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2 Thank you very much, my fellow Americans. Good evening. Let me
begin by

3 congratulating the team at NASA and our brave astronauts on the
successful launch of Artemis 2. It was quite something.

4 It will be traveling further than any manned rocket has ever flown and will
very substantially pass the moon, go

5 around it, and come back home from a distance that has never been
done before. It's amazing.

6 They are on the way. And God bless them.

7 These are brave people. We want to God bless those four unbelievable
astronauts.

8 As we speak this evening, it's been just one month since the United
States military began operation

9 EPIC Fury targeting the world's number one state sponsor of terror, Iran.

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10 In these past four weeks, our armed forces have delivered swift,
decisive,

11 overwhelming victories on the battlefield.

12 Victories like few people have ever seen before.

13 Tonight, Iran's navy is gone. Their air forces in ruins. Their leaders, most
of

14 them terrorist regime they led are now dead.

15 Their command and control of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps is
being decimated as we speak. Their ability to

16 launch missiles and drones is dramatically curtailed and their weapons,
factories, and rocket launchers

17 are being blown to pieces. Very few of them left.

18 Never in the history of warfare has an enemy suffered such clear and
devastating large-scale losses in a

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19 matter of weeks. Our enemies are losing and America as it has been for
five

20 years under my presidency is winning and now winning bigger than ever
before.

21 Before discussing this current situation, I also want to thank our troops
for the masterful job they did in

22 taking the country of Venezuela in a matter of minutes.

23 That it was quick, lethal, violent, and respected by everyone all over the
world. After rebuilding our military

24 during my first term, we have by far the strongest military anywhere in
the world. And now we're working along with Venezuela.

25 Are in a true sense joint venture partners. We're getting along incredibly
well in the production and sale of massive amounts of oil and gas. The

26 second largest reserves on Earth after the United States of America.

27 We're now totally independent of the Middle East and yet we are there to
help. We don't have to be there. We

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28 don't need their oil. We don't need anything they have, but we're there to help our allies. Tonight, I want to provide an update on the tremendous

29 progress our warriors have made in Iran and discuss why Operation Epic Fury is necessary for the safety of America and

30 the security of the free world. From the very first day I announced my campaign for president in 2015,

31 I have vowed that I would never allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon. This fanatical regime has been chanting death

32 to America, death to Israel. For 47 years, their proxies were behind the

33 murder of 241 Americans in the Marine barracks bombing in Beirut, the slaughter of hundreds of our service

34 members with roadside bombs. They were involved in the attack on the USS Cole and they carried out the countless other

35 heinous acts including the blood just horrible bloody atrocities of October

36 7th in Israel. Something that most people have never seen anything like it.

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37 This murderous regime also recently killed 45,000 of their own people
who were protesting in Iran. 45,000 dead.

38 For these terrorists to have nuclear weapons would be an intolerable
threat.

39 The most violent and thuggish regime on Earth would be free to carry
out their campaigns of terror, coercion, conquest,

40 and mass murder from behind a nuclear shield. I will never let that
happen,

41 and neither should any of our past presidents. This situation has been
going on for 47 years and should have

42 been handled long before I arrived in office. I did many things during my
two terms in office to stop the quest for

43 nuclear weapons by Iran first. And perhaps most importantly, I killed
General Cassam Salamini in my first term. He was an evil genius,

44 brilliant person, a horrible human being. However, the father of the
roadside bomb and he lived just horrible

45 what he did. Iran would have been perhaps in far better, stronger
position. He lived, we would have had

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probably a different conversation tonight, but you know what? We'd still
46 be winning and winning big. And then very importantly, I terminated
Barack

47 Hussein Obama's Iran nuclear deal, a disaster. Obama gave them \$1.7
billion

48 dollar in cash. Green green cash. Took it out of banks from Virginia, DC,
and

49 Maryland. All the cash they had, flew it by airplanes in an attempt to buy
their respect and loyalty, but it didn't work.

50 They laughed at our president and went on with their mission to have a
nuclear bomb. His Iran deal would have led to a

51 colos

sal arsenal of massive nuclear weapons for Iran and they would have
52 had them years ago and they would have used them. Would have been
a different world.

There would have been no Middle East and no Israel right now in my
53 opinion, the opinion of a lot of great experts had I not terminated that
terrible deal. And I

was I was so honored to do it. I was so proud to do it. It was so bad right
54 from the beginning. Essentially, I did what no other president was willing
to do.

