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McNally/Simon  
December 12, 1989  
Draft Four (B:X-MAS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
THE ELLIPSE  
THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1989, 5:45 P.M.

Like every house, the White House is alive with holiday traditions, traditions that endear, traditions that endure. And though tonight's tradition, the lighting of the tree, is an old one, this is no ordinary Christmas. \\\

This is the Christmas we've awaited for 50 years. \\\

From the Atlantic to the Urals, 1989 is ending bright with the prospect of a far better Christmas than Europe has ever known, a far better future than the world dared to dream. //

*World Almanac 1989 p. 71*  
Half a century ago there began in Central Europe a struggle that left as its legacy a divided Berlin, a divided Germany, a divided Europe. World War II also became the great divide for my generation, a touchstone against which we would forever measure time and change. \\\

*Army History Center Navy Library see file Bob Simon*  
I think of Christmas Eve 1944. More than 10 million Americans in uniform. President Roosevelt lit the National Tree with the same electric switch I have here tonight.

*LIFE 9/89 see file Looking Forward p. 41*  
As Roosevelt spoke I was aboard a train. 20 years old. Crossed an ocean and a continent to get home. We stopped outside New York, and my fiancee, Barbara, climbed on board. And when we joined my parents there was laughter and tears, hugs and joy, the love and warmth of family during the holidays.

For us the war was over. // But for half of Europe, the war and its aftermath was to consume three generations. //

1990 almanac  
see file

Christmas 1948 saw the Berlin Airlift. In 1955, Radio Free Europe broadcast President Eisenhower's message behind the Iron Curtain. He told them: "During the Christmas season, I want you to know that the American people...share your faith that right, in the end, will prevail -- to bring you once again among the free nations of the world."

NY Times  
12/24/55

And on Christmas Eve 1981, we kept a candle burning all night in the White House, in solidarity with the Polish people.

RR speech  
12-23-81  
see file

Today fifty winters have come and gone. **||** And last month, as Lech Walesa came to America, the Wall in Berlin came tumbling down. **||** And as another winter descended across Europe -- spring returned to Prague. **||**

Lech: 11/13  
Wall: 11/9

Unconquerable people. **||** Unquenchable dreams. **||**

Today at the Wall a new sound rings out. Not the hammer and sickle -- but the hammer and chisel. The glad sound you hear is not only the bells of Christmas -- but also the bells of freedom.

And the triumph that looms is like the joy of Christmas. It is not a triumph for one particular country or one particular religion -- but a triumph for all humankind. **|||**

The Book of Days

Tradition has it that the Christmas tree began almost 500 years ago, when Martin Luther was walking through the snowy woods and was struck by the sight of brilliant, winter-white stars twinkling through the snowy branches of a live evergreen.

Encyclopedia  
Americana  
see  
file

And so it is especially appropriate that we gather this year to light a living tree, a tree whose branches are hung with a

curator's office  
see file

thousand stars, a thousand points of light. **||**

GE press  
release see file

The holidays are a time of laughter and children. A time when songs fill the air, and hope fills our hearts.

We've worked hard this year to help build a better America, to make this a kinder, gentler nation. But there remains a world of need all around us. And when we say the times present opportunities for great and historic change, it's not only in Eastern Europe. It's right here at home, where "People Power" can also do a world of good, in places like Charleston and Santa Cruz, where thousands pitched in when disaster struck, and where trees will be lighted simultaneously with the National Tree here.

This holiday season, reach out to someone right where you live. The hungry and the afflicted. The lonely, the aged and the young. Those who are illiterate. And those who, like Mary and Joseph, simply have no place for their family to sleep.

Because from now on in America, "there's no room at the inn" is simply not an acceptable answer. And from now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others.

For Christmas is measured not by what's beneath your tree, but by what's inside your heart. \\\

In the deep December dusk of Christmas Eve, as the churches and the streets empty out into the night, a winter stillness descends gently across the land. Driving by the farms and the cities, the windows all look the same. But inside each house and apartment there are people with stories to tell, there are families bound together in hope and love.

Bruce  
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Gordon  
James

And in the still of the night, in the fading glow of the family Christmas tree and the rich, warm-wax smell of candles just gone out, parents stand alone beside their sleeping children. With hope in their hearts, a whispered prayer on their lips, they brush the hair from the eyes of the innocents. And in that moment, perhaps, we see what is eternal in Christmas -- and in ourselves. \\\

This year, the spirit of the holidays is at long last matched by the spirit of the times. And tonight the Star of Bethlehem and the candles of the menorah still cast their light in every corner of the world, with a timeless message of hope and renewal that radiates to people of all faiths. \\\

It is the beginning of a new decade -- and the end of an old century. Whatever your dream, whatever star you're following -- the future is bright with possibilities. \\\

Merry Christmas to you all. And now, let's turn on the National Christmas Tree. \\\

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For Immediate Release.

**NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE  
TO FEATURE 'THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT'**

"A Thousand Points of Light" will be featured on the 1989 National Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. President George Bush will turn on the tree December 14 at the annual Pageant of Peace ceremony on the Ellipse across from The White House.

"The 'Thousand Points of Light' design reflects the spirit of volunteerism expressed by the President," explained tree designer Frank LaGiusa, senior lighting specialist, GE Lighting, Cleveland, Ohio. "The white stars will be lighted constantly, symbolizing the untiring efforts of volunteers throughout the nation. The thousand white stars will be placed approximately two feet apart to keep the points distinct."

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"The background lighting will cross-fade from red to blue, producing an overall impact of red, white and blue. In addition to the 1,000 white lighted stars, the tree will have 1,500 red lights and 2,500 blue lights," said LaGiusa. He said hundreds of red and blue ball-shaped ornaments will add color to the tree for daytime viewing. This is the 14th year he has designed the tree.

A five-pointed luminous star, about 30-inches in diameter, will top the 33-foot blue spruce. Surrounding the national tree are 57 smaller trees, which represent the individual states, territories and the District of Columbia. Each tree will be lighted with a small floodlight and clear GE midget lights.

This is the 27th year that GE has contributed the design, lighting and decorations for the national tree.

For more information about the Pageant of Peace, contact the National Park Service at (202) 485-9666.

### *National Christmas Tree-Program draft*

For 27 years, GE has contributed the design, lighting and decorations for the national tree. This year's tree features "A Thousand Points of Light," emphasizing President Bush's commitment to the spirit of volunteerism. The tree has 5,000 lights, including 1,000 star-shaped, white-lighted ornaments which shine through a background alternately lighted red and blue.

"The white stars are lighted constantly, symbolizing the untiring efforts of volunteers throughout the nation," explained Frank LaGiusa, senior lighting specialist, GE Lighting, Cleveland, Ohio. "The thousand white stars are placed approximately two feet apart to keep the points distinct. The background cross-fades from red to blue lighting, producing an overall impact, with the stars, of red, white and blue," said LaGiusa. The tree uses 1,500 red lights and 2,500 blue lights. Hundreds of red and blue ball-shaped ornaments add color to the tree for daytime viewing.

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This is the 14th year LaGiusa has designed the tree, having decorated trees which were lighted by Presidents Reagan, Carter and Ford.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *AD*

FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *EMW*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Attached is the new draft for tonight's remarks at the National Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, shortened and revised as you requested.

McNally/Simon  
December 14, 1989  
Draft SIX (B:X-MAS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
THE ELLIPSE  
THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1989, 5:45 P.M.

Special thanks to Willard Scott, Loretta Lynn, Tommy Tune,  
the Air Force Band and all of you who helped this Christmas. \\

Because this is the Christmas we've awaited for 50 years. \\

Across Europe -- East and West -- 1989 is ending bright with  
the prospect of a far better Christmas than Europe has ever  
known, a far better future than the world dared to imagine. \\

Fifty winters have come and gone since darkness closed over  
Europe in 1939. \\ But last month, as Lech Walesa came to  
America, the Wall in Berlin came tumbling down. \\ And as  
another winter descended across Europe -- spring returned to  
Prague. \\ Unconquerable people. \\ Unquenchable dreams. \\

Today at the Wall a new sound rings out. Not the hammer and  
sickle -- but the hammer and chisel. The glad sound you hear is  
not only the bells of Christmas -- but also the bells of freedom.

And in this new season of hope, the triumph that looms is  
like the joy of Christmas. It is not a triumph for one  
particular country or one particular religion -- but a triumph  
for all humankind. \\ \\

The holidays are a time of laughter and children and  
counting our blessings. A time when songs fill the air, and hope  
fills our hearts for peace on Earth, good will to all.

We've worked hard this year to help build a better America,  
to make this a kinder, gentler nation. But there remains a world

of need all around us. This holiday season, reach out to someone right where you live. Because from now on in America, "there's no room at the inn" is simply not an acceptable answer. From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others. \\ For Christmas is measured not by what's beneath your tree, but by what's inside your heart. \\

This year, the spirit of the holidays is at long last matched by the spirit of the times. \\ It is the beginning of a new decade -- and the end of an old century. Whatever your dream, whatever star you're following -- the future is bright with possibilities. \\

Merry Christmas to you all. And now -- with simultaneous tree lightings from coast to coast, in Charleston and Santa Cruz, let's show you our "Thousand Points of Light." Let's turn on the National Christmas Tree! \\ \\ \\

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McNally/Simon  
December 11, 1989  
Draft Three (B:X-MAS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
THE ELLIPSE  
THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1989, 5:45 P.M.

