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AUDIO/VIDEO HOLIDAY SEASON MESSAGE FOR THE ARMED FORCES

VIDEO SESSION DATE:

October 21, 1991

VIDEO DEADLINE:

mid-November

FOR BROADCAST:

Yes -- to 600 military radio and television outlets in 76 countries overseas; and 500 Navy ships through the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.

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BRIEFING PAPER INFORMATION:

**TWO AUDIO/VISUAL MESSAGES FOR THANKSGIVING AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON 1991 FOR MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES:** The Department of Defense will release the President's messages to more than 600 military radio and television outlets in 76 countries overseas and to over 500 Navy ships through the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. The President's Thanksgiving and Holiday Season messages have become an annual tradition.

NOTES:

Written message being done by correspondence -- audio/video message needs to be different.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID F. DEMAREST, JR.  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS

KATHERINE SUPER  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR APPOINTMENTS  
AND SCHEDULING

SHIRLEY M. GREEN  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES AND CORRESPONDENCE

FROM RICHARD G. TREFRY  
MILITARY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT Holiday Messages from the President

Attached are two drafts, forwarded from DoD for your consideration, requesting messages (audio/visual and written) from the President to members of our Armed Forces for Thanksgiving and The Holiday Season 1991.

As in the past, DoD is requesting that the signed text and video cassettes (BetaCam preferred or 3/4" tape) be made available as soon as possible.

The Department of Defense will release these messages to more than 1,500 Armed Forces newspapers worldwide; 600 military radio and television outlets in 76 countries overseas and to over 500 Navy ships through the facilities of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.

Thank you.

Attachments

cc: White House Television



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE MILITARY OFFICE

SUBJECT: Proposed Holiday Message to the Armed Forces

The President customarily approves messages for dissemination to members of the Armed Forces. The proposed messages for Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's Day are attached.

To permit worldwide dissemination in an orderly and timely manner, it is necessary to have an approved, signed text for print release by October 1, 1991, and a video cassette recording for radio and television release by November 7, 1991.

The Department of Defense plans to release the message:

- to more than 1,500 Armed Forces newspapers worldwide.
- to 600 military radio and television outlets in 131 countries overseas and to over 500 Navy ships through the facilities of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.
- to all DoD activities via electrical transmission.

*Michael D. Dea*  
for John A. Dubia  
Executive Secretary

Attachment:  
As stated

**The President's  
Christmas/Hanukkah Message  
to the Men and Women of the Armed Forces**

As we approach one of the most joyful holiday times of the year, I want to send my personal wishes to the men and women of our Armed Forces and to your families for a happy holiday season and a bright and prosperous New Year.

As we look ahead to the beginning of a new year filled with opportunity and challenge, it is also important to reflect on the past and on the blessings that we enjoy as citizens of the greatest nation in the world. The promise of our democratic principles is unfolding around the world. This past year, we saw communist hard-liners fail in their effort to derail reform in the Soviet Union. In the Persian Gulf, our men and women in uniform gave tyranny a resounding defeat and restored Kuwait's sovereignty.

Once again, America stands at the head of the family of freedom-loving nations. Today, we are at peace, and we are free. But our peace and security have been bought with sacrifices, borne particularly by you, the guardians of our freedom. Traditionally, Christmas and Hanukkah is a special family season. It is a time to draw strength from the comfort of our families and friends. Those of you whose duties keep you from being with your loved ones most keenly feel the sacrifice demanded by your country. I want you to know that you have the heartfelt thanks of every American.

Each one of you, no matter where you are, no matter what your job, plays a vitally important role in defending our way of life and the values of liberty and justice we hold so dear. Your professionalism and dedication are a source of pride to Americans everywhere. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Barbara joins me in wishing you and your families a very happy holiday season, and may 1992 be filled with much joy and happiness for you.

nice to send that solid signal out to Saddam Hussein. I think it would help him get the message as to what he's up against. But they've got to decide. The Congress is a separate body. They are entitled to do it any way they want. But I know the powers of the Presidency, and I've had a chance to discuss that with the key Members of Congress.

Thank you all very, very much.  
*The Prime Minister.* Thank you.

*Note: The President spoke at 8:20 a.m. on the helipad.*

### Christmas Message to American Troops December 24, 1990

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you who are standing watch around the world. Never have I been prouder of our troops. Never have I been prouder to be your Commander in Chief. Because in this season of peace, it is your commitment and your courage that makes peace possible.

We think of you in the snowy fields and runways of Europe, where thanks to you millions are celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah openly for the first time in 45 years. We think of you off the coast of the Philippines and Japan and the DMZ in Korea. We think of you in Panama, where lightning success last Christmas ended the reign of a despot and brought peace to a people. We think of you in the air, on the high seas, and at bases and Embassies around the world, who kept our country untouched and at peace throughout the long winter darkness of the Cold War.

Back home, some talk of the cost of war, but it is you who understand the price of peace. Each Christmas Day, we close our eyes in prayer and think of what Harry Truman called the humble surroundings of the Nativity and how from a straw-littered stable shone a light which for nearly 20 centuries has given men strength, comfort, and peace.

