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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 1, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID DEMAREST

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY 
SUBJECT: INSERT FOR FORT STEWART

Bob Simon came up with a quote from one of the guardians of two Fort Stewart children whose parents are both in Saudi Arabia. I recommend adding this insert after the sentence towards the end of the speech which reads: "Eddie and Brandon are staying with a friend of their family -- Reggie Bray -- whose wife was called up in the Reserves."

When Eddie and Brandon's parents asked Reggie to take care of their children, he was surprised -- but didn't hesitate one bit. "I didn't have to take them," he said, "but I wanted to. They're good kids."

On acknowledgements, please delete Gen. Vuono and Secretary Stone. They will not be there. But add just before the "Beetle Bailey" line: "Governor Zell Miller. Senator Nunn. Senator Fowler. Congressman Lindsay Thomas. Gen. Edwin Burba."

McGroarty/Simon
January 31, 1991
2:15 pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FORT STEWART ADDRESS
FORT STEWART, GEORGIA
FEBRUARY 1, 1991
3:40 PM

*Cong. Thomas
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Gen. Edwin Barber*

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Jill [McCaffrey], it's my pleasure to meet you. Bar and I
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January 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB SIMON

FROM: PEGGY DOOLEY

SUBJECT: FORT STEWART SPEECH

- ⊙ Please call **Carol Sturlin**. She is the principal of Button Gwinnett Elementary School. The children we are contacting attend this school. I spoke with her many times today, and she called late in the day and I didn't get back to her. Her number is **912-876-0146**.

- ⊙ Brandon and Eddie Bowman -- 3rd and 4th grades respectively

Parents are Staff Sergeant Randy Robinson and Specialist Tonya Robinson. Randy left for the Gulf in August; Tonya left before Thanksgiving.

The kids are staying with Patricia and Reginald Bray. Reggie and Randy grew up together in Virginia Beach, VA. Randy got a basketball and football scholarship to college. Reggie joined the Army. He was in the 24th Division, at Fort Stewart, until 1986. He is now a truck driver. His wife is a school crossing guard in Hinesville. She is also in the National Guard -- and has been activated -- and is currently in training in Virginia for 90 days. It is unlikely that she will be sent overseas.

The kids call the Brays Aunt Pat and Uncle Reggie, although they sometimes call Reggie "Uncle Peanut," "Peanut" being a childhood nickname given to him by Randy.

The boys miss their parents a lot. They like to watch the news, and ask a lot of questions that Reggie tries to answer for them. The Brays brought them to a nearby shopping center before Christmas so they could record a video message for their parents -- the boys told them they missed them and loved them and wanted them to come home soon. The Brays tell the kids that the best way for them to help their parents is to work hard at school.

Brandon made the Fort Stewart Little League football team this year. He played defensive end, and won a trophy.

Both kids love Nintendo. Their parents sent them Nintendo tapes for Christmas.

Mr. Bray is very friendly and helpful. I promised I would call him when I knew what time the President's speech was, and to tell him if the boys will be used in the speech. His phone number is **912-369-2822**.

Mrs. Bray is in Virginia, in National Guard training. Her number there is **703-329-2323, ext. 820**.

- o Dan would also like to get in touch with the guardian for Sioban (Sha-von) and Michael Walker. They also attend Button Gwinnett -- Sioban in 2nd grade, Michael in kindergarten -- and Mrs. Sturlin will be able to help you.
- o The other children at Button Gwinnett who have both parents in the Persian Gulf are:

Christopher Roden, 1st grade
Jerome Thomas, 2nd grade
Carlos Lopez, 4th grade

Contacts:

Hinesville Board of Education, Doris Thompson, 912-876-2161

24th Infantry Division and Fort Stewart Museum, Roger Durham, 912-767-7885

Fort Stewart Family Support Network, Major Tom Bailey, 912-767-8778/2134 (Lt. Creighton has also been very helpful)

*MR. BRAY: On taking care of the Robinson children
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912-369-6871

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Martin Walker - 2 years old



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THROUGH: SIG ROGICH
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
PUBLIC EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

FROM: JOHN G. KELLER, JR. JGK
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE

SUBJECT: TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO CHERRY POINT
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, NORTH CAROLINA;
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH
CAROLINA; FT. STEWART, GEORGIA; AND HOBE
SOUND, FLORIDA ON FEBRUARY 1, 1991.

For your use and planning purposes, the attached is a preliminary outline schedule for the Trip of the President to Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, North Carolina; Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina; Ft. Stewart, Georgia, and Hobe Sound, Florida on February 1, 1991. Please keep in mind the following information has not been finally approved and is subject to change.

Attachments

PRELIMINARY OUTLINE SCHEDULE

Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, North Carolina; Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina; Ft. Stewart, Georgia; and Hobe Sound, Florida

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GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

5:50 am Vans depart West Basement en route Andrews Air Force Base.

6:15 am Guests and Staff with own transportation should arrive Andrews Air Force Base, Distinguished Visitor's Lounge at this time for check-in.

