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CEZANNE - DEGAS - GAUGUIN - MANET -  
PISARRO  
Toulouse-Lautrec

MONET - Renoir  
VAN GOGH

Versailles

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

GOD GRANT THAT NOT ONLY THE LOVE  
OF LIBERTY BUT A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE  
OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN MAY PERVADE  
ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH, SO  
THAT A PHILOSOPHER MAY SET HIS  
FOOT ANYWHERE ON ITS SERVICE  
AND SAY "THIS IS MY COUNTRY"

PRELIM TREATY OF PEACE - US/GB 1782  
WOODROW WILSON - VERSAILLES TREATY 1919

LAFAYETTE → SAV - AUG - SPARTA - MILLEDGE-  
TOWN - COUNTY

HUMAN RTS - PEACE - ECON. BEAUTY -  
FRIENDSHIP. BRAVERY. SECURITY  
EQUALITY

JEFFERSON - BATTLE - SALAMIS. THEMISTOCLES  
VALOR

HUMAN RTS. HISTORICAL INEVITABILITY  
OF OUR TIME

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SAUDI ARABIA ARRIVAL

AI-SAH-LAH-MOO

AH-LAY-KOOM!

PEACE BE UNTO YOU!

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MY TRIP AND THIS VISIT IS PEACE.

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THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF SAUDI ARABIA AND  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS WHEN PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT  
CAME TO THE GULF OF SUEZ TO MEET WITH KING ABDUL AZIZ.

THIS FRIENDSHIP HAS NOW GROWN TO ENCOMPASS <sup>THE</sup> MILLIONS OF  
PEOPLE IN OUR TWO NATIONS.

WE WORK TOGETHER NOW, AND WE PLAN TOGETHER FOR THE FUTURE.

THE TIES WHICH BIND US TOGETHER ARE STRONG AND  
UNBREAKABLE.

ALTHOUGH OUR TIME HERE IS TOO BRIEF, I HAVE ALREADY  
LEARNED MUCH FROM CROWN PRINCE FAHD, PRINCE SAUD AND OTHER  
LEADERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY VISITED ME IN MY COUNTRY.

NOW I AM GLAD TO MEET WITH YOUR MAJESTY FOR CLOSE  
CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF GREAT MUTUAL INTEREST TO OUR PEOPLE.

A MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IS  
THE EARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST.

I RECALL THE TRADITIONAL ARABIC WELCOME:

<sup>a</sup>  
AH-LAN WA <sup>a</sup>  
SAH-LAN.

IT IS SIMPLE AND BEAUTIFUL, AND MY UNDERSTANDING  
IS THAT IT MEANS "YOU ARE AMONG YOUR OWN PEOPLE, AND YOUR STEPS  
SHALL BE UNHINDERED."

SEEING THE GENEROSITY OF THIS WELCOME, I FEEL THAT I AM  
AMONG MY OWN PEOPLE, AND KNOW THAT MY STEPS WILL NOT BE HINDERED  
BECAUSE I WALK THE SAME PATH AS YOUR MAJESTY KING KAHLID,  
TOWARD A COMMON GOAL OF EVEN GREATER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES AND OF PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

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1/6/78

BELGIUM ARRIVAL

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE IN BELGIUM, TO RENEW MY FRIENDSHIP WITH PRIME MINISTER TINDEMAIS, AND TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS KING BAUDOIN (BOW-DWAN) AND QUEEN FABIOLA.

BRUSSELS WAS THE FIRST CITY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE VISITED WHEN HE TOURED THE NATIONS OF OUR TRADITIONAL

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ALLIES ONE YEAR AGO, AND NOW IT IS THE LAST STOP I WILL MAKE BEFORE I RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. FIRST AND LAST, OUR PURPOSE HAS BEEN THE SAME -- TO REAFFIRM, IN TIMES OF CHANGE, OUR UNCHANGING FAITH IN OUR ALLIES.

THIS HAS BEEN A DIVERSE JOURNEY, BUT I HAVE TALKED ABOUT SIMPLE, CONSTANT THEMES. ONE IS THE DEMAND FOR POLITICAL LIBERTIES, FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

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IN THESE QUESTIONS BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE NEVER DIFFERED; FOR THESE VALUES WE HAVE FOUGHT TOGETHER IN WAR AND WORKED TOGETHER IN PEACE.

THE OTHER UNIVERSAL THEME IS THE NEED TO RESOLVE CONFLICT WITHOUT VIOLENCE, TO MAKE PEACE INSTEAD OF WAR. THROUGHOUT THIS CENTURY BELGIUM HAS PAID A HEAVY PRICE FOR OTHER NATIONS' FAILURE TO KEEP THE PEACE.