It's distant in time, but close within our hearts, because on this Christmas Day, hour by hour, hand in hand, Americans will send their prayers eastward across the ocean and

halfway across the world not only to the town of Bethlehem but to the sands and shores where you stand in harm's way.

We're in the Gulf because the world must not reward aggression, because our vital interests are at stake, and because of the brutality and danger of Saddam Hussein [President of Iraq]. We're there backed by 12 United Nations resolutions and the forces of 25 other countries.

Barbara and I spent Thanksgiving with our men and women over there. And when we got back, I spoke to the American people, told them of your bravery and reminded them why we're there. First, I put the immorality of the invasion of Kuwait itself. I said I was deeply concerned about what has happened and is happening there, concerned about a ruthless despot's attempt to dominate a volatile and critical region, concerned about his efforts to acquire nuclear arms, and concerned that a promising era is threatened by an international outlaw. And I told the American people something else: that we want peace, not war, and that I will do my level-best to bring you home without a single shot fired.

And let me say one other thing: The sacrifices you make will never be forgotten. America is behind you, the world is behind you, and history is behind you. When you come home—and we hope it's soon—you'll be welcomed as what you are: all-American heroes.

Today at the White House and all across America, candles burn in remembrance of you and all our troops across the country and around the world. There is no way Americans can forget the contribution you are making to world peace and to our country. Whenever we see Old Glory snapping in the breeze, we think of you. Whenever we hear the inspirational words of "The Star-Spangled Banner," we think of you. And whenever we enjoy the boundless opportunities of a free country, we think of you.

History may make men, but you are making history. I think of Lieutenant Mary Danko, the flight nurse who volunteered for Saudi Arabia. Her husband, a C-130 navigator, was already flying in support of Desert Shield. And when asked if leaving their baby with relatives was a hard thing

to do, Mary said, "It's the right thing to do. We're needed." And when asked, "Now, what about the kid?" Mary explained, "We're doing it for the kid." Well, she's right. Mary's right. She knows that when peace and freedom triumph, it's not a triumph for one particular country or one particular people but a triumph for our children, a triumph for all humankind.

And so it is with the holidays, for tonight the star of Bethlehem and the candles of the menorah will cast their light in American outposts around the world with a timeless message of hope and renewal that radiates to people of all faiths. Each of you is precious. Each life is important because it touches so many other lives. And while you may be out of America's sight, rest assured no matter where you serve you will never be out of America's heart.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all. God keep you and watch over you. And God bless America.

*Note: This message was recorded on December 11 in Room 459 of the Old Executive Office Building. It was broadcast on the Armed Forces Radio and Television Network to American troops worldwide on Christmas Day. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.*

### Exchange With Reporters December 27, 1990

**The President.** I really just want to wish you all a happy New Year.

**Q.** What about a message for Saddam Hussein [President of Iraq], sir?

**The President.** No, we have no message for him.

### Readiness of U.S. Forces in the Persian Gulf

**Q.** What do you mean by rabbit trails running through the snow?

**The President.** I mean there are a lot of false leads out there. As a matter of fact—

**Q.** Are you upset about the report, sir?  
**The President.** No, but as a matter of fact, I think it would be very useful if from the

President and others there were fewer comments about readiness. And I don't plan to make any comments about it at all. And I did make a comment earlier. And I feel very comfortable with the briefing I had from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Colin Powell, and the Secretary of Defense [Richard B. Cheney]. I mentioned to some earlier, I talked to General Schwarzkopf [commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf] over the holidays, and there has been enough said about readiness. And I don't plan to continue to add to the debate at all. I'm very comfortable with the briefing. And the briefing I had was quite different than most of the stories I'm reading in the last day or two. So, that's what I mean about rabbit trails.

**Q.** Are Cheney and Powell's comments accurate? They were quoted as saying, in advising you, that U.S. troops would not be ready by—

**The President.** I've said all I want to say about readiness.

### Soviet Union

**Q.** What about the Soviet Union, sir? In general terms, without divulging the confidentiality of the message, what was the word from the Ambassador [Aleksander Bessmertnykh] today, sir?

**The President.** Well, if I divulge what the word was from the Ambassador, I would be breaching the confidentiality. However, there were some very friendly words of greeting from President Gorbachev. And I had a chance to ask the Ambassador to give him our best wishes for a happy New Year. We obviously discussed some of the problems that exist there. But it was just one more in what's become a series of exchanges with the President of the Soviet Union. That's good; it's good that we keep discussing these—

**Q.** What's your reading on the current situation in the Soviet Union?

**The President.** Well, my reading is that they are having difficulties—economic difficulties, principally—difficulties in sorting out this new federation. But any time you move from a totalitarian, totally controlled state to an open state—*perestroika, glasnost*—*perestroika* in terms of reform, *glasnost* in terms of openness—you're bound to

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## HOLIDAY MESSAGE TO THE ARMED FORCES

FOR ALL AMERICANS, THE HOLIDAYS CELEBRATE THE MIRACLES THAT GIVE US FAITH AND INSPIRATION...A SON OF GOD BORN TO MAN...A TEMPLE REBUILT...A FLAME PRESERVED...A WORLD REDEEMED. IT IS A TIME OF GIFTS AND GRATITUDE, OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE, OF PRAYERS OFFERED AND BLESSINGS COUNTED.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT, "THOSE WHO EXPECT TO REAP THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM MUST, LIKE MEN, UNDERGO THE FATIGUES OF SUPPORTING IT." \ A YEAR AGO, WHEN AMERICAN FAMILIES GATHERED TO SING OF PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN, MANY OF YOU WERE FAR FROM HOME. \ \ THE DEMANDS OF DUTY MEANT THAT CAMOUFLAGE REPLACED CHRISTMAS COLORS, REVEILLE REPLACED REVELRY, AND HOLIDAY MEALS CAME AS M.R.E. 'S.

