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INFORMATION

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*
SUBJECT: ROSE GARDEN CEREMONY FOR UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM -- THE 1989 NCAA CHAMPIONS

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for your Rose Garden congratulations on Thursday morning to the University of Tennessee Women's Basketball Team -- the 1989 NCAA champions.

II. DISCUSSION

On at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 20, 1989 you are scheduled to arrive at the Rose Garden to offer brief congratulations to Coach Pat Summitt's championship basketball team -- the University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers.

The event was suggested to Ed Rogers by former Governor Lamar Alexander (now president of the University of Tennessee). In addition to President Alexander, the team and others from the university, the ceremony will be attended by Coach Summitt's husband (R.B. Summitt), mother (Mrs. Hazel Head) and the Tennessee congressional delegation.

Following your brief remarks (see attached), the team plans to present you with basketball shoes for both you and Mrs. Bush.

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for men or women

MEMORIAL WOMEN

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(McNally/Wallace)
April 14, 1989
2:00 p.m.
Draft one
(B-Ball)

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(1989 NCAA CHAMPIONS)
THE ROSE GARDEN
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✓ do they get "championship rings" ? yes

✓ ~~Dana Heat~~ - ~~freshman~~ starts
my relation

✓ Good players who didn't start
- mention who?

Rhett

Pronunciation "Vols" ^{- Volunteers} (Rhymes w "owls"?)

① News 1988, 1987, 1986 final fours
(key on 3 seniors)

★ News - 1984 Olympics - LA -
Gold Medal - coach Summitt

(PAT SUMMITT) ~~1988~~

★ NYT - Jan. 3, 1989 - Geo. Vescey
column on Notre Dame

Arch-rival?

College Guide

BASKETBALL

- Same as 4/12 event
congrats to team etc.
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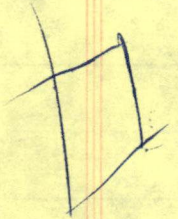
If game is played, it will be afterward
- ~~take~~ or two

- University of Tennessee Knowville
(615) - 974-1000
 - ~~974~~ 974-1212 - Athletic
 - 974-4275 - Women's athletics
 - Debbie Jennings.

Rose Garden - Thurs - 4/20 - 11:00 For 20 mins
- brief remarks.

Get the package - Fed Ex. ✓

Notes - on the tournament



French law - for something reserved

Full Price Article

Anecdotes on ~~history~~

Sports Illustrated - columnist
- search and - master

Basketball -

NCAA

Tricia Burk - Women's B-Ball Championships
(913) 384-5220 - NCAA

Judy Holland - NCAA - Chairperson
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Pat instills ethics in the team - grew up on a farm
"never have a 2nd chance to make
a 1st impression" - works them hard!

Team keeps a Low Profile

- No Hangouts
- No common sororities.

- Common Denominator is the team
 - 5 frosh are always
"eaten up gang" - never wasted
food.

- Seniors - "Lady Vol money players"
 - assets
 - deposits
 - earn interest.
 - \$ Budget.

- Mr. J starter kit. - 4 minutes

SEC Press media Event

Van Chancellor - Coach at Ole Miss

Tennessee is number one + that's their 1st visit

South is top 5

3rd is top 10

- we only have 4 players.

Team really likes each other - get along

Rhett -

Ⓞ - today's educ. speech

Ⓞ - Who will be there?

Ⓞ - "Rocky Top" } (movie theme? Series?)

Ⓞ - Men's NCAA - 50 years?

Ⓞ - Who's best free throw shooter?

Ⓞ - grand kids - jumping on
the beds Lincoln
bedroom

Ⓞ - 3 Seniors:
Sheila Frost
Bridgette Gordon
Melissa McCray

Ⓞ - Mr. NCAA info

- Coon Hound - Hunting Dog?
- Are they cute?

Jucia Burke - NCAA

Tennessee will host championship

- Want sell out crowd wherever the final four is.
- Good crowd in

8th year that NCAA has sponsored ~~men's~~ women's championship
1946 - 50th Anniversary of F. 4. last year.
AIAW previously

Men's tournament in last 8 years had not
made nearly the progress the women have.

Don't use

- Same spot men play - different game.

- Don't like to hear that men blazed the
trail.

- Players are better than they were

- Great coaching - Pat.

Success of women's basketball in recent
years is owed to teams like the Lady Vols.

Women's BB has been a focus of NCAA
Special Effort

NCAA produced 6 regular season games
to build up to the tournament
- Promote the sport as much
as the tournament.

Television money is the key - linked to
news for broadcast.

