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BRIEF REMARKS: CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM
THE PENSION BUILDING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1990
TIME? *6:00 p.m.*

(Thank you, John [Denver], and to all the performers:
Thank you, John [Denver], very much. What a wonderful program this year. *be* Barbara and I really enjoyed the magnificent singing, the glorious music, and the warm Christmas spirit that has filled this fabulous room.

We all know that in ~~all~~ ^b the hubub of the holidays, it's easy to forget that Christmas is more than just how many presents we get ... or how big the tree is this year.

Christmas is remembering the story from ~~nearly~~ ^{MS} 2000 years ago, of Mary and Joseph being turned away from the inn on a cold winter's night. It's reaching out -- 365 days a year -- to the hungry, the lonely, the aged, the illiterate, and those, like Mary and Joseph, who simply have no place to sleep.

And Christmas reminds us of the star of Bethlehem, leading the three kings toward the Child in the manger. Over the past year, the light of liberty began to shine around the world -- and Christmas in cities far away from ours will be different this time -- cities like Prague, Warsaw, ~~Belgrade~~, ^{Berlin} Budapest, and even Moscow, where not only the bells of Christmas but the bells of **freedom** ring out proud and true.

This year, the wish of the heavenly angels to the frightened shepherds -- "**peace on Earth**" -- holds special meaning. To all

the men and women serving in the Persian Gulf, defending freedom and keeping the peace; know that you are in our thoughts every day, and your safe return home is in our prayers every night.

Christmas fills our hearts with hope for the future -- one of peace, goodwill, and freedom for all mankind. **May this coming year be the best ever for all of us.**

This evening has been such a treat. From the Bush family to your family -- **Merry Christmas.** And thank you very, very much.

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WASHINGTON

John Denver on-stage
announce

Pres., accompanied by
Mrs. Bush

whole cast, *Herald*

rehearsals Sat. 6-8
Sun 12-3

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GEORGE STEVENS PRODUCTIONS

FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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MESSAGE

Mr. Zanca:

I am faxing a copy of President Bush's remarks from the 1989 "Christmas In Washington" program. My production rundown shows that the President spoke for two minutes and fifty-six seconds. The average length of the presidential remarks at "Christmas In Washington" is two minutes.

Please call me if I can provide any further information. Mr. Stevens is in California today, but would be happy to talk to you. I can always try to transfer you to him.

Dottie McCarthy
 Dottie McCarthy
 Assistant to George Stevens, Jr.

John Denver - into
Aretha Franklin
Reba McEntire
Barbara Hendricks - opera
Naval Acad. Blue Club
Eastern MS choir
 after - *Hark the Herald*

Delivered by Mrs. Bush at the
last minute because GB had the flu.

Mark Lange rewrote Mary Kate's
original version on the road in S.
America.

Mary Kate then modified it
for Mrs. Bush.

**CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM / THE PENSION BUILDING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1990**

THANK YOU, JOHN. I'M SORRY THE PRESIDENT CAN'T BE WITH US TONIGHT -- BUT HE'S AT HOME WITH A TOUCH OF THE FLU. HE ASKED ME TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND TO PASS ALONG HIS THOUGHTS ON THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENING. FIRST, TO ALL THE PERFORMERS: WHAT A WONDERFUL PROGRAM! WE ALL ENJOYED THE MAGNIFICENT SINGING, THE GLORIOUS MUSIC, AND THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT THAT HAS FILLED THIS FABULOUS HALL.

IN MANY WAYS, THIS SEASON IN THE MIDST OF WINTER IS THE WORLD'S WARMEST. ACROSS THE SEAS AND SANDS, AROUND THE WORLD IN CHURCHES, TEMPLES AND MOSQUES, THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE IS FELT AND CELEBRATED EVERYWHERE -- AND NEVER MORE THAN NOW.

AND IN THE PERSIAN GULF, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN STANDING STRONG FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE. THEY ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS EVERY DAY -- AND THEIR SAFE RETURN IS IN OUR PRAYERS EVERY NIGHT.

HUMANITY'S ENDURING HOPE -- THE WISH OF 2000 YEARS -- IS FOR PEACE ON EARTH. SOME MAY LOOK BACK, AND MOURN THE "PEACE THE WORLD CANNOT GIVE." BUT THE REAL QUESTION THOSE CENTURIES ASK, IS WHETHER WE CAN SUMMON IN OURSELVES THE STRENGTH TO LOOK FORWARD -- AND FIND THE WILL TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER.

SO IF THE LIGHT OF THAT STAR OVER BETHLEHEM SHINES AS BRIGHTLY NOW AS IT EVER HAS, LET US ENTER THIS SEASON OF JOY RESOLVED TO HEAR OUR BETTER ANGELS.

TO DENY COMPLACENCY AND DESPAIR. AND TO REMEMBER THAT WITH THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM, SO DEARLY EARNED AND EARNESTLY DEFENDED, COMES THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER ONE ANOTHER.

THERE NEED BE NO DARK CORNERS ON THIS EARTH GOD GAVE US -- NO SOULS FORGOTTEN, NO WOUND THAT CANNOT HEAL, NO ONE THAT CAN'T BE HELPED, OR CANNOT HELP. ALL OF US HAVE GIFTS TO GIVE -- AND IN THE GIVING, WORSHIP GOD.

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MAY THIS CHRISTMAS, AND THE COMING YEAR, BE THE
BEST EVER FOR ALL OF US.

THANK YOU ALL FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL EVENING! FROM
THE BUSH FAMILY TO YOUR FAMILY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY HOLIDAYS -- AND THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

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