WHILE SOME OF YOU WERE FAR FROM LOVED ONES, YOU WERE NEVER CLOSER TO OUR HEARTS NOR MORE CENTRAL IN OUR PRAYERS. IN THE SEASON OF PEACE, YOUR COURAGE AND COMMITMENT HELPED MAKE PEACE POSSIBLE. YOU MADE US PROUD TO BE AMERICANS, AND ME PROUD TO SERVE AS YOUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

NO NATION COULD HAVE A FINER FIGHTING FORCE, NO  
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MELTED, COMMUNISM HAS DISSOLVED, AND WE FACE A NEW AGE  
OF PEACE. FOR THAT, WE THANK THE ONE THROUGH WHOM ALL  
THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. BARBARA JOINS ME IN WISHING ALL  
OF YOU A MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.  
GOD BLESS YOU AND OUR GREAT COUNTRY.

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them to utilize the \$400 million in funds available under the lifting of the sanctions. President Bush is pleased by the effective conduct of the military operation and, most significantly, by the efforts of the new democratically elected government to begin taking charge of the country.

President Bush spoke with President Endara yesterday to encourage his efforts and to offer our support. President Endara had called the President to thank him for prompt recognition of his government. He reported that the former opposition parties were united behind his Presidency. President Endara discussed some preliminary plans to return to full freedoms, such as restoration of a free press. President Endara spoke of the need for medical supplies, and President Bush agreed to provide supplies just as soon as specific needs can be identified.

Vice President Quayle called Vice President Calderon and Vice President Ford yesterday to reemphasize United States support. Vice President Quayle said he looked forward to seeing a free and independent Panama.

*Note: The statement was read by Press Secretary Fitzwater during his daily press briefing, which began at 10:04 a.m.*

### Remarks to Members of the Jewish Community on the Observance of Hanukkah December 21, 1989

*The President.* Thank you very much, all of you. I particularly want to single out Rabbi Zaiman. From now on in the White House, we'll be thinking in terms of a thousand and nine points of light over here. I'm sorry Barbara is not here. She started to walk over here, and then there was this catastrophic ice skating accident in which one of our grandchildren bit the dust and is now getting a stitch in his lip. So, life goes on, and she is very sorry not to be here.

We're grateful to Rabbi Zaiman and the Synagogue Council of America for the gift of this menorah. And Dan Quayle and I talked about it, and I assure you that it will

stand proudly here, as it stands around the world, as a powerful symbol of faith and freedom. This menorah, this ancient vessel of light, is an eloquent statement of the Jewish people's struggle in history's first recorded battle for religious freedom. It shines with courage and with constancy, with conscience and with strength in the centuries-long struggle for religious tolerance.

Hanukkah, I've learned, has always been an observance of optimism, a holiday of hope and steadfastness. And it comes in the darkest time of year as a hopeful beacon in a long and moonless night. Just as each new candle adds to the menorah's light, each year brings new meaning in Hanukkah's observance. And just as Masada symbolizes resistance against great odds, and strength in adversity, it is faith that provides mankind's most enduring refuge. Tomorrow, as candles are lit around the world, their light will affirm that faith. And this year, the Feast of Light may shine more brightly than ever before. In the midst of great and wondrous changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, we can see new hopes, new opportunities for freedom, and new reason to have hope worldwide.

As you know, I met recently with Chairman Gorbachev. And I presented him with the names of 20 refuseniks that deserve freedom. The first one on that list was Vladimir Raiz. His wife, Karmella—somewhere with us today. Karmella, will you stand up? [Applause] Let me assure you, we'll do all in our power to free your husband and those like him. And if I ever slip, if I ever look like I don't remember fully, the man sitting next to you, [Secretary of Housing and Urban Development] Jack Kemp, who has been in the forefront of the fight for Soviet Jewry and the fight to release refuseniks, he'll be all over our case. So, we'll get the job done.

For the sake of the children who are with us today, from countries that still deny freedom of faith, we will strive for the religious freedom their parents have never known. Even kids who grow up here in America face problems because of faith—their own faith. But here, those problems have answers.

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When a local temple here was desecrated by two high school students, ministers and the surrounding community came together in support of the congregation and their rabbi, Laszlo Berkowits, who's with us today, too. Where is Laszlo? Right there. Welcome, sir. And kids at the high school—all faiths, all faiths—banded together, planting a dogwood tree at the temple to symbolize growth, renewal, and friendship.

And when Rabbi Berkowits went to the school and powerfully described his experiences in concentration camps, including Auschwitz, all eyes were upon him. Some—we all know that feeling—some filled with tears. But no heart was untouched. The rabbi's survival of the Holocaust had only affirmed and strengthened his commitment to religious tolerance, religious freedom, and respect for diversity.