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NOW BRUSSELS, AS THE HOME OF INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND NATO, REPRESENTS OUR SHARED HOPE FOR A SECURE AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

BRUSSELS IS A BEAUTIFUL CITY, WHICH IS CAN NOW VISIT ALL TOO BRIEFLY. I FEEL AS IF THE WARMTH OF YOUR WELCOME IS A CONSOLATION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF YOUR LAND AND PEOPLE WHEN ROSALYNN



AND I ARE ABLE TO RETURN.

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

NATO

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

JANUARY 6, 1978

*MR CHMND*

MR. SECRETARY GENERAL, GENERAL HAIG, AND MEMBERS  
OF THE COUNCIL.

I AM HAPPY TO MEET AGAIN WITH THE NORTH ATLANTIC  
COUNCIL, AFTER OUR SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON  
LAST MAY.

I COME TO SEE YOU AT THE END OF A JOURNEY  
WHICH HAS TAKEN ME TO SEVEN NATIONS, AND WHICH, FROM  
BEGINNING TO END, HAS REMINDED ME OF THE CAUSES FOR WHICH  
OUR ALLIANCE WAS FORMED.

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AT EVERY POINT ON THIS JOURNEY . . .

AT EVERY POINT ON THIS JOURNEY, IN EAST AND WEST, IN NATIONS TRYING TO COPE WITH THEIR POVERTY AND THOSE ADJUSTING TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF MATERIAL WEALTH, I HAVE EMPHASIZED THE VITALITY OF DEMOCRATIC RULE, INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS, HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE IN THIS HALL UNDERSTAND THOSE VALUES WELL. WITHOUT THEM, THE WEST STANDS FOR NOTHING AT ALL.

AND WE ALSO KNOW, TOO OFTEN FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, THE COST THE DEFENSE OF THESE LIBERTIES CAN DEMAND.

YESTERDAY I WALKED WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING ALONG THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY -- AS I MIGHT ALSO HAVE WALKED IN ANZIO, IN VERDUN, OR HERE IN BELGIUM IN FLANDERS FIELD.

IF THOSE NAMES FILL US SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH MOURNING AND WITH PRIDE, IT IS BECAUSE THEY REMIND US

OF THE PRICE THAT HAS BEEN PAID FOR OUR FREEDOM BEFORE,  
THE PRICE WE HOPE NEVER TO HAVE TO PAY AGAIN.

NO ONE WHO RECALLS THOSE SACRIFICES CAN WISH THEM  
EVER TO BE REPEATED.

THE ANCIENT SOIL OF EUROPE BEARS CONSTANT VISIBLE  
EVIDENCE OF THE CARNAGE THAT WAR INEVITABLY BRINGS.

IN WARSAW, I SAW BRAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE REBUILT MUCH  
OF THE GRACEFUL CITY THAT WAR TOOK FROM THEM; BUT WHAT  
IS NEW ONLY EMPHASIZES HOW MUCH OF THE OLD WAS LOST.

HERE IN BELGIUM, TOO OFTEN THE BATTLEFIELD OF EUROPE,  
EVERY FAMILY KNOWS OF FRIENDS, HOMES, DREAMS THAT HAVE BEEN  
CRUSHED BY WAR.

THAT IS THE CHALLENGE FOR OUR ALLIANCE: TO DEFEND  
OUR VALUES FEARLESSLY, WHILE TIRELESSLY WORKING TO  
PREVENT WAR.

WE KNOW THAT THE PATH . . .

WE KNOW THAT THE PATH TO LASTING PEACE DEPENDS ON HUMAN UNDERSTANDINGS, NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS, ACTS OF GOOD WILL; THE BRAVE INITIATIVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST SHINE A RAY OF HOPE ONTO ALL INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS.

BUT WE ARE UNITED IN BELIEVING THAT OUR DEFENSE MUST ALWAYS BE STRONG ENOUGH TO DETER ANY THOUGHTS OF AGGRESSION -- THAT WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR COMBAT WE ALWAYS HOPE TO AVOID.

WHEN I MET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE ALLIANCE IN LONDON THIS PAST MAY, I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE ALLIES' SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE, AND BY OUR COMMON DETERMINATION TO PREPARE NATO FOR THE CHALLENGES OF THE NEXT DECADE.

