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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH
ROOM 450
MONDAY, MAY 6, 1991
10:00 A.M.

Mr. Solomon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Haas, ladies and gentlemen, my fellow Americans.

An Oriental proverb says, "The two words, 'peace' and 'tranquility,' are worth a thousand pieces of gold." Well, my pleasure in welcoming you to the White House would be worth a thousand times that total. //

We gather today in a special month -- Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. And as special friends. In particular, I want to thank three people. Jeanie Jew, who created the idea of Heritage Month. / Frank Horton, the chief sponsor of the Heritage Month legislation. / And Ruby Moy, Chairman of the Congressional Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Caucus. //

Most of all, we assemble here for a special reason: To salute a community ^{that} which has enriched America's community -- socially, culturally, economically, spiritually. //

((Someone once told me of a restaurant in China where three American tourists walked in wearing the most outlandish safari clothes, complete with Panama hats, backpacks, videocameras, a brace of walkmans, and a few Chinese phrases picked up from a stateside friend who happens to own a wok. //

((The friends stood around looking for a waiter, and finally one asked in a loud voice: "How do we attract attention?")) // That's one way to attract attention. You've chosen another way: Quietly, through excellence, with the values of your lives.

Those values are discipline and self-sacrifice. An abiding belief in work. A soaring love of freedom. Values ^{that} which brought your parents, grandparents, and some of you to America. Values ^{that} which are now uplifting America.

example
I think, for example, of pioneers like An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories. / Or Henry Tang and I.M. Pei. / Or Seiji Ozawa. / Or physicist Leo Esaki. / Or Sichan Siv of our White House staff. //

II
Most of you know his story. In 1976, Sichan escaped from Cambodia, spent three months in a refuge camp in Thailand, and finally made his way to the United States. Since then, to quote his words, "I have experienced the real values of freedom, peace, prosperity, independence, and democracy. The correct spelling of these words is A-M-E-R-I-C-A." //

II
Like you, Sichan Siv came to find a better life. And you're finding it. You came to build a better America. And you're building it. Creating new jobs. Enhancing our our schools, the law, our small and large businesses. In short, honoring your heritage by the lives you lead. //

For that, I congratulate you. / In a personal sense, having served as Ambassador to China, I thank you. / And let me leave

you with an Oriental proverb. It goes, "One generation opens the road upon which another generation travels."

You have opened the road of opportunity and human dignity - ~~throwing wide the horizons of tomorrow~~. In coming years, I know that future generations will salute you on their travels. / Thank you for coming here, and God bless the United States of America.

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(Smith/Grossman)
June 11, 1991
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PACIFIC

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIA/PACIFIC RALLY
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1991

Yee Hang Chang -- the first Hmong from Laos to graduate from the United States Military Academy -- thank you for that introduction. / Mr. Kwan, Miss Nahkirunkanok [NA Kee-run-kah-nook), Elizabeth Szu (SOO), Inder Singh (SING), Ky (KEE) Ngo (Nn-GO), John Tsu (SOO), my fellow Americans. //

An Oriental proverb says, "The two words, 'peace' and 'tranquility,' are worth a thousand pieces of gold." My pleasure in being here is worth a thousand times that total. //

((This is one of the largest crowds I've spoken to since my election to the Presidency. // Actually, since we are on a golf course, I'm used to crowds this size. Last time I played, it took this many people to help find my ball.)) //

Even more, I am proud to have the chance to salute the various ethnic groups who form the Asian/Pacific community. Groups diverse in name but united by ideals. Ideals like belief in work. Discipline, self-sacrifice, and a love of freedom. / They are ideals which brought your grand-parents, parents, and some of you to America. Ideals which are now uplifting America.//

For more than 200 years, this Nation has been the home of free markets and free people. There is no question: Opportunity in America is the envy of the world. // You came in search of opportunity -- and you're finding it. You came to build a better

America -- and you're building it. // You've enhanced our schools, our professions, our small and large businesses. For the Asian/Pacific community, growth is not a codeword. It is a watchword which has helped enrich the American community. //

Consider how according to Census data on average family incomes, Japanese Americans and Asian Indians have made the American Dream reality. // Or how the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows Asian-Americans excelling in subjects such as math. // Yet the best is still ahead. Over the past decade, the Asian/Pacific community has grown by 105 per cent -- faster than any group. I look forward to more pioneers like An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories, and Henry Tang and I.M. Pei and physicist Leo Esaki. They know how merit and opportunity begets the growth that is America. //

((Let me tell a story of a restaurant in China where three American tourists walked in. They were wearing the most outrageous safari clothes / complete with Panama hats, backpacks, video cameras, and a few Chinese phrases picked up from a stateside friend who happens to own a wok.)) //

((The friends stood around looking for a waiter, and finally one asked in a loud voice: "How do we attract attention?"))
That's one way to attract attention. You've chosen another way.
// You haven't asked what government can do for you. You've asked what you can do -- for yourself -- for your family and your community. //

No people understands more than Asians what really counts: competence, not color. You know what matters is the human heart and will -- not sex or creed or national origin. // Historically, Americans have thought of themselves not as special interest groups -- one pitted against the other -- but as individuals -- judged by what we are, and what we dream. // Some propose policies that judge people by the pigment of their skin. I say -- as you do -- what we need are equal rights for all Americans -- not preferential treatment for some. //

You know what I'm talking about: Quotas that harm talented Americans like the thousands of Asian students in our universities who study science and engineering. // Our Administration has a splendid record on civil rights. We have nurtured equality of opportunity and equality under the law. That is why I will not sign any Civil Rights bill which allows quotas -- explicitly, or implicitly. / Nor will our Administration support the practice of "race-norming" -- which insults minorities by separating their test scores from whites. Race-norming drives Americans apart instead of bringing them together. //

Our Administration will fight any legislation that lessens opportunity for the Asian/Pacific community. / Instead, we propose actions that broaden opportunity. Because education is the great uplifter, we have launched the America 2000 Education strategy. / And I am proud to have named more Asians to top management and advisory roles than any President in history / the

first Asian deputy secretary of a Cabinet department / the first Asian-American as an ambassador. // I am proud not because they were Asian -- but because they were the best men and women for the job. //

At home, our policies will spur justice and prosperity. Let me speak now of an area abroad where the same equation holds. I refer to East Asia, and how this dynamic region can spur America's growth. //

Already, our trans-Pacific trade as a whole has more than doubled that between America and Europe. In 1990, we exported to Singapore more than to Spain or Italy / to Malaysia more than to the Soviet Union / to Indonesia more than to all of Central Europe. // The FAA also estimates that by 1993 traffic on Pacific routes will surpass the Atlantic on a passenger mile basis. // Consider, too, that more than 1,200 U.S. companies have invested over \$4 billion in the People's Republic of China -- and that China buys about \$5 billion worth of American products -- from computers to cotton. Take away these products - - and you take American jobs. //

Two weeks ago, I moved to expand this growth by extending Most Favored Nation status to China. I knew that ending MFN would dramatically increase the cost of Chinese imports, and also cripple Hong Kong -- a bastion of freedom and free trade and investor in South China's export industries. // Moreover, I recognized what many critics of MFN have either forgotten or never knew. To influence China, one cannot isolate China. //

This Nation's foreign policy has always been more than an expression of American interests. It is an extension of American principles. This moral dimension requires us to advance the cause of freedom by understanding that often countries confront moral ambiguity. Some argue that a nation as moral and just as ours should not taint itself by dealing with nations less moral and just. But this counsel offers up self-righteousness draped in a false morality. You do not reform a world by ignoring it.