7:15 am MARINE ONE departs White House en route Andrews Air Force Base.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

7:25 am MARINE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

7:30 am AIR FORCE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base
(E.S.T.) en route Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, North Carolina.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour)

(Interchange: No)

(Time Change: None)

8:30 am AIR FORCE ONE arrives Cherry Point Marine Corps
(E.S.T.) Air Station, North Carolina.

- * ADDRESS TO UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES AT CHERRY POINT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
 - Open Press
 - Ropeline
 - Brief Remarks
- (8:35 am - 9:30 am)

- * RECEPTION WITH WIVES OF DEPLOYED PERSONNEL
 - Closed Press
 - Mix and Mingle
 (9:10 am - 9:30 am)
- * PRIVATE TIME: 45 MINUTES
(9:30 am - 10:15 am)

10:15 am DEPART Holding Room and proceed to board Air Force One.

10:20 am AIR FORCE ONE departs Cherry Point Marine
(E.S.T.) Corps Air Station en route Seymour Johnson
Air Force Base, North Carolina.

(Flying Time: 50 Minutes)
(Interchange: Yes)
(Time Change: None)

11:10 am AIR FORCE ONE arrives Seymour Johnson Air
(E.S.T.) Force Base, North Carolina.

11:15 am MOTORCADE departs SAC Ramp, Seymour Johnson
Air Force Base, en route Base Picnic Area.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

11:20 am MOTORCADE arrives Base Picnic Area.

- * PICNIC WITH BASE FAMILIES AND SUPPORT
PERSONNEL
 - Open Press
 - Brief Remarks
 - Picnic Lunch
 (11:20 am - 12:00 pm)

12:00 pm MOTORCADE departs Base Picnic Area en route
Consolidated Base Personnel Building.

(Drive Time: 2 Minutes)

12:02 pm MOTORCADE arrives Consolidated Base Personnel
Building.

* PRIVATE TIME: 35 MINUTES
(12:05 pm - 12:40 pm)

12:45 pm MOTORCADE departs Base Picnic Area en route
SAC Ramp.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

12:50 pm MOTORCADE arrives SAC Ramp.

12:55 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Seymour Johnson Air
(E.S.T.) Force Base, North Carolina en route Hunter
Army Airfield, Georgia.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 20 Minutes)
(Interchange: Yes)
(Time Change: None)

2:15 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Hunter Army Airfield,
(E.S.T.) Georgia.

2:20 pm MARINE ONE departs Hunter Army Airfield en
route Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

(Flying Time: 20 Minutes)

2:40 pm MARINE ONE arrives Donovan Field Landing
Zone, Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

2:45 pm MOTORCADE departs Donovan Field Landing
Zone en route Family Assistance Center.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

2:50 pm MOTORCADE arrives Family Assistance Center.

* RECEPTION WITH WIVES OF DEPLOYED
SOLDIERS
- Closed Press
- Mix and Mingle
(2:55 pm - 3:15 pm)

* PRIVATE TIME: 5 MINUTES
(3:20 pm - 3:25 pm)

3:30 pm MOTORCADE departs Family Assistance Center
en route Cottrell Field.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

3:35 pm MOTORCADE arrives Cottrell Field.

* ADDRESS TO FT. STEWART PERSONNEL AND
DEPENDENTS
- Open Press
- Ropeline
- Brief Remarks
(3:40 pm - 4:10 pm)

4:15 pm MOTORCADE departs Cottrell Field en route
Donovan Field Landing Zone.

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

4:20 pm MOTORCADE arrives Donovan Field Landing Zone.

4:25 pm MARINE ONE departs Ft. Stewart, Georgia
en route Hunter Army Airfield.

(Flying Time: 20 Minutes)

4:45 pm MARINE ONE arrives Hunter Army Airfield.

4:50 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs Hunter Army Airfield
(E.S.T.) en route Palm Beach, Florida.

(Flying Time: 1 Hour 10 Minutes)
(Interchange: No)
(Time Change: None)

6:00 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Palm Beach International
(E.S.T.) Airport, Palm Beach, Florida.

6:05 pm MOTORCADE departs Palm Beach International
Airport en route Bush Residence, Hobe Sound,
Florida.

(Drive Time: 50 Minutes)

6:55 pm MOTORCADE arrives Bush Residence.

* PRIVATE TIME: 1 HOUR
(7:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

8:05 pm MOTORCADE departs Bush Residence en route
Witham Field.

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

8:15 pm MOTORCADE arrives Witham Field.

8:20 pm AIR FORCE ONE (C-20) departs Witham Field en route
(E.S.T.) Hagerstown, Maryland.

(Flying Time: 2 Hours 5 Minutes)
(Interchange: No)
(Time Change: None)

NOTE: Following departure of THE PRESIDENT,
all Guests and Staff returning to
Andrews Air Force Base will depart
Witham Field en route Palm Beach
International Airport. Upon arrival
at Palm Beach, Staff C-25 will depart
en route Andrews Air Force Base.