Just as the Temple of Jerusalem was rededicated on Hanukkah, so are we rededicated to freedom of faith around the world. We will keep the light of hope burning, always before our eyes. And so, "The light of a candle," wrote Bahya Ben Asher, "is useful when it precedes you. It is useless when it trails behind." And so must look forward to a day when no nation interferes with the faith of any of its people.

Thank you all very much for coming to the White House today, and allow me to wish you all a very Happy Hanukkah and a great and prosperous 1990. Isn't it exciting as we look down the road into the 1990's at the end of this year of change, 1989.

Thank you all, and God bless you.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:29 a.m. in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. In his opening remarks, he referred to Rabbi Joel Zaiman, president of the Synagogue Council of America.*

### The President's News Conference December 21, 1989

#### *U.S. Military Action in Panama*

*The President.* I have a brief statement to be followed by a brief press conference—

because I have a pain in the neck—seriously. [Laughter]

*Q.* Why?

*The President.* Is that your first question?

*Q.* No. [Laughter]

*The President.* Our efforts to support the democratic processes in Panama and to ensure continued safety of American citizens is now moving into its second day. I'm gratified by the precision and the effectiveness of the military forces in achieving their objectives. I'm pleased that the Endara government is taking charge. And they've made several appointments today—starting to govern the country.

The young men and women involved in the exercise have demonstrated the highest standards of courage and excellence in defending America's interests and protecting American life. They have been outstanding.

In carrying out the mission of our nation, there has been, and they have sustained, a tragic loss of life. Military casualties are a burden which a nation must endure and all Presidents have to face up to, but which we can never accept. Maybe it's just this time of year, but I don't think so. Put it this way: Particularly at this time of year, my heart goes out to the families of those who have died in Panama, those who have been wounded.

This operation is not over, but it's pretty well wrapped up. We've moved aggressively to neutralize the PDF [Panamanian Defense Forces], to provide a stable environment for the freely elected Endara government. And I mentioned that it helps to ensure the integrity of the Panama Canal and to create an environment that is safe for American citizens.

General Noriega is no longer in power. He no longer commands the instruments of government or the forces of repression that he's used for so long to brutalize the Panamanian people. And we're continuing the efforts to apprehend him, see that he's brought to justice.

I appreciate the support that we've received—strong support—from the United States Congress, from our Latin American neighbors, from our allies, from the American people. And it's always difficult to order forces into battle, but that difficulty is miti-

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**Remarks on Lighting the National Christmas Tree**  
*December 14, 1989*

Well, my special thanks to Santa Claus. That Santa mold will never be the same again. [Laughter] But to Loretta and—first, to Willard Scott, and then to Loretta and Peggy, Tommy Tune, Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, the great Air Force Band, and this marvelous team from Roanoke.

This is the Christmas that we've awaited for 50 years. And across Europe, East and West, 1989 is ending, bright with the prospect of a far better Christmastime than Europe has ever known. A far better future than the world dared to imagine. And 50 winters have come and gone since darkness closed over Europe in 1939, 50 years. But last month, as Lech Walesa was coming to the White House, the Wall in Berlin came tumbling down.

And another winter descended across Europe. Spring returned to Prague, an unconquerable people, unquenchable dreams. And today there's a new sound at the Wall, new sound rings out. Not the hammer and sickle but the hammer and the chisel. The glad sound you hear is not only the bells of Christmas but also the bells of freedom. And in this new season of hope, the triumph looms. It's just like the joy of Christmas: not a triumph for one particular country or one particular religion but a triumph for all humankind. The holidays are, as we've seen here tonight, a time of laughter and children and counting our blessings, a time when songs fill the air and hope fills our hearts for peace on Earth, goodwill to men.

And we've worked hard this year, all of us, all of you, to help build a better America, help someone else, help make this a kinder and gentler nation. But there remains a world of need all around us. In this holiday season, reach out to someone right where you live. Because from now on in America, "There's no room at the inn"—that's simply not an acceptable answer. From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others. For Christmas is measured not by what's beneath your tree but by what's inside your heart. And so, this year, the spirit of the holidays is at long last matched by the spirit

of the time. And it's the beginning of a new decade at the ending of an old century. And whatever your dream, whatever star you're following, the future is bright with possibility.

So, Barbara and I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas. And now, with simultaneous tree lightings from coast to coast, in Charleston and Santa Cruz, let's show our Thousand Points of Light. Let's turn on the National Christmas Tree.

*Note: The President spoke at 5:50 p.m. on the Ellipse during the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace. In his remarks, he referred to television weatherman Willard Scott who hosted the Pageant dressed as Santa Claus; and performers Loretta Lynn and her daughter Peggy Lynn, Tommy Tune, Marilyn McCoo, Billy Davis, Jr., and the Roanoke College Children's Choir.*

**Statement on Signing the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989**  
*December 15, 1989*

I am today approving H.R. 1, the "Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989." This legislation is intended to help eliminate the systemic flaws that have allowed a number of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs to be abused for political purposes or personal gain at the expense of those in need. H.R. 1 will improve program management and financial accountability at HUD and make that Department's programs less susceptible to waste, fraud, abuse, and political influence.

