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Patty Conrad
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-- I want to thank Secretary Baker for that warm introduction and
-- on his behalf, and mine and Barbara's, and all those traveling
with us -- express our gratitude to Ambassador Curley and to all
of you in the Embassy.

Pres. Bush
2-26-89

-- And let me thank you from the bottom of my heart because I
know something about surviving a visit from a President. We had
one in Beijing when I served as Ambassador. And I was sure glad
to see him go. And if that wasn't enough, we survived two from
Henry Kissinger. Try that one on for size.

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-- I also have some particular thanks, beginning with those that
are too often mentioned last: the U.S. Marines, the Embassy and
OECD staff, your spouses and kids who pitched in and put up with
the overtime, and the French nationals who help you with all the
arrangements.

Patty
Conrad
advance

-- I know that you here in Paris are old hands at this sort of
thing. But this was a much more complicated visit than usual --
involving an economic summit, a bilateral visit to France, and

the bicentennial festivities. Nevertheless, you pulled it off with characteristic style. Thanks to you, we must be the only American travelers in Paris who landed hotel reservations.

6 hours ahead -- To my colleagues here I offer many specific thanks. Each afternoon as your day in Paris winds down, it is morning in Washington and my daily briefing is about to begin. No one values your sound reporting efforts more than me.

-- I also appreciate the particular burden placed on this Embassy's resources by the large number of government officials who come to Paris and need your help. You have always responded magnificently, and once again put in a stellar performance for this visit.

-- You spend long hours working to meet the foreign policy objectives of our nation, to strengthen our economy, to enhance our national security, and to protect U.S. citizens overseas. I want to tell you that your work in Paris is greatly appreciated by me personally and by Secretary Baker.

-- Thanks to you we were able to have talks with President Mitterand and many of the world leaders gathered here. We were also able to enjoy the thrill of participating in the impressive bicentennial celebrations.

-- And I care because I've been part of an Embassy once, and when you've done that you know how people pull together. I have respect for the Foreign Service. I have respect for those in the military serving abroad. And I have respect for those in the other agencies that make up a great Embassy like this.

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-- And, before leaving, I want to commend Ambassador Curley to you. In addition to a long career in both government and private business, he has been my friend for many years. Judging by your first class work these past few days -- you deserve the best -- and I think you have the best. I know you will make him proud.

-- Once again, Barbara and I wish to thank all the men and women of the Paris Embassy who made this visit such a success. God bless each and every one of you for what you're doing for the world's greatest experiment in freedom and diversity: the United States of America. Thank you all.

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BYLINE: Maralee Schwartz, Ann Devroy

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One big Bush plum appears to have been handed out: Walter J.P. Curley Jr., a New York investment banker and longtime friend of the Bush family, is expected to be nominated as ambassador to France. Curley was part of the cadre of Bush friends who raised millions in private funds to benefit the 1988 GOP campaign.

It would not be Curley's first foreign posting. He was ambassador to Ireland from 1975 to 1977.

Veteran career diplomat Morton I. Abramowitz has been nominated to be ambassador to Turkey, administration officials said. Currently assistant secretary of state for intelligence and research, Abramowitz was confirmed in July 1986 only after Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) subjected him to lengthy hearings about his record in dealing with U.S. policy toward China.

In another shift, State Department spokesman Charles E. Redman will be taking his leave of the department's briefing room to become ambassador to Sweden. Redman, who began his Foreign Service career in 1974, has served as a political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, followed by assignments with NATO in Brussels and the embassy in Algiers.

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TALKING POINTS
U.S. EMBASSY, PARIS, FRANCE
MONDAY, JULY 17, 1989
8:00 A.M.

-- I WANT TO THANK SECRETARY BAKER FOR THAT WARM INTRODUCTION AND -- ON HIS BEHALF, AND MINE AND BARBARA'S, AND ALL THOSE TRAVELING WITH US -- EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO AMBASSADOR CURLEY AND TO ALL OF YOU IN THE EMBASSY.

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-- AND LET ME THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART BECAUSE I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT SURVIVING A VISIT FROM A PRESIDENT. WE HAD ONE IN BEIJING WHEN I SERVED AS AMBASSADOR. AND I WAS SURE GLAD TO SEE HIM GO. AND IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, WE SURVIVED TWO FROM HENRY KISSINGER. TRY THAT ONE ON FOR SIZE.

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-- I ALSO HAVE SOME PARTICULAR THANKS, BEGINNING WITH THOSE THAT ARE TOO OFTEN MENTIONED LAST: THE U.S. MARINES, THE EMBASSY AND OECD STAFF, YOUR SPOUSES AND KIDS WHO PITCHED IN AND PUT UP WITH THE OVERTIME, AND THE FRENCH NATIONALS WHO HELP YOU WITH ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS.

