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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON (W)

FROM: DANIEL MCGROARTY (DMcG)

SUBJECT: CHANGES TO REMARKS FOR EASTERN EUROPE SYMPOSIUM

The following changes were made to these remarks after you saw them:

1. Card 2: Changed "first openly contested elections" to "freest elections."
2. Card 6: Inserted to word "public" in "Democracy's great strength lies in its private and public institutions." There will be representatives of both at the event.
3. Card 9: NSC approved change from "it may be key to the successful transformation of Poland and Hungary" to "it will be vitally important." The paragraph referring to "those of you active in our cultural and artistic communities" has been cut. There will be no representatives of these groups present.

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**REMARKS: EASTERN EUROPE SYMPOSIUM
THE WHITE HOUSE
JULY 6, 1989
3:15 PM**

I WANT TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THIS SUNDAY, AS YOU KNOW, I WILL BEGIN A TRIP THAT WILL TAKE ME TO POLAND AND HUNGARY. THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY TIME IN EAST CENTRAL EUROPE -- A TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE AND UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY IN EAST-WEST AFFAIRS.

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IN POLAND, WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED THE FREEST ELECTIONS IN THE POST-WAR ERA AND THE CREATION OF A FREELY ELECTED SENATE -- IN WHICH CANDIDATES BACKED BY SOLIDARNOSC SWEEP 99 OUT OF 100 SEATS. UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS SPRING'S ROUNDTABLE AGREEMENT, THESE DEVELOPMENTS MARK A NEW BEGINNING IN POLAND. THEY HOLD PROMISE FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF POLAND TOWARDS DEMOCRACY AND NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION.

HUNGARY, TOO, IS ON THE PATH TO DEMOCRATIC REFORM. THE PATTERN IS DIFFERENT, BUT THE CHANGES ARE JUST AS FUNDAMENTAL -- JUST AS PROMISING. AS THE COMMUNIST PARTY ITSELF UNDERTAKES A PROFOUND REAPPRAISAL OF ITS ROLE IN HUNGARY, THE OUTLINES OF A MULTI-PARTY SYSTEM -- GENUINE POLITICAL PLURALISM -- ARE TAKING SHAPE. THE HUNGARIAN ECONOMY -- ALREADY THE MOST OPEN IN EASTERN EUROPE -- IS MOVING TOWARD A FREE MARKET, TOWARD REJOINING THE WORLD ECONOMY.

THESE ARE HISTORIC TIMES. WHAT IS AT STAKE IS NOT JUST MOVEMENT TOWARDS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION IN POLAND AND HUNGARY, BUT THE PROSPECT OF ENDING THE POST-WAR DIVISION OF EUROPE. POLAND AND HUNGARY ARE LEADING THE WAY -- BUT THEY FACE ENORMOUS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS. THEY NEED OUR SUPPORT IF THEIR EFFORTS ARE TO SUCCEED.

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SIMPLY SHOWING OUR SYMPATHY ISN'T ENOUGH. WE CANNOT SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS FACE, BUT WE MUST BE ACTIVELY ENGAGED. WE NEED TO HOLD OUT THE PROMISE OF AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE -- A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO A DEMOCRATIC FUTURE. AND WE NEED TO BACK UP THAT PROMISE WITH PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE.

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IN JUST A FEW DAYS, I'LL BE SPEAKING TO THE PEOPLE OF POLAND AND HUNGARY ABOUT WHAT MORE THE UNITED STATES -- AND OTHER WESTERN GOVERNMENTS -- CAN DO TO HELP. BUT MY MESSAGE TO YOU TODAY IS THIS: THE MOVEMENT TOWARD DEMOCRACY TAKES MORE THAN GOVERNMENTS ALONE. DEMOCRACY'S GREAT STRENGTH LIES IN ITS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS -- THE INSTITUTIONS EACH OF YOU REPRESENTS. WHAT YOU DO CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FOR DEMOCRACY IN HUNGARY AND POLAND.

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I'VE ASKED YOU HERE BECAUSE ALL OF YOU CAN BE BRIDGE-BUILDERS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

I CALL ON THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO ENCOURAGE THE MOVEMENT TOWARD THE FREE MARKET BY WORKING WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ENTERPRISES IN HUNGARY AND POLAND. PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HAS BEEN THE ENGINE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN AMERICA. IT CAN BE THE KEY TO PROSPERITY IN POLAND AND HUNGARY. HELP IT THRIVE.

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I CALL ON THOSE OF YOU IN THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY AND WITH PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS TO EXPAND OUR EXCHANGES WITH HUNGARY AND POLAND. OPEN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND THE GREAT CENTERS OF LEARNING IN BUDAPEST, WARSAW AND KRAKOW [KRA-KOV]. LET'S LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

I WANT TO SEE WORKERS IN HUNGARY AS WELL AS POLAND BENEFIT FROM THE SUPPORT OF AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS.