Just wish when the boys were here, we
played this game.

"I know that you are the best at
your game, but I want to see how
you are at my game."

(to them to the South Lawn - play
hockey)

Bush + George vs. Lady Ed. in hockey

John. Cronin. Athletic Director.

Best of Antiparis at opening
of pit.

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Friday?

SPECIAL TO ED ROGERS
THE WHITE HOUSE
FROM LAMAR ALEXANDER
APRIL 3, 1989
Phone: 615 974 3750

Ed--this is a followup to my conversation with Tracy Lee this afternoon:

Recommendation: That you invite the University of Tennessee "Lady Vols" to the White House for photo with President Bush, probably this week.

1. On Sunday Lady Vols won the women's basketball Final Four, NCAA Championship;
2. This is second time in three years to do this;
3. Three seniors on team have played in four straight Final Fours, an NCAA record for men or women;
4. Coach is Pat Summitt, who coached USA Olympic Team to a Gold Medal in 1984
5. Pat Summitt's teams for 14 years have had a 100 per cent academic graduation rate.
6. This is the premier women's program in the country, getting to be as dominant as John Wooden was with men's basketball at UCLA. Good folks all the way around.

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Joan Cronin

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TO MICHIGAN BASKETBALL TEAM,
1989 NCAA CHAMPIONS

The Rose Garden

11:05 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Where's Bo? Is your Athletic Director here?

COACH FISHER: Bo's not here. We have our Associate Athletic Director.

THE PRESIDENT: All right. Please, be seated. My briefing paper was wrong. (Laughter.) Glad to see you back.

Well, President Duderstadt and Coach Fisher and all you Wolverine players and staff, and members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and players and coaches of the Dunbar, Highpoint, and Archbishop Carroll High School teams; above all, friends, welcome to the White House. Let me recall, first, that this was once the home of a Michigan alumnus -- the home court, you might say. (Laughter.) And I know that this morning, that Gerald Ford would join me in saying that Michigan basketball, like America, is truly number one.

And secondly, let me welcome you here to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. For nearly 200 years, this has been America's house. And in 1989, you have become America's sports heroes.

And, you know, it was another sports hero, Yogi Berra -- I love to quote Yogi -- who once said at a state dinner right here in this building, "How could you get a conversation started in there? Everybody was talking too much." (Laughter.) Well, today America is talking. And they're talking about you all and your incredible championship. And they're calling it Wolverine Wonder. Or the Michigan Miracle. Or basketball's Impossible Dream.

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MORE

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VICE PRESIDENT QUAYLE: Yes, you guys remember that. (Laughter.)

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That pressure must have been something.

COACH FISHER: Mr. President, it's with great pride that our basketball staff, coaches and administrators present you with a Michigan Number One jersey to join us and these high school athletes to let you know how proud we are to be here. And we are all number one today alongside you. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Steve.

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Basketball Champions, Tennessee Volunteers

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TIME: 11:00 a.m.

DURATION: 20 Minutes

LOCATION: Rose Garden

ATTIRE: Business Suit

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: TBD

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Pat, we also hear your husband R.B. is a former bank examiner. If he can do with banks what you can do with basketball, maybe he can stick around and help us sort out the deficit. Someone else suggested we could cut the deficit in half by just having Bridgette sell off some of her jewelry.

But seriously, Coach. The press is gathered here. America is watching. And you know the question that's on everyone's lips: How is Bridgette Gordon going to get another NCAA ring onto those fingers?

Before we say goodbye, I have something of a surprise for you. Coach Summitt promised that if you won, she'd do something unreserved. Well, my White House team has been trying to get me to do something unreserved for weeks. Last week I finally did. I was crazy enough to actually try to shoot a free throw after Michigan's Rumeal Robinson. And it went in. It'll never happen again. And I'm not crazy enough to dare to shoot free throws with the likes of Dena Head.

But it's too nice a day not to throw something. So afterwards, I'd be very honored if the Lady Volunteers would join me for a few tosses down at these new horseshoe pits.

In the years to come you will remember not your April morning in the Rose Garden but that championship season that brought you here. The story began on summer nights long ago, years before college, when today's champions were mostly hard-working country kids -- shooting until twilight in barns and haylofts and driveways across the deep South and the Middle West -- young girls unknown to each other, but dreaming the same dream that this month became real.

Thanks for coming here today. Good luck in your dreams yet to come. God bless you. And God bless America.

