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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: COLUMBUS DAY
____, OCTOBER __, 1991
STATE ROOM

Chairman Frank Donatelli and his lovely wife, Becki. Mr. Magnani, here from Genoa. Mr. Kingham, Mrs. Yochmin [], Peter Maax, and Christopher Colon -- a descendant by direct line of Christopher Columbus. // Secretary Luhan, members of Congress, Ambassadors from __, __, and __. Ladies and gentlemen. My fellow Americans. //

I want to welcome you to the White House. It is an honor to celebrate Columbus Day -- what's more, the start of a year of activities saluting the 500th anniversary of the first landing in the New World. //

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Just as Neil Armonstrong's first step on the moon was a giant leap for mankind, Columbus' first footfall in the new world was a giant leap for civilization. // Today, we salute not only this spirit of progress but also the story of this Nation -- unafraid / ever-changing / devoted to the blessings of liberty and the principles that unite all Americans. //

Those who see Columbus' discovery of the New World as not "politically correct" should keep something in mind: The land that became America sparked a bold experiment that produced democracy / the greatest system of government ever devised by man / a system so strong it not only tolerates your dissent -- it encourages it. //

Columbus Day celebrates that truth / the idea that we do not value diversity merely because America is strong -- America is strong because we value diversity. // In that spirit, it is now my privilege to sign a proclamation naming October 14, 1991, as Columbus Day. Thank you, and God bless America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR JENNIFER GROSSMAN

FROM: KATHY SHANAHAN *KS*

SUBJECT: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS EVENT

Attached are brief talking points, a copy of the Proclamation, and a copy of the guest list from the Commission. Talking points from the Commission are supposedly en route. This may be enough, but I will pass the Commission's suggestions to you as soon as they arrive. I expect changes in the guest list, and will let you know as soon as I do. Please call me on x2800 if you have questions or require additional information.

BRIEF REMARKS

GREETING

PURPOSE: To sign a Proclamation declaring Columbus Day, October 12, 1991. In the U.S., Europe, the Caribbean, and Central and South America, October 12 will mark the beginning of one year of activities commemorating the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' first landing in the New World. These activities will recognize the joining of two worlds which led to the most diverse society ever.. the United States of America.

RECOGNITION: CRISTOBAL COLON-20th descendant by direct line of Christopher Columbus

FRANK DONATELLI-Chairman of the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Commission (and wife Becki)

RINALDO MAGNANI-President of Genoa, Italy

A. GAY KINGHAM-Executive Director of American Indian Congress

MRS. ELDRED M. YOCHMIN-President of Daughters of the American Revolution

"MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION"

PETER MAXX-Official artist. He has produced many other commemorative works, and has done work for the GOP.

NOTE: Secretary Lujan, several Congressmen, and four Ambassadors are also invited. Acceptances will be communicated. A full list of invitees from the Commission is attached.

PROCLAMATION: Paraphrase high points from the Proclamation (attached).

GUEST LIST WHITE HOUSE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS EVENT