// This is the reason we have taken an intelligent stand on China -- not grandstand at liberty's expense. / Here are the results: Between 1988 and 1990, emigration from China rose by 84 per cent; prominent dissidents were released; and the regime has accounted for many of the casualties of Tienanmen Square. //

Is it enough? Not nearly -- and we will continue to urge China to internally reform and externally rejoin the community of nations. We cannot be sure of success. We can be sure that without American dialogue, the free exchange of goods and ideas between East Asia and the United States would die a certain death through critics who now denounce MFN. //

I spoke earlier of the ideals which enrich the Asian/Pacific community. Let me close with a passage from a Chinese author -- Lin Yutang -- who wrote brilliantly of their importance. //

"Today," he said, "we are afraid of the simple words like goodness and mercy and kindness. We don't believe in the good old words because we don't believe in the good old values." //

Asian-Americans have always believed in these values.
Respect for dignity / the primacy of the individual / the need
to join a cause larger than ourselves. God bless what you done
for our country, and thank you for this occasion. And God bless
the Nation you so richly love -- the United States of America.

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OUTLINE/Yale Commencement

I. Introductory/Acknowledgements.

- A. Yale days recalled.
- B. The world on June 20, 1948.
 - 1. Berlin Blockade
 - 2. Marshall Plan passed.
 - 3. First UN Peacekeeping mission -- to Middle East.

II. Our world of dramatic change -- America's role as catalyst.

- A. Cold War, Berlin Wall -- fall of communism/triumph of the democratic idea.
- B. Ideals we seek to promote:
 - 1. Freedom and Democracy
 - 2. Human Rights
 - 3. Shared commitment to stability.

III. The means to these ends: American Engagement.

- A. In the world -- positive affects. *examples - angry voices Berlin Eastern Europe airlift*
- B. In Asia: rise of democracy, emergence of free markets. *56th*
 - 1. South Korea, Taiwan: from autocracy to democracy.
 - 2. US will now back Taiwan's membership in GATT. *WJ*

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IV. American Engagement in China.

- A. Engagement allows for tough stance on matters of principle.
 - 1. Post-Tienanmen restrictions. *POTUS first guaranteed rights of students*
- B. US will push forward on:
 - 1. Democratization and Human Rights. Tibet.
 - 2. Free trade.
 - 3. Military restrain.
- C. Counterproductive to revoke MFN.
 - 1. Critics case considered.
 - 2. Hurts South China region most -- center of democ./free market movement.
 - 3. We cannot isolate China if we hope to influence it.
 - 4. *Hong Kong*
- D. Moral Dimension.
 - 1. Is it more moral to ostracize and isolate -- or to engage, encourage positive change?
 - 2. Belief in the power of the democratic idea -- maintaining contact with China best route to democratic change.

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V. Closing charge to graduates.

MFN start? 1980 - Carter quote
w/market econs come other freedoms - inevitable

ASIAN/PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH \ ROOM 450
MONDAY, MAY 6, 1991 \ 10:30 A.M.

MR. SOLOMON, MR. WILLIAMS, MR. DUNNE, DR. HAASS,
JOY CHERIAN. DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FROM THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. GOV.
PETER TALI COLEMAN. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS: ELAIN
CHAO, WENDY GRAMM AND CINDY DAUB. MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM
CHEN, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE U.S. ARMY MISSILE
COMMAND, VETERANS OF OPERATION DESERT STORM, YEE CHANG
HANG OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY FELLOW AMERICANS. IT'S A
PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THE WHITE HOUSE. //

THIS IS A TIME WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH
PRIDE AND BROTHERHOOD. BUT I KNOW THAT IN ALL OF OUR
HEARTS, THERE IS A PART SET ASIDE FOR THE TERRIBLE
HUMAN SUFFERING IN BANGLADESH. I'VE SENT A MESSAGE TO
PRIME MINISTER ZIA EXPRESSING THE SYMPATHY AND
SOLIDARITY WE ALL FEEL FOR HIM AND HIS PEOPLE AT THIS
TIME.

OUR GOVERNMENT IS POISED TO FOLLOW THAT MESSAGE THROUGH WITH ASSISTANCE -- RELIEF FUNDS, FOOD, MEDICINE, AND MORE. I KNOW WE MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO SHELTER FRIENDS FROM SUCH STORMS, BUT THEIR HOPES MUST ALWAYS FIND SHELTER IN OUR PRAYERS.

OUR THOUGHTS ALSO ARE WITH PAT SAIKI, THE DIRECTOR OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. PAT HAD INTENDED TO BE HERE WITH US TODAY, BUT AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, HER HUSBAND, DR. STANLEY SAIKI, DIED UNEXPECTEDLY LAST WEEK.

TODAY WE GATHER WITH SPECIAL FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE A SPECIAL MONTH -- ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO THANK SENATOR DANIEL INOUE AND REPRESENTATIVE FRANK HORTON, THE CHIEF SPONSOR OF THE HERITAGE MONTH LEGISLATION. //

WE ASSEMBLE HERE FOR A SPECIAL REASON: TO SALUTE A COMMUNITY WHICH HAS ENRICHED AMERICA'S COMMUNITY -- SOCIALLY, CULTURALLY, ECONOMICALLY, SPIRITUALLY. //

((SOMEONE ONCE TOLD ME OF A RESTAURANT IN CHINA WHERE THREE AMERICAN TOURISTS WALKED IN WEARING THE MOST OUTLANDISH SAFARI CLOTHES, COMPLETE WITH PANAMA HATS, BACKPACKS, VIDEOCAMERAS, A BRACE OF WALKMANS, AND A FEW CHINESE PHRASES PICKED UP FROM A STATESIDE FRIEND WHO HAPPENS TO OWN A WOK. //

((THE FRIENDS STOOD AROUND LOOKING FOR A WAITER, AND FINALLY ONE ASKED IN A LOUD VOICE: "HOW DO WE ATTRACT ATTENTION?")) //

THAT'S ONE WAY TO ATTRACT ATTENTION. YOU'VE CHOSEN ANOTHER WAY: QUIETLY, THROUGH EXCELLENCE, WITH THE VALUES OF YOUR LIVES.

THOSE VALUES ARE DISCIPLINE AND SELF-SACRIFICE. AN ABIDING BELIEF IN WORK. A SOARING LOVE OF FREEDOM. VALUES THAT BROUGHT YOUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND SOME OF YOU TO AMERICA. VALUES THAT ARE NOW UPLIFTING AMERICA.

I THINK, FOR EXAMPLE, OF PIONEERS LIKE AN WANG, FOUNDER OF WANG LABORATORIES. / OF HENRY TANG. / SEIJI OZAWA. / OF PHYSICIST LEO ESAKI. / OR FIGURE SKATER, CHRISTI YAMAGUCHI. / OR OUR OWN SICHAN SIV, RIGHT HERE IN THE WHITE HOUSE. //

LIKE SICHAN SIV, MANY ASIAN-AMERICANS CAME TO AMERICA TO FIND A BETTER LIFE. AND MILLIONS HAVE FOUND IT. MILLIONS CAME TO HELP BUILD A BETTER AMERICA. AND IT IS A BETTER AMERICA FOR THEIR PRESENCE.

THESE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS VERY ROOM WHO ARE CREATING NEW JOBS. ENHANCING OUR SCHOOLS, THE LAW, OUR SMALL AND LARGE BUSINESSES. IN SHORT, HONORING YOUR HERITAGE BY THE LIVES YOU LEAD. //

FOR THAT, I CONGRATULATE YOU. / IN A PERSONAL SENSE, HAVING SERVED IN ASIA, I THANK YOU. / AND LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH AN ASIAN PROVERB. IT GOES, "ONE GENERATION OPENS THE ROAD UPON WHICH ANOTHER GENERATION TRAVELS."

YOU HAVE OPENED THE ROAD OF OPPORTUNITY AND HUMAN DIGNITY -- THROWING WIDE THE HORIZONS OF TOMORROW. IN COMING YEARS, I KNOW THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL SALUTE YOU ON THEIR TRAVELS. / THANK YOU FOR COMING HERE, AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK OUR DESERT STORM VETERANS TO JOIN ME AS I SIGN THE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY OF THIS YEAR AND NEXT, ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

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May 28, 1991

Mr. Jim Shaffer
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Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Per our conversation, enclosed is Yee Chang's bio and the letter, which I mailed to Mr. Sichan Siv a few weeks ago. Further information regarding Yee Chang, he is the third child of eight children, and he along with the whole family emigrated to the United States in September of 1976. Again, Yee Chang is the first of six million Hmong in the world to graduate from this most prestigious institution.

