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43.

WASHINGTON –

“the eleventh” “Thank you” “Mosul and Najaf” “oil”
“Joe Gildenhorn” “Woodrow” “the terrorists”
“September” “viewed threats” “peace” “At any point...”
“for inviting me” “God” “Saddamists” “and” “rejectionists”

“Ordinary
Iraqis”

“May God bless you all” “we are” “foment” “most” “very”
“and” “so” “Oceans and friendly”

“neighbors” “that” “story” “that” “freedom”
“the story of” “even” “was” “we learned” “more”
“even”
“than” “before”

“Now” “It is true much”
“Sunni” “And” “Condi” “was” “even”
WASHINGTON—“Such”
“Imagined” “Ever” (Pause) “Even”

“And” “and they are trying to foment”
 (“Warm welcome”)
“Ryan McGlothlin from Lebanon, Virginia” “a Marine lieutenant”

*President George W. Bush's address from the Woodrow Wilson
International Center for Scholars, December 14, 2005*

42.

WASHINGTON__

"I have done wrong" "O Lord"

"unusual for me"

"A Jewish friend of mine" "in Florida"

"I prayed" "From the Yom Kippur liturgy"

"God" "my" "little boy" "down"

"Vice" "it means" "Ms."

"that" "glasses" "forget this" "are" "out"

"Mr." "Lord" "President"

"as you imagine" "peace" "and" "defense" "and" "repentance"

"pastoral support" "I seek"

"turning" "that" "comes" "not" "easily"

"not" "at" "all" "like" "legal" "Lewinsky"

"or" (semi-

colon) "light in my life" "friends"

"After I" "caution" "read my"

"bible" "It means starting all over again"

"Back toward" "that" "Lord" "my hands"

"I don't think there is a fancy way to describe"

"Cabinet" "O" "Ladies and"

*President Bill Clinton's televised address to the American
People, September 11, 1998*

41.

WASHINGTON—

“Mr.” “and” “General” “here in this chamber”

“Kuwait” “within 3 days” “they’re brave, they’re well-trained” “in”

“Helsinki” “Arabia”

“armed forces” “Knoxville” “especially Wade

Fletcher” “at stake in” “mandated

“sequester” “—and we will” “Saudi” “—and we

will” “Gorbachev”

“—and we will” “new world order” “and that’s just the way it’s going to be”

“Mr.” “America” “Mr.” “Schwartzkopf”

“our hearts” “as significant as they are tragic” “toil”

“are smaller” “and” “domestic”

“are” “God” “gulf” “ed” (comma) “are” “oil” “ed”

“are” “dying” “in” “corridors” “of” “annex”

“peace” “in the sand and the heat

and the sun” “Yes,”

“its trusting and much weaker”

“from”

“witness” “in that distant desert”

“Children”

“the United Arab Emirates”

*President George H. W. Bush’s address before a Joint Session of Congress,
September 11, 1990*

40.

ORLANDO—

“Those of you” “Nancy and I”

“pulpits aflame with righteousness” “whether”

“and believe me” “a great” “Birth and abortion” “many times”

“so sacred” “Henry Hyde” “East room” “editorializing” “intercessionary prayer”

“Well” “Abraham Lincoln” “evangelical minister”

“Well, “De Tocqueville” “Founding fathers” “George Washington” “tyrants”

“Well,” “William Penn” “evil empire” “Jefferson” “Politician”

“Well,” “disabled and handicapped persons” “sexually active” “Judeo-Christian” “infants”

“Soviets” “Soviet”

“the Soviet’s”

“Soviet”

“Lord Jesus” “Good Marxist-Leninists” “Soviets”

“The Declaration of Independence” “quoting” “Supreme Being” “parents”

“goodness and greatness” “Heaven’s Gate” “National Association”

“Thomas Paine” “well,” “well, “ well,” “Screwtape” “peace” “nuclear”

“apparent”

“Whitaker Chambers” “humanitarian” “my” “Nancy” “my” “proletariat”

“God” “God” “God” “‘sexually active’—and that has replaced”

“‘Girls’” “quiet men with white collars”

“the word ‘promiscuous’” “The United States”

President Ronald Reagan's speech to the National Association of Evangelicals, March 8, 1983

39.

WASHINGTON—

“evening” “Middle East” “energy crisis” “dreams”
“for the fifth time” “inflation” “Mississippi” “Camp David”
“stand by” “teachers and preachers” “I plan to speak”
“some people” “isolated”

“black woman” “I have a notebook” “D.C.”
“and” (exclamation point) “Martin Luther”
“a” “longing for meaning”
“two thirds of our people” “Let me” “America” “feeling” “King, Jr.”

“stretched” “is” “wasted”
“moral equivalent” “on many occasions” “we are the heirs” “a refinery or a
pipeline”
“our neck” “OPEC” “stagnation”
“God’s love” “the dusty” “unyielding” “advice”

“of a generation” “This is special” “I accepted the nomination”
“the talks” “the press conferences” “our faith”
“conservation” “patriotism”
“every house in” “gasoline” “legislation”

“unmatched economic power and military might”
“everywhere in the world” “the moon”
“tonight”

*President Jimmy Carter’s televised speech to the American people, July
15, 1979*

38.