CRISTOBAL COLON
DR. PEDRO DE MESONES
DIANA L. HOLMAN --TEXACO
LUIS R. LASA -- BACARDI
MARY MARGARET DOYLE -- PRESIDENT OF FTD
LADY DODGE
ANDREW MANATOS
FRED MAYER
ANN GUTHRIE HINGSTON
JAYNE PLANK -- COMMISSION MEMBER
LEE COLLINS -- COMMISSION MEMBER
GILDA COLLINS
CHARLES GINOLI -- COMMISSION MEMBER
BETTY GINOLI
ALECKO PAPAMARKO -- COMMISSION MEMBER
FRANK DONATELLI -- CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS COMMISSION
MRS. FRANK DONATELLI -- BECKI
ELLEN MARRIN
KAYE WILLIAMS
FRED BIEBEL
MRS. ELDRED M. YOCHMIN -- PRESIDENT OF THE DAR
JANE JONES
LINDA R. YOHMAN
MARY BUTLER HADID
WARD HUNT
ANDREW HUNT
LAURA B. HUNT
JAMES F. KUHN -- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION
JANA A. JOUSTRA
AMBASSADOR LUIGI EINAUDI -- US AMBASSADOR TO THE OAS
MRS. CAROL EINAUDI
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR MANUEL LUJAN
FRED ROTONDARO
ROBERT BLANCATO
GREG BARNHILL
WILLIAM RAY
ABELARDO VALDEZ
EDDIE FRANK BROWN -- NATIVE AMERICAN
JAMES PATRICK KIERNAN
BORIS BIANCATRI -- ITALIAN AMBASSADOR
JAIME DE OJEDA -- SPANISH AMBASSADOR
MARGARET E. MCDONALD -- BAHAMIAN AMBASSADOR
ANDREW BALLARD
WILLIAM MINER
LAUREN CHILDRESS
ARTHUR DECIO -- COMMISSION MEMBER
ALDO DEANGELIS -- COMMISSION MEMBER
MR. GEORGE F. JEWETT -- SAN FRANCISCO QUINCENTENARY CHAIRMAN
MRS. LUCILLE M. JEWETT

DAVID P. REINMUND
PETER MAXX
JERRY PULVER
LAWRENCE ZUPAN
MARGARET GNAU SAINT --AMERICAN EXPRESS
ED BEARSS
VICTORIA THORNTON
DUANE H. RAGSDALE
GEORGE ZAMBELLI -- ZAMBELLI FIREWORKS
GEORGE ZAMBELLI, JR.
A. GAY KINGHAM -- NATIVE AMERICAN
SHERMAN TIMOTHY WAPATO -- NATIVE AMERICAN
FATHER CHARLES POLZER -- COMMISSION MEMBER
PATRICIA CUMMING
LADY J. PARKER
JOSEPH S. CASPER
PATRICK GRIFFIN
JOHN HEBERT
DANIEL DICARLO --COMMISSION MEMBER
MARY ANN GLICKMAN
KAREN CARDRAN
FRANK STELLA -- COMMISSION MEMBER
SUSAN PRADO
DEONDRA JEAN SHROPSHIRE
RINALDO MAGNANI -- PRESIDENT OF GENOA, ITALY
IAN K. PORTNOY
VIRGIL C. DECHANT -- COMMISSION MEMBER
JUAN B. SOSA
LEON HIRSH -- PRESIDENT CHAIRMAN US SURGICAL (TEAM 100)
ANN E. HANNAN -- US SURGICAL
JOHN M. HAYDEN
ARNOLD GOLDSTEIN
MARY DARLING HEWES
LEWIS RIZZO -- SAFEWAY
A. W. MCDOWN -- SAFEWAY
RICHARD HILARY -- SAFEWAY
SANDRA S. WEBER
ROBERT S. LANGE
ROBERT MCC. ADAMS
ALICIA M. GONZALEZ

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - ITALIAN/AMERICAN (CONT'D)

THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF SPECULATION IN THE CURRENT ELECTION ATMOSPHERE ABOUT A
CERTAIN ^{PROMINENT} ITALIAN-AMERICAN OFFICE HOLDER WHO MAY HAVE HIS SIGHTS ON SOMETHING
HIGHER. SO FAR HE WON'T SAY WHETHER HE'LL RUN OR NOT, HE'S KEEPING EVERYONE
GUESSING. BUT I'M SURE WHATEVER HE DOES, SONNY BONO WILL MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.
(Mayor of Palm Springs, considering running for the Senate.)

ACTUALLY, I ALWAYS FIGURED SONNY WAS USING HIS JOB AS MAYOR OF PALM SPRINGS AS
A STEPPING STONE TO HIGHER OFFICE -- MAYOR OF CARMEL.
(Where Clint Eastwood was mayor.)