I hope that this will be some help to you. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,


YeeLeng Hang
Asian American Representative

Enc.

P.S. I will be in D.C. from Saturday to Monday, June 8-10, 1991 and would very much like to meet Mr. Siv for either lunch or dinner if his calendar permits. I would like to discuss with him regarding the issues and developments in the countries of Southeast Asia.

Wednesday, April 24, 1991

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Mr. Sichan Siv
Deputy Assistant to the President for Public Liaisons
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Siv:

Greetings! I hope that this letter finds you in good and fine health.

In the Fall of 1987, my younger brother, YeeChang Hang entered the United States Military Academy at West Point. This June 1st, he will be the first Hmong American from Laos to graduate from this most prestigious military academy.

He will be making history, and will be a source of inspiration and leadership to the Hmong American community in this country. My people have demonstrated exemplary loyalty and patriotism to the United States of America in our close association with the Central Intelligence Agency during the Vietnam 'Struggle' in Laos. My father faithfully served in that struggle as a Major in the Office of Intelligence.

My father is very pleased and filled with pride that one of his sons has followed him into the army and will faithfully serve this new found country as he did the old country. It is with such pride that I write on my father's behalf to request of your assistance. My father heart's desire is to have a photo session with the President, but knowing that such request is nearly impossible, he would appreciate a personal letter of congratulation and a photo from the President of the United States to commemorate my brother's graduation from West Point. It would be a token that the United States has not forgotten her old allies, and it would mean very much to him, the family, and to the Hmong American community.

Enclosed please find YeeChang's bio. I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

YeeLeng Hang

Enclosure

*****Yee Chang Hang*****

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West Point, New York

01 June 1991

Reese High School
Reese, Michigan

07 June 1987

Leadership Experience:

Unites States Military Academy, West Point
Platoon Leader, 1991
Squad Leader, 1990
Team Leader, 1989

Reese High School
President, Student Council, 1986-87
Vice President, National Honors Society, 1986-87
Vice President, German Club, 1986-87
Treasurer, German Club, 1984-86

Honors:

Salutatorian, Reese High School, 1987
National Honors Society, 1986, '87
National Scholar/Athlete Award, 1987
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References Available upon request



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1991

Dear Friend:

On behalf of President Bush, I would like to invite you to join him and the Asian/Pacific community at the first **"ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN SALUTE TO THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH."**

This historical event will take place on Sunday, June 16, 1991 at Mile Square Regional Park in Fountain Valley, California.

Admission tickets and further information may be obtained from **The President's Welcoming Committee** headquartered at:

UCC Plaza
2338 East Anaheim Street, 2nd Floor
Long Beach, California 90804
Phone: 213-433-2490
Fax: 213-433-0564

I hope you will be able to join us at this important event which will salute the President and Mrs. Bush, honor Asian and Pacific heritage, and celebrate the uniqueness of America.

I look forward to having the pleasure of your company.

Sincerely,



Sichan Siv
Deputy Assistant to the President
For Public Liaison

OUTLINE/Asian Pacific American Salute to the President

I. Introductory/Acknowledgements

A. Thank hosts, entertainers

1. Cohosts: David Kwan
Porntip Nahkirunkanok (PAWN tip NA
kee run kah nook)

2. Event organizers: Elizabeth Szu (SOO), Inder Singh (SING), Ky (KEE) Ngo, and John Tsu (SOO)

B. Jokes (one or two)

C. How the various ethnic groups represented stand as a testimony to the diversity as well as unity of the Asian/Pacific Community.

II. The Asian/Pacific American Success Story

A. Why they came: **Opportunity**

1. POTUS once said, "For more than 200 years, America has been the home of free markets and free people. There is no question: opportunity in America is the envy of the world."

B. What they achieved: **Excellence** (stress on prosperity)

1. In the past decade, the Asian/Pacific community has grown 105%; that's faster than any other segment of the population -- and the growth of this community's contributions has continued apace.

2. With an emphasis on learning, family and the work ethic, many Asian immigrants have achieved in one generation what used to take earlier European immigrants two or three generations. Indeed, according to Census data, Japanese Americans and Asian Indians now possess higher average family income than all other ethnic groups -- including whites.

3. The latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows Asian Americans way ahead of other ethnic groups (including whites) in subjects such as math. I'm getting specific stats.

4. Examples of Asian American excellence: An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories, Henry Tang, I.M. Pei, Seiji Ozawa, physicist Leo Esaki.

C. How they did it: **Competence not Color**

1. Reliance on self, not set aside preferences.
2. Asian and Pacific Americans have traditionally looked to self-help, education, hard work, and family rather than to government to solve problems and improve living standards.

III. Equality of Opportunity and Expansion of Opportunity as best guarantor of true civil rights.

A. "Some say..."

1. Straw man of liberal line on civil rights = set aside preferences, race-norming.

B. Refutation: "When an American knocks at opportunity's door, he shouldn't have to show color ID."

1. Those policies have failed

2. Those policies have reversely discriminated against Asian/Pacific Americans.

a) This Administration is committed to eliminating all racial preference oriented legislation that may be prohibiting rather than encouraging opportunity for the Asian and Pacific American community.

b) POTUS has appointed more Asians to top management and advisory roles in his Administration than any other President in history. He has appointed the first Asian American as an ambassador and as a deputy secretary of a Cabinet department -- the Administration has done this not with an aim to impose diversity, but with the goal of achieving excellence.

C. Our Answer: **Growth**

"If America is to be competitive, then every American -- male or female, black or white, young or old, handicapped or disadvantaged - - must have the opportunity to play a part"

(Pink)

1. Expanded opportunity not redistribution of rights

2. A rising tide lifts all boats.

3. The most noble goals without a realistic roadmap will get you lost on the way to utopia

a) "idealism about human potential...pragmatism about human nature."

(Pink)

b) "A vision without a task is but a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, a vision with a task is the hope of the world."

(Inscription on a church in Sussex, England, 1730)

IV. MFN

A. Segue

1. Another area where our best intentions may be foiled by counsel based on impassioned response rather than reasoned analysis.

a) moral foreign policy goals uniformed by political and economic realities=charting a ship's course by astrology rather than astronomy.

2. Another area where growth has and will continue to prove the best means toward progress.

a) POTUS at Yale: "East Asia is a case in point. Today, this dynamic region plays an important role in the world economy. As it has grown more prosperous, it has also grown more free. Driven forward by the engine of economic growth and trade, especially with the U.S., South Korea and Taiwan have shed their once authoritarian rule in favor of democracy and free trade. This same approach guides our policy towards the People's Republic of China, home to fully one-fifth of the world's people."

b) economics can be sometimes more important than politics because they can drive politics.

c) Testimony of Rep. Toby Roth (R-WI): "In southern China, there is a market economy that's flourishing, and the forces of change are all over. The cause of this transformation has increased trade, I believe, and we should apply this lesson. The best way to strengthen the forces of change and freedom in China is to provide them with the economic lifeblood of trade. And as trade produces changes in China, in their economy, change I believe will come to China's political leadership, or that leadership will not survive. Other nations in Europe and in Asia understand this reality. Denying MFN will not isolate China. It will isolate the United States."

B. Economic Argument

1. Economically, extended MFN is in our best interest and the interest of the Chinese people. China buys about \$5 billion worth of American products -- from computers to cotton. Without that market, American jobs will be lost, and our competitors will benefit from that loss.

2. Trade actions on both sides could also adversely affect over \$4 billion of U.S. investment (1,200 US companies) in China. Without MFN, substantially higher costs of Chinese imports will translate into higher prices for our consumers (e.g. tariffs on some textiles -- China's most lucrative category of exports to the US -- would jump tenfold, from 6 percent to 60 percent)

3. Endangering MFN will deal a body blow to Hong Kong, the bastion of freedom and free trade in the Far East.

a) This is because Hong Kong handles much of the US-Chinese trade and Hong Kong businesses have invested heavily in south China's thriving export industries.

b) If Washington recinds China's MFN treatment, Hong Kong would see its trade in Chinese goods to the US fall 44 percent and its total trade shrink 7 percent, according to the territory's government.