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2. Copyright © 1989 The Times Mirror Company; Los Angeles Times, April 4, 1989, Tuesday, Home Edition, Sports; Part 3; Page 2; Column 2; Sports Desk, Wild Art; Wire
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4. The Associated Press, April 3, 1989, Monday, PM cycle, Sports News, 600 words By JIM COUR, AP Sports Writer, TACOMA, Wash., BKW--Tennessee-Summitt, LEAD: Tennessee women's basketball Coach Pat Summitt says she's definitely not interested in becoming a pioneer and filling the vacant men's coaching post.
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6. Copyright © 1989 Globe Newspaper Company; The Boston Globe, April 3, 1989, Monday, City Edition, SPORTS; Pg. 43, 647 words, Tennessee shows class in women's final; Lady Vols roll over Auburn, By Mark Blaudschun, Globe Staff, TACOMA, Wash., BASKETBALL; COLLEGIATE, LEAD: So much had been accomplished already. But none of that would matter if this game, this final episode, had a surprise ending.
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8. Copyright © 1989 Chicago Tribune Company; Chicago Tribune, April 3, 1989, Monday, NORTH SPORTS FINAL EDITION, SPORTS; Pg. 1; ZONE: C, 342 words, Tennessee tips Auburn for women's NCAA title, From Chicago Tribune wires, TACOMA, LEAD: A golden oldie teamed up with two youngsters to make Tennessee No. 1 again.
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34. Copyright © 1989 The Times Mirror Company; Los Angeles Times, March 31, 1989, Friday, Home Edition, Sports; Part 3; Page 1; Column 4; Sports Desk, 1097 words, TENNESSEE FOUND A GOLD MINE IN BEJEWELED BRIDGETTE GORDON, By JULIE CART, Times Staff Writer, TACOMA, Wash., LEAD: Among the pressing problems facing Bridgette Gordon Thursday was how to squeeze her jewelry on over the tape that covered her right hand and wrist., Profile

35. Copyright © 1989 The Washington Post, March 31, 1989, Friday, Final Edition, SPORTS; PAGE B1, 817 words, Maryland Goes to Work; Terrapins Meet Tennessee Tonight in Women's Final Four, Dave Sell, Jim Brady, Washington Post Staff Writers, TACOMA, Wash., March 30, 1989, LEAD: There is a billboard down by the railroad yard and warehouses in this city that reads, "A woman's place is in the dome.", MARYLAND NEWS

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38. Proprietary to the United Press International 1989, March 30, 1989, Thursday, BC cycle, Sports News, 587 words, By DENNIS ANSTINE, TACOMA, Wash., Ncaa-Women-Olympians, LEAD: All-Americas Bridgette Gordon of Tennessee and Vicky Bullett of Maryland will have another chance Friday to prove the leadership values they gained last summer as Olympians in their semifinal matchup in the women's NCAA Final Four.

39. Proprietary to the United Press International 1989, March 30, 1989, Thursday, BC cycle, Sports News, 615 words, Women's Final Four begins Friday night, By MIKE BARNES, UPI Sports Writer, TACOMA, Wash., Ncaa-Women, LEAD: Just two weeks after blowing a 14-point lead and the women's NCAA championship to Louisiana Tech last April, the Auburn Lady Tigers were back in the weight room, preparing for this season.

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41. Copyright © 1989 The Washington Post, March 30, 1989, Thursday, Final Edition, SPORTS; PAGE E8, 701 words, Summitt Reaches Summit; Tennessee's Coach Ready for Maryland, Jim Brady, Special to The Washington Post, LEAD: When Pat Summitt speaks of her Tennessee women's basketball team, she does it with discernible confidence., NATIONAL NEWS

42. The Associated Press, March 29, 1989, Wednesday, BC cycle, Sports News, 181 words, ATLANTA, BKC--Naismith Coaches, LEAD: Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Tennessee's Pat Summitt have been named Naismith basketball coaches of the year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

43. The Associated Press, March 27, 1989, Monday, PM cycle, Sports News, 613 words, By The Associated Press, BKW--NCAA Women's Rdp, LEAD: There will be no surprises at the NCAA women's basketball finals this weekend at Tacoma, Wash., just down the road from the men's tournament at Seattle.

44. Copyright © 1989 Chicago Tribune Company; Chicago Tribune, March 26, 1989, Sunday, FINAL EDITION, SPORTS; Pg. 9; ZONE: C; NCAA women, 358 words, No. 1 Tennessee gets its offense going, advances to Final 4, From Chicago Tribune wires, LEAD: Bridgette Gordon scored 33 points as No. 1 Tennessee pulled away for a 94-80 victory Saturday over Long Beach State in the final of the NCAA women's East Regional in Bowling Green, Ky.