This is the Christmas we've awaited for 50 years. \\

From the Atlantic to the Urals, 1989 is ending bright with the prospect of a far better Christmas than Europe has ever known, a far better future than the world dared to dream. \\

Half a century ago there began in Central Europe a struggle that left as its legacy a divided Berlin, a divided Germany, a divided Europe. World War II also became the great divide for my generation, a touchstone against which we would forever measure time and change. \\

I think of Christmas Eve 1944. More than 10 million Americans were under arms. President Roosevelt lighted the National Tree with the same antique switch I have here tonight.

As Roosevelt spoke I was aboard a train. 20 years old. Crossed an ocean and a continent to get home. We stopped outside New York, and my fiance, Barbara, climbed on board. And when we joined my parents there was laughter and tears, hugs and joy, the love and warmth of family during the holidays.

For us the war was over. \\ But for half of Europe, the war and its aftermath was to consume three generations. \\

Christmas 1948 saw the Berlin Airlift. In 1955, Radio Free Europe broadcast President Eisenhower's message behind the Iron Curtain. He told them: "During the Christmas season, I want you

to know that the American people...share your faith that right, in the end, will prevail -- to bring you once again among the free nations of the world."

And on Christmas Eve 1981, we kept a candle burning all night in the White House, in solidarity with the Polish people.

Today fifty winters have come and gone. And last month, as Lech Walesa came to America, the Wall in Berlin came tumbling down. And as another winter descended across Europe -- spring returned to Prague.

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Today at the Wall a new sound rings out. Not the hammer and sickle -- but the hammer and chisel. The glad sound you hear is not only the bells of Christmas -- but also the bells of freedom.

And the triumph that looms is like the joy of Christmas. It is not a triumph for one particular country or one particular religion -- but a triumph for all humankind. \\\

Tradition has it that the Christmas tree began almost 500 years ago, when Martin Luther was walking through the snowy woods and was struck by the sight of brilliant, winter-white stars twinkling through the snowy branches of a live evergreen. And so it is especially appropriate that we gather this year to light a living tree, a tree whose branches are hung with a thousand stars, a thousand points of light. \\

The holidays are a time of laughter and children. A time when songs fill the air, and hope fills our hearts.

We've worked hard this year to help build a better America, to make this a kinder, gentler nation. But there remains a world of need all around us. And when we say the times present opportunities for great and historic change, it's not only in Eastern Europe. It's right here at home, where "People Power" can also do a world of good, in places like Charleston and Santa Cruz, where thousands pitched in when disaster struck, and where trees will be lighted simultaneously with the National Tree here.

**This holiday season, reach out to someone right where you live. The hungry and the afflicted. The lonely, the aged and the young. Those who are illiterate. And those who, like Mary and Joseph, simply have no place for their family to sleep.**

**Because from now on in America, "there's no room at the inn" is simply not an acceptable answer. And from now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others.**

For Christmas is measured not by what's beneath your tree, but by what's inside your heart. \\\

In the deep December dusk of Christmas Eve, as the churches and the streets empty out into the night, a winter stillness descends gently across the land. Driving by the farms and the cities, the windows all look the same. **But inside each house and apartment there are people with stories to tell, there are families bound together in hope and love.**

And in the still of the night, in the fading glow of the family Christmas tree and the rich, warm-wax smell of candles just gone out, parents stand alone beside their sleeping

children. With hope in their hearts, a whispered prayer on their lips, they brush the hair from the eyes of the innocents. And in that moment, perhaps, we see what is eternal in Christmas -- and in ourselves. \\\

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December 11, 1989  
Draft Two (B:X-MAS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
THE ELLIPSE  
THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1989, 5:45 P.M.

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I think of Christmas Eve 1944. 10 million Americans were under arms. The National Tree was lighted by President Roosevelt using the same antique switch I have here tonight.

On that Christmas Eve I was 20 years old, and had crossed an ocean and a continent to get home. The train stopped outside New York, and my fiance, Barbara, climbed aboard. And when we joined my parents there was laughter and tears, hugs and joy, the love and warmth of family during the holidays.

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Today fifty winters have come and gone. And last month, as Lech Walesa came to America, the Wall in Berlin came tumbling down. And as another winter descended across Europe -- springtime returned to Prague.

Today at the Wall a new sound rings out. Not the hammer and sickle -- but the hammer and chisel. And the sound you hear is not only the bells of Christmas -- but also the bells of freedom.