On October 31, 1989, only a few weeks ago, this Administration transmitted to the Congress a package of proposed HUD reforms to improve the practices, procedures, and penalties in existing housing and community development programs and to ensure ethical program management. We asked the Congress to consider these reforms on an emergency basis.

I appreciate the expeditious manner in which our proposed reforms were considered and approved. These reforms at HUD

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**President Mitterrand.** I have already planned a meeting to start the work on the 15th of January next, and in the meantime will, no doubt, have the necessary answers.

Thank you, and thank you particularly to President Bush who proved his friendship coming here to St. Martin. And I wish him now Godspeed.

*Note: President Bush's 30th news conference began at 3:29 p.m. in the Amiral Room at the Hotel L'Habitation de Lonvilliers. President Mitterrand spoke in French, and his remarks were translated by an interpreter. President Bush arrived at Juliana International Airport late in the morning. Following the arrival ceremony, he met with President Mitterrand and U.S. and French officials and participated in a working luncheon at the hotel. At the conclusion of the news conference, President Bush returned to Washington, DC.*

**Message on the Observance of Hanukkah**

*December 18, 1989*

I am pleased to send my warmest greetings to the members of the Jewish community as you celebrate Hanukkah.

The Festival of Lights is based on a historic event that reveals both the power of prayer and the great faith and determination of the Jewish people. According to Jewish tradition, when the Maccabees overcame the Seleucid Empire and prepared to rededicate their Holy Temple in Jerusalem, they could find only enough purified oil to light the sacred Menorah for one night. When the small cruse of oil lasted for eight nights, the Jewish people knew the Almighty had rewarded their faithfulness with a miracle.

Today, we draw a valuable lesson from this chapter in Jewish history. Just as one cruse of oil was able to lift the darkness for eight nights, so, too, can one act of kindness brighten the lives of others. Hanukkah poignantly reminds us that, with commitment to a spiritual ideal, our highest goals can be realized.

In remembering the "miracle of the lights," we celebrate not only the triumph of faith but also the undeniable strength of man's yearning for liberty and justice. Hanukkah recalls the great victory won by the Maccabees in their struggle to worship freely in their own way. This year, as Jews around the world pause to observe this festival, all of us can share in the joy of those peoples who are just beginning to enjoy success in their own struggle for freedom and self-determination.

Barbara and the entire Bush family join with me in wishing the Jewish community a joyous Hanukkah.

George Bush

**Message on the Observance of Christmas**

*December 18, 1989*

During the beautiful and holy season of Christmas, our hearts are filled with the same wonder, gratitude, and joy that led the psalmist of old to ask, "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" At Christmas, we, too, rejoice in the mystery of God's love for us—love revealed through the gift of Christ's birth.

Born into a family of a young carpenter and his wife, in a stable shared by beasts of the field, our Savior came to live among ordinary men. Yet, in time, the miraculous nature of this simple event became clear. Christ's birth changed the course of history, bringing the light of hope to a world dwelling in the darkness of sin and death.

Today, nearly 2,000 years later, the shining promise of that first Christmas continues to give our lives a sense of peace and purpose. Our words and deeds, when guided by the example of Christ's life, can help others share in the joy of man's Redemption. During Christmas, we may symbolize this spirit of giving through the exchange of presents, but it is daily acts of goodness and generosity—performed time and time again throughout the year—that



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hold the true meaning of this holy season. Every kind and selfless deed we perform for others can rekindle in our hearts and in our communities the light of that first Christmas.

As we gather with family and friends this season, let us recall what our Savior's life means to the world. Let us also rededicate ourselves to sharing the love that gives greater meaning and joy to Christmas and to every moment of life.

Merry Christmas, and God bless you.

George Bush

### Statement on Signing the Veterans' Benefits Amendments of 1989 December 18, 1989

I am pleased today to sign into law H.R. 901, the "Veterans' Benefits Amendments of 1989." This bill will increase certain benefits paid to veterans and make other improvements in veterans' programs.

Our Nation provides compensation and other monetary benefits to service-disabled veterans and dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) benefits to the survivors of those who died as a result of military service to our country. My administration is committed to ensuring that these payments keep pace with changes in the cost of living.

H.R. 901 provides a 4.7 percent increase in compensation and DIC benefits, effective December 1, 1989. Nearly 2.2 million veterans and their dependents and about 312,000 surviving spouses and children will benefit from this increase. They will receive the same cost-of-living adjustment that social security beneficiaries and veteran pensioners are receiving this month.

This legislation also revises the veterans' housing loan guaranty program. This program has provided home financing for over 13 million veterans since the end of World War II. The provisions of H.R. 901 are designed to ensure continued solvency of the funding for this most important benefit. The bill requires a modest increase in the user fee for veterans obtaining home loan guarantees, but actually reduces the fee for veterans who make a small down payment.

In most cases, veterans who obtain VA home loans in the future will be indemnified against liability following a foreclosure. The bill also makes a number of other improvements in the housing program.