AT THAT MEETING, WE AGREED TO EMBARK ON FOUR MAJOR EFFORTS:

-- SHORT TERM MEASURES TO MEET IMMEDIATE MILITARY PROBLEMS;

-- A LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, SURVEYING NATO'S REQUIREMENTS IN TEN SPECIFIC AREAS:

-- AN EAST-WEST STUDY, TO GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF TRENDS IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION, AN OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF WARSAW PACT POWER, AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE NATO ALLIANCE; AND

-- INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COOPERATION IN DEFENSE PROCUREMENT.

WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN MAJOR STEPS IN ALL FOUR AREAS.

I WAS PLEASED BY REPORTS OF THE RECENT MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE TRANS-ATLANTIC DIALOGUE ON DEFENSE TRADE THAT THE INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN PROGRAM GROUP HAS PROPOSED.

TOGETHER WE ARE SETTING . . .

TOGETHER WE ARE SETTING THE NATO ALLIANCE ON A COURSE THAT WILL REAFFIRM OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO PEACE, TO A STRONG AND VITAL ALLIANCE, AND TO MEETING ANY CHALLENGE TO OUR STRENGTH AND COHESION IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

THE LEADERS OF THE ALLIANCE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS, IN A SUMMIT-LEVEL NATO CONFERENCE THIS SPRING.

I HAVE HAPPY TO RENEW MY INVITATION TO THE ALLIANCE TO HOLD THAT MEETING IN WASHINGTON, ON MAY 30 AND 31

THE DEFENSE BUDGET THAT I WILL BE SUBMITTING TO THE CONGRESS LATER THIS MONTH WILL PROVIDE FOR REAL INCREASES IN U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING, MORE THAN COMPENSATING FOR THE EFFECTS OF INFLATION.

EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, A MAJOR PART OF THIS EFFORT WILL RESPOND DIRECTLY TO OUR OBJECTIVES IN THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, AND WILL IMPROVE THE U.S. MILITARY COMMITMENT TO THE ALLIANCE.

THE NUMBER OF U.S. SOLDIERS IN EUROPE WILL INCREASE BY MORE THAN 8,000 IN THE NEXT YEAR AND A HALF, AND WE WILL SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE OUR REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY.

WE HAVE MADE THESE EFFORTS IN THE NAME OF THE ALLIANCE; WE HOPE THAT WITH A FAR REACHING, REALISTIC, LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE WILL MATCH OR EXCEED THE IMPROVEMENTS WHICH WE OURSELVES ARE NOW UNDERTAKING.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN UNDIMINISHED ITS FIRM COMMITMENT TO NATO, AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE FORCES NEEDED TO BACK UP THAT COMMITMENT.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE DOCTRINE, STRATEGY, AND POLICIES OF THE ALLIANCE, INCLUDING FORWARD DEFENSE AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSE.

WE WILL WORK WITH YOU . . .



WE WILL WORK WITH YOU TO MAINTAIN DETERRENCE  
ACROSS THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF STRATEGIC, THEATER  
NUCLEAR, AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES, SO THAT THE WARSAW  
PACT STATES WILL KNOW THAT ALL OF US ARE UNITED IN  
COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE OF ALL THE TERRITORIES OF NATO  
MEMBERS.

THERE WILL BE NO FLAGGING OF AMERICAN WILL OR  
ABILITY TO MEET ALL OF OUR NATO COMMITMENTS, WHICH HAVE  
THE FIRM SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THERE ARE OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES FACING THE  
ALLIANCE.

WE HAVE SET AN EXCELLENT RECORD OF CONSULTING WITH  
ONE ANOTHER, ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES.

THAT CAN AND SHOULD CONTINUE, AND THE UNITED STATES  
WILL INCREASINGLY DRAW THE NATO ALLIES INTO ITS COUNSELS.

AS SALT II PROCEEDS TOWARDS AN AGREEMENT WHICH WE HOPE WILL COME SOON, WE WILL INTENSIFY OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL OF YOU, RECOGNIZING THAT THE COUNCIL IS THE FOCUS OF OUR DELIBERATIONS.

AS WE MOVE BEYOND SALT II, WE WILL UNDERTAKE BROAD DISCUSSIONS HERE ON ALL ALLIED SECURITY ISSUES, INCLUDING GRAY-AREA WEAPONS SYSTEMS. THESE "GRAY-AREA" WEAPONS SYSTEMS ARE PROPERLY AN ALLIED CONCERN; AND THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO TREAT THEM IN THIS WAY, AT A PACE THAT BEST SUITS THE ALLIANCE.

WE MUST APPROACH THESE ISSUES TOGETHER, AS AN ALLIANCE, AND JUDGE EACH QUESTION IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEXT DECADE.

WE MUST ASSURE THAT OUR FORCE PLANNING AND ARMS CONTROL STRATEGIES SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE.