Once again wise men and women are travelling afar in the East, seeking the promise of the ages -- freedom, peace and dignity. Unconquerable people. \\ Unquenchable dreams. \\

Like the Allied victory in World War II, today's new season of hope was not foreordained. And as in Christmas 1944, though today the tide has turned, the war is not yet won.

But the triumph that looms is like the triumph of Christmas. It is not a triumph for one particular country or one particular religion -- but a triumph for all humankind. \\

Because this year, the spirit of the holidays is at long last matched by the spirit of the times. And tonight the Star of Bethlehem and the eight candles of the Temple cast their light in every corner of the world, with a spirit that radiates to people of all faiths. \\

There are many legends about the origin of the Christmas Tree. Many believe that Martin Luther began the custom while walking through the woods one clear Christmas Eve, when he was struck by the sight of brilliant, winter-white stars twinkling through the snowy branches of an evergreen tree.

And given the starlight legend, it is especially appropriate that we gather this year to light a living tree, a tree whose branches are hung with a thousand stars, a thousand points of light.

The holidays are a time of laughter and children. A time when songs fill the air, and hope fills our hearts.

We've worked hard this year to help build a better America, to make this a kinder, gentler nation. But there remains a world of need all around us. And when we say the times present opportunities for great and historic change, it's not only in Eastern Europe. It's right here at home, where "People Power" can also do a world of good, in places like Charleston and Santa Cruz, where thousands pitched in when disaster struck, and where trees will be lighted simultaneously with the National Tree here.

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Because from now on in America, "there's no room at the inn" is simply not an acceptable answer. And from now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others.

For Christmas is measured not by what's beneath your tree,  
but by what's inside your heart. \\\

In the deep December dusk of Christmas Eve, the stores and  
the streets empty out into the night, and a winter stillness  
descends gently across the land. At first the farmhouses and row  
houses all look the same, with the station wagon parked out  
front, basketball hoop over the garage, and Christmas lights  
glowing pink in the winter twilight.

But inside each house there are people with stories to tell,  
there are families bound together in the pain and the struggle of  
love.

And in the still of the night, among the last embers of  
firelight and the rich, warm-wax smell of candles just gone out,  
parents stand alone before the family Christmas tree, and whisper  
a prayer for their sleeping children. A lump forms in their  
throat. Tears come to their eyes. And in that moment, perhaps,  
we see what is eternal in Christmas -- and in ourselves. \\\

**It is the beginning of a new decade -- and the end of an old  
century. Whatever your dream, whatever star you're following --  
the future is bright with possibilities. \\\**

And now, let's turn on the National Christmas Tree. \\\

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McNally/Simon  
December 8, 1989  
Draft One (B:X-MAS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
THE ELLIPSE  
THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1989, 5:00 P.M.

This is the Christmas we have waited for. For 40 years and more...

A few years back every entrepreneur in America was kicking themselves for not thinking up the bestselling "Pet Rock." But who would have thought that the hottest selling Christmas item was not a new Nintendo game, but pieces of the Berlin Wall.

The American idea is far larger than the American nation. America is a place for dreams to go, a place for dreams to grow, and finally, to take to the skies. They quoted Patrick Henry in Beijing, Thomas Jefferson in Prague, and in Berlin, in English, a familiar song rose in the wind sweeping through the new gaps in the Wall: "We Shall Overcome."

Unconquerable people. Unquenchable dreams.

And in this year of dreams come true... Offers the promise of a far better time than Europe has ever known, a far better dream than we dared hope for...

Traditions that endear, traditions that endure...

And the White House is alive with the ghosts of Christmas past, alive with the sounds of Thomas Jefferson's fiddle, alive with the warm smells of the Christmas dinner Abraham Lincoln's

son hosted for the poor, alive with the echoes of Franklin Roosevelt's unmistakable voice, Dicken's Christmas Carol to his grandchildren.

The light of the world...

The Star of Bethlehem still lights every corner of the world, with a spirit that radiates to people of all faiths...

And this year more than ever, the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of the times.

Candle in the window to help Father Christmas find his way... Today others still need our help in finding the way. Sometimes it's whole families. Sometimes, whole nations. Sometimes, whole families of nations.

1,000 Points of light are the candles that fill the ancient squares of central Europe (Warsaw, Prague...) And the searchlights are a bit dimmer, the starlight a bit brighter, and hope...

45 years ago... A war fought to rid the world of evil. On that Christmas Eve there were over 10 million men in the armed forces of the United States alone. As I journeyed home to Christmas...FDR pressed this electric switch, this very switch, for the last time...the last Christmas of the War...and the last Christmas to know the world at war. May it ever be so.

As in Christmas 1944, the tide had turned but the war was not yet won. And as in Christmas 1944, we cannot yet say when our efforts will bring victory, and victory bring our troops home.