MARIO CUOMO ONCE SAID HE QUESTIONS WHETHER AMERICANS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT IN
THE WHITE HOUSE SOMEONE WHOSE NAME ENDS IN A VOWEL. (True) WELL THEY ARE, AS
PROVEN BY THE HIGH-RANKING ITALIAN ON MY STAFF, JOHN SUNUNU.

AWHILE AGO WE WATCHED A RE-RUN OF THAT GREAT MOVIE "MARTY," WITH THE ACADEMY AWARD-
WINNING PERFORMANCE BY ERNEST BORGNINE, AND I COULDN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD.
AT MY MEETING NEXT MORNING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, I FOUND MYSELF SAYING "I DON'T
KNOW DAN, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?"

SEEING CONNIE FRANCIS HERE REMINDS ME OF HOW MUCH I'VE ALWAYS LIKED HER FIRST BIG
HIT, "WHO'S SORRY NOW?" I JUST DON'T WANT TO HEAR CONGRESS SING IT IF THEY OVER-
RIDE ONE OF MY VETOES.

I'VE BEEN DOING MY PART TO SUPPORT ITALIAN-AMERICANS IN THE ARTS, BUT BARBARA KEEPS
MAKING ME PUT THE MADONNA VIDEO AWAY BEFORE THE GRANDKIDS SEE IT.

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DOUG GAMBLE

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - COLUMBUS (CONT'D)

ONE THING I DON'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE CRITICISM OF COLUMBUS IS THAT IF HE HADN'T DISCOVERED THE NEW WORLD, SOMEONE ELSE ~~WENT TO~~ INEVITABLY WOULD HAVE ANYWAY. SO INSTEAD OF CELEBRATING "COLUMBUS DAY" NEXT MONDAY, WE COULD BE OBSERVING "BLACK BEARD THE PIRATE DAY."

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L JUST AS NEIL ARMSTRONG'S FIRST STEP ON THE MOON WAS A GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS' FIRST FOOTFALL IN THE NEW WORLD WAS A GIANT LEAP FOR CIVILIZATION.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: COLUMBUS DAY *India Treaty*
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TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN
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COLUMBUS (Curt Smith)

I ADMIT TO FEELING A CERTAIN KINSHIP WITH CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, A MAN GIVEN MORE CREDIT FOR HIS FOREIGN ACHIEVEMENTS THAN DOMESTIC.

I THINK I HEARD A COMPELLING ARGUMENT RECENTLY FOR KIDS ~~NOT~~ SPENDING LESS TIME WATCHING TV. SOMEONE TOLD ME HE OVERHEARD ONE OF HIS YOUNGSTERS TELLING A PLAYMATE THAT COLUMBUS CAME TO AMERICA IN THREE SHIPS: THE NINA, THE PINTA AND THE LOVE BOAT.

I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE SOME IN CONGRESS WHO THINK COLUMBUS SHOULD NOT ONLY BE HONORED AS THE DISCOVERER OF AMERICA, BUT AS THE INVENTOR OF THE JUNKET.

AMONG THE FOODSTUFFS INTRODUCED TO EUROPE AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF THE NEW WORLD WERE POTATOES, PEPPERS, CORN AND TOMATOES. APPARENTLY COLUMBUS HAD SENSE ENOUGH NOT TO TAKE BACK ANY BROCCOLI.

MORE...

Wladyslaw Pulaski's independence with our ancestors that the hopes of the future were invested in the present in self-government. The historic Constitution which was modeled by the Founding Fathers asserted their document has relevance of Polish patri-

foreign occupation during invasion by the Soviet Union in the face of martial law in Poland. We stand firm in their recent triumph and their peaceful system of government. The timelessness of the timeless while Poles still

land are writing a new chapter in our nation's history. We salute their courageous and determined support for their freedom. We are offering direct financial support. We have been engaged in private sector investment. We have market institutions. We have vehicles as a housewife, the Polish State. Polish-American symbolize our commitment and establish stable successful market-

strong and friendly relations with the United States. Signed, by Public Law 101-508, October 1991 as "Columbus Month" and has the President to observe of this

