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"WE MUST AND WILL MAINTAIN A STRONG ARM BALANCED DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT ADEQUATE TO THE TASK OF SECURITY AND PEACE.

"THERE MUST BE NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR STRATEGIC NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, OUR CAPACITY TO MEET LIMITED CHALLENGES, AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACT WHEN OUR VITAL INTERESTS ARE THREATENED."

THE DRAFT PLATFORM RECOMMENDED THAT TO THIS END, THE UNITED STATES "PLEDGE A VIGOROUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORT."

THIS DRAFT OF THE PLATFORM WAS PREPARED BY A 22-MEMBER STEERING PANEL AND APPROVED BY THE FULL PLATFORM COMMITTEE.

IN A WIDE RANGING REVIEW OF THE FOREIGN SCENE, THE PLATFORM SAID: "WE FACE DIFFICULT AND TRYING TIMES IN ASIA AND IN EUROPE.

"WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMMITMENTS WE CANNOT ESCAPE WITH HONOR.

"BUT WE ARE NOT ALONE. WE HAVE FRIENDS AND ALLIES AROUND THE WORLD. WE WILL CONSULT WITH THEM AND ASK THEM TO ACCEPT A FAIR SHARE OF THE BURDENS OF PEACE AND SECURITY."

THE PLATFORM SAID THAT "THE SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS" OF PREVIOUS YEARS SHOULD NOT BE OBSCURED BY "THESE DARK DAYS."

AS EXAMPLES, IT POINTED TO THE NUCLEAR TEST BAN, THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, SPACE AND OUTER SPACE TREATIES, AND THE "HOT LINE."

"THESE HARD WON AGREEMENTS," IT SAID, "PROVIDE THE BASE FOR PURSUING OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR."

THE PLATFORM SAID THAT THE UNPRECEDENTED EXPANSION OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY "HAS INVIGORATED THE WHOLE FREE WORLD."

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