AMERICAN LABOR AND SOLIDARNOSC HAVE FORGED A STRONG RELATIONSHIP -- A GREAT CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL LABOR. BUT THERE'S MORE WORK TO DO -- AND IT WILL BE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSFORMATION OF POLAND AND HUNGARY.

TOGETHER, RIGHT IN THIS ROOM, THERE IS A CROSS-SECTION OF THE INSTITUTIONS THAT MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK -- THAT GIVE MEANING TO THE WORD DEMOCRACY.

YOU ARE FREEDOM IN ACTION. YOU CAN HELP OTHERS ALONG THE PATH TO FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS, YOU'LL HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF MY ADMINISTRATION, FROM SOME OF THE LEADING EXPERTS ON EASTERN EUROPE, ON TRADE -- AND FROM PEOPLE ALREADY INVOLVED IN PRIVATE ENDEAVORS IN HUNGARY AND POLAND. I THINK YOU'LL FIND WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ENLIGHTENING AND INSTRUCTIVE.

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BUT MORE THAN THAT -- I HOPE YOU'LL FIND THE NEXT FEW HOURS EXCITING. THERE'S A DEMOCRATIC EVOLUTION UNDERWAY IN HUNGARY AND POLAND: A DEEP YEARNING FOR THE KINDS OF FREEDOM -- ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL, ARTISTIC AND INTELLECTUAL -- THAT WE IN AMERICA ENJOY. IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO SEE THAT THOSE FREEDOMS COME TO HUNGARY AND POLAND. THIS IS AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY WE CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS. THANK YOU.

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McGroarty/Dooley
June 29, 1989
8:00 am
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EASTERN EUROPE SYMPOSIUM
THE WHITE HOUSE
JULY 6, 1989
3:15 PM

I want to welcome all of you to the White House. This Sunday, as you know, I will begin a trip that will take me to Poland and Hungary. This is an extraordinary time in Eastern Europe -- a time of unprecedented change and unprecedented opportunity in East-West affairs.

Hungary and Poland are leading the way -- pushing forward with reform. In Hungary, the outlines of a multi-party system -- real political pluralism -- are emerging as the state loosens its grip. Hungary has moved farther than any other nation in the Soviet Bloc towards a free market economy. Even **within** the communist party, there's a consensus emerging for reform, with a focus on the free market and expanding political freedoms.

Poland too is on the path to reform. But no two countries are the same. Poland's economic difficulties are severe. Overcoming them won't be easy. But the regime has taken a giant step towards political legitimacy with the creation of a new freely-elected Senate -- and the promise of fully free elections for all seats in Parliament four years from now. What that means

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for Poland's dream of self-determination is clear: new voices -- new hope.

These are positive developments. We've got to do all we can to keep reform moving -- to keep it on track to genuine democracy.

In just a few days, I'll be speaking to the people of Poland and Hungary about what the United States -- and other Western governments -- can do to help. But my message to you today is this: the movement towards democracy takes more than governments alone. Democracy's great strength lies in its **private institutions** -- the institutions each of you represents. **What you do can make the difference for democracy in Hungary and Poland.**

I've called you here because all of you can be bridge-builders between East and West.

I'm calling on the American business community to encourage the movement toward the free market by working with private sector enterprises in Hungary and Poland. Private enterprise has been the engine of economic growth in America. It can be the key to prosperity in Poland and Hungary. Help it thrive.

I want to call on those of you in the educational community to expand our exchanges with Hungary and Poland. Open the lines

of communication between American universities and the great centers of learning in Budapest, Warsaw and Krakow. Let's learn from each other.

I want to see workers in Hungary as well as Poland benefit from the support of American trade unions. American labor and Solidarnosc have forged a strong relationship -- a great chapter in the history of international labor. But there's more work to do -- and it may be the most important work of all.

I want to ask those of you active in our cultural and artistic communities to strengthen America's links to the great artistic traditions of Hungary and Poland. Each of us can enrich the other, speak to each other -- through art, music and the written word.

Together, right in this room, there is a cross-section of the institutions that make democracy work -- that give meaning to the word democracy. You're freedom in action. You can help others along the path to freedom and democracy.

In just a few moments, you'll hear from some of the top experts on Eastern Europe, on trade -- and from people already involved in enterprises in Hungary and Poland. I think you'll find what they have to say enlightening and instructive.

But more than that -- I hope you'll find the next few hours exciting. There's a democratic evolution underway in Hungary and Poland: a deep yearning for the kinds of freedom -- economic and political, artistic and intellectual -- that we in America enjoy. It's up to all of us to see that those freedoms come to Hungary and Poland. Thank you.

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