George Bush, President of America, October 1991 as Polish Month. I urge all American citizens of Polish descent to observe of this month.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

George Bush

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Remarks on Signing the Columbus Day Proclamation

October 10, 1991

Let me salute our chairman, Frank Donatelli, and salute the members of the commission, Gay Kingham and other members of the native American community with us; Christobal Colon, a descendant by direct line of Christopher Columbus. Of course, all the Members of Congress we're delighted to see here. Ambassadors Zappala and Einaudi and other members of the diplomatic community, so many. And we're very pleased to see all of you here. Let me just welcome you to the White House complex. That's what this is called for various reasons. [Laughter]

It's an honor to celebrate Columbus Day. You know, we're, in addition, saluting the start of a year of activities saluting the 500th anniversary of the first landing in the New World.

Today I will sign a special proclamation. I might add a P.S., and that P.S. will mandate that all Americans learn to pronounce a new word, "quincentenary." [Laughter] I'm trying to get it down myself.

It is not easy this week to resist the temptation to stretch the truth and try to establish some special link to the Italian community or to Spain, whose ships and sailors carried Columbus to the New World. I will resist it. I was telling that to my aides last week as we headed to our newly named auto fleet, the *Niña*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*. [Laughter]

Emerson once said, "Every ship that comes to America got its chart from Columbus." For half a millennium, what Columbus discovered has helped chart the course of exploration and opportunity, sailing freedom's ship to every corner of the Earth.

Today, we salute a hemisphere moving toward democracy and free enterprise, aided by initiatives like the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative. It is my hope that this quincentenary will commemorate the common heritage of America and its neighbors. In addition, we salute not only Columbus' spirit of adventure but also the story of this Nation, unafraid, ever-changing, challenging the unknown, devoted to the blessings of liberty and the principles that unite all Americans.

Columbus Day celebrates the idea that we do not value diversity merely because America is strong. America is strong because we value diversity. In that spirit, it is now my privilege to sign a proclamation designating October 14, 1991, as Columbus Day. Thank you all very, very much for being in attendance.

Note: The President spoke at 10:30 a.m. in the Indian Treaty Room at the Old Executive Office Building. In his remarks, the President referred to Frank J. Donatelli, chairman of the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission; Gay Kingham, executive director of the American Indian Congress; U.S. Ambassador to Spain Joseph Zappala; and Ambassador Luigi R. Einaudi, U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States.

Proclamation 6354—Columbus Day, 1991

October 10, 1991

As we approach the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' first landing in the New World, renewed attention is being focused on this celebrated Admiral of the Ocean Seas in both Europe and the Americas. During our annual observance of Columbus Day, we celebrate all that this master mariner has symbolized to our

Blue is true,
Yellow's jealous,
Green's forsaken,
Red's brazen,
White is love,
And black is death. Author unidentified

[See also Blue, Horse, Socialism.]

Colt

The ragged colt may prove a good horse.
GEORGE CHAPMAN, BEN JONSON, and JOHN
MARSTON: *Eastward Ho*, v, 1605

The kick of the dam hurts not the colt.
THOMAS FULLER: *Gnomologia*, 1732

[See also Horse.]

Columbia University

The entrance of this college is thro' one of the streets where the most noted prostitutes live. This is certainly a temptation to the youth that have occasion to pass so often that way.
PATRICK M'ROBERTS: *Tour Through Part of the North Provinces of America*, I, 1775
(M'Roberts's reference was to King's College, now Columbia)

Columbus, Christopher (1451-1506)

How in God's name did Columbus get over
Is a pure wonder to me.
A. H. CLOUGH: *Columbus*, c. 1850

→ [Every ship that comes to America got its chart from Columbus.
R. W. EMERSON: *Representative Men*, I, 1850

