BELIEVE THIS NATION AND ITS ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS HAVE TO ACT ON. IN THIS DANGEROUS WORLD WE LIVE IN AND IN THIS MODERN ERA OF INTELLIGENCE, THE STAKES HAVE BECOME ENTIRELY TOO HIGH TO KEEP SWEEPING THIS PROBLEM UNDER THE RUG.

AS DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE I AM CHARGED BY LAW WITH PROTECTING THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION THAT ENABLE THIS COUNTRY TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS IN AN INCREASINGLY UNFRIENDLY WORLD. AND I AM SURE YOU ARE GOING TO BE HEARING MORE ABOUT OUR EFFORTS. YOU WILL ALSO HEAR CHARGES THAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE THE MEDIA AND UNDERMINE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON YOU TO PUT SUCH SHRILL REACTIONS INTO PERSPECTIVE. I HAVE BEEN A PRACTICING JOURNALIST MYSELF AND NO ONE VALUES MORE THAN I THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND THE ENORMOUS PRIVILEGE OF LIVING IN A

COUNTRY THAT HAS A FREE PRESS. THE MEDIA ALSO NEEDS TO BE REMINDED THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN OF CIA ARE IN A DANGEROUS, DIFFICULT, AND NOT PARTICULARLY WELL PAID PROFESSION BECAUSE THEY WANT TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THAT PRIVILEGE.

BUT NATIONAL SECURITY IS ALSO A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE. OBVIOUSLY WHAT'S NEEDED IS SOME BALANCE AND ACCOMMODATION. THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDIA MUST WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS ARE NOT PUBLISHED. AT THE VERY LEAST THE MEDIA SHOULD CEASE SEEKING SECRETS AS AN END IN ITSELF AND SHOULD EXERCISE CAREFUL JUDGMENT IN PRINTING LEAKED INFORMATION. THAT'S REALLY ALL WE ARE ASKING. AND ONCE AGAIN PEOPLE SUCH AS YOURSELVES CAN BE OF ENORMOUS HELP IN FORGING A NATIONAL CONCENSUS THAT WILL SUPPORT SUCH A MODEST BUT CRITICAL OBJECTIVE.