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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 28, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM:

EDWARD McNALLY *EM*

SUBJECT:

RADIO ADDRESS TO U.S. TROOPS IN THE GULF

On Friday, March 1, at 9:00 a.m., you will tape a radio address to the U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf. Attached is a draft set of remarks (5-6 minutes).

McNally/Simon
Feb. 28, 1991
Draft Three (A:RADIO)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RADIO ADDRESS TO U.S. TROOPS IN THE GULF
FRIDAY, MAR. 1, 1991, 9:00 A.M.

Good morning. Never have I been more proud of our troops, or more proud to be your Commander-in-Chief. For today, amid prayers of thanks and hope, the Kuwaiti flag once again flies high above Kuwait City. **And it's there because you and your Coalition Allies put it there. **

Kuwait is liberated. And soon hometowns across America will be welcoming back home the finest combat force ever assembled -- Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force -- **the brave men and women of the United States of America!** \\

Saddam Hussein's dreams of dominating the Middle East by the terror of a nuclear arsenal and an army of a million men threatened the future of our children and the entire world. And the world was faced with a simple choice: If international law and sanctions could not remove Saddam Hussein from Kuwait -- then we had to free Kuwait from Saddam Hussein.

And that's exactly what you did. Throughout seven long and arduous months, the troops of 28 nations stood with you, shoulder-to-shoulder in an unprecedented partnership for peace. **Today we thank you** -- for the victory in Kuwait was born in your courage and resolve. The stunning success of our troops was the result of superb training, superb planning, superb execution -- **and incredible acts of bravery.** \\

The Iraqi army was defeated. 42 divisions were put out of action. They lost 3,000 tanks. Almost 2,000 armored vehicles.

More than 2,000 artillery pieces. And over half a million Iraqi soldiers were captured, defeated, or disarmed. You were as good as advertised -- you were indeed, "Good to go!" \\\

This is a war we did not seek and did not want. But Saddam Hussein turned a deaf ear to the voices of peace and reason. And when he began burning Kuwait and her people to the ground, the Coalition faced a moral imperative to put a stop to the atrocities in Kuwait once and for all. Boldly, bravely, you did just that -- and when the rubber met the road -- you did it in just six weeks -- and 100 decisive hours. \\\

The evil Saddam has done can never be forgotten. But his power to attack his neighbors and threaten the peace of the region is today grievously reduced. He has been stripped of his capacity to project offensive military power. His regime is totally discredited, and as a threat to peace, the day of this dictator is over. And the bottom line is this: Kuwait's night of terror has ended. \\\

Thomas Jefferson said the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. We must remain vigilant to make absolutely sure the Iraqi dictator is never, ever allowed to stoke the ashes of defeat into the burning embers of aggression. The sacrifice you've already made demands nothing less; the sacrifice of those who gave their lives will never be forgotten. \\\

Saddam made many mistakes. But one of the biggest was to underestimate the determination of the American people and the daring of our troops. We saw in the desert what Americans have

learned through 215 years of history about the difference between democracy and dictatorship: **Soldiers who fight for freedom are more committed than soldiers who fight because they are enslaved.**

Americans today are confident of our country, confident of our future, and, most of all, confident about you. We promised you'd be given the means to fight. We promised not to look over your shoulder. We promised this would not be another Vietnam. And we kept that promise. **The specter of Vietnam has been buried forever in the desert sands of the Arabian Peninsula. **

Today, the promise of spring is almost upon us, the promise of regrowth and renewal: Renewed life in Kuwait. Renewed prospects for real peace throughout the Middle East. And a renewed sense of pride and confidence here at home. **And we are committed to seeing every American soldier, and every allied P.O.W., home soon -- home to the thanks and the respect and the love of a grateful nation -- and a very grateful President. **

Yes, there remain vital and difficult tests ahead, both here and abroad. But nothing the American people can't handle. America has always accepted the challenge, paid the price, and passed the test. **On this day, our spirits are as high as our flag -- and our future is as bright as liberty's torch. Tomorrow we dedicate ourselves anew, as Americans always have, and as Americans always will.**

The first test of the new world order has been passed. The hard work of freedom awaits. \\\ \\\ Thank you. Congratulations. And God bless the United States of America.

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Public Affairs
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Figures checked with
JCS J-3 (Lt. Gen. Kelly)

42 ✓
3000 ✓
[40 divisions] ✓
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Estimates

42 Div. destroyed or
combat ineffective

3000 tanks destr.

1856 armored vehicles
destroyed

2140 artillery pieces

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LIBERTY

¹ I would rather belong to a poor nation that was free than to a rich nation that had ceased to be in love with liberty. We shall not be poor if we love liberty.

WOODROW WILSON, *Speech*, Mobile, Ala., 27 Oct., 1912.

IV—Liberty: Its Defense

² It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance.