If Columbus had not sailed westward with the obstinacy of a maniac, he would not have encountered some pieces of wood, worked by the hand of man, twenty-four hours before he came to San Salvador, and that ridiculous circumstance would not have given courage to his crew, and he would have had to swallow his shame, return to Europe, and count himself lucky to get there.
HECTOR BERLIOZ: *Les grotesques de la musique*, 1859

Behind him lay the gray Azores,
Behind, the Gates of Hercules;
Before him not the ghost of shores;
Before him only shoreless seas.
The good mate said: "Now must we pray,
For lo! the very stars are gone.
Brave Admiral, speak; what shall I say?"
"Why, say 'Sail on! Sail on! and on!'"
CINCINNATUS HEINE (JOAQUIN MILLER):
Columbus, 1871

When he started out he didn't know where he was going, when he got there he didn't know where he was, and when he got back he didn't know where he had been.
Author unidentified

[See also America.]

Comb

Don't count the teeth of a comb; if you do they will all break out.

AMERICAN NEGRO PROVERB

Combination

When bad men combine, the good must associate.

EDMUND BURKE: *Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents*, 1770

The paradox of all liberty is the necessity for the state to control liberty of association or combination in order to safeguard the liberty of the individual.

E. S. P. HAYNES: *The Case for Liberty*, VII, 1919

[See also Association.]

Comedy

Comedy aims at representing men as worse, and tragedy as better, than in real life.

ARISTOTLE: *Poetics*, II, c. 322 B.C.

The debauching of virgins and the amours of strumpets are the subject of comedy.

LACTANTIUS: *Divinae institutiones*, VI, c. 310

The two great branches of ridicule in writing are comedy and burlesque. The first ridicules persons by drawing them in their proper characters, the other by drawing them quite unlike themselves.

JOSEPH ADDISON: *The Spectator*, Dec. 15, 1711

All comedies are ended by marriage.

BRYON: *Don Juan*, III, 1821

The human comedy. (La comédie humaine.)
BALZAC: Title of a series of novels, 1842

The essence of all jokes, of all comedy, seems to be an honest or well-intended halfness; a non-performance of what is pretended to be performed, at the same time that one is giving loud pledges of performance. The balking of the intellect, the frustrated expectation, the break of continuity in the intellect, is comedy and it announces itself in the pleasant spasms we call laughter.

R. W. EMERSON: *Letters and Social Aims*, 1875

Comedy is the fountain of sound sense.

GEORGE MEREDITH: *The Idea of Comedy*, 1877

The comic man is happy under any fate, and he says funny things at funerals, and when the bailiffs are in the house, or the hero is waiting to be hanged.

JEROME K. JEROME: *Stage-Land*, 1889

[See also Drama, Error, Humor, Laughter, Life, Man, Tragedy.]

Comet

A comet is a star that runs, not being fixed like a planet, but a bastard among planets. It is

Comfort

a haughty and proud whole element, and care were there alone.

MARTIN LUTHER: *Table*

Comfort

The superior man thinks of the common man thinks of himself.
CONFUCIUS: *An*

Thy rod and thy staff the
PSALM

Cold comfort.

ENGLISH PHRASE.

He that doth the ravens feed
Yea, providently caters for
Be comfort to my age!

SHAKESPEARE: *As You*

The man who has won
ruthlessly upon the kind
grocers, Christians, com-
men and other democ-
dreams. The free man
F. W. NIETZSCHE

The man who expects to
be born deaf, dumb and

[See also Children, Love
tue, Warrior.]

Comforter

Miserable comforters are
JOB XVI, 2, c. 325
the phra

The comforter's head ne
GEORGE HERBERT

That it may please thee
do stand; and to com-
hearted; and to raise
finally to beat down
We beseech thee to
THE BOOK OF

Coming

Coming events cast their
THOMAS CAMPBELL

Comity

Comity between na-
gentes.)

Command

Who hath not served
JOHN FLETCHER

He commands enough
GEORGE HERBERT