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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *D.M.*

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*

RE: DEPARTURE STATEMENT

I. SUMMARY

At approximately 7:00 a.m., on Friday, May 26, you will make a departure statement at Andrews Air Force Base.

II. DISCUSSION

This statement sets the context for your trip, focusing on the successes of the NATO alliance, and on its enduring importance.

McGroarty/Dooley
May 24, 1989
2:40 p.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE STATEMENT, EUROPE TRIP
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
MAY 26, 1989

I depart for Europe this morning to meet with all our North Atlantic allies, and also to pay visits to Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom for discussions with the leaders of those Alliance nations on issues of common interest.

I am especially pleased to make my first visit to Europe as President as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of NATO. America is a proud partner in the Atlantic Alliance -- and American interests have been well-served by our alliance system.

Twice in the first half of this century, Europe was the scene of world war. Twice, Americans fought in Europe for the sake of peace and freedom. Today, Europe is enjoying a period of unparalleled prosperity and uninterrupted peace -- longer than any it has known in the modern age. NATO has made the difference -- and the Alliance will prove every bit as important to American and European security in the decade ahead.

The importance of the Alliance and its democratic underpinnings is the message I now take to Europe. NATO has been a success by any measure. But success breeds its own challenges. NATO's unity and strength have kept the peace -- and NATO's resolve has proven a catalyst for the real and overdue changes we are now seeing in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

We welcome the political and economic liberalization that has taken place so far, and we watch that process with hope that more will follow.

For too long, unnatural and inhuman barriers have divided East from West. We are eager to see a Europe that is truly free, united and at peace -- a significant step for a world at peace. NATO's new challenge in this time of change is to continue to sustain the freedoms that are bringing hope to all of Europe.

Our alliance has been the cornerstone of peace for forty years. It remains so today. Today, as I depart for Europe, let me reaffirm the unwavering American commitment to NATO, and our belief as a member of the Atlantic Alliance that security is indivisible.

Many common concerns confront us. Beyond the traditional economic security spheres, we and our partners in the Alliance are working hard on a growing international agenda -- from a common approach to environmental protection, to cooperation against terrorism and drug trafficking.

We also welcome Europe's progress towards a truly common market, and growing European cooperation on security issues, as the basis of an even more dynamic trans-atlantic partnership. As we approach 1992, it is essential that we work with our European partners to ensure an open and expanding world trading system, and that we take strong steps to prevent trade disputes from obscuring our common political and security concerns.

NATO is based on the many bonds between us: our shared heritage, history and culture; our shared commitment to freedom, democracy and the rights of the individual. This is the moral compass of America and the values I will bring to the Summit.

Thank you.

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Phil Zeller

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I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT MY FIRST VISIT TO EUROPE AS PRESIDENT IS TO CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATO. AMERICA IS A PROUD PARTNER IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE -- AND AMERICAN INTERESTS HAVE BEEN WELL-SERVED BY THE ALLIANCE.

TWICE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS CENTURY, EUROPE WAS THE SCENE OF WORLD WAR. TWICE, AMERICANS FOUGHT IN EUROPE FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM.

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TODAY, EUROPE IS ENJOYING A PERIOD OF UNPARALLELED PROSPERITY AND UNINTERRUPTED PEACE -- LONGER THAN ANY IT HAS KNOWN IN THE MODERN AGE. NATO HAS MADE THE DIFFERENCE -- AND THE ALLIANCE WILL PROVE EVERY BIT AS IMPORTANT TO AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN SECURITY IN THE DECADE AHEAD.

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BUT SUCCESS BREEDS ITS OWN CHALLENGES. NATO'S UNITY AND STRENGTH HAVE KEPT THE PEACE -- AND NATO'S RESOLVE HAS PROVEN A CATALYST FOR THE REAL AND OVERDUE CHANGES WE ARE NOW SEEING IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE.

WE WELCOME THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE SO FAR IN THE SOVIET UNION AND IN SOME COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. WE WATCH HOPING THAT MORE CHANGES WILL FOLLOW.

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FOR TOO LONG, UNNATURAL AND INHUMAN BARRIERS HAVE DIVIDED EAST FROM WEST. WE ARE EAGER TO SEE A EUROPE THAT IS TRULY FREE, UNITED AND AT PEACE -- A SIGNIFICANT STEP FOR A WORLD AT PEACE. NATO'S NEW CHALLENGE IN THIS TIME OF CHANGE IS TO CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN THE FREEDOMS THAT ARE BRINGING HOPE TO ALL OF EUROPE.

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MANY COMMON CONCERNS CONFRONT US. BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL ECONOMIC AND SECURITY SPHERES, WE AND OUR PARTNERS IN THE ALLIANCE ARE WORKING HARD ON A GROWING INTERNATIONAL AGENDA -- FROM A COMMON APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO COOPERATION AGAINST TERRORISM AND DRUG TRAFFICKING.

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WE ALSO WELCOME EUROPE'S PROGRESS TOWARDS A TRULY COMMON MARKET, AND GROWING EUROPEAN COOPERATION ON SECURITY ISSUES, AS THE BASIS OF AN EVEN MORE DYNAMIC TRANS-ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP. AS WE APPROACH 1992, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE WORK WITH OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS TO ENSURE AN OPEN AND EXPANDING WORLD TRADING SYSTEM, AND THAT WE TAKE STRONG STEPS TO PREVENT TRADE DISPUTES FROM OBSCURING OUR COMMON POLITICAL AND SECURITY CONCERNS.