C. Efficacy Argument: progress achieved with Administration's policy.

1. Mr. James Lilley, who has just ceased being the US Ambassador in Beijing, claims that, following US urging, emigration from China rose by 84% between 1988 and 1990; prominent dissidents like Mr. Fang Lizhi were released; and the regime has accounted for many of the casualties of Tianamen Square.

2. Testimony of ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, Rep. Leach: "...the Chinese externally in the last year have moved towards normalizing relations with a number of countries such as Singapore and Indonesia that they haven't had normal relations with, also Saudi Arabia. They've worked towards a diplomatic solution in the Spratly Islands dispute, and that there are certain acts of the Chinese government externally that are consonant with the American position."

D. Moral Argument.

1. POTUS at Yale:

"Some argue that a nation as moral and just as ours should not taint itself by dealing with nations less moral, less just. But this counsel offers up self-righteousness draped in a false morality. You do not reform a world by ignoring it."

"It is wrong to isolate China if we hope to influence China...No nation on Earth has discovered a way to import the world's goods and services while stopping foreign ideas at the border."

"This nation's foreign policy has always been more than simply an expression of American interests; it's an extension of American ideals. This moral dimension of American policy requires us to remain active, engaged in the world."

"We cannot transform a world if we hide from its unpleasant realities...We want to advance

the cause of freedom, not just snub nations
that aren't yet wholly free."

V. Closing Remarks

A. Suggestion: Asian/Pacific Americans came to this country seeking freedom -- religious, political, and economic. Invite audience to join in keeping these items on the menu at that greatest of All Nite Diners, the United States of America.

Add: Thanks to performers
Tour of Exhibits
arts, handicrafts

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Yee Hang Chang -- the first Hmong from Laos to graduate from
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in being here is worth a thousand times that total. //

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((This is one of the largest crowds I've spoken to since my
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They are ideals which brought your grand-parents, parents, and some of you to America. Ideals which are now uplifting America. //

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This Nation's foreign policy has always been more than an expression of American interests. It is an extension of American principles. This moral dimension requires us to advance the cause of freedom by understanding that often countries confront moral ambiguity. Some argue that a nation as moral and just as ours should not taint itself by dealing with nations less moral and just. But this counsel offers up self-righteousness draped in a false morality. You do not reform a world by ignoring it.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN ADDRESS TO ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITY

Mile Square Park
Fountain Valley, California

12:38 P.M. PDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very, very much. Senator Seymour, first of all, thank you, sir. Senator Seymour, a brand-new Senator doing a first-class job for California and for the United States. I had the pleasure to support him, endorse him, and I'm glad to be introduced by him. (Applause.)

And let me single out other members of Congress -- Dana Rohrabacher is here with me. All of you know him, and you should if you don't. Bob Dornan, my steadfast supporter. (Applause.) And Congressman Cox -- Chris Cox -- and Congressman Mineta with us here today. This is a nonpartisan, bipartisan group, and I'm delighted to see him with us. Congressman Dreier I didn't see. Dave didn't make it, darn it; don't hold it against him. (Laughter.) Congressman Faleomavaega.

Elaine Chao, our Deputy Secretary of Transportation back here. (Applause.) And to the others -- Mr. Kwan, Miss Porntip, Elizabeth Szu -- what a job she's done on this marvelous day. (Applause.) Inder Singh, another leader of all of this. Ky Ngo; Johnny Tsu, my old friend from San Francisco; and most of all, my fellow Americans. I'm proud to be with you on this very special day. (Applause.)

It's wonderful to be here. I just toured some cultural exhibits. I hope all of you will have a chance to see them. And I've seen some that were fascinating, and I also have heard that the performers did a superb job. I'm sorry I didn't get to do that.

I'm also glad to be with you on Father's Day. (Applause.) I don't know about your kids, but I know about mine, and they guided me through life by using those three magic words, "Ask your mother." (Laughter.) Let me also say, as someone who just had a birthday, it's a pleasure to be with people whose cultures revere old age. But I don't feel old. This great turnout -- Elizabeth says 60,000 people -- make me feel like a spring colt, young, indeed. And I'm proud to be with you all. (Applause.)

And I am proud to have had the chance to salute the various groups who form the Asian-Pacific American community. This community combines groups diverse in name but united by ideals: discipline, self-sacrifice, belief in hard work, and most fundamentally, devotion to freedom. These ideals brought your grandparents and parents, and also some of you -- many of you -- to this country. These ideals have always uplifted the United States of America.

You know, for more than 200 years, this nation has built free markets and protected free people. There is no question: opportunity in America is the envy of the world. You came in search of opportunity -- and you're finding it. You came to build a better America -- and you are building it in a myriad of thousands of ways. (Applause.) You've enhanced our schools, our professions, our small and large businesses. For America's Asian-Pacific community, growth is not a code word, it's a watchword that helped the entire American

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community. And I congratulate you for that contribution to the greatest country on the face of the Earth. (Applause.)

As Senator Seymour just told us, Asian Americans have made the American Dream a reality. According to the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress, Asian Americans are excelling where we need to excel -- in subjects such as math. Your greatest contributions, I'm convinced, lie ahead. The Asian-Pacific community has increased in size over the last decade -- more than any other ethnic group. I look forward to more pioneers like Henry Tang, physicist Leo Esaki. They know how merit and opportunity beget growth and opportunity and brotherhood.

You know, we also must understand, though, that growth abroad can help the United States. We can find a perfect example in East Asia, a dynamic region that will spur America's growth. Already -- I think you all know this, but a lot of Americans don't -- already, our transpacific trade has surpassed our transatlantic trade. In 1990, we exported more to Singapore than we did to Spain or Italy; to Malaysia more than to the Soviet Union; to Indonesia more than to all of Central Europe. This is what you all are doing and this is what we believe in. (Applause.) The FAA estimates that by 1993 traffic on Pacific routes will surpass the Atlantic on a passenger-mile basis. Consider, too, that more than 1,000 U.S. companies have invested over \$4 billion in the People's Republic of China -- and that China buys about \$5 billion of American products -- from computers to cotton. You take away these exports and you take American jobs. (Applause.)

So let me just say a word about that. I acted three weeks ago to expand this growth by asking Congress to renew for another year China's Most Favored Nation status. I knew that ending MFN would increase the cost of Chinese imports. It would hurt Hong Kong -- a bastion of freedom and free trade, as well as investors in South China's export industries -- South China, the center of China's prodemocracy movement now. I know many of you have families and visited your families -- the students, some of whom I've just met with -- maybe some of whom I just see. You brought with you your American ideas -- democracy, human rights, free enterprise. We should not cut off this flow of hope, of goods, of ideas and ideals. (Applause.) Because, you see, these nourish the desire for freedom. Our policy relies on an obvious fact: to influence China, one simply cannot isolate China. And I do not want to be the President to isolate China, I want to be the President to facilitate change for human rights in China. (Applause.)

Let me give you one reminder of this and I'll get on to another -- I want to talk about these guys. You guys wait; I'm going to get to you because I agree with you. And when I ask you to hold that sign up, please do it. Now let me finish this one point here.

I have another example. In December of 1989, over strong objections from many in the Congress, I vetoed the so-called Pelosi bill. I don't mistrust her intentions, but she was wrong -- unnecessary legislation. If that bill had become law, I am convinced in my mind that Beijing would have used it as a pretext to stop permitting Chinese young people to study in the United States. Instead, I extended even greater protections than provided for in the Pelosi bill, first through a presidential memorandum, then through a far-reaching executive order. And you know, in the last year alone, we issued 11,500 visas to Chinese students and scholars to study in the United States. That would have been 11,500 opportunities lost if we had turned our back on China. (Applause.)

And I might say, I met with some of the student leaders -- the real student leaders -- just a minute ago. Chinese people studying in the United States, four of them having stood in Tiananmen Square. And these signs say it: Renew MFN for China without condition because we want to be able to effect change for human rights in China. (Applause.)