I am further pleased to endorse the extension in H.R. 901 of several valuable veteran health-care programs. In particular, the bill continues two programs in which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) works in partnership with the States and the private sector to provide care to veterans. It extends the "State Home" program, under which VA provides partial funding for construction of State-operated facilities for the care of veterans. It also extends a program under which VA contracts with halfway houses for the care of homeless, chronically mentally ill veterans.

This measure also makes numerous improvements affecting the educational benefits and employment of veterans, the vocational rehabilitation of service-disabled veterans, and the educational assistance provided to the survivors and dependents of persons who died or were permanently and totally disabled in the service of our country. The bill includes a 7.5 percent increase in the allowances payable to both service-disabled veterans participating in vocational rehabilitation and survivors and dependents in education programs. This increase will benefit over 70,000 veterans and dependents.

For these reasons, I am gratified to approve this bill.

George Bush

The White House,  
December 18, 1989.

*Note: H.R. 901, approved December 18, was assigned Public Law No. 101-237.*

### Appointment of Paul F. Oreffice as a Member of the Advisory Committee for Trade and Policy Negotiations December 18, 1989

The President today announced his intention to appoint Paul F. Oreffice as a member of the Advisory Committee for

ference, why, I certainly would welcome that. But because of the time, the Ambassador from Kuwait [Saud Nasir Al-Sabah], who also happens to be the dean of this group in terms of service, did speak. But clearly, if somebody wants to take exception to something I've said, why, they wouldn't be alone in this country; and they'd be welcome to have their say. But I am satisfied that the coalition has never been more determined and never been firmer in what it is that we must do.

And it is so clear that—see, the optimistic side is when we prevail we have the promise of a new world order. You have a vitalized United Nations, the peacekeeping function of which, up until now, has been rather dismal, as you look over the years; and now there's a real chance. But the chance doesn't exist if we fail. So, we've got to prevail, and we will. And I think I can confidently speak for all the countries represented here. If they felt differently, I don't expect they'd be here.

Thank you all very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 2:38 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House.*

### Executive Order 12739—Half-Day Closing of Government Departments and Agencies on Monday, December 24, 1990

December 17, 1990

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered:

**Section 1.** All executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government shall be closed and their employees excused from duty for the last half of the scheduled workday on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1990, except as provided in Section 2 below.

**Sec. 2.** The heads of executive departments and agencies may determine that certain offices and installations of their organizations, or parts thereof, must remain open and that certain employees must remain on duty for the full scheduled workday on December 24, 1990, for reasons of

national security or defense or for other essential public reasons.

**Sec. 3.** Monday, December 24, 1990, shall be considered as falling within the scope of Executive Order No. 11582 and of 5 U.S.C. 5546 and 6103(b) and other similar statutes insofar as they relate to the pay and leave of employees of the United States.

**Sec. 4.** This order shall apply to Federal departments and agencies only and is not intended to direct or otherwise implicate departments or agencies of State or local governments.

George Bush

The White House,  
December 17, 1990.

*[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 11:10 a.m., December 18, 1990]*

*Note: The Executive order was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on December 18.*

### Message on the Observance of Christmas

December 18, 1990

At Christmas, people of every age and every walk of life celebrate with a profound sense of wonder, joy, and gratitude our Savior's birth in Bethlehem. Like the shepherds called from nearby fields and the Magi who journeyed from distant lands to welcome the Christ Child, we are drawn to this miraculous event in history.

Born in a stable and greeted by a handful of faithful and obedient men, Christ came to assume the role of a shepherd, thus fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm and carry them in His bosom."

Christ's brief time on Earth was devoted to tending the physical and spiritual needs of His flock: healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and illuminating the path to eternal salvation. His Incarnation radically altered the course of human history by challenging men and women to live according to the will of our just and merciful Father in

Heaven. Today, Christ's message of hope and redemption—first delivered on that holy night in the City of David—continues to bring peace and joy to millions of people around the world.

As we give and receive the goodwill of Christ during this holy season, let us be mindful of the true meaning of His life on earth and especially of His greatest commandment: to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbor as ourself. Events during the past year have given us a renewed sense of hope, yet in some parts of the world, peace remains an elusive blessing this Christmas. Even in some of our own cities, poverty, despair, and drug-related violence prevent families and individuals from sharing in the promise of this season. Therefore, let us strive, by following Christ's example in word and deed, to make peace on Earth a reality for all of God's children.

Barbara joins me in wishing all of our fellow Americans a Merry Christmas. May this festive and holy season be filled with the warmth of family and friends and with the deep joy of knowing God's love for mankind through the gift of His Son. God bless you.

George Bush

### The President's News Conference With Regional Reporters December 18, 1990

#### *Resolution of the Persian Gulf Crisis*

**The President.** Let me just make a quick comment, and then I'll be glad to take some questions. But I want to just comment once again on the situation in the Gulf, because you see, ever since August 2d, the world community has been virtually united in its condemnation and its rejection of Iraqi aggression.

I've been talking about the Security Council resolutions, but the General Assembly of the United Nations, with only one vote against it—Iraq—joined in condemning what has gone on by Saddam Hussein [President of Iraq]. And I think that's a very significant point because those who were

saying, well, it's only the Security Council now have to recognize that what we've been saying all along is true: that it is not Saddam Hussein and the Arab world against the United States but indeed it is Saddam Hussein against the rest of the world.