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46. Copyright © 1989 The Times Mirror Company; Los Angeles Times, March 25, 1989, Saturday, Home Edition, Sports; Part 3; Page 9; Column 1; Sports Desk, 965 words, NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT; CS LONG BEACH AND TENNESSEE REFLECT COACHES, By JULIE CART, Times Staff Writer, BOWLING GREEN, Ky., LEAD: To the extent that basketball teams may be said to reflect the personalities of their coaches, Joan Bonvicini of Cal State Long Beach and Pat Summitt of Tennessee have created teams in their own images., Profile

47. The Associated Press, March 24, 1989, Friday, PM cycle, Sports News, 462 words, Tennessee 80, Virginia 47, BOWLING GREEN, Ky., BKW--NCAA East Rdp, LEAD: Tennessee coach Pat Summitt said there is no stopping her team when the Lady Volunteers are on the right track.

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51. Copyright © 1989 The Times Mirror Company; Los Angeles Times, March 13, 1989, Monday, Home Edition, Sports; Part 3; Page 11; Column 1; Sports Desk, 723 words, CS LONG BEACH WOMEN SEEDED SECOND IN EAST; 49ERS GET FIRST-ROUND BYE; CS FULLERTON ALSO GAINS NCAA TOURNAMENT BERTH, By JULIE CART, Times Staff Writer, LEAD: Cal State Long Beach was seeded second in the East Regional of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. women's basketball tournament, in pairings announced Sunday., List

52. The Associated Press, March 6, 1989, Monday, PM cycle, Sports News, 291 words, ALBANY, Ga., BKW--SEC Women's Tournament, LEAD: The Southeastern Conference women's basketball tournament has come down to the two top teams in the nation squaring off for the title tonight, and some feel the matchup may be repeated in the NCAA championships.

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53. Copyright © 1989 The New York Times Company; The New York Times, February 22, 1989, Wednesday, Late City Final Edition, Section A; Page 23, Column 5; Sports Desk, 1027 words, BASKETBALL; A Star Rekindles Love for the Game, Special to the New York Times, DUNELLEN, N.J., LEAD: The tools that made Kris Durham a star are displayed in her backyard: the glass backboard on the garage, the driveway painted with a foul lane and a 3-point line.

54. Copyright © 1989 Chicago Tribune Company; Chicago Tribune, January 29, 1989, Sunday, CITY EDITION, SPORTS; Pg. 14; C, 993 words, South is women's stronghold, By Creig Ewing, Orlando Sentinel, ORLANDO, LEAD: When his bosses at the Philadelphia Inquirer suggested to Mel Greenberg 12 years ago that he put together a Top 20 poll for college women's basketball, he suspected the paper was interested mainly because it seemed the best teams were in the Northeast, including several in the paper's area.

55. The Associated Press, January 25, 1989, Wednesday, BC cycle, Sports News, 371 words, NEW YORK, BKW--Women's Bkb Meeting, LEAD: While their male counterparts debate the merits of NCAA Proposition 42, women's basketball programs have a different concern - marketing the sport and attracting more fans.

56. Copyright © 1989 Time Inc. All Rights Reserved; Sports Illustrated, January 16, 1989, COLLEGE BASKETBALL; Pg., 329 words, EYE OF THE TIGERS, BY WILLIAM F. REED

57. The Associated Press, January 12, 1989, Thursday, AM cycle, Sports News, 533 words, By ALEX DOMINGUEZ, Associated Press Writer, OXFORD, Miss., BKW--Ranked Showdown, LEAD: Third-ranked Mississippi has the chance to push into uncharted women's basketball poll territory Saturday when No. 2 Tennessee visits, but coach Van Chancellor sounds like he's preparing himself for a letdown.

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60. Copyright © 1989 The Times Mirror Company; Los Angeles Times, January 10, 1989, Tuesday, Home Edition, Sports; Part 3; Page 1; Column 1; Sports Desk, 1763 words, WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS HAVE TO TRY HARDER FOR FANS; THE PERSONAL TOUCH, By JULIE CART, Times Staff Writer, LEAD: In a way, college basketball has carried the weight of the entire women's sports movement. It was a women's sport targeted by officials of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. to be highlighted. Basketball, they thought, had potential as a revenue producer. It was telegenic. It could draw fans.

61. The Associated Press, January 7, 1989, Saturday, PM cycle, Sports News, 511 words, AUBURN, Ala., BKW--Tennessee-Auburn, LEAD: Auburn coach Joe Ciampi

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believed all along that his women's basketball team was the best in the nation.