Today, the world is in the midst of another journey... History is not over. But the tide of history has turned.

Ike: "But in the myriads of Christmas candles we see the vision of a better world for all people."

Ike: "I want you to know that the American people...share your faith that right in the end will prevail to bring you once again among the free nations of the world."

Wherever and whenever the tanks stopped, there the world changed. And today freedom flourishes where once democracy was denied.

And at the Berlin Wall, the world watched in wonder as a symbol of evil became a symbol of hope.

From the Atlantic to the Urals...

And once again wise men travel from the East, seeking the promise of the ages... And the architects of a new Europe...not \_\_\_\_\_, but a playwright and an electrician...

And just this week it was announced, the bald eagle -- the American Eagle -- is no longer classified as an endangered species.

A sound rings out. Not the hammer and sickle -- but the hammer and chisel. Not the bells of Christmas -- but the bells of freedom.

A time of laughter and children... A time when songs fill the air, and hope fills our hearts.

But for too many Americans, Christmas is the saddest day of the year.

The times have presented an opportunity for great and historic change. The times have presented an opportunity for us to explore each other's hopes and aspirations. And in the coming year, the times present us with a new opportunity, an opportunity to act.

Two Presidents. Two great peoples. Today coming together behind one great dream -- the dream of a Europe whole and free.

Malta is an exotic island, steeped in history and intrigue. The very name conjures up ancient images of Phoenician traders and crusading knights.

But in truth, the Knights of Malta began not as warriors but as healers, ministering to those stricken enroute to Jerusalem. And although we met in the Mediterranean on a crusade for peace, we, too, begin our efforts not so much as crusaders, but as healers -- healers of a division that has sundered Europe and the world for three generations.

The carnage unleashed 50 years ago resulted in the division of Berlin, the division of Germany, and the division of Europe.

World War II also became the great divide for my generation, an abyss from which many would never return, and a line against which we would measure time and change forever after. And in this time of great hope, it is easy to forget the thin margin that often separated our Alliance and its armies from defeat.

50 years ago today Poland had fallen and Europe was held in the icy grip of its darkest winter. None could imagine the adversity and the anguish that would be endured before the world was rid of that horror.

Now fifty winters have come and gone. And last month, as another winter descended across Europe, the Wall came down in Berlin -- and spring returned to Prague.

Like the Allied victory in World War II, today's new season of hope was not a preordained result. It is the result of hard work, commitment, and farsighted leaders who looked beyond the horizon, and saw an image of a world that could be. And yes, it is the result of faith.

No one has demonstrated that better than the people who hosted our weekend talks in the Mediterranean. During World War II, Malta was called "democracy's fortress," Churchill's unsinkable aircraft carrier. Brutally bombed, wounded and starving, the island refused to succumb. Enroute home from the Teheran Conference, Franklin Roosevelt stopped off to deliver the thanks of the American people, praising Malta as "one tiny, bright flame in the darkness, a beacon of hope for clearer days."

Ladies and gentlemen, it seems those clearer days have arrived.

Malta held out against an overwhelming force. Today the overwhelming force is freedom. And today new beacons of hope shine in Warsaw and Prague, Budapest and Berlin. And I believe, America believes, the flames of freedom will one day light the world.

Whatever your dream. Whatever star you're following. Go for it.

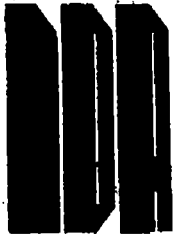
And in farmhouses and in apartment houses in the still of the night all across this land, among the last embers of firelight and the rich, warm-wax smell of candles just gone out, parents will stand alone before trees humble and grand, and whisper a prayer for their sleeping children. A lump forms in their throat and tears come to their eyes. And in that moment, perhaps we see what is eternal in Christmas -- and in ourselves.

For Christmas is found not beneath the tree, but inside the heart.

And so I leave you not with my message, but the original message, the message from my boss: "Peace on Earth. Godd will to men."

Thank you for your warm greeting on this cold winter's night. God bless you all this Christmas season. And God bless the U.S.A.

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International  
Downtown  
Association

November 16, 1989

Mr. Bruce J. Zanca  
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and Initiative  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Zanca:

As per our conversation yesterday, please find enclosed a letter to President Bush requesting a simultaneous lighting of the National Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C., a historic building in Charleston, South Carolina and a tree in Santa Cruz, California.

We have already been in contact with Ken Saunderson, representing Santa Cruz and Chris Bailey representing Charleston, South Carolina. Both cities are excited about this possibility. We also think it would be wonderful if a family representative of either the President or Vice President could be in attendance at the ceremonies in Charleston and Santa Cruz. Could that work?

