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**Attention All Citizens of the Russian Empire:**

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Location?

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Consistent tenses

First, Catherine reduced the powers of the clergy and keeps up friendly relations with countries around Russia, such as Poland, Prussia, France and Austria. She wrote the "Nakaz", which outlawed torture, created a fair legal system and declared all men equal. Next, she brought people from all social and economic classes in order to form what was called the "Legislative Commission". For the first time, the people of the empire could say what they thought about the country's problems and needs. Later, Catherine began to expand our country's borders. She began to place Poland under her control.

While giving some parts to Austria and Prussia, she kept eastern Poland for herself. After this, she fought many countries, such as Turkey, bringing new lands (Crimea parts of Turkey etc.) into Russia and displaying her power to the world. She brought intelligence into our country as she devoted herself to establishing schools and supporting the arts (ballet, opera etc.) She also showed her amazing mind as she spent time with the great writers of the Enlightenment, and writing her own memoirs. All in all, Catherine was one of the most influential and intelligent monarchs to ever rule Russia. Her death is tragedy for the Russian empire as whole.

Catherine, who was connected to many families in Europe, has left behind 2 children: Paul and Alexei. Paul has officially taken her place as the the ruler of Russia. As of now, all the people of the state are to answer to the son that Catherine entrusted the throne to.

The funeral of Catherine Alexeyevna will be held tomorrow, November 19th. She will be placed next to her late husband, Peter III in the Winter Palace. Here, both Catherine and Peter will receive the funeral honors, as Peter did not receive them after the assassination. The two monarchs will be laid to rest at the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Catherine's son, Paul has requested that all donations in memory of the empress be made out to the St. Petersburg boarding schools, opera/ballet theaters. The family of the empress wish that her passion for education and the arts live on, even if she cannot be there to watch them prosper.

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