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55 They made mistakes and I am correcting them. My first preference was
always the path of diplomacy. Yet, the regime

56 continued their relentless quest for nuclear weapons and rejected every
attempt at an agreement. For this

57 reason, in June, I ordered a strike on Iran's key nuclear facilities and
operation midnight hammer. Nobody's ever seen

58 anything like it. Those beautiful B2 bombers performed magnificently.

59 We totally obliterated those nuclear sites. The regime then sought to
rebuild their nuclear program at a totally

60 different location, making clear they had no intention of abandoning their
pursuit of nuclear weapons.

61 They were also rapidly building a vast stockpile of conventional ballistic
missiles and would soon have had

62 missiles that could reach the American homeland, Europe, and virtually
any other place on Earth. Iran's strategy

63 was so obvious. They wanted to produce as many missiles as possible,
and they did with the longest range possible. And

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they had some weapons that nobody believed they had. We just learned
64 that out. We took them out. We took them all out so that no one would
really dare

stop them. And their race for a nuclear bomb, a nuclear weapon, a
65 nuclear weapon like nobody's ever seen before. They were right at the
doorstep. For years,

66 everyone has said that Iran cannot have nuclear weapons. But in the
end, those are just words if you're not willing to

67 take action when the time comes. As I stated in my announcement of
Operation Epic Fury, our objectives are very

68 simple and clear. We are systematically dismantling the regime's ability
to threaten America or project power

69 outside of their borders. That means eliminating Iran's navy, which is
now absolutely destroyed,

hurting their air force and their missile program at levels never seen
70 before, and annihilating their defense industrial base. We've done all of
it.

71 Their navy is gone, their air force is gone. Their missiles are just about
used up or beaten. Taken together, these actions will Iran military,

72 crush their ability to support terrorist proxies, and deny them the ability to
build a nuclear bomb. Our armed forces

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73 have been extraordinary. There's never been anything like it militarily.

74 Everyone is talking about it. And tonight, I'm pleased to say that these core strategic objectives are nearing

75 completion. As we celebrate this progress, we think especially of the 13 American warriors who have laid down

76 their lives in this fight to prevent our children from ever having to face a nuclear Iran. Twice this past month, I have traveled to Dover Air Force Base,

77 and it's been something. I wanted to be with those heroes as they returned to American soil. and I was with them and

78 their families, their parents, their wives, the husbands. We salute them. And now we must honor them by completing the mission for which they gave their lives.

79 And every single one of the people, their loved ones said, "Please, sir,

80 please finish the job." Every one of them. And we are going to finish the job. And we're going to finish it very fast. We're getting very close. I want to thank our allies in the Middle East,

81 Israel, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the UAE, Kuwait, and Bahrain. They've been great,

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82 and we will not let them get hurt or fail in any way, shape, or form. Many
Americans have been concerned to see the

83 recent rise in gasoline prices here at home.

This short-term increase has been entirely the result of the Iranian
84 regime launching deranged terror attacks against commercial oil tankers
and

85 neighboring countries that have nothing to do with the conflict. This is yet
more proof that Iran can never be

86 trusted with nuclear weapons. They will use them and they will use them
quickly. It would lead to decades of extortion,

economic pain, and instability worse than we can ever imagine. The
87 United States has never been better prepared economically to confront
this threat.

88 You all know that. We built the strongest economy in history. We're
going through it right now. The strongest in history. In one year, we've

89 taken a dead and crippled country. I hate to say that, but we were a
dead and

90 crippled country after the last administration and made it the hottest
country anywhere in the world by far

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91 with no inflation. Record setting investments coming into the United States, over \$18 trillion, and the

92 highest stock market ever with 53 all-time record highs in just one year.

93 It all positioned us to get rid of a cancer that has long simmered. It's known as the nuclear Iran. And they

94 didn't know what was coming. They've never imagined it. Remember, because of our drill a baby drill program, America has plenty of gas. We have so much gas.

95 Under my leadership, we are number one producer of oil and gas on the planet.

96 Without even discussing the millions of barrels that we're getting from Venezuela,

97 because of the Trump administration's policies, we produce more oil and gas than Saudi Arabia and Russia combined.