Once we get a go-ahead specific details can be ironed out. Nancy Huggins, IDA's Director of Membership Services will head this project for the Association. She can be reached at 783-4963. She looks forward to speaking with you soon.

Please call on me if I can be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

*Richard H. Bradley*  
Richard H. Bradley  
President

- Chairman  
Bill Fountain  
West Palm Beach DDA
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THIS HAS BEEN MY  
CONTACT. I TOLD  
HER THAT WE WOULD  
CALL HER AND IBT



November 16, 1989

The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In light of your support of the renewal efforts of the cities devastated by recent disasters, we request, on behalf of the cities of Charleston, South Carolina and Santa Cruz, California, that you simultaneously light the National Christmas Tree in Washington, a historic building in Charleston and a tree in Santa Cruz.

To date, both cities have made excellent progress. In Santa Cruz shops have reopened; a marketing plan to hold Christmas in the Downtown has been instituted; and a new public/private corporation is being formed to raise funds, create a new downtown plan and rebuild. In Charleston, similar efforts are focusing on the historic district.

The International Downtown Association is an international association of over 450 members. The membership is made up of organizations, government agencies, businesses and individuals dedicated to the revitalization of downtowns and their adjacent neighborhoods. Since the earthquake IDA members have been working with the citizens of Santa Cruz, California to rebuild Pacific Garden Mall both physically and spiritually.

If this particular suggestion is not feasible, I am sure there will be other opportunities we could work with. IDA stands ready to assist in any way it can to make this happen.

Sincerely,

*Richard H. Bradley*  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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Dec. 1944

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Navy, MC, CG	3,844,016
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FOR MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

In a certain mountain village in Europe several centuries ago, a nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. At last he decided to build them a church.

No one saw the complete plans for the church until it was finished. When the people gathered, they marveled at its beauty and completeness. Then someone asked, 'But where are the lamps? How will it be lighted?'

The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls. Then he gave each family a lamp which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship.

'Each time you are here the area where you are seated will be lighted,' the nobleman said. 'Each time you are not here, that area will be dark. This is to remind you that whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark.'

-First Baptist Church  
Natchez, MS

CBS's DAVID MARTIN reports from the Pentagon that U.S. officials, who for the last two weeks have been describing the rebel offensive as a desperate last gasp, acknowledged that the rebels have scored a propaganda victory by forcing Americans to leave. But they claim it will be short-lived.

(MARGARET TUTWILER, State Department spokeswoman: "Our embassy is open and we would note that this authorized departure from post is, again, temporary and covers a period of 30 days.")

Today, at an emergency session of the Organization of American States, a Salvadoran diplomat displayed a Soviet-made anti-aircraft missile allegedly shipped to the rebels through Nicaragua. U.S. officials continue to insist the rebel offensive has failed to achieve its primary objective of igniting a popular uprising, but these same officials also expect the rebels to continue their hit-and-run attacks in an effort to prove they remain a force to be reckoned with. (CBS-3)

#### SOVIET UNION/RELIGION

ABC's JIM LAURIE reports that religion in the Soviet Union has made a comeback. For the first time after more than 70 years of preaching atheism, Soviet authorities are now allowing parents of the Russian Orthodox faith to send their children to Sunday school. Soviet Moslems, Protestants, and Jews have also had restrictions eased. In Lithuania, where many of this nation's seven million Roman Catholics live, they'll be celebrating Christmas this year legally for the first time in 50 years. If the Gorbachev-Vatican meeting is successful, Church sources say Pope John Paul may visit Lithuania next year. Soviet authorities have given strong signals that the Ukrainian Catholic Church will be legalized soon. (ABC-8)

NBC's BOB ABERNETHY reports on the increasing acceptance of religion in the Soviet Union. The Baptist Church in Moscow has been given permission to begin importing 12 million Bibles over the next five years. The demand is so heavy that money from the sales has helped build 400 new places of worship. The ban on religious education is also easing; Jewish religious education is being permitted in a Moscow synogogue. Officially, the students have been excused from state schools to be taught at home. The parents send them to the synogogue for "consultation." (CBS-7, NBC-13)

RATHER interviews Elie Wiesel and Rev. Billy Graham on religion in the Soviet Union. (CBS-8)

#### GERMAN ASSASSINATION

JENNINGS reports that in Frankfurt this morning, someone used a bomb to kill the head of West Germany's largest bank -- one of the most influential banks in the world. Those who claim to be responsible for the killing used to be called the Baader-Meinhof Gang -- now they call themselves the Red Army Faction.

ABC's JOHN MARTIN reports on the details of the assassination. Some called Alfred Herrhausen West Germany's master of money. The Red Army faction opposes all forms of capitalism but the bombing may have been a general attack on the establishment. Herrhausen was also a supporter of reunification with East Germany.