10:25 pm AIR FORCE ONE (C-20) arrives Washington County
(E.S.T.) Regional Airport, Hagerstown, Maryland.

10:30 pm MARINE ONE departs Hagerstown, Maryland
en route Camp David.

(Flying Time: 15 Minutes)

10:45 pm MARINE ONE arrives Camp David.

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January 30, 1991
11:45 am
[FORTSTEW]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FORT STEWART ADDRESS
FORT STEWART, GEORGIA
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Thanksgiving

4:00 p.m.

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[Introductory acknowledgements.] Col. Frank Miller, base
commander. Jill McCaffrey -- whose husband, General Barry
McCaffrey is Division Commander, on duty now in Saudi Arabia.

{Brigade commanders of Fort Stewart and Hunter Field.} //

[[There, I think I've mentioned everyone but Beetle Bailey.]] //

It's a great pleasure -- a real privilege for me to meet
here with all of you. // I've heard a lot from Col. Miller
about Hinesville, and about the Fort Stewart family. I'm here
today to thank you -- on behalf of a grateful nation -- for your
steadfast service and sacrifice. //

Because when the proud men and women of Fort Stewart and
Hunter Field put it all on the line -- every one of you is right
there with them. //

In times of trial, we fall back on faith -- and on family:
what a wise man once called the "little platoons" to which we all
belong -- the little platoons that provide the 24th Infantry
Division with its fighting spirit and staying power. //

[[FAMILY ANECDOTE TO COME.]]

1-29-91
Just three days ago, I spoke to the Congress and to the
nation about the State of our Union -- about the challenges we

face here at home -- and in the world beyond this great nation of ours. // Even with all the crises and conflicts, I am optimistic -- more certain than ever that the United States can meet and master any and all of the challenges that face us today. // I see an America that is confident -- sure of its place -- and secure in the ideals that guide our action. I am optimistic because we are Americans -- part of something larger than ourselves. //

around midnight Right now, it's night in Saudi Arabia -- the soldiers from Fort Stewart are on duty, one more day in more than five long *deployed around 11 AUG 90* months away from home. //

Well, day and night, our thoughts are with our brave young men and women half way around the world. America's finest -- standing against an aggressor who must be stopped -- standing up for all that is best in us. //

Back before Christmas, Barbara and I received a card from one of the soldiers now on duty in the Saudi desert -- one of the members of the Fort Stewart family: *Sgt. Specialist* Terry Hatfield. / Terry put it simply. He wrote: "Freedom as we know and enjoy has been taken away from another country -- and must be restored." //

see file Terry's right. // When the forces of aggression take up arms -- America cannot look the other way. //

It began with Kuwait -- but that wouldn't have been the end. These last few weeks have been a lesson, a sad lesson in the kind of lawlessness that disturbs the world's peace. What we've witnessed removed any last shred of doubt about the adversary we

face. // The terror bombing of innocent civilians. The savage treatment of our POWs. The endless appetite for evil that would lead a man to make war on the world's environment. // All of us know what we're up against. All of us know why we're there. //

We are there because we are Americans -- part of something larger than ourselves. //

Our cause is right. Our cause is just. // And because it is just, our cause -- the world's cause -- will prevail. //

Let me say to the children here, with moms and dads serving now in Saudi Arabia: keep in mind that no matter how much you depend on your parents -- your country depends on them, too. You've read at school about the great generals and Presidents -- all about American history and American heroes. Well, that's just part of the story. Because your moms and dads are heroes too -- doing the hard work of freedom, right now, half a world away. //

So be proud -- and stay strong. Don't be afraid to ask family friends, or your teachers at school, to help you when things get tough. And know that we're doing everything we can to make sure your parents have the best possible support -- to get the job done -- and get every man and woman of the fighting 24th back home, safe and sound. //

To all the friends and family members here today, let me say: You cannot underestimate what your support means to every brave man and woman taking part in DESERT STORM. // I heard about the send-off back in August, when the 24th was among the first to deploy to the Saudi desert -- the way the people of

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Hinesville and the other towns near here lined not just the
roads streets around Fort Stewart -- but lined the interstate all the
way up I-95 to Savannah. // What a sight that must have been to
the proud soldiers of Fort Stewart. //

With those brave men and women in mind, let me close with a
prayer: for the safety of every American serviceman and
servicewoman -- for every member of the coalition forces standing
with us -- for every innocent, caught up in this terrible
conflict. May all of them be safe and sound -- and may the
families of Fort Stewart be re-united once again. //

Thank you once again for this warm welcome -- for all your
support -- and may God bless the United States of America.