62. The Associated Press, January 3, 1989, Tuesday, PM cycle, Sports News, 512 words, For The Associated Press, By MEL GREENBERG, BKW--Women's Poll, LEAD: Tennessee rolled into 1989 the same way the Vols started the women's basketball season - on top of The Associated Press poll.

63. The Associated Press, January 2, 1989, Monday, AM cycle, Sports News, 546 words, BKW--Women's College Bkb Poll, LEAD: The Southeastern Conference, led by top-ranked Tennessee, and the Atlantic Coast Conference placed nine teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll announced Monday.

64. The Associated Press, January 2, 1989, Monday, PM cycle, Sports News, 631 words, BKW--Women's College Bkb Rdp, LEAD: Tennessee Coach Pat Summitt was asked for a New Year's wish after her unbeaten Vols, 10-0, had blasted No. 10 Rutgers 93-53 Friday to win the first Bell Atlantic Holiday Tournament and end the Knights' 53-game home win streak.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: UNIV. OF TENN. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM
THE ROSE GARDEN
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1989
11:00 A.M.

Sorry we're a little late getting started. I heard there was a back-up getting Bridgette Gordon's jewelry through the metal detectors. (("GLITTERING" GORDON, AMERICA'S BEST WOMAN PLAYER, DRESSES COVERED WITH GOLD LIKE "MR. T".))

President Alexander, Coach Summitt -- the families and friends and fans -- Members of Congress and our own local teams -- the White House is proud to host Tennessee's Lady Volunteers: ((WITH EMPHASIS)) The 1989 NCAA Champions.

After you won in Tacoma -- after the tears of joy and victory and remembrance -- Pat Summitt told a cheering nation that, "This one belongs to the family."

And it's good to have the family here to honor the daughters of Tennessee. ((PAUSE)) I was going to call the team, "your little girls." Then I saw Sheila Frost ((6'4")), Carla McGhee ((6'3")) and Daedra Charles ((6'3")). I may be President but I'm only six foot two.

Five freshmen. Two sophomores. Three seniors. Before this season, only the seniors had ever played college ball. The LA Times called your victory, "Beyond the imagination of most."

Arch-rival Auburn's coach dubbed the Lady Vols a "Who's Who roster" of excellence. Melissa McCray. Sheila Frost. Players

like Carla, who came back from a 1987 car accident after they said she'd be lucky to ever run again.

And there's Tonya Edwards and Dena Head. Now, I admit, the Bush family's generally pretty happy when Texas wins. But your mid-season loss to Texas is also when this team proved it had character, as well as talent. Tonya -- the 1987 MVP who led the Vols to Tennessee's first championship -- got hurt. Dena, a little-known freshman, came off the bench and emerged as SEC Rookie of the Year. Tennessee's rally song is "Rocky Top," but that sounds more like the movie "Rocky."

Don't worry: I'm not forgetting Bridgette Gordon.

All American. MVP. The papers call her the best woman in college basketball. When Auburn closed to within three in that final game, Bridgette stepped in and sank three straight jumpers. Maybe you heard what the losing coach said about Bridgette: "God bless her, graduate her -- and get her out of Tennessee!"

And there's Coach Summitt. A silver medalist as a player in 1976, she coached America's Olympic team to a gold in 1984. In 13 years she's brought Tennessee to the Final Four ten times, winning it twice. Later on we're going down to that fountain to see if it's true she can walk on water.

And the most rare, the most important stat of all: In 14 years as coach, her players have a 100 percent graduation rate.

All five of this year's freshmen are on the Dean's List. One, Debbie Hawhee, has a 3.95 GPA in medical technology. Debbie, we gotta ask you: What did you get the A-minus in?

Every sport has legendary teams from its early days. In baseball it's the Yankees. In hockey, Montreal. Football, some would say Vince Lombardi's Packers. ((PAUSE))

((TO TEAM)) I see you like this talk of dynasties.

((PAUSE)) That's the first time a group of attractive women has been flattered by being compared to the 1967 Green Bay Packers.

But seriously, as the years unfold you will always remember that championship season that brought you to the White House. Tomorrow's news clippings, yellowed with age, will be read by grandchildren born in another century. It is a story that began on summer nights long ago, years before college, when these champions were themselves kids -- shooting until twilight in obscure barns and haylofts and driveways scattered across the deep South and the Middle West -- young girls unknown to one another, but dreaming the same dream that this month became real.

Thanks for coming here today. Hold fast your dreams yet to come. God bless you. And God bless America.

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