And so, I mention this because we're coming down towards this U.N.-mandated deadline. I still want to see a peaceful solution to this question. You keep hearing about new initiatives—President Bendjedid of Algeria—but I gather that that has gone about as far as those initiatives that others have undertaken. Bendjedid, good credentials on all sides of this dispute, but unable to talk sense to Iraq's dictator.

So, I would just simply say that we will keep trying to find an answer. It cannot be an answer of concession. It cannot be an answer where Saddam Hussein is rewarded with one single concession, because that would fly right in the face of the rejuvenated United Nations peacekeeping effort, and it simply is unacceptable, not just to us but to the rest of our coalition partners. And you look at what the EC [European Community] said yesterday—or today I guess it was—regarding the visit of Tariq 'Aziz [Foreign Minister of Iraq], when they said there would be no point his coming to see them unless the visits with the United States have taken place—it shows a real solidarity because the temptation might have been the other way.

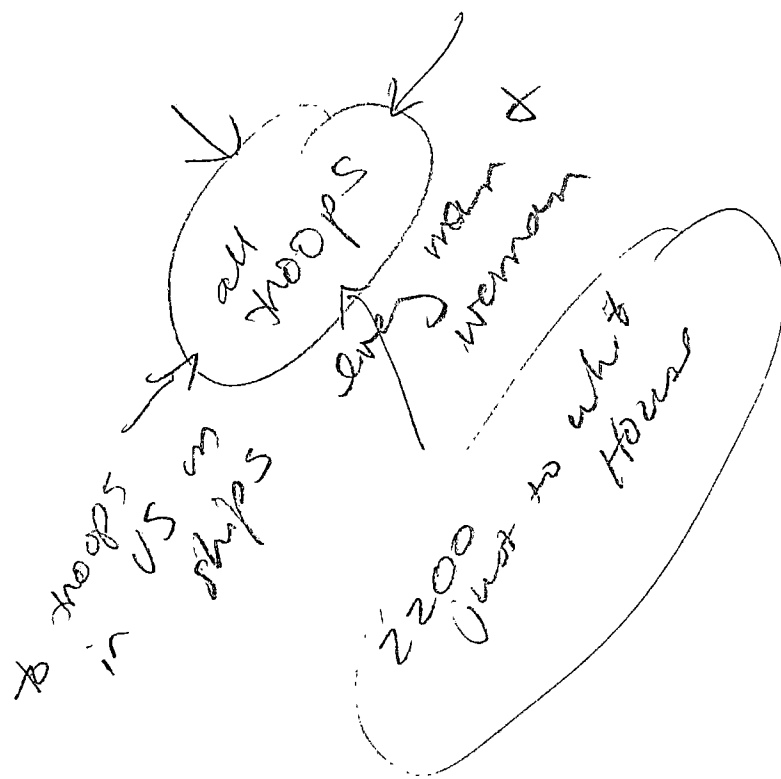
So, I think the coalition's holding. We are determined, more determined than ever. Yesterday I had a meeting with 27, I believe it was—the Ambassadors from other countries, the 28 standing together in the Gulf—represented a show of solidarity that I think was read loud and clear halfway around the world.

So, that's where we are. And there is no news to report on the proposed visit of the Secretary of State [James A. Baker III] to Baghdad or, indeed, of the Foreign Minister, Tariq 'Aziz, coming here.

So, with no further ado, I'd be glad to take questions on any subjects. Let me get these first few—yes?

#### *Armed Conflict in the Persian Gulf*

**Q.** Mr. President, are you more optimistic or less optimistic at this point about the



Dr. Henderson graduated from Oberlin College (A.B., 1950), University of Rochester School of Medicine (M.D., 1954), and Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health (M.P.H., 1960). He was born September 7, 1928, in Cleveland, OH. Dr. Henderson served as a commissioned officer for the U.S. Public Health Service, 1955-1977. Dr. Henderson is married, has three children, and resides in Baltimore, MD.

### Remarks on the Observance of Hanukkah December 12, 1990

Thank you, rabbis, for those lovely words and for the gift of this lovely menorah. It's wonderful to see the students—the Geshur Jewish Day School. I'm so glad you could join us all here today to sing. You haven't sung yet, have you? [Laughter] Oh, good, because I didn't want to miss that.

Let me say that Barbara and I and Marilyn and Dan Quayle want to just welcome everybody here to the White House, for the second year of these Hanukkah celebrations. It's a holiday of hope, for it shows us the glory of God in our own lives and the power of miracles in the world. Last year at this ceremony, we spoke of our efforts to help Vladimir Raiz and other brave refuse-niks—help them leave the Soviet Union. By Passover, Vladimir was a free man. But the story really doesn't stop there. In addition to Zev Raiz, more than 150,000 Soviet Jews emigrated this year to new homes, new lives of liberty and dignity.

In fact, I am told that one kid, one child with us today from the Geshur Jewish Day School, Lidia Shestopalova—where's Lidia? Here she is, right there. Now, Lidia, if that's—oh, I'm so glad you're here. But she recently arrived from the Soviet Union. And so, we welcome you to this country, and we continue to pray for all those who are seeking freedom. Thank you Lidia. Now, sit down and be relaxed here. We're so glad you're here. And you're so beautiful.