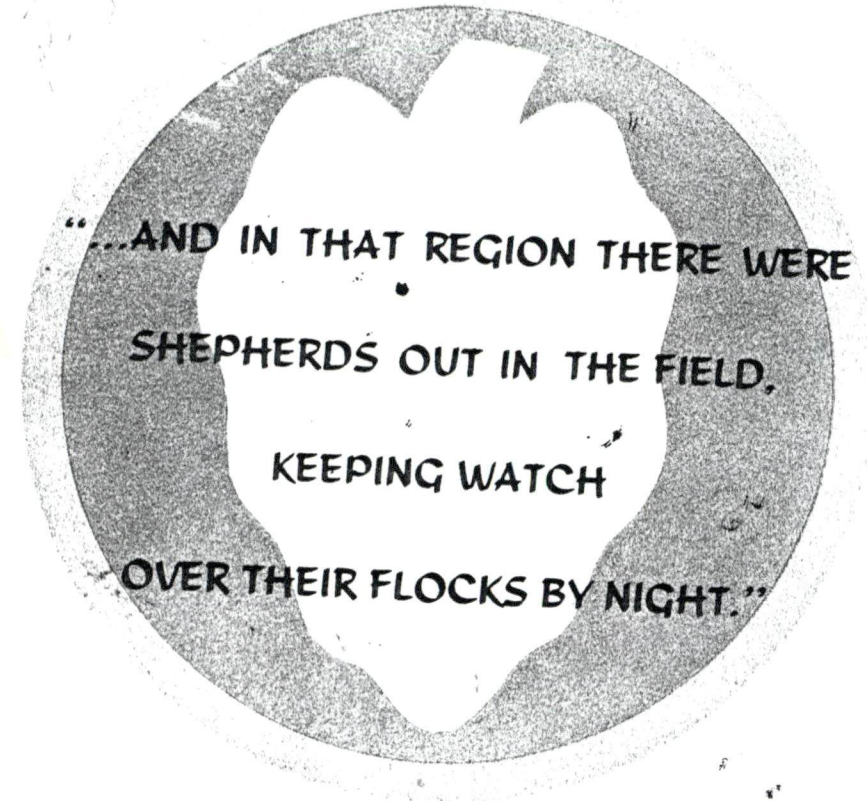
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Mr President,

I wish to take this time to wish you and Mrs Bush a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Mr President I just wanted you to know my soldiers and I are ready to do what ever mission you decide. Freedom as we know and enjoy has been taken away from another country and must be restored. Although we are seperated from family, friends, love ones we will stand together to do what must be done. The support for what we are doing has been great from the U.S.A. It takes courage sir, to make the decision you make, But we stand ready and waiting God Bless you and the U.S.A.

SFC Terry D. Hatfield
HHC 3d Engineer Battalion
24th Infantry Division (MECH)
Operation Desert Shield
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Merry Christmas And A Peaceful New Year
from 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized)
Fort Stewart, Georgia / Saudi Arabia



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NAME: SFC Terry D. Hatfield

SEN: 266-45-5337

MOS: 54B40, Chemical Operations Specialist

DUTY: Battalion NBC NCO

UNIT: HHC, 3d Engineer BN
24th Infantry Division
Ft Stewart, GA (Deployed to Desert Shield)

DOB: 19 Aug 1958

DOR: 1 July 1989

EASD: 14 September 1977

Tours Include:

- o Basic Training - Ft Knox, KY
- o Ft Benning, GA
- o Ft McClellan, AL
- o Two tours in Korea

Awards Include:

- o ARCOM (2)
- o AAM (2)
- o GCMDL (3)
- o M-16-Expert
- o Hand Grenade - Expert

Civilian Education: 1 year college

Military Education: Graduate of the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course

Marital Status: Married

Wife: Marsha Hatfield DOB: 24 June 62
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Children: Melissa (dau) 16 Dec 79
Christina (dau) 23 Feb 84

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. David F. Hatfield
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 10, 1991

TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S
OPEN LETTER TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

January 9, 1991

If armed men invaded a home in this country, killed those in their way, stole what they wanted and then announced the house was now theirs -- no one would hesitate about what must be done.

And that is why we cannot hesitate about what must be done halfway around the world: in Kuwait.

There is much in the modern world that is subject to doubts or questions -- washed in shades of gray. But not the brutal aggression of Saddam Hussein against a peaceful, sovereign nation and its people. It's black and white. The facts are clear. The choice unambiguous.

Right vs. wrong.

The terror Saddam Hussein has imposed upon Kuwait violates every principle of human decency. Listen to what Amnesty International has documented. "Widespread abuses of human rights have been perpetrated by Iraqi forces ... arbitrary arrest and detention without trial of thousands ... widespread torture ... imposition of the death penalty and the extrajudicial execution of hundreds of unarmed civilians, including children."

Including children. There's no horror that could make this a more obvious conflict of good vs. evil. The man who used chemical warfare on his own people -- once again including children -- now oversees public hangings of dissenters. And daily his troops commit atrocities against Kuwaiti citizens.

This brutality has reverberated throughout the entire world. If we do not follow the dictates of our inner moral compass and stand up for human life, then this lawlessness will threaten the peace and democracy of the emerging New World Order we now see: this long dreamed-of vision we've all worked toward for so long.

