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MIDEAST TRIP ARRIVAL STATEMENT

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Good morning.

Less than twenty-four hours ago, I stood with the brave men and women of our armed forces stationed at Tactical Assembly Area Liberty in the desert sands of Kuwait.

I went there to express my pride -- and the pride I know all Americans share -- in the job our military is doing to protect our interests in the Persian Gulf. Our troops are living in difficult conditions, but I saw in their faces the pride they have in their work and the work of our coalition partners, and I can tell all Americans:

their morale is high and they are prepared and ready to do what they must to stand watch for freedom. And anyone who doubts it should go see what I saw in the deserts of Kuwait.

**I also wish that all Americans could have been with me
earlier this week in the Wadi Arava on the border
between Israel and Jordan.**

There, in the middle of the ancient Rift Valley, soldiers of those nations reached across 47 years of hostility and shook hands in a gesture of true, moving reconciliation, just as their leaders found the courage to sign the peace treaty -- a crucial step on the road to a comprehensive peace throughout the Middle East.

*a note must stay on
until the job is done.*

Israel and Jordan looked to America to help them make peace, and they and the other nations of the region will continue to look to us in the months and years ahead.

And as I said in every one of the six nations I visited, the United States will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with those willing to take the risks for peace -- those who stand up for change in the face of the terrorists and extremists who seek to destroy the peace by killing the innocent.

**But they cannot, they must not and they will not
succeed. They are the past. The peacemakers are the
future.**

My trip to the Middle East is a reminder that we live in times when the spirit of America -- our freedom, our vitality, our strength ^{our respect for others} and our commitment to the future -- ^{And to such peace-loving democracy} is still a driving force in the lives of peace-loving peoples around the world.

That is why we are trusted to support the people of the Middle East -- and people from South Africa to Haiti to Northern Ireland to the former Soviet Union ^{in their courageous efforts} to escape the shackles of the past and ~~courageously work~~ ^{for tomorrow.} to realize their dreams. Our efforts in these places also advance our own interests.

Their successes strengthen our security and promise us
 more prosperity in a world that daily grows more
^{under}
 independent.

As we support ^{others} ~~them~~ in renewing themselves, we must
 continue the work of ^{at} ~~renewing~~ ^{own} our nation. For the
 source of our ability to lead ~~is~~ beyond our borders ^{is} ~~in~~ the
^{the} strength of ^{here} American dream ^{at} home.

In every community, every school, and every workplace,
 deal w/ the 45+ challenges
 great probs + greater number of on time by the - a future.
 we must ^{long} turn from the past ^{to} and embrace a future where
 ordinary Americans build strong families with good jobs
 in safe communities, served by a government that neither
^{our} interferes with ~~their~~ lives nor walks away from ^{all} ~~us~~,...

... but empowers and challenges us to make the most of our God-given potential.

That is exactly what we have begun to do. ~~To achieve prosperity and progress,~~ ^{we} we have made a strong start in putting government on the side of ordinary Americans, creating jobs and stimulating growth, and in building a world more secure, more free, more prosperous ~~for~~ ourselves and for our children.

Like people all over the world who are drawing on our strength and our spirit to help make their dreams real, ^{American} we must renew ^{our} our faith in the greatness ^{+ untold potential} of our country. ~~so that we can~~ ^{must} keep moving forward here at home ~~so that we can fulfill our dreams~~ with no thought of turning
 & have looked into the faces of millions

Thanks very much for coming out this morning. It's been an exciting and moving trip -- but it's great to be home.