JOHN PHILPOT CURRAN, *Speech upon the Right of Election*, 10 July, 1790.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, *Public Opinion*. This was an address delivered before the Massachusetts Antislavery Society, 28 Jan., 1852. The phrase is not in quotation marks. It has been said that Mr. Phillips was quoting Thomas Jefferson, but in a letter dated 14 April, 1879, Mr. Phillips wrote: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" has been attributed to Jefferson, but no one has yet found it in his works or elsewhere." It has also been attributed to Patrick Henry.

³ Liberty can neither be got, nor kept, but by so much care, that mankind are generally unwilling to give the price for it.

LORD HALIFAX, *Works*, p. 62.

⁴ The ground of liberty must be gained by inches.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, *Writings*. Vol. viii, p. 3.

We are not to expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a feather bed.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, *Writings*. Vol. viii, p. 13.

⁵ By no sword save her own falls Liberty.

R. U. JOHNSON, *Hands Across Sea*.

⁶ Unless that liberty, which is of such a kind as arms can neither procure nor take away, which alone is the fruit of piety, of justice, of temperance, and unadulterated virtue, shall have taken deep root in your minds and hearts, there will not long be wanting one who will snatch from you by treachery what you have acquired by arms.

MILTON, *Second Defence of People of England*.

⁷ The manna of popular liberty must be gathered each day, or it is rotten. . . . Only by uninterrupted agitation can a people be kept sufficiently awake to principle not to let liberty be smothered by material prosperity. Republics exist only on tenure of being agitated.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, *Address: Public Opinion*, Boston, 28 Jan., 1852.

⁸ Our liberties and our lives are in danger. (Libertas et anima nostra in dubio est.)

SALLUST, *Catilina*. Sec. 52.

LIBERTY

⁹ God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.
WEBSTER, *Speech*, U. S. Senate, 3 June, 1834.

V—Liberty and Bondage

¹⁰ A day, an hour, of virtuous liberty
Is worth a whole eternity in bondage.
ADDISON, *Cato*. Act ii, sc. 1.

¹¹ Chains or conquest, liberty or death.
ADDISON, *Cato*. Act ii, sc. 4, last line.

Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!

PATRICK HENRY, *Speech*, Virginia House of Delegates, 23 March, 1775. (Arranged by William Wirt, 1817.)

¹² The Athenians will not sell their liberties for all the gold either above or under ground.

ARISTIDES, to the Lacedæmonians. (PLUTARCH, *Lives: Aristides*. Sec. 10.)

We sell our birthright whenever we sell our liberty for any price of gold or honor.

E. P. WHIPPLE, *Outlooks on Society: Literature and Politics*.

¹³ Eternal Spirit of the chainless Mind!

Brightest in dungeons, Liberty! thou art,

For there thy habitation is the heart—

The heart which love of thee alone can bind.

BYRON, *The Prisoner of Chillon: Introductory*.

¹⁴ He who, through fear of poverty, forfeits liberty, which is better than mines of wealth, will . . . be a slave forever. (Sic qui pauperiem veritus potiore metallis libertate caret, . . . serviet æternum.)

CICERO, *Epistles*. Bk. i, epis. 10, l. 39.

Those, who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN(?), *Historical Review of Pennsylvania*. (1759)

This sentence was much used in the Revolutionary period. It occurs even so early as November, 1755, in an answer by the Assembly of Pennsylvania to the Governor.

FROTHINGHAM, *Rise of the Republic of the United States*.

¹⁵ Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

New Testament: Galatians, v, 1.

¹⁶ A bean in liberty is better than a comfit in prison.

GEORGE HERBERT, *Jacula Prudentum*.

Lean liberty is better than fat slavery.
THOMAS FULLER, *Gnomologia*. No. 3158.

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¹ Hard liberty before
Of servile pomp.

MILTON, *Paradise*

² Oh! if there be, on t
A boon, an offering
'Tis the last libatio
From the heart that
cause!

THOMAS MOORE, *The Peri*. St. 11.

The tribute most high
Is love from a heart

THOMAS MOORE, 7

³ "An 't please Your
ant,

"This same dessert
Give me again my

A crust of bread ar
POPE, *Imitations*
sat. 6, l. 218.

No use have I for s
my wood and hole
solace me with hom
Est opus hac, et val
ab insidiis tenui sola

HORACE, *Satires*. I

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live in a palace

I had rather munch
onion in a corner, w
feed upon a turkey.
I am forced to ch
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of liberty and solitu
CERVANTES, *Don*

⁴ He that roars for
Faster binds a

And the tyrant's

Forces on the

TENNYSON, *The*

VI—Lib

⁵ What is liberty w
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tuition or restrain

EDMUND BURKE
tion in France

More liberty beget
The hunger still in
DRYDEN, *Hind a*

⁶ Liberty in the v
fanatics has once
past, proved the
racy and the twir

OTTO KAHN, *Sp*
14 Jan., 1918.