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-- I KNOW THAT YOU HERE IN PARIS ARE OLD HANDS AT THIS SORT OF THING. BUT THIS WAS A MUCH MORE COMPLICATED VISIT THAN USUAL -- INVOLVING AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT, A BILATERAL VISIT TO FRANCE, AND THE BICENTENNIAL FESTIVITIES. NEVERTHELESS, YOU PULLED IT OFF WITH CHARACTERISTIC STYLE. THANKS TO YOU, WE MUST BE THE ONLY AMERICAN TRAVELERS IN PARIS WHO LANDED HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

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-- TO MY COLLEAGUES HERE I OFFER MANY SPECIFIC THANKS. EACH AFTERNOON AS YOUR DAY IN PARIS WINDS DOWN, IT IS MORNING IN WASHINGTON AND MY DAILY BRIEFING IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. NO ONE VALUES YOUR SOUND REPORTING EFFORTS MORE THAN ME.

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-- I ALSO APPRECIATE THE PARTICULAR BURDEN PLACED ON THIS EMBASSY'S RESOURCES BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO COME TO PARIS AND NEED YOUR HELP. YOU HAVE ALWAYS RESPONDED MAGNIFICENTLY, AND ONCE AGAIN PUT IN A STELLAR PERFORMANCE FOR THIS VISIT.

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I HAVE RESPECT FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE. I HAVE RESPECT FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVING ABROAD. AND I HAVE RESPECT FOR THOSE IN THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT MAKE UP A GREAT EMBASSY LIKE THIS.

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GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE
DOING FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPERIMENT IN FREEDOM
AND DIVERSITY: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THANK
YOU ALL.

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Well, I want to thank Secretary [of State] Baker for that warm introduction and, on his behalf and mine and Barbara's and all those traveling with us, express our gratitude to each and every one of you in the Embassy. I'm proud to be greeted by the marines, proud to have been greeted before them by several of our Chinese friends, coworkers that worked with Barbara and me right in this very house.

You know, there's something about seeing familiar, friendly faces when you walk in a place that does make you feel at home, and then to see all of you. I don't know who the admin officer is here, who runs the administrative end of things, and those of you poor, suffering souls who work with him or her --[laughter] -- but I will simply say it is a her. I can't see her, but they tell me it is a she.[Laughter] Please stand up. Oh, she is standing up. Sorry. [Laughter] But let me thank you from the bottom of my heart because I know something about surviving a visit from a President. We had one when I was out here before this was an embassy. [Laughter] And I was sure glad to see him go. [Laughter] And if that wasn't enough, we survived two from Henry Kissinger. Try that one on for size. [Laughter] You think we're bad, now, listen. [Laughter]

But to the Chinese employees here and to the families and to all --

[At this point, the President was interrupted by a crying baby.]

On, it's not that bad, kid. Wait a minute; it's going to get -- [laughter]. To all of you here, really, I did want to say me special thanks. You serve a long way from home. This relationship, as I told Chairman Deng Xiaoping and others, is vital. It is absolutely essential to the foreign policy interest of the United States and, I'd say, in our own security interests as well. And so, you're doing a wonderful job for our country, and we are extraordinarily grateful to each and every one of you. And sometimes when you're halfway around the world, you expect nobody really gives much of a damn, but I do. And I care about it because I've been a part of an embassy once, and when you've done that you know how people pull together. I have respect for those in the military who serve abroad. And I have respect for those in the other departments that make up a great embassy like this. And I might say, I have great respect for this Ambassador and for what he's done in building on this extraordinarily important relationship. And so, Barbara and I give our thanks to Betty and to Winston.

We're running behind schedule, and so, we've got to go off for yet another meeting. I was looking forward to this one, though, and I apologize. And part of the reason we're late is I had to stop at the International Club. I had to see those guys that I played tennis with because I read in the paper a terrible thing. Mr. Wong -- modest man that he is, and some of you may know him -- the

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tennis guy up here at the club, reported erroneously that he beat me regularly in tennis. [Laughter] And this was in the New York Times. [Laughter] And I had to stop off and talk to him about that story, and so, I apologize for being late.

But let me end by saying Barbara and I are thrilled to be back here. We've had a wonderful visit. And it is more than the symbolism; it is important that we make clear to our Chinese friends that we value this relationship, that we're going to work to strengthen it. And once again, that's where all of you come in.

So, thank you, and God bless each and every one of you for what you're doing for the greatest, the freest, and the best country on the face of the Earth: the United States of America. Thank you all.

Note: The President spoke at 1:55 p.m. at the U.S. Ambassador's residence. In his remarks, he referred to Dorothy Sampas, administrative officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, and Ambassador Winston Lord and Mrs. Betty Lord.

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