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THANK YOU.

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UPCOMING SPEECHES AND ASSIGNMENTS

MAY 24, 1989
9:00 A.M.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUE</u>	<u>SPEECH</u>	<u>WRITER</u>	<u>RESEARCH</u>
5/24	5/18	FEDERAL JUDGES RECEP.	LANGE	WALLACE
5/26	5/18	DEPARTURE STATEMENT	McGROARTY	DOOLEY
5/26	5/18	ARRIVAL ITALY	LANGE	WALLACE
5/27	5/18	POPE/STATEMENT	LANGE	WALLACE
5/27	5/18	SEMINARY (T.P.)	SMITH	BLESSEY
5/27	5/18	TOAST - DEMITA	LANGE	WALLACE
5/28	5/18	CEMETARY SPEECH	McNALLY	SIMON
5/28	5/18	AM. COMM. GRTG (T.P.)	LANGE	WALLACE
5/28	5/18	ARRIVAL BRUSSELS	McGROARTY	DOOLEY
5/30	5/18	PRESS CONF. STATEMENT	McGROARTY	DOOLEY
5/30	5/18	DEPART. BRUSSELS	McGROARTY	DOOLEY
5/30	5/18	COMM. GRTNGS (T.P.)	McGROARTY	DOOLEY
5/30	5/18	ARRIVAL BONN	DAVIS	MARTIN
5/30	5/18	TOAST - KOHL	SMITH	BLESSEY
5/31	5/18	KIDS MEETING	GRANT	MARTIN
5/31	5/18	MAINZ SPEECH	DAVIS	MARTIN
5/31	5/18	TROOPS SPEECH	LANGE	WALLACE
5/31	5/18	ARRIVAL LONDON	McNALLY	SIMON
6/1	5/18	COMMUNITY GRTNG (T.P.)	McNALLY	SIMON
6/1	5/18	TOAST - LONDON	McNALLY	SIMON
6/5	5/30	BUS. RND. TABLE EDC.	LANGE	WALLACE
6/6	5/31	PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO	SMITH	BLESSEY
6/7	5/31	JOHNS HOPKINS 100TH	McNALLY	SIMON

6/8	6/1	DUCKS UNLIMITED	LANGE	WALLACE
6/14	6/6	PRESIDENT'S DINNER	DAVIS	MARTIN
6/15	6/6	VERY SPECIAL ARTS	MCGROARTY	DOOLEY
6/19	6/9	CHELTENHAM HIGH	SMITH	BLESSEY
6/19	6/13	VA G.O.P. FUNDRAISER		
6/20	6/12	PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS	MCGROARTY	DOOLEY
6/21	6/12	"HAPPY CAMPERS"	M McNALLY	SIMON
6/27	6/21	PRIME MINISTER HAWKE		
7/25		PRES. BARCO-COLUMBIA		
7/27		KING FAHD-SAUDI ARABIA		

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McGroarty/Dooley
May 19, 1989
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democracy and the rights of the individual. These common values
are our moral compass as we look toward the future.

Thank you.

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Suggested Departure Remarks, Andrews Air Force Base

I depart for Europe this morning with confidence in our achievements and optimism about our future. I am on my way to meet with our NATO allies--our friends--in Brussels and also to discuss with our partners in Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom the key issues facing us in the world today.

We are proud of our achievements. Our transatlantic partnership has for more than four decades provided not only the framework for our common defense, it has underpinned the longest period of peace and prosperity in modern history. The success and durability of our alliance rests on the common values of the Western community of nations: we share a common heritage; we believe in freedom--political, economic, cultural, and religious freedom; we respect the rights of the individual. These values are a steady guide for us as we look toward the future.

Ours is a community of values to which all who pursue free societies and free markets are invited to join. NATO's 40th anniversary this year has come at a challenging time--a time when the principles and unity of the Alliance have contributed significantly to bringing about real and overdue change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. We welcome the political and

economic liberalization that has taken place thus far and renew our call for an end to the artificial barriers—physical and political—which divide East from West. I will be discussing in Brussels and in the other capitals how we should proceed with respect to developments in the Soviet Union and nations of the East.

The Alliance remains necessary and vital in this time of changing East-West relations. The American commitment to NATO and the defense of Western Europe is unwavering; our security is indivisible. We believe the central policies of the Alliance, based on flexible response, adequate military strength, and a political dialogue with the East, remain the cornerstone of peace. The U.S. and NATO are committed to pursuing verifiable arms control agreements which enhance our security.

Beyond our efforts in traditional defense areas, we and our transatlantic partners are working hand-in-hand to tackle a growing transnational agenda. From environmental protection to cooperation against terrorism and drug trafficking, we seek to

protect our collective well-being in the modern age. We welcome Europe's progress toward economic integration, and political and defense cooperation as the basis for even more creativity in our transatlantic relationship. We will be discussing ways to enhance that cooperation and to ensure that we do not permit new barriers to free markets.

These stops in Europe are the first of several Barbara and I will be making this year. We are looking forward to renewing our friendships with European leaders, to seeing His Holiness the Pope, and to taking up the challenges ahead of us. We will make every effort to work with our partners to achieve a safer, freer, more prosperous world. Our partnership has roots in history, but we are growing together toward the future. I am confident our efforts will be successful.