A year after the joyous dawn of freedom's light in Eastern Europe, a dark evil has descended in another part of the world. But we have the chance -- and we have the obligation -- to stop ruthless aggression.

I have been in war. I have known the terror of combat. And I tell you this with all my heart: I don't want there to be war ever again. I am determined to do absolutely everything possible in the search for a peaceful resolution to this crisis -- but only if the peace is genuine, if it rests on principle, not appeasement.

But while we search for that answer, in the Gulf young men and women are putting their own lives on hold in order to stand for peace in our world and for the essential value of human life itself. Many are younger than my own children. Your age, most of them. Doing tough duty for something they believe in.

Let me tell you about one of the soldiers over there, S.F.C. Terry Hatfield, a young man from Georgia. He sent me a Christmas card. And this is what he wrote.

"Mr. President, I just wanted you to know my soldiers and I are ready to do whatever mission you decide. Freedom as we know and enjoy has been taken away from another country and must be restored. Although we are separated from family, friends, loved ones, we will do what must be done ... We stand ready and waiting. God Bless you and the U.S.A."

Terry understands the moral obligation that has compelled our extraordinary multi-national coalition to make this stand in the Gulf. To look this international terrorist straight in the eye and say: no concessions. To proclaim for now and for the future: no compromises. To bear witness by our presence to the fact that aggression will not be rewarded.

Terry waits thousands of miles from the White House, yet we share the same thoughts. We desperately want peace. But we know that to reward aggression would be to end the promise of our New World Order. To reward aggression would be to destroy the United Nations' promise as international peacekeeper. To reward aggression would be to condone the acts of those who would desecrate the promise of human life itself.

And we will do none of this. There are times in life when we confront values worth fighting for. This is one such time.

Each day that passes means another day for Iraq's forces to dig deeper into their stolen land. Another day Saddam Hussein can work toward building his nuclear arsenal and perfecting his chemical and biological weapons capability. Another day of atrocities for Amnesty International to document. Another day of international outlaws, instead of international law.

I ask you to think about the economic devastation that Saddam Hussein would continue to wreak on the world's emerging democracies if he were in control of one-fifth of the world's oil reserves. And to reflect on the terrible threat that a Saddam Hussein armed with weapons of mass destruction already poses to human life and to the future of all nations.

Together, as an America united against these horrors, we can, with our coalition partners, assure that this aggression is stopped and the principles on which this nation and the rest of the civilized world are founded are preserved.

And so let us remember and support Terry Hatfield, all our fine servicemen and women, as they stand ready on the frontier of freedom, willing to do their duty and do it well. They deserve our complete and enthusiastic support -- and lasting gratitude.

THOMAS L. GALLAGHER

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September 17, 1990

Hand-Delivered

Ms. Peggy Dooley
The White House
Room 111
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Dooley:

During a recent discussion with a mutual friend of ours, Reverend Thomas Curran, he made reference to you. Of course, Tom spoke highly of you. The specific subject matter of our conversation was prospective employment at The White House. Thus, Tom strongly encouraged me to contact you.

The purpose of this communication is to request your assistance in obtaining employment at The White House.

Due to budget constraints at The Catholic University of America, my present position in the General Counsel's Office will not become a permanent one. As a result, I have decided that it is in my best interest to seek full-time permanent employment elsewhere. Thus, Fr. Tom's suggestion that I request your guidance.

There are two particular interests I have at The White House. First, I am interested in a position as "public liaison to American Catholics." Second, I am interested in an in-house legal counsel position. My curriculum vita is enclosed for your review. If additional information is needed, I will be delighted to furnish you with it.

Please know that I greatly appreciate your time and effort regarding this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully yours,


Thomas L. Gallagher, Esquire

Enclosure One

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EDUCATION

Member, New York State Bar, Admitted March, 1990.

Juris Doctor, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 1989.

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 1985.

EXPERIENCE

Office of the General Counsel, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Consulting Staff Attorney. Advised General Counsel and senior University officials on issues relating to the University's \$11 million tax-exempt municipal bond financing project; drafted, reviewed and authorized contracts; advised University personnel on pension, employment, environmental and education issues, various other actions in representation of University's interest in civil disputes. 1989 - Present.

Georgetown University Law Center, International Law Institute, Washington, DC, Instructor. Summer 1990.

Kelly & Nicolaides, Washington, DC. Law Clerk. Performed legal research and writing with particular emphasis on a contract case in a banking context. Managed document production. Responsible for court filings. 1988 - 1989.

Office of the General Counsel, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Law Clerk. Researched legal issues and wrote memoranda in such areas as truth-in-advertising in higher education, personnel files retention policy, and drug-free workplace policy. 1988 - 1989.

Knights of Columbus Council #9542, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. Founder and Grand Knight. Organized, incorporated and developed this fraternal Catholic, family service organization. Responsible for all activities of the council including membership recruitment, six standing committees, fundraising, semi-annual audits, volunteer service, and collection of membership dues. This award-winning council boasts 125 members. 1987-89.