## MARTIN continues:

(RANDALL HEATHER, European terrorism analyst: "He becomes a target because he represents the worst of all evils: reunification under capitalism.")  
In Bonn, the Bundestag recessed briefly when its members heard of his murder, and in Dusseldorf, Chancellor Kohl denounced the killing.  
(KOHL, through interpreter: "This cowardly and brutal murder against one of Germany's leading figures.") (CBS-5, ABC-2)

NBC's MIKE BOETTCHER reports that Herrhausen was a highly visible target.  
(HERIBERT HELLENROICH, anti-terrorism specialist: "He is just a symbol for the combination between industrial power and armament.") (NBC-5)

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

JENNINGS reports that Czechoslovakia said today it will dismantle anti-escape devices along part of its border with Austria. (ABC-5)

## EAST GERMANY/HONECKER

JENNINGS reports that East German authorities have stripped former Communist Party leader Erich Honecker of immunity from any criminal charges. This could clear the way to prosecute him if they decide to do so for alleged abuses of power. (ABC-6)

BROKAW reports that security forces have sealed off the compound where Honecker and other ousted communist officials are living. (NBC-9)

## CHINESE STUDENTS/VISAS

ABC's DIANE SAWYER: A bill that would have allowed 40,000 Chinese college students to stay in this country, even after their visas expire, has been killed by the White House. President Bush has vetoed the measure, saying Congress shouldn't meddle in foreign affairs.

ABC's SHEILAH KAST reports from Capitol Hill that Chinese students in the U.S. claim they started getting pressure from the Chinese Embassy to think of their future back in China after protesting the massacre in Tiananmen Square. The students lobbied Congress for a law that would ensure they would not have to go back to China when their visas expire. Congress agreed unanimously. The Chinese government protested to President Bush, threatening to cut off future exchange programs. Student leaders here are outraged.

(HAICHING ZHAO, exchange student: "Basically, they are intimidating and blackmailing the U.S. government.")

Refusing to change the law, the President changed regulations instead, allowing the students until 1994 to return to China. It's not likely that will keep Congress from passing the legislation again and overriding his veto. (ABC-13)

CBS's BRUCE MORTON reports that just before leaving for a summit where he'll talk up democracy in Eastern Europe, the President delivered what critics say is a blow to the democracy movement in China.

(TV coverage: President in Cabinet Room.)

(REP. PELOSI: "The presidential veto is one that was signed by President Bush, but his hand was guided by Deng Xiaoping.")

1939

Pres. Roosevelt asked defense budget hike Jan. 5, 12.  
 N.Y. World's Fair opened Apr. 30, closed Oct. 31; re-  
 opened May 11, 1940, and finally closed Oct. 21.  
 Einstein alerts FDR to A-bomb opportunity in Aug. 2 let-  
 ter.  
 U.S. declares its neutrality in European war Sept. 5.  
 Roosevelt proclaimed a limited national emergency Sept.  
 8, an unlimited emergency May 27, 1941. Both ended by  
 Pres. Truman Apr. 28, 1952.

John Steinbeck published *Grapes of Wrath*.

1940

U.S. okayed sale of surplus war material to Britain June  
 3; announced transfer of 50 overaged destroyers Sept. 3.  
 First peacetime draft approved Sept. 14.  
 Richard Wright published *Native Son*.

1941

The Four Freedoms termed essential by Pres. Roosevelt in  
 speech to Congress Jan. 6: freedom of speech and religion,  
 freedom from want and fear.

Lend-Lease Act signed Mar. 11, providing \$7 billion in  
 military credits for Britain. Lend-Lease for USSR approved  
 in Nov.

U.S. occupied Iceland July 7.

The Atlantic Charter, 8-point declaration of principles,  
 issued by Roosevelt and Winston Churchill Aug. 14.

Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 7:55 a.m. Dec. 7,  
 19 ships sunk or damaged, 2,300 dead. U.S. declared war on  
 Japan Dec. 8, on Germany and Italy Dec. 11 after those  
 countries declared war.

1942

Federal government forcibly moved 110,000 Japanese-  
 Americans (including 75,000 U.S. citizens) from West Coast  
 to detention camps. Exclusion lasted 3 years.

Battle of Midway June 4-7 was Japan's first major defeat.  
 Marines landed on Guadalcanal Aug. 7; last Japanese not  
 expelled until Feb. 9, 1943.

U.S., Britain invaded North Africa Nov. 8.

First nuclear chain reaction (fission of uranium isotope  
 U-235) produced at Univ. of Chicago, under physicists Ar-  
 thur Compton, Enrico Fermi, others Dec. 2.

1943

All war contractors barred from racial discrimination  
 May 27.