98 Think of that. Saudi Arabia and Russia combined. And that number will soon be substantially higher than that. There's

99 no country like us anywhere in the world. And we're in great shape for the future. here. The United States imports

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100 almost no oil through the Hormo Strait and won't be taking any in the future.

101 We don't need it. We haven't needed it and we don't need it. We've beaten and completely decimated Iran. They are

102 decimated both militarily and economically and every other way. And the countries of the world that do

103 receive oil through the Hormone Strait must take care of that passage. They must cherish it. They must grab it and

104 cherish it. They can do it easily. We will be helpful, but they should take the lead in protecting the oil that they

105 so desperately depend on. So to those countries that can't get fuel, many of which refuse to get involved in the

106 decapitation of Iran, we had to do it ourselves. I have a suggestion. Number one, buy oil from the United States of

107 America. We have plenty. We have so much. And number two, build up some delayed courage. Should have done it before. Should have done it with us as

108 we asked. Go to the strait and just take it, protect it, use it for yourselves.

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109 Iran has been essentially decimated. The hard part is done. So it should be easy.

110 And in any event, when this conflict is over, the strait will open up naturally.

111 It'll just open up naturally. They're going to want to be able to sell oil because that's all they have to try and

rebuild. It will resume the flowing and the gas prices will rapidly come
112 back down. Stock prices will rapidly go back up. They haven't come down very much.

113 Frankly, they came down a little bit,

but they've had some very good days over the last couple of days.
114 We've done actually much better than I thought, but we had to take that little journey to

115 Iran to get rid of this horrible threat with our historic tax cuts where people are just now talking about receiving

larger refunds than they ever thought possible. They are getting so much
116 more money than they thought. That's from the great big beautiful bill. Our economy is

117 strong and improving by the day and it will soon be roaring back like never before. or it will top the levels that

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118 it was a month ago. I've made clear from the beginning of Operation
Epic Fury that we will continue until our

119 objectives are fully achieved. Thanks to the progress we've made, I can
say tonight that we are on track to complete

120 all of America's military objectives shortly. Very shortly, we are going to
hit them extremely hard over the next

two to three weeks. We're going to bring them back to the stone ages
121 where they belong. In the meantime, discussions are ongoing. Regime
change was not our goal.

122 We never said regime change, but regime change has occurred
because of all of their original leaders death. They're

123 all dead. The new group is less radical and much more reasonable. Yet,
if during this period of time no deal is made, we

124 have our eyes on key targets. If there is no deal, we are going to hit each
and every one of their electric generating

125 plants very hard and probably simultaneously.

We have not hit their oil, even though that's the easiest target of all
126 because it would not give them even a small chance of survival or
rebuilding.

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127 But we could hit it and it would be gone and there's not a thing they
could do about it. They have no anti-aircraft equipment. Their radar is
100%

128 annihilated. We are unstoppable as a military force. The nuclear sites
that we obliterated with the B2 bombers have

129 been hit so hard that it would take months to get near the nuclear dust.
And we have it under intense satellite

130 surveillance and control. If we see them make a move, even a move for
it, we'll hit them with missiles very hard. Again,

131 we have all the cards. They have none.

132 It's very important that we keep this conflict in perspective.

133 American involvement in World War I lasted one year, 7 months, and
five

134 days. World War II lasted for three years, eight months, and 25 days.
The Korean War lasted for three years, one

135 month, and two days. The Vietnam War lasted for 19 years, 5 months,
and 29

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136 days. Iraq went on for eight years, 8 months, and 28 days. We are in this

137 military operation so powerful, so brilliant against one of the most
powerful countries for

138 32 days and the country has been eviscerated and essentially is really
no

139 longer a threat. They were the bully of the Middle East, but they're the
bully no longer. This is a true investment in

140 your children and your grandchildren's future. The whole world is
watching and they can't leave the power, strength,

141 and brilliance. They just can't believe what they're seeing. They leave it
to your imagination, but they can't believe

142 what they're seeing. The brilliance of the United States military. Tonight,

143 every American can look forward to a day when we are finally free from
the wickedness of Iranian aggression and the

144 spectre of nuclear blackmail. Because of the actions we have taken, we
are on the cusp of ending Iran's sinister threat to

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145 America and the world. And I'll tell you, the world is watching. And when
we do, when it's all over, the United

States will be safer, stronger, more prosperous, and greater than it has
146 ever been before. May God bless the men and women of the United
States Armed Forces,

147 and may God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much
and good night