Rowan, Abell & Quirk, Rockville, MD. Law Clerk. Wrote general research and legal memoranda and points and authorities, primarily in the areas of personal injury, family law, and malpractice. 1987 - 1988.

Vice President for Administration, Catholic University, Washington, DC. Part-time Administrative Assistant. 1986 - 1987.

Citizens for Educational Freedom, Arlington, VA. Associate Director. Tracked legislation and lobbied Congress. Wrote and edited organization's newsletter. Public speaking. 1985 - 1986.

MEMBERSHIPS

New York State Bar Association.

The John Carroll Society.

Founding Member, Downtown Washington Serra Club.

Vice President for Programs, Downtown Washington Serra Club.

PERSONAL

CUA Ballroom Dance Team, Captain.

Basketball Coach, Jelleff Boys & Girls Club of Washington.

CUA Varsity Basketball Team - 4 years. Captain, 1985 season.

Marathoner.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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Camp Stewart

POW camps

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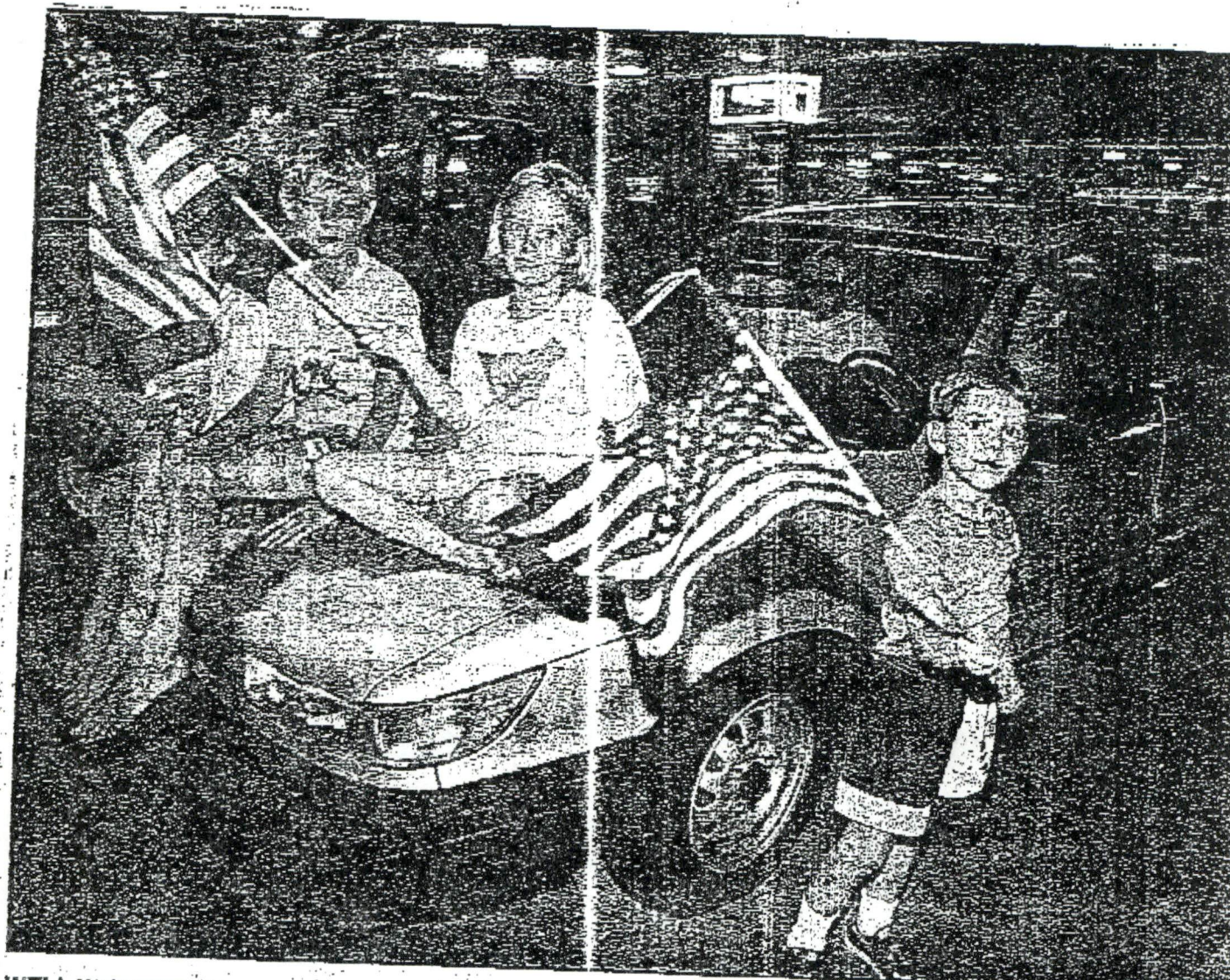
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WELL WISHERS: Youngsters show their patriotism to Fort Stewart soldiers passing at Interstate 95 and Georgia 144

PAUL SUSZYNSKI/US

24th Gets Rousing Send-off

By JANE FISHMAN
And LISA PEROT-TWIGG
Staff Writers

The hitch-hiking soldier out of Hinesville was tired but keyed up Friday night. Four hours of sleep in the last three days. Too busy to worry about anything more, he said. Then his wife's car wouldn't start. So he stuck out his thumb to try to get home, if just for a few hours.

