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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
REMARKS AT THE SIGNING OF THE JORDAN-
ISRAEL PEACE TREATY
ON THE JORDANIAN/ISRAELI BORDER
OCTOBER 26, 1994**

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We gather to witness the dawn of a peace for the
generations.

In this ancient place we celebrate the history and the faith of Israelis and Jordanians. But we break the chains of the past that for so long have kept them all shackled in the shadows of strife and suffering. We celebrate a peace wrought by two brave leaders who saw the bright horizon of this dawn even when the darkness lingered.

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Today we remember those who labored to show us the way. Anwar Sadat, who gave his life for his vision of a new Middle East....Menachem Begin, who overcame a life of struggle to extend the hand of reconciliation.....President Carter, who forged the peace of Camp David....President Bush and our Russian partners, who brought together Israel and her neighbors. And, we also applaud the efforts of the Israeli and Palestinian leaders who brought about the agreement for peace and are now working to implement it -- Prime Minister Rabin, Foreign Minister Peres and Chairman Arafat.

Today we honor the constant, devoted work of two courageous leaders -- two who have risked everything so that their children, and their children's children, need fight nor fear no more.

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Now, after so much dangers and hardship, Your Majesty, your day has come. You have fulfilled your grandfather's legacy.

Prime Minister Rabin, you have spent your life at war -- fighting first to establish your country and then to defend it. For a lifetime you fought with skill, tenacity and courage to achieve a secure and lasting peace for your people. Now you have given your people the hope of life after the siege -- and, in your own words, you have challenged them to furnish the house of Israel and make it a home. As a general, you won many battles.

Now you command the army of peace. That is your greatest victory, and we salute you.

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Now all of you -- Israeli, Jordanian, Palestinian -- must tend your peace and make it real. You must turn no man's land into everyman's home. You must remove the barbed wires and deadly mines. Help the wounds of war to heal. Open the borders between your people. Allow them first to imagine -- then to build -- quiet, normal lives.

The forces of terror will try to hold you back. Already they take deadly aim at the future of peace. In their zeal to kill hope and keep hatred alive, they would deny all that peace can bring to your children. We cannot -- we must not -- let them succeed.

We must stand up for the future and the children they would abandon. That is the true meaning, the great promise, of this treaty.

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And we will be here long after the feast of celebration gives way to the hard work of progress.

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[In the words of my faith....]

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Now all of you -- Israeli, Jordanian, Palestinian -- must tend your peace and make it real. You must turn no man's land into everyman's home. You must remove the barbed wires and deadly mines. Help the wounds of war to heal. Open the borders between your people. Allow them first to imagine -- and then to build -- quiet, normal lives.

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10/22/94, 9 pm

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**PRESIDENT WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON
REMARKS AT THE SIGNING OF THE JORDAN-ISRAEL PEACE TREATY
ON THE JORDANIAN/ISRAELI BORDER
OCTOBER 27, 1994**

King Hussein, Prime Minister Rabin, people of Jordan and Israel:

We gather to witness the dawn of a peace for the generations.

In this ancient place we renew our faith. We celebrate a peace between two peoples who for too long have survived in the shadows of strife. A peace wrought by two brave leaders who have seen the bright horizon of this dawn where others have seen only darkness.

It is fitting that we gather here, in the depths of the Great Rift Valley, to bridge the tragic gap that has separated your peoples. It is said that the vast, bleached surface of the desert ^{hides} masks great signs of life. Today we find proof -- in the ^{peace} form of a treaty that will take root in new soil, grow to great heights and shelter generations to come. Today, peace between Jordan and Israel is no longer a mirage. It is as real as the sands that surround us, and the mountains and seas beyond.

Today we are privileged to take part in history. And as we write a new chapter, we remember those who labored to show us the way. Anwar Sadat, ^{who gave his life for} his vision of a new Middle East, and Menachem Begin, President Carter, who ^{foraged the} made Camp David a symbol of peace. President Bush, who brought together Israel and her

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