So we'll be continuing to reform -- urge China to reform

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internally and to rejoin the community of nations. We can't be sure of success, but we can be sure that without American dialogue, without your commitment to freedom being understood in China, the movement for reform in China would be set back. And I don't want to be here as President when we set back the chance for human rights in any country. (Applause.)

Now, here's my signs back here. Get them up high so the press can see them. Where's the one with "SADAM"? Where is it? Well, I don't see it. But let me tell you, they are right. They are absolutely correct. We will not remove sanctions from Iraq as long as the brutal Saddam Hussein remains in power. (Applause.)

And I might say peripherally how proud I am -- I was in there a minute ago, and an Asian lieutenant, an Asian American lieutenant in the Air Force came up to me, and she said, "Thank you for Desert Storm." And I turned to her and I said, "Don't thank me, you thank your colleagues in the Air Force, the Army, the Navy, the Coast Guard, and the Marines that made our country proud again." (Applause.)

So you guys are right. And we'll do everything we can to see that we have a reasoned administration there with whom we can deal with respect, integrity and honor. But it isn't going to be there as long as it's the brutalization of the Kurds in the north, the Shiites in the south, and as long as there's this environmental degradation that Saddam has wreaked upon the entire world. So we were right in kicking him out of Kuwait. (Applause.)

And let me say another point -- human rights; you got it. Let me make another point. We've got to brush away arbitrary discrimination. And if that means fighting quotas that harm talented Americans like the thousands of Asian students in our universities, then we're going to fight all the way. You know the awful tolls -- quotas penalize achievers. They slam shut opportunity's door. Here in California, in this great largest state, and across the nation, we have seen the conflicts that quotas can incite -- and we have come to appreciate more than ever before the importance of excellence and opportunity.

You know, our administration does believe in affirmative action -- in offering a hand, in opening the door of opportunity. But we don't believe in an America by the numbers. We do not believe in discriminating by quotas or by the numbers. (Applause.)

And very candidly -- and I hope this doesn't sound egotistical, but I take pride in the fact that we have a good record on civil rights. We've nurtured equality of opportunity and equality under the law. We've promoted a civil rights bill that would strengthen our laws against discrimination and we've tried to build a spirit of cooperation, not litigation.

I've put forward a major piece of civil rights legislation to fight against discrimination in the workplace. Congress should pass my bill. Let me be clear: I will not sign any civil rights bill that allows quotas -- directly or indirectly; explicitly or implicitly. (Applause.)

And if I might just say a word -- take a word of pride in what our administration has done. We've practiced the kind of affirmative action I'm talking about. I'm proud to have named more Asian-Pacific Americans to top management and advisory roles than any President in history. And I'm going to keep on finding good men and women from the Asian community to serve this great country. (Applause.) This may be hard for some of you to understand -- successful in business, leaders and students -- but I was the first to appoint a government agency head, Pat Saiki -- Pat Saiki, leading now the SBA. The first as a deputy secretary of a Cabinet department, the second highest level, right there next to the Secretary -- and, of course, you know her -- Elaine Chao, in whom I take such great pride once again. (Applause.) The first as an ambassador -- I found this hard to believe, but the first, Ambassador

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Julia Chang-Sloch. And, of course, I can't tell you how proud I am to have at my side a guy that many of you know, Sichan Siv, who's working in the White House. What a job he's done for us. (Applause.)

You know why they were picked? They weren't picked because they were Asian Americans; they were picked because they were the best men and women for the job. And that's the American way. (Applause.)

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Well, Asian-Pacific Americans have always believed in these good old-fashioned values -- mercy, goodness, kindness, and I would add, family -- the strength of the American family. Asian-Pacific Americans have always believed in these values -- respect for dignity, yes, belief in family, hard work, free enterprise, belief in ideals and causes larger than ourselves.

So I wanted to say I am very proud to have been here today. I see the signs from the various countries, and thank heavens, I've had -- I've been enriched by being in almost every one of them. I think of the tragedies in Bangladesh, and then I think of our helicopter pilots that went in on their way home -- gave up coming home to save lives there. I think of Iraq and what our young men and women did. And, yes, I think of those who lost their lives in Iraq. And it would never have happened if the brutality of Saddam Hussein hadn't overcome reason and rationality. I think of Cambodia and India and Pakistan. (Applause.) And I think of all of these -- and Vietnam -- you are right, you are right, Vietnam -- look at what -- the contribution Vietnamese have made to our great country. And we're never going to forget that Vietnam is not free and democratic, as some of our critics would have you believe.

So I know I'm going to get in trouble for forgetting them -- Iran -- Iran. I want to see a free Iran full of human rights, where we can have better relations again. And thank God, relations are getting a little better, but I want to see them good, the way you people want them right here.

Now, thank you all -- hey, listen, I'm going to get in trouble. (Laughter.) But I came out here, Barbara and I did, to say thank you for the contribution to this great country. Thank you for what you are doing. And I look forward to working with each and every one of the 50,000 of you to make things better for our great country, America, and for the countries from which you came. Many thanks. And may God bless you all. But most of all, may God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much. Thank you. (Applause.)

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TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN

ASIAN-PACIFIC SALUTE (Curt Smith)

THERE ARE ALMOST AS MANY PEOPLE HERE TODAY AS THERE WERE AT THE LAST BUSH FAMILY REUNION.

I'M USED TO SEEING A CROWD LIKE THIS ON A GOLF COURSE. LAST TIME I PLAYED, IT TOOK THIS MANY PEOPLE TO HELP FIND MY BALL.

TWO OF THE LOVES IN MY LIFE ARE GOLF AND CHINESE FOOD, AND I FIND A SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE TWO. AN HOUR AFTER I PLAY, I WANT TO PLAY AGAIN.

MANY OF YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD HOW QUICKLY I PLAY GOLF. I THINK THIS SITE WAS CHOSEN WITH THE HOPE THAT, WHEN I GIVE A SPEECH ON A GOLF COURSE, IT GOES JUST AS FAST.

TODAY IS FATHER'S DAY, AND MY KIDS KNOW ME AS A FATHER WHO GUIDED THEM THROUGH LIFE BY USING THOSE MAGIC THREE LITTLE WORDS: "ASK YOUR MOTHER."

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C. How the various ethnic groups represented stand as a testimony to the diversity as well as unity of the Asian/Pacific Community.

II. The Asian/Pacific American Success Story

A. Why they came: **Opportunity**

1. POTUS once said, "For more than 200 years, America has been the home of free markets and free people. There is no question: opportunity in America is the envy of the world."

B. What they achieved: **Excellence** (stress on prosperity)

1. In the past decade, the Asian/Pacific community has grown 105%; that's faster than any other segment of the population -- and the growth of this community's contributions has continued apace.

2. With an emphasis on learning, family and the work ethic, many Asian immigrants have achieved in one generation what used to take earlier European immigrants two or three generations. Indeed, according to Census data, Japanese Americans and Asian Indians now possess higher average family income than all other ethnic groups -- including whites.

3. The latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows Asian Americans way ahead of other ethnic groups (including whites) in subjects such as math. I'm getting specific stats.

4. Examples of Asian American excellence: An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories, Henry Tang, I.M. Pei, Seiji Ozawa, physicist Leo Esaki. —

C. How they did it: **Competence not Color**

1. Reliance on self, not set aside preferences.
2. Asian and Pacific Americans have traditionally looked to self-help, education, hard work, and family rather than to government to solve problems and improve living standards.

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a) This Administration is committed to eliminating all racial preference oriented legislation that may be prohibiting rather than encouraging opportunity for the Asian and Pacific American community.

b) POTUS has appointed more Asians to top management and advisory roles in his Administration than any other President in history. He has appointed the first Asian American as an ambassador and as a deputy secretary of a Cabinet department -- the Administration has done this **not** with an aim to impose diversity, but with the goal of achieving excellence.

