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MIPT: PRESIDENT REAGAN'S 18 NOVEMBER SPEECH

1. FOLLOWING IS KEYNOTE EXTRACT FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH:
QUOTE IN THESE LAST SIX YEARS, FROM EL SALVADOR TO THE
PHILIPPINES TO GRENADA, WE HAVE ONCE AGAIN BECOME TRUE TO OUR
HERITAGE OF HELPING TO HOLD OUT FREEDOM'S HAND. AND IN OUR TALKS
WITH THE SOVIET UNION, WE HAVE PUT ASIDE THE OLD, WORN DOCTRINE
THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH
SOVIET BEHAVIOUR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, OR WITH THE SOVIET TREATMENT
OF ITS OWN PEOPLES AT HOME. WE HAVE SAID THAT GREATER RESPECT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION IS A FUNDAMENTAL CONDITION OF
TRUE PEACE BETWEEN US AND THAT ARMS NEGOTIATIONS THAT REDUCE OUR
ARSENALS BUT DO NOTHING ABOUT THE REASONS THEY WERE BUILT IN THE
FIRST PLACE HAVE LITTLE CHANCE FOR LASTING SUCCESS. WE HAVE
REAFFIRMED A RULE AS TIMELESS AS COMMON SENSE - NATIONS DO NOT
HAVE DISAGREEMENTS BECAUSE THEY ARE ARMED; THEY ARE ARMED BECAUSE
THEY HAVE DISAGREEMENTS. THIS RECLAIMING OF OLD VALUES IS WHY
AMERICA IS MORE UNITED TODAY THAN IN TWO DECADES. IT IS WHY WE
ARE SEEING ONCE AGAIN A BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS EMERGE ON FOREIGN
POLICY. IT IS WHY OUR ALLIANCE IS STRONGER TODAY THAN IT HAS BEEN
IN MANY YEARS. AND IT IS WHY YOU MIGHT NOTICE THAT, EVERY NOW AND
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QUOTE ... THIS NEW POSITION OF STRENGTH FOR THE WEST IS THE
BACKDROP FOR THE TALKS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING ON ARMS REDUCTION WITH
THE SOVIETS. AND THAT'S WHY WE BELIEVE THAT WE MADE MORE PROGRESS
IN OUR MEETING IN ICELAND IN TWO DAYS THAN OUR NEGOTIATORS IN
GENEVA MADE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. WELL, ALL OF OUR PROPOSALS ARE
STILL ON THE TABLE, AND WE SEE NO REASON THAT OUR NEGOTIATING
TEAMS SHOULDN'T PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF. THE SOVIETS HAVE SENT
SIGNALS THAT THEY BELIEVE THIS, TOO. THIS PAST WEEKEND, AS YOU
KNOW, I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER. WE AGREED ON PRIORITIES
FOR ARMS REDUCTION TALKS - 50 PER CENT REDUCTIONS IN STRATEGIC
OFFENSIVE WEAPONS, SWEEPING REDUCTIONS IN INTERMEDIATE-RANGE
MISSILES, A BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, ADDRESSING CONVENTIONAL
FORCE IMBALANCES. AMERICA WILL GO INTO THOSE TALKS WITH THE
SUPPORT OF OUR ALLIES, AND, I HOPE, THE SUPPORT OF CONGRESS, AS
WELL. THIS SHOULD BE A PILLAR OF OUR NEW BIPARTISAN CONSENSUS -
WE WILL NOT GIVE AWAY IN WASHINGTON WHAT WE ARE NEGOTIATING OVER
IN GENEVA. UNQUOTE

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