

MR. GENERAL SECRETARY, I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR

YOUR WARM WORDS OF WELCOME. I AM PLEASED TO MEET YOU AND

YOUR COLLEAGUES. YOUR HOSPITALITY IS ALREADY WELL KNOWN TO

MANY AMERICANS. I EXPERIENCED IT MYSELF IN THE 1950'S. THIS

HOSPITALITY NOW EXTENDS ACROSS THE ENTIRE BREADTH OF THE SOVIET

UNION.

THIS IS MY FIRST TRIP OVERSEAS AS PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A REFLECTION OF AMERICA'S DESIRE  
TO MAINTAIN CONTINUING CLOSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTACTS WITH  
OTHER COUNTRIES AS WE SEEK A BETTER WORLD. I AM CONVINCED  
DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN WORLD LEADERS IS A KEY ELEMENT IN ACHIEVING  
INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND PEACE.

THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF  
OUR TWO COUNTRIES REFLECTS THE STEADY IMPROVEMENT IN U. S. -SOVIET  
RELATIONS DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS. MANY IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS  
HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. THEY ARE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE  
RECOGNIZED OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP ENSURE INTERNATIONAL PEACE  
AND WELL-BEING. THERE CAN BE NO LASTING PEACE WITHOUT RESTRAINT  
IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BY THE GREAT POWERS.

WE CAN POINT WITH SATISFACTION TO THE STRATEGIC  
ARMS LIMITATIONS THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION HAVE NEGOTIATED  
IN THE PAST THREE YEARS. NOW OUR TASK IS TO AGREE ON FURTHER  
LIMITATIONS TO STEM THE GROWTH OF STRATEGIC ARMS. ON THIS AND  
OTHER PROBLEMS, DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX ISSUES STILL CONFRONT US.  
BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE A STRONG FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO  
BUILD A LASTING RELATIONSHIP OF PEACE AND COOPERATION.

IF WE APPROACH OUR TASK BOLDLY - AND WITH IMAGINATION --

I AM CONFIDENT OUR HISTORIC JOINT ENDEAVOR WILL SUCCEED.

MR. GENERAL SECRETARY, OUR MEETING IS POSITIVE EVIDENCE OF OUR COMMON DETERMINATION TO SEEK WAYS TO DEAL WITH THESE CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS. I AM CONVINCED THAT WE CAN ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN PEOPLES, AND OF ALL HUMANITY.

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