IN SEEKING TO REDUCE TENSIONS . . .

IN SEEKING TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND TO BUILD A MORE STABLE PEACE, THE ALLIANCE SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTION TALKS IN VIENNA.

WE BELIEVE OUR NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS WOULD LEAD TO A MORE STABLE MILITARY SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE, WITH LOWER FORCE LEVELS ON BOTH SIDES.

WE IN THE ALLIANCE ARE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN SEEKING PROGRESS TOWARD A BALANCED OUTCOME THAT PROTECTS OUR INTERESTS, INCLUDING THE NEW NATO INITIATIVE AGREED UPON LAST YEAR.

BUT SERIOUS INTEREST IN MOVING THE TALKS FORWARD CANNOT BE ONE-SIDED.

WE LOOK FOR AN EQUAL COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TOWARD PROGRESS IN THE TALKS FROM THE WARSAW PACT STATES.

LASTLY, AS ALLIES, WE MUST CONTINUE TO PROMOTE OUR STRENGTH IN OTHER AREAS -- ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, MORAL.

IT IS PRECISELY WHEN THE CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY IS GREATEST THAT OUR LEADERS MUST MOST FIRMLY RESIST NON-DEMOCRATIC SOLUTIONS.

I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE, AND NATO ITSELF, WILL BE MORE THAN EQUAL TO THESE TASKS.

I RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES CONFIDENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD WHICH RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS; I KNOW THAT THE SECURITY OF OUR ALLIANCE IS THE ROCK ON WHICH THAT HOPE IS BUILT.

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YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES, DISTINGUISHED OFFICIALS AND  
CITIZENS OF IRAN.

MY OWN NATION HAS BEEN BLESSED THIS YEAR BY AN OFFICIAL  
VISIT OF HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE SHAH AND BY THE SHABANOU,  
EMPRESS FARAH.

THIS WAS A FINE GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP, AND WE ALSO BENEFITTED  
FROM EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OF MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO IRAN AND TO  
THE UNITED STATES.

I AM PROUD AND PLEASED TO COME TO IRAN AT THE END OF THIS  
YEAR, MY FIRST IN OFFICE (AND THE 27<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE SHAH), AND TO  
BEGIN ANOTHER NEW YEAR WITH OUR CLOSE FRIENDS AND ALLIES.

IN THESE TIMES OF ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS, I LOOK FORWARD  
TO CONSULTING WITH THE SHAH ABOUT TWO OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE  
MOST DOMINATED OUR THOUGHTS IN THE YEAR JUST PAST AND WILL REQUIRE  
OUR BEST ACTIONS IN THE YEARS TO COME. /

ONE IS FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE  
WORLD'S RICH AND POOR. /

NONE OF THESE PROBLEMS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ENERGY. /

NEITHER PRODUCER NOR CONSUMER NATIONS CAN SURVIVE AND PROSPER  
IF WE RECKLESSLY EXHAUST THE WORLD'S SUPPLIES OF OIL; AND NEITHER  
GROUP OF NATIONS CAN SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITHOUT THE COOPERATION  
OF THE OTHER. /

IT IS BECAUSE MY NATION TAKES THIS PROBLEM SO SERIOUSLY THAT WE ARE DETERMINED SOON TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE WASTE AND TO DEVELOP ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY SUPPLY.

WE ARE COOPERATING CLOSELY WITH IRAN. IT IS BECAUSE I RESPECT THE SHAH'S LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA THAT I HAVE COME TO HIM FOR CONSULTATION AND ADVICE.

THE OTHER GREAT ISSUE IS BRINGING PEACE TO TROUBLED AREAS OF THE WORLD AND TURNING BACK THE RISING TIDE OF ARMAMENTS.

THE SHAH AND I SHARE A HOPE THAT PEACE WILL COME SOON TO THE MIDDLE EAST; AND THAT, AS OUR MILITARY ALLIANCE REMAINS UNSHAKEABLE, WE MAY HELP TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF TENSION AND ARMAMENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE INTERESTS OF OUR NATIONS ARE BUILT ON THE INTERESTS  
OF INDIVIDUALS, AND IN ALL OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WE EMPHASIZE  
GUARANTEEING OUR CITIZENS THE FULLEST ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL HUMAN  
RIGHTS. /

I COME WITH WARM PERSONAL FEELINGS FOR THE LEADERS OF IRAN,  
*BEST NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM THE U.S.*  
AND I BRING ~~THE WARM WISHES OF MY COUNTRY~~ FOR THE PEOPLE OF  
YOUR GREAT COUNTRY.

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