C. Our Answer: **Growth**

"If America is to be competitive, then every American -- male or female, black or white, young or old, handicapped or disadvantaged - - must have the opportunity to play a part"

(Pink)

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a) "idealism about human potential...pragmatism about human nature."

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b) "A vision without a task is but a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, a vision with a task is the hope of the world."

(Inscription on a church in Sussex, England, 1730)

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a) moral foreign policy goals uniformed by political and economic realities=charting a ship's course by astrology rather than astronomy.

2. Another area where growth has and will continue to prove the best means toward progress.

a) POTUS at Yale: "East Asia is a case in point. Today, this dynamic region plays an important role in the world economy. As it has grown more prosperous, it has also grown more free. Driven forward by the engine of economic growth and trade, especially with the U.S., South Korea and Taiwan have shed their once authoritarian rule in favor of democracy and free trade. This same approach guides our policy towards the People's Republic of China, home to fully one-fifth of the world's people."

b) economics can be sometimes more important than politics because they can drive politics.

c) Testimony of Rep. Toby Roth (R-WI): "In southern China, there is a market economy that's flourishing, and the forces of change are all over. The cause of this transformation has increased trade, I believe, and we should apply this lesson. The best way to strengthen the forces of change and freedom in China is to provide them with the economic lifeblood of trade. And as trade produces changes in China, in their economy, change I believe will come to China's political leadership, or that leadership will not survive. Other nations in Europe and in Asia understand this reality. Denying MFN will not isolate China. It will isolate the United States."

B. Economic Argument

1. Economically, extended MFN is in our best interest and the interest of the Chinese people. China buys about \$5 billion worth of American products -- from computers to cotton. Without that market, American jobs will be lost, and our competitors will benefit from that loss.

2. Trade actions on both sides could also adversely affect over \$4 billion of U.S. investment (1,200 US companies) in China. Without MFN, substantially higher costs of Chinese imports will translate into higher prices for our consumers (e.g. tariffs on some textiles -- China's most lucrative category of exports to the US -- would jump tenfold, from 6 percent to 60 percent)

3. Endangering MFN will deal a body blow to Hong Kong, the bastion of freedom and free trade in the Far East.

a) This is because Hong Kong handles much of the US-Chinese trade and Hong Kong businesses have invested heavily in south China's thriving export industries.

b) If Washington recinds China's MFN treatment, Hong Kong would see its trade in Chinese goods to the US fall 44 percent and its total trade shrink 7 percent, according to the territory's government.

C. Efficacy Argument: progress achieved with Administration's policy.

1. Mr. James Lilley, who has just ceased being the US Ambassador in Beijing, claims that, following US urging, emigration from China rose by 84% between 1988 and 1990; prominent dissidents like Mr. Fang Lizhi were released; and the regime has accounted for many of the casualties of Tianamen Square.

2. Testimony of ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, Rep. Leach: "...the Chinese externally in the last year have moved towards normalizing relations with a number of countries such as Singapore and Indonesia that they haven't had normal relations with, also Saudi Arabia. They've worked towards a diplomatic solution in the Spratly Islands dispute, and that there are certain acts of the Chinese government externally that are consonant with the American position."

D. Moral Argument.

1. POTUS at Yale:

"Some argue that a nation as moral and just as ours should not taint itself by dealing with nations less moral, less just. But this counsel offers up self-righteousness draped in a false morality. You do not reform a world by ignoring it."

"It is wrong to isolate China if we hope to influence China...No nation on Earth has discovered a way to import the world's goods and services while stopping foreign ideas at the border."

"This nation's foreign policy has always been more than simply an expression of American interests; it's an extension of American ideals. This moral dimension of American policy requires us to remain active, engaged in the world."

"We cannot transform a world if we hide from its unpleasant realities...We want to advance

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that aren't yet wholly free."

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ISSUES THAT ASIAN AMERICAN CONCERNED WITH :

1. Higher education -- quotas

QUOTAS
↓
GROWTH

We would like President Bush to address the issue of quotas now established by many of the most prestigious universities in America. Since the vast majority of Asian students who study science and engineering, have been participating in ongoing U.S. research projects, their contribution to the scientific advancement of American society as a whole is considerable. Continuation of such a quota system, therefore, works against the welfare of not only the Asians thus excluded but against American social welfare as a whole. They should therefore be abolished.

2. Education all levels -- Asian cultures and languages
Asian languages and cultures are poorly appreciated in mainstream America. Those who complain of trade barriers working against American exporters fail to take into account many of the cultural and linguistic factors that militate against a product or service establishing a significant beachhead in the target economy when its culture is not adequately understood. To counter this, programs should be put in place at all levels of society, to engender from an early age a fluency in Asian languages and an appreciation of each culture.

3. Human rights in China

We hope that concern for human rights in the Peoples Republic of China will remain high on the President's agenda. We believe that trade sanctions are not called for, and while "leverage" for the short term may be somewhat lessened, the objective of enhancement of the human rights record in China can be achieved through increased contact-- by trade and other means.

4. Rights of Asian immigrants

We see three problems. First, although Congress increased the number of Asians being allowed into the U.S. annually by one-third, the U.S. embassies are reluctant to grant visas--whether for immigrant, business, investment or tourist purposes. Unnecessary barriers are put in their way. Second, upon arrival at U.S. port of entry, they are often given a hard time and sometimes even insulted. No one can feel welcome if, upon arrival, they are made to feel as if their very entry is a criminal act. Third, immigrants, once here, are frequently subjected to indignities and injustices on the part of the INS. If one is on track to becoming a U.S. citizen, one must wait an average of 8-9 years, during which time the investigation branch of the INS sees fit to harass, intimidate, and even violate the law itself. Asian immigrants subjected to these indignities often feel that the mere fact of their being Asian sets them apart in the eyes of the INS.

5. Promotion of Asian political leadership
Asian Americans should not be seen solely as important allies whenever a political campaign is run, but should be actively encouraged to participate in government. While Asian Americans enjoy wide recognition for their accomplishments in the arts, the sciences, education, etc., they are passed over when it comes time for dispensing political appointments. We should like to see President Bush acknowledge that the accomplishments of Asian Americans in many walks of American life eminently qualifies them for political leadership.

6. Family values as an anti-crime weapon
If President Bush were to pay tribute to the standard that Asian Americans have set in family values, this will be a way of saying that (1) all Americans have something of value to learn from Asian Americans, and (2) promoting of family values is probably THE most important contribution that all of us can make towards reversing the climbing crime rate.

VALUES

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIA/PACIFIC RALLY
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1991
12:00 p.m.

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John Seymour or Chris Cox
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Congressman Rohrabacher
Congressman Dornan, Mr. Kwan, Miss Porntip
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(Nn-GO), John Tsu (SOO), my fellow Americans. //

An Asian proverb says, "The two words, 'peace' and
'tranquility,' are worth a thousand pieces of gold." My pleasure
in being here is worth a thousand times that total. // The
cultural exhibits I've just seen were fascinating, and although I
couldn't make it, I know the performers did a superb job. //

((This is one of the largest crowds I've spoken to since my
election to the Presidency. // Actually, since we are on a golf
course, I'm used to crowds this size. Last time I played, it
took this many people to help find my ball.)) //

((I'm also glad to be with you on Father's Day. / I'm like
many dads. My kids know me as a Father who guided them through
life by using those three magic words, "Ask your mother." // Let
me say, too, that as someone who's just had a birthday, it's a
pleasure to be with people whose cultures revere old age.)) //

Most of all, I am proud to have the chance to salute the
various ethnic groups who form the Asian/Pacific-American

community. This community combines groups diverse in name but united by ideals: discipline / self-sacrifice / belief in hard work / and devotion to freedom. / These ideals brought your grand-parents, parents, and some of you to America. These ideals always have uplifted America. //

For more than 200 years, this Nation has built free markets and protected free people. There is no question: Opportunity in America is the envy of the world. // You came in search of opportunity -- and you're finding it. You came to build a better America -- and you're building it. // You've enhanced our schools, our professions, our small and large businesses. For America's Asian/Pacific community, growth is not a codeword. It is a watchword that has helped enrich the American community. //