Pres. Roosevelt signed June 10 the pay-as-you-go income  
 tax bill. Starting July 1 wage and salary earners were sub-  
 ject to a paycheck withholding tax.

Race riot in Detroit June 21; 34 dead, 700 injured. Riot  
 in Harlem section of N.Y. City; 6 killed.

U.S. troops invaded Italy Sept. 9.

Marines advanced in Gilbert Is. in Nov.

1944

U.S., Allied forces invaded Europe at Normandy June 6.  
 G.I. Bill of Rights signed June 22, providing veterans  
 benefits.

U.S. forces landed on Leyte, Philippines Oct. 20.

1945

Yalta Conference met in the Crimea, USSR, Feb. 3-11.  
 Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin agreed Russia would enter  
 war against Japan.

Marines landed on Iwo Jima Feb. 19; U.S. forces invaded  
 Okinawa Apr. 1.

Pres. Roosevelt, 63, died of cerebral hemorrhage in Warm  
 Springs, Ga. Apr. 12; V.P. Harry S. Truman became pres.  
 Germany surrendered May 7.

First atomic bomb, produced at Los Alamos, N.M., ex-  
 ploded at Alamogordo, N.M. July 16. Bomb dropped on  
 Hiroshima Aug. 6, on Nagasaki Aug. 9. Japan surrendered  
 Aug. 15.

U.S. forces entered Korea south of 38th parallel to dis-  
 place Japanese Sept. 8.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur took over supervision of Japan  
 Sept. 9.

1946

Strike by 400,000 mine workers began Apr. 1; other in-  
 dustries followed.

Philippines given independence by U.S. July 4.

1947

Truman Doctrine: Pres. Truman asked Congress to aid  
 Greece and Turkey to combat Communist terrorism Mar.  
 12. Approved May 15.

United Nations Security Council voted unanimously Apr.  
 2 to place under U.S. trusteeship the Pacific islands formerly  
 mandated to Japan.

Jackie Robinson on Brooklyn Dodgers Apr. 11, broke the  
 color barrier in major league baseball.

Taft-Hartley Labor Act curbing strikes was vetoed by  
 Truman June 20; Congress overrode the veto.

Proposals later known as the Marshall Plan, under which  
 the U.S. would extend aid to European countries, were made  
 by Sec. of State George C. Marshall June 5. Congress au-  
 thorized some \$12 billion in next 4 years.

1948

USSR began a land blockade of Berlin's Allied sectors  
 Apr. 1. This blockade and Western counter-blockade were  
 lifted Sept. 30, 1949, after British and U.S. planes had lifted  
 2,343,315 tons of food and coal into the city.

Organization of American States founded Apr. 30.

Alger Hiss, former State Dept. official, indicted Dec. 15  
 for perjury, after denying he had passed secret documents to  
 Whittaker Chambers for transmission to a communist spy  
 ring. His second trial ended in conviction Jan. 21, 1950, and  
 a sentence of 5 years in prison.

Kinsey Report on Sexuality in the Human Male pub-  
 lished.

1949

U.S. troops withdrawn from Korea June 29.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established  
 Aug. 24 by U.S., Canada, and 10 West European nations,  
 agreeing that an armed attack against one or more of them  
 would be considered an attack against all.

Mrs. I. Toguri D'Aquino (Tokyo Rose of Japanese war-  
 time broadcasts) was sentenced Oct. 7 to 10 years in prison  
 for treason. Paroled 1956, pardoned 1977.

Eleven leaders of U.S. Communist party convicted Oct.  
 14, after 9-month trial in N.Y. City, of advocating violent  
 overthrow of U.S. government. Ten defendants sentenced to  
 5 years in prison each and the 11th to 3 years. Supreme  
 Court upheld the convictions June 4, 1951.

1950

U.S. Jan 14 recalled all consular officials from China after  
 the latter seized the American consulate general in Peking.

Masked bandits robbed Brink's Inc., Boston express of-  
 fice, Jan. 17 of \$2.8 million, of which \$1.2 million was in  
 cash. Case solved 1956, 8 sentenced to life.

Pres. Truman authorized production of H-bomb Jan. 31.  
 United Nations asked for troops to restore Korea peace  
 June 25.

Truman ordered Air Force and Navy to Korea June 27  
 after North Korea invaded South. Truman approved ground  
 forces, air strikes against North June 30.

U.S. sent 35 military advisers to South Vietnam June 21,  
 and agreed to provide military and economic aid to anti-  
 Communist government.

Army seized all railroads Aug. 27 on Truman's order to  
 prevent a general strike; roads returned to owners in 1952.

U.S. forces landed at Inchon Sept. 15; UN force took  
 Pyongyang Oct. 20, reached China border Nov. 20, China  
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