He couldn't say what he had been doing the last few days. Even his wife didn't know. That's the way the Army is, he said.

"Although CNN and the news media seem to know everything anyway," he added, fumbling with the door handle as he got out in Midway.

Indeed. Despite the vaguest of communications from Fort Stewart about when troops would be moved, people lined parts of the highway route all night, cheering and waving flags as trucks transported soldiers and equipment from Stewart to Savannah's Hunter Army Airfield for deployment to the Mideast.

Several miles before exit 15, flashing road signs notified highway drivers to



BOB MORRIS/Staff

NOT GOING: Oglesbee and son

Frank Parris' seafood restaurant.

A few customers pumped gas at the red, white and blue service station. But most of the 50 or so people sat on car roofs, squatted by concrete curbs, congregated inside the Handvland Food Mart

of the car and clutching a small American flag.

People honked their car horns, raised their fists and cheered. Some soldiers the trucks waved back.

"This is kind of the least we could do," said Sheryl Von Waldner, who brought her three children. "They're going. I think I should be behind them."

Barbara Archer of Richmond Hill stood nearby, next to her son Steve and grandson Reid, 5. Steve's American flag covered the windshield of their Aerostar van. "I heard it from my son and wanted to come down and see for myself," she said.

With her 3-year-old daughter, Marissa in her arms, Patsy Campbell said she heard about the troop movement on the evening news. "I don't know how much she understands. I told her there's a parade of many trucks," said the Richmond Hill resident.

Ann Evans sensed the possibility of a possible troop movement from her daughter, Beverly Harris, who owns a booth at the Fort Stewart PX.

...night highway drivers to expect a merging fleet of convoying trucks.

Then, at the exit of Interstate 95 and Georgia 144, with bright yellow overhead lights illuminating the corner, cars lined the parking lot of the Exxon station and

next to the stacked watermelons and motor oil or waited in their cars for some sign of activity.

"Here they come, bubba. Wave it to 'em. Hold it up with this hand," said one man to his small son, perched on the hood

suddenly everything slowed down in Hinesville, went quiet. We knew something was fixing to happen," said Mrs. Evans, waiting in the parking lot with her daughter, her daughter's husband, Bryar

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Send-Off

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Harris, a major in the Air Force reserve, and her two grandchildren.

"But I think we should have gone in much sooner and slapped them. I'm with President Bush all the way," she said.

"It makes me sad," said 13-year-old Tracey Eskins, who lives in Richmond Hill. "I feel like crying."

Marie Cowart, 43, heard the news in the afternoon. "And by chance I thought they'd be here. I've not seen this in my lifetime. I never saw this much buildup, even with Vietnam," she said.

"It looks grim," said her husband, Harry. "I remember 1941 when Pearl Harbor was bombed. It's great seeing us in action again to defend what we have to. . . . It's sort of nice to see national, indeed global, support. It makes you happy you're an American again."

People waited into the night on all four corners of the intersection at Georgia 204 and King George Boulevard.

"We saw the flashing lights from our house in Georgetown," said Linda McCrossin. "I wanted to come down and give them support. I'm sure they're scared."

Her husband, Bill, agreed. "I spent 22 years in the Navy, including Vietnam, so I kind of know how they feel," he said.

The watchers at the intersection cheered, shouted and waved flags as the Army trucks, jeeps and medical vehicles began to pass them about 10 p.m. The convoy had left Fort Stewart about 9:30 p.m. It was broken up

into segments of about 20 vehicles each. The segments passed in 15-minute intervals, allowing traffic to flow normally in between.

Military police were on duty at the intersection, stopping civilian traffic for the military vehicles as they approached.

"I think what we're doing is very important, and it's a good training exercise," said Lt. Joseph Kuykendall of the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized). He stood on the curb in the dark with the other spectators, not knowing his fate. He also is scheduled to go to the Middle East.

"I just pray that we don't go to war," said Lesellene McGauley, hugging her toddler.

"The only thing we can do right now is to be here and show the soldiers that we believe in them and trust in them," she said. "I have a girlfriend who left last night. She didn't have any relatives here and had to leave her 3-year-old twins with a preacher. How many other military people are in circumstances like that?"

Dave Oglesbee, an Army veteran, stood illuminated by the street light on the corner as his 2-year-old son, Lance, waved a flag. "I just resigned my commission on July 15," he said. "I'm glad I'm not going, but I feel for the ones that are. I've been at Hunter for five years and worked and trained with these guys."

At one point, state troopers asked spectators to leave their curbside positions at the intersection. They said it was a military request.

One spectator, a Vietnam veteran, was angered. "I think we should be here to wave at these guys as they are leaving," he said. "They're going to war. Who knows if we'll ever see them again?"