Consider how according to Census data on average family incomes, Asian-Americans have made the American Dream reality. // Or how the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows Asian-Americans excelling in subjects such as math. // Your greatest contributions lie ahead. Over the past decade, the Asian/Pacific community has increased in size by 95 percent -- more any other ethnic group. I look forward to more pioneers like Henry Tang and physicist Leo Esaki. They know how merit and opportunity beget growth, opportunity, brotherhood. //

But we also must understand that growth abroad can help the United States. We can find a perfect example in East Asia, a dynamic region thta will spur America's growth. //

Already, our trans-Pacific trade has more than doubled the commerce between America and Europe. In 1990, we exported to Singapore more than to Spain or Italy / to Malaysia more than to the Soviet Union / to Indonesia more than to all of Central Europe. // The FAA estimates that by 1993 traffic on Pacific routes will surpass the Atlantic on a passenger-mile basis. // Consider, too, that more than 1,000 U.S. companies have invested over \$4 billion in the People's Republic of China -- and that China buys about \$5 billion worth of American products -- from computers to cotton. Take away these products -- and you take American jobs. //

Three weeks ago, I acted to expand this growth by asking Congress to renew for another year China's Most Favored Nation trade status. I knew that ending MFN would increase the cost of Chinese imports. It would cripple Hong Kong -- a bastion of freedom and free trade and investor in South China's export industries. // It would cripple Southern China, the center of China's pro-democracy movement. I know many of you have visited your families in China. You have spread American ideas -- democracy, human rights, free enterprise. We should not cut off this flow of hope, of goods, of ideas and ideals. These, after all, nourish the desire for freedom. Our policy relies on an obvious fact: To influence China, one cannot isolate China. //

This Nation's foreign policy has always been more than an expression of American interests. It is an extension of American principles. Through engagement with China -- and in response to

my extending MFN last year -- Professor Fang Lizhi enjoys freedom today in this country. He even enjoys that precious freedom -- the freedom to differ publicly with this country's policies, as he has done before the Congress. //

I have another example of engagement's advantage over righteous isolationism. Last year, over strong objections in the Congress and in the Nation, I vetoed the Pelosi bill -- legislation intended to protect students in this country. / If that bill had become law, I am convinced Beijing would have used it as a pretext to stop permitting Chinese young people to study in the United States. Instead, I extended even greater protections than provided for in the Pelosi bill through an Executive Order. The results of continued engagement are clear: In the last year alone, we issued 11,500 visas to Chinese students and scholars to study in the United States. We offered 11,500 opportunities that might not have existed if we had turned our back on China.

We will continue urging China to reform internally and to rejoin the community of nations. We cannot be sure of success. We can be sure that without American dialogue, the movement for reform in China will be set back, not advanced. //

Notice what I'm talking about here: results -- not empty hot rhetoric; engagement, not isolationism; growth, not boycotts.

Asian-Americans certainly understand that competence counts. You know that the American Dream calls upon the human heart and

~~growth is not. Always, growth is love.~~
 I have talked of the growth abroad.
 Now, let us speak of
 growth at home.

will. It does not discriminate on the basis of sex or creed or national origin. //

Historically, Americans have thought of themselves not as special interest groups -- one pitted against the other -- but as individuals judged by their deeds. Now, as always, we must commit ourselves to promoting equal rights for all Americans -- not preferential treatment for some. //

That means brushing away arbitrary discrimination. It means fighting quotas that harm talented Americans like the thousands of Asian students in our universities. // You know the awful toll: Quotas penalize achievers. They set at odds people who ought to be working together to make ours a better land. They slam shut opportunity's door. Here in California and across the nation, we have seen the conflicts that quotas can incite -- and we know that we ought to promote excellence and opportunity instead. //

Our Administration believes in affirmative action -- but only if that term means offering a hand to qualified individuals. We don't believe in an America by the numbers. We do believe in an America of the people.

Our Administration has a splendid record on civil rights. We have nurtured equality of opportunity and equality under the law. We have promoted a civil rights bill that would punish those who discriminate against qualified men and women. We have tried to build a spirit of cooperation, not litigation.

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.PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIA/PACIFIC RALLY
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
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You know what I'm talking about: The leprosy of racial quotas. Quotas divide, not unite. They brutalize talented, enterprising Americans like the thousands of Asian students in our universities who study science and engineering. // Today, let me restate my position. I will not sign any Civil Rights bill which allows -- explicitly, or implicitly -- racial quotas. Nor will our Administration support the practice known as "race-norming" -- which considers minorities so inferior that their tests must be scored separately for whites. // Race-norming is, in fact, race-baiting. // It drives Americans apart instead of bringing them together. //

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I spoke earlier of the ideals which enrich the Asian/Pacific community. Let me close with a passage from a Chinese author -- Lin Yutang -- who wrote brilliantly of their importance. // "Today," he said, "we are afraid of the simple words like goodness and mercy and kindness. We don't believe in the good old words because we don't believe in the good old values." //

Asian-Americans have always believed in these values. Respect for human dignity / the primacy of the individual / the need to enlist in a cause larger than ourselves. // God bless what you done for this country, and thank you for this occasion.

And God bless the Nation you so richly love -- the United States
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OUTLINE/Asian Pacific American Salute to the President

I. Introductory/Acknowledgements

A. Thank hosts, entertainers

1. Cohosts: David Kwan
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2. Event organizers: Elizabeth Szu (SOO), Inder Singh (SING), Ky (KEE) Ngo, and John Tsu (SOO)

B. Jokes (one or two)

C. How the various ethnic groups represented stand as a testimony to the diversity as well as unity of the Asian/Pacific Community.

II. The Asian/Pacific American Success Story

A. Why they came: **Opportunity**

1. POTUS once said, "For more than 200 years, America has been the home of free markets and free people. There is no question: opportunity in America is the envy of the world."

B. What they achieved: **Excellence** (stress on prosperity)

1. In the past decade, the Asian/Pacific community has grown 105%; that's faster than any other segment of the population -- and the growth of this community's contributions has continued apace.

2. With an emphasis on learning, family and the work ethic, many Asian immigrants have achieved in one generation what used to take earlier European immigrants two or three generations. Indeed, according to Census data, Japanese Americans and Asian Indians now possess higher average family income than all other ethnic groups -- including whites.

3. The latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows Asian Americans way ahead of other ethnic groups (including whites) in subjects such as math. I'm getting specific stats.

4. Examples of Asian American excellence: An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories, Henry Tang, I.M. Pei, Seiji Ozawa, physicist Leo Esaki.

C. How they did it: **Competence not Color**

1. Reliance on self, not set aside preferences.
2. Asian and Pacific Americans have traditionally looked to self-help, education, hard work, and family rather than to government to solve problems and improve living standards.

III. Equality of Opportunity and Expansion of Opportunity as best guarantor of true civil rights.

A. "Some say..."

1. Straw man of liberal line on civil rights = set aside preferences, race-norming.

B. Refutation: "When an American knocks at opportunity's door, he shouldn't have to show color ID."

1. Those policies have failed
2. Those policies have reversely discriminated against Asian/Pacific Americans.
 - a) This Administration is committed to eliminating all racial preference oriented legislation that may be prohibiting rather than encouraging opportunity for the Asian and Pacific American community.
 - b) POTUS has appointed more Asians to top management and advisory roles in his Administration than any other President in history. He has appointed the first Asian American as an ambassador and as a deputy secretary of a Cabinet department -- the Administration has done this **not** with an aim to impose diversity, but with the goal of achieving excellence.

C. Our Answer: **Growth**

"If America is to be competitive, then every American -- male or female, black or white, young or old, handicapped or disadvantaged - - must have the opportunity to play a part"
(Pink)

1. Expanded opportunity not redistribution of rights
2. A rising tide lifts all boats.
3. The most noble goals without a realistic roadmap will get you lost on the way to utopia
 - a) "idealism about human potential...pragmatism about human nature."
(Pink)
 - b) "A vision without a task is but a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, a vision with a task is the hope of the world."
(Inscription on a church in Sussex, England, 1730)

IV. MFN

A. Segue

1. Another area where our best intentions may be foiled by counsel based on impassioned response rather than reasoned analysis.
 - a) moral foreign policy goals uniformed by political and economic realities=charting a ship's course by astrology rather than astronomy.