WASHINGTON—

“Presidency” “under extraordinary”

“but” “backwards” “not” “sought”

“George” “campaigns for”

“not” “not” “not” “not”

“inaugural address” “not fireside chat”

“countless” “Mr. Chief” “never elected me”

“Nixon” “my dear wife” “I am acutely aware that”

“enormous responsibility”

“of” “my friends” “and are my friends” “are” “as well”

“the people’s” “God helping me” “hope”

“Watergate” “prayers” “but” “I will not let you down” “itself”

“national nightmare” “the oath”

“my fellow” “whose” “sincere peace” “not of men”

“is” “stand still or slip backwards” “government” “the very best I can”

“this” “civilization” “that” “befell” “countrymen”

“be shining” “I have witnessed at close hand”

“My fellow” “just a little straight talk among friends”

“the Nation”

“never before experienced by Americans”

President Gerald Ford’s Speech to the American people after taking the Oath of Office, broadcast live on television and radio, August 9, 1974 at 12:05 p.m. Assistant to the President Alexander Haig announced Richard Nixon’s Resignation 30 minutes prior.

37.

WASHINGTON—

“Ho Chi” “Americanized” “I am” “mindful” “thereby” “combat advisers”
“I am sure you understand” “North”
“French” “Dr. Kissinger” “summed up in a sentence” “more died”
“sustained by your prayers” “eloquence and clarity” “conflict and war”

“That is why” “in”
“to prevent future Vietnams” “The Saigon government has pledged”
“Western hemispheres” “I sent a letter” “to...Minh”
“So we are going” “take-it-or-leave-it” “Kennedy”

“But even then” “infiltration, infiltration” “that”
“I believe it will succeed” “If it does succeed” “I should end”
“pledge” “I pledged” “lets down friends” “the sooner that”
“changed general” “rate of withdrawal will depend”

“I have not and do not intend” “on”
“Vietnamization” “to” “Berlin” “television” “southeast Asia”
“before the United nations” “Guam”
“Johnson’s” “without” “orderly and scheduled timetable”

“the great question is:” “both sides turned their faces toward”
“On several occasions” “Well now” “Eisenhower”
“Communist takeover” “I realize that this report”

President Richard Nixon’s Address to the Nation, November 3, 1969.

36.

BALTIMORE—

“I have seen the night illuminated”

“soil steaming” “while” “ceaseless cold held sway”

“Americans and Asians”

“Out” “in the valleys of Pennsylvania”

“in” “South” “Berlin” “in” “South” “Mekong”

“in” “South” “Tibet” “in” “—Nam”

“in” “South” “Europe” “in” “South” “Peking”

“where” “North” “of” “South China” “are” “all”

“Viet—” “under” “cloak of meaningless”

“as it is” “around”

“the” “the” “the” “regime” “of” “agreements”

“Hitherto” “shalt” “come” “it is” “further” “it is bound”

“to” “the infirmities of man”

“filled with terrible irony”

“heartbeat” “are” “in the hands

of others besides”

“ourselves” “who” “do” “sway”

“well,” “we have no desire”

“to devastate” “or” “grow tired” “on” “that bright and necessary day”

*President Lyndon B. Johnson's Address before Johns Hopkins University,
April 7, 1965*

35.

HOUSTON—

“Senator Wiley” “spacecraft” “Let us” “Mallory” “an” “Everest”
“some say, the moon?” “some say” “the Soviet Union”
“we know” “under” “outer-space” “man emerged from his caves”
“we” “who” “have vowed” “will reap the harvest of these grains”

“man emerged from his caves” “learned to use the skins of animals”
“in the decade of” “Atlas” “the coming age”
“went” “Cape Canaveral”
“We have felt the ground shake”

“so” “President” “so” “Congressman” “so” “Pitzer”
“and” “Governor” “and” “some” “God’s” “Miller”
“Penicillin and television” “Thomas” “and” “Webb” “Mr.”
“the exploration of space will go” “good or ill”

“observation” “Why does Rice play Texas?” “Because”
“theater of war”
“the opening vistas of space” “because”
“it is there” “our” “sea of peace or”

“the Soviet Union” “science and education”
“accelerators on the floor”
“miles” “and” “miles away from the control station”

*President John F. Kennedy’s Address before Rice University, September
12, 1962*

34.

WASHINGTON—

“And fifth” “if we failed to strive to seize this chance”
“most solemnly and repeatedly” “to” “accept with humility”
“our” “inalienable” “right to” “self-deceit of easy illusion” “events”
“will” “by” “God” “Germany”

“Soviet Union” “Soviet Union” “Soviet conduct”
“Soviet leaders” “Soviet Union” “Austrian treaty”
“Eastern Europe” “from a cross or iron” “the death of Joseph Stalin”
“Korea” “Korea” “Korea”

“common hunger for peace” “soldiers of Russia”
“All these war-weary peoples” “from the Baltic to the sea”
“without ulterior” “oratory” “choosing” “a” “govern”
“by milk and by wool” “by meat”

“It is” “It is” “It is” “to this end” “Japan”
“we are prepared to reaffirm” “purpose lasted
an instant and perished” “and”
“again” “unaffected” “was” “its shadow” “that”

“darkly lengthened” “Indochina and Malaya” “the wealthland” “it came to
pass”
“whatsoever” “signifies”
“our right to” “through the aftermath”

*President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s Address before the American Society of
Newspaper Editors broadcast over television and radio, April 16, 1953.*



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