President Bush remembers soldiers in the 24th Infantry division during a recent visit over the holiday season. Photo by Sgt. D.R. 1

President Bush visits Victory Division

By Spec. John C. Peavy

Soldiers of the 24th Infantry Division (Mech.) and other XVIII Airborne Corps soldiers received a special visit Thanksgiving Day by their commander-in-chief, President George Bush.

"The XVIII Airborne Corps, with the strength of the 24th Infantry Division, the 197th Infantry Brigade and so many other brave Americans, spearheaded what history will judge as one of the most important deployments of military power in the last half-century," said President Bush.

"You've done it for principle, you've done it for freedom and you have done it to make America proud. So, I have come here to personally thank you, the men and women who have endured much

and sacrificed more, for standing tall against aggression.

"Barbara and I are very pleased to be here today, joined by the bi-partisan leadership of the congress, on this mission of peace, this mission of pride," continued President Bush. "And, we are honored to tell you on this special Thanksgiving Day, Americans will thank God for many things, but first they will thank God for each one of you."

The president addressed soldiers on why they are here and what he hopes to accomplish by their presence in the gulf region.

"Today, we have a vision of a new partnership of nations, united by principle and seeking a lasting peace for this generation and generations to come.

That is why we are here in this land so far from husbands and wives, parents and children on Thanksgiving Day," he explained. "That is why sacrifice; so that our children, and all children, grow up in a new world, a safer and better world. Simply put, we are here to guarantee that freedom is protected and that Iraq's aggression will not be rewarded.

"No president is quick to order American troops abroad," stressed President Bush. "but there are times when all nations that value their own freedom and hope for world freedom must confront aggression."

See BUSH on page 2.

Savannah News-Press ■ Sunday, August 12, 1990

Onlookers Gather at Port To Wish Departing Army Troops Good Luck

By MICHAEL HOMANS
Staff Writer

The first stages of war: That's what Jim Cleckler brought his children to see at the main gate of the Georgia Ports Authority's Garden City terminal Saturday morning.

Dozens of assault tanks, rocket-launching vehicles and jeeps rolled into the port as the morning fog lifted. Grim-faced soldiers inside the vehicles occasionally flashed a thumbs-up, but most seemed too preoccupied to notice Cleckler, his wife, Paula, and their two children, William and Paul.

That didn't bother Cleckler. He knew the soldiers from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield were shipping out for possible combat against Iraqi forces. A military confrontation that could take weeks, months or longer.

"I just wanted to bring the boys out and let them see history in the making. When they look back on this, they can say, 'I saw the boys go off to war,'" Cleckler said, dressed in shorts and an Olympics T-shirt.

"I'm pretty sure there's going to be a major conflict, aren't you?" he asked to no one in particular.

"We hope there's not a conflict, though," answered his wife, Paula.

His two sons scrambled around their station wagon, stopping occasionally to wave a small nylon flag at passing Army jeeps.

Down the road, at another port gate in Garden City, former Hunter soldier George Clark also waved the

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— Jim Cleckler

stars-and-stripes - but Clark had a larger flag and got more response from the departing troops.

"They were honking and waving. They would yell things out the window. They really loved it," Clark said. He and Jennifer Smith, also a former Hunter soldier, have kept a goodbye vigil for the troops since they began moving out, at about 11:30 p.m. Friday.

Jack Meeks and his family drove down from Ohio Saturday to wave goodbye to their son, Pfc. James Glen Meeks of Fort Stewart, but had yet to find him by midday.

"We haven't heard from him since Wednesday night, but I knew I wouldn't feel right unless I came down here to try to see him off," Meeks said. "Nobody likes to see their son go off to war, but if they have to go, they have to go."

By noon Saturday, as the troops came closer to departing from the port, Clark noted a change in the soldiers' behavior.

"They're so grim, man. You see

the looks on their faces and it just ain't right," he said. Indeed, the soldiers wore stoic masks, seemingly concentrating on some distant reality that was not connected to the bystanders on the pavement.

The blank expressions didn't stop Clark and Ms. Smith - who both worked on helicopters at Hunter before leaving the military - from waving their flag, and cheering the Army on.

"If they don't have the backing of the U.S. people when they leave here, that's going to affect how they perform in the desert," Clark said.

Clark said he is confident Fort Stewart's 24th Infantry Division can defeat their Iraqi foes, especially in the desert.

He noted the scores of M-1 tanks with 30-mm cannons, the rocket launchers and the Bradley attack vehicles that passed on a rail car - with railroad ties creaking and bending under the weight.

"The 24th Infantry Division is made for desert warfare. This is the heavy armor unit of the rapid deployment force," he said.

However, Clark was less sure than Cleckler about the inevitability of the Fort Stewart soldiers facing combat in the Middle East.

"To tell you the truth, what they're sending right now is defensive, but if they send the Rangers from Savannah, that will be offensive," he said. "Any rescue of the hostages - that will be the Rangers."

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