2. Another area where growth has and will continue to prove the best means toward progress.

a) POTUS at Yale: "East Asia is a case in point. Today, this dynamic region plays an important role in the world economy. As it has grown more prosperous, it has also grown more free. Driven forward by the engine of economic growth and trade, especially with the U.S., South Korea and Taiwan have shed their once authoritarian rule in favor of democracy and free trade. This same approach guides our policy towards the People's Republic of China, home to fully one-fifth of the world's people."

b) economics can be sometimes more important than politics because they can drive politics.

c) Testimony of Rep. Toby Roth (R-WI): "In southern China, there is a market economy that's flourishing, and the forces of change are all over. The cause of this transformation has increased trade, I believe, and we should apply this lesson. The best way to strengthen the forces of change and freedom in China is to provide them with the economic lifeblood of trade. And as trade produces changes in China, in their economy, change I believe will come to China's political leadership, or that leadership will not survive. Other nations in Europe and in Asia understand this reality. Denying MFN will not isolate CHINA. It will isolate the United States."

B. Economic Argument

1. Economically, extended MFN is in our best interest and the interest of the Chinese people. China buys about \$5 billion worth of American products -- from computers to cotton. Without that market, American jobs will be lost, and our competitors will benefit from that loss.

2. Trade actions on both sides could also adversely affect over \$4 billion of U.S. investment (1,200 US companies) in China. Without MFN, substantially higher costs of Chinese imports will translate into higher prices for our consumers (e.g. tariffs on some textiles -- China's most lucrative category of exports to the US -- would jump tenfold, from 6 percent to 60 percent)

3. Endangering MFN will deal a body blow to Hong Kong, the bastion of freedom and free trade in the Far East.

a) This is because Hong Kong handles much of the US-Chinese trade and Hong Kong businesses have invested heavily in south China's thriving export industries.

b) If Washington recinds China's MFN treatment, Hong Kong would see its trade in Chinese goods to the US fall 44 percent and its total trade shrink 7 percent, according to the territory's government.

C. Efficacy Argument: progress achieved with Administration's policy.

1. Mr. James Lilley, who has just ceased being the US Ambassador in Beijing, claims that, following US urging, emigration from China rose by 84% between 1988 and 1990; prominent dissidents like Mr. Fang Lizhi were released; and the regime has accounted for many of the casualties of Tianamen Square.

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V. Closing Remarks

A. Suggestion: Asian/Pacific Americans came to this country seeking freedom -- religious, political, and economic. Invite audience to join in keeping these items on the menu at that greatest of All Nite Diners, the United States of America.

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June 11, 1991
Draft Three
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MILE SQUARE HISTORY

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Immediately after World War II a new interest in helicopter aviation shifted the emphasis of the Mile Square Training Base. In 1955 this land was commissioned as a Helicopter Outlying Landing Field under the jurisdiction of the Marine Corps Helicopter Facility, Tustin.

With postwar de-escalation, the land encircling the airstrip reverted to agricultural use. This land was leased to a private farming concern which planted strawberries and tomatoes. The military only sporadically used the airstrip, particularly due to the rapid development of the City of Fountain Valley, the city was rapidly approaching the status of a major metropolitan area. Tracts of houses were quickly engulfing the lands surrounding Mile Square.

During this same period, a controversy developed regarding this final disposition of the Mile Square property. Local homeowners exerted pressure to convert this land to a public recreational area. In the early 1960's the Board of Supervisors, recognizing the need for more county parks, adopted the Master Plan of Regional Parks. The Mile Square area was assigned a position of high priority, and in 1967 a 30-year lease was signed with the Department of Navy.

The conversion of Mile Square from a military installation to a regional park was the result of a partnership of many levels of government. County application for state and federal financing was granted under the State Beach, Park, Recreation and Historical Facility Bond Act of 1964. Further financing was available through the County General Fund.

Local city and private investment was also encouraged. A private concessionaire, the lessee of a portion of the park property, opened the magnificent 18 hole public golf course in 1969. In addition, the City of Fountain Valley has leased 55 acres for the development of a City Recreation and Cultural center. The completion of this site ended Phase I construction.

The park opened to the public in 1970. Response from county residents was so overwhelming that further expansion was necessary. In the fall of 1973 Phase II construction was completed. This additional parcel increased park acreage by 45 acres. Further expansion took place under Phase III development. Completed in May of 1976, this construction added a much needed 110 acres to the existing park development. The David L. Baker Memorial Golf Course developed in 1987 completed the development of the 640-acre park.

PLEASE

County ordinances will be enforced for the protection of all park users. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Fires are permitted only in fireplaces and approved camp stoves. FIRE PREVENTION MUST BE THE FIRST CONSIDERATION OF EVERY PERSON USING THE PARK.

- A speed limit of 10 mph is enforced at all times.
- Consumption of intoxicants prohibited.
- Firearms, weapons and fireworks are prohibited.
- Domestic animals must be restrained by a leash at all times (6 foot maximum).
- Swimming or wading is not permitted in the lakes.
- Vehicle and motorized scooter operation is limited to paved roadways and parking areas.
- All model airplanes must have mufflers and meet 88 decibel maximum noise level at 25 feet and fly within the confines of the fenced hobby area.
- Please put all garbage and litter in trash receptacles.

THIS PARK DEPENDS ON THE VISITORS TO PROTECT ALL WILDLIFE, NATURAL VEGETATION, GEOLOGIC FEATURES AND IMPROVEMENTS. THESE FEATURES ARE PROTECTED AND ARE NOT TO BE DAMAGED OR REMOVED FROM THE PARK PREMISES.

ENTRANCE INFORMATION

OPERATING HOURS

November 1 to March 31 7 A.M. to 6 P.M.
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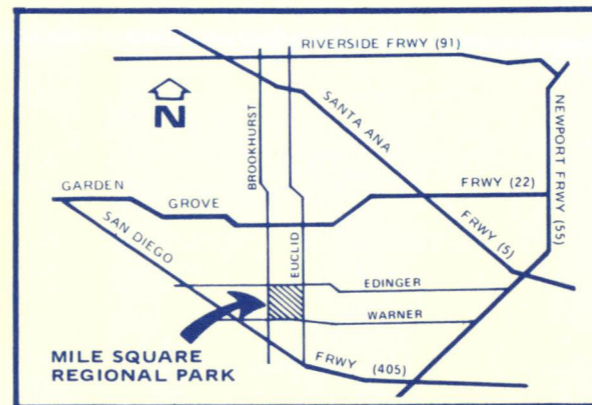
Parking Fees:

- \$ 2.00 per vehicle per entry
- \$ 10.00 per bus per entry
- \$ 30.00 Annual Day-Use Pass per year (valid at County Regional Parks – prorated pass available)
- \$ 7.50 Annual Day-Use Pass per year – Senior Citizen (60 years or older and handicapped).

Groups:

All groups of 50 or more must obtain a group permit at least 15 days in advance. Forms are available from the park office.

VICINITY MAP



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FACILITIES

Mile Square Regional Park is conveniently located in the City of Fountain Valley. The cities of Santa Ana and Garden Grove border this area, making the park easily accessible to a large number of county residents. Mile Square is a multi-functional and community oriented park. This philosophy is reflected both in the park's design and its recreational facilities and activities. Areas for team sports include baseball and soccer fields, facilities for cross country runners, and an archery range. Special events such as championship archery meets, dog shows, even classic car shows, are often held at Mile Square. The park's scenic four miles of trails provide an ideal setting for joggers and bicyclers. Although swimming is prohibited, many park visitors stay cool in the refreshing spray pool. Also, a runway for radio controlled airplanes and land sailers and a newly developed children's playground complement the diverse recreational pleasures at Mile Square Regional Park.



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