The ancient story of the first Hanukkah is one of victory over persecution, aggression, and intolerance. But the struggle has con-

tinued for your people through the centuries. In fact, the first wave of Jewish immigrants came to this country as early as 1654 to live a life free from intolerance and persecution.

Two hundred years ago, George Washington wrote a letter to a Jewish congregation in Newport, Rhode Island, in which he said, the United States Government would give "to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance." In this new country, Washington said, "Everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid." These words embody the American ideal of freedom of worship, an ideal that we reaffirm here today and that we pass on to the generations that follow us.

I understand that these kids—I guess you're next—are going to sing for us. I'm looking forward to it. I know Barbara is, and I know Marilyn and I know Dan are as well. I was pretty good last year at this game, reidel. Some said it was beginner's luck, but I'm ready for that. Also, I'm relying heavily on my partner here to prevail. [Laughter] He's a pro in this. So, why don't we just have a few songs, and then we'll have a little match here.

But the main thing is, thank you for coming. Thank you for coming here to the White House at this very special time of year. And thank you, rabbis, for your inspirational words, your prayers, and being with us here today, too. And Happy Hanukkah to everyone. Now, let the show begin.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:45 a.m. in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.*

### Executive Order 12736—Adjustments of Certain Rates of Pay and Allowances December 12, 1990

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the

achieve our goal of making community service central to the life and work of every individual and institution and in the process redefine the meaning of success in America.

I really popped in here to thank you for coming by today, to thank you and your organizations for what you're doing, to encourage the State legislators to take that extra step to guarantee to do their part, as I will try to do mine, to free up the volunteer from needless fear on a personal liability account. And we've got to do it. We've got to be successful. And I'm confident we will.

Thank you all. And I hope you have a wonderful Christmas. Thank you very, very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:55 p.m. in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to Attorney General Dick Thornburgh. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.*

### Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Hostages Released by Iraq

December 13, 1990

**The President.** But what this man put the world through, I just can't express it. And I think you all have expressed it, coming home, with a clarity that has brought this home to the American people. I'm very anxious to hear from each of you, how you read it, and what you think is happening there.

**Q.** Should you give something in return for their freedom, Mr. President?

**The President.** Did I what?

**Q.** Should you give something in return for their freedom?

**The President.** Hell, no! Not one thing! You don't reward a kidnaper. You don't reward somebody that has done something that he shouldn't have done in the first place. And that's a fundamental, international—

**Q.** Do you think Saddam [President Saddam Hussein of Iraq]—

**The President.** I'm not going to take any more questions, because I want to get into

this briefing. But the answer to your question, if you have any doubt about it, is no. [Laughter]

**Q.** Has he defused the tension? Do you think he'll successfully be able to defuse the tension?

**The President.** What tension?

**Q.** The tension of the situation.

**The President.** One way or another we will.

*Note: The exchange began at 3:25 p.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House. The President met with seven former hostages and their families, including Robert Hanby, Glenn Coleman, Ralph Montgomery, Ernest Alexander, John Cole, Antonio Mireles, and Billy Rosebush.*

### Remarks on Lighting the National Christmas Tree

December 13, 1990

Joe, thank you very much. Thank you, Joe Riley. And thank you, Jane Powell and Willard Scott and Ricky Van Shelton and Ruth Brown and the Army Band, the magnificent University of Wyoming Corral and our members of the clergy, the California Raisins and, of course, Santa Claus. And may I give a special welcome to the American hostages, just home from Kuwait and Iraq, who are with us here tonight. And my thanks to Secretary Lujan and the Department of the Interior, and a special thanks to the National Coal Association for this year's holiday gift: the 57 beautiful State and territorial trees lining our Pathway of Peace. It's a wonderful, 1990's tale of careful stewardship and rebirth, for these trees were grown on mined land that has been reclaimed.

This Christmas tree lighting is always a very special moment. People talk of the magic of the season. Well, what is more magical than the way light dispels the darkness? And I've read that white light is actually made up of all the colors of the rainbow. So, that's what we see in the glow of this tree—red and blue and yellow bulbs mixing together to become something new—one light that represents both unity



and diversity. And that's how I like to look at America: All of us, all different, all working together, giving the best of ourselves to make this country the strong, beautiful land that it is.

You know, there are so many emotions that we share tonight. We feel joy thinking of how freedom has at last illuminated the dark corners of eastern Europe and democracy coming to most of our own hemisphere. We feel pride thinking of our young men and women standing strong in the harsh, distant deserts and on the waters of the Persian Gulf. And for their courage is the true eternal flame which will never be extinguished. And we think of their parents and their loved ones here at home who miss them very much. And we join them all in praying for their safe return of their soldier or their airman or their marine or their sailor. And let us also add a prayer for those Americans—for many years, but still held hostage against their will in the Middle East. And here tonight we also feel determination, that the bright warmth of this holiday season will stay with us all year and that we will be guided by our inner North Star, making family unity and community service and national pride the center of our lives.

We're determined that our nation will become a constellation of hope: made up of thousands of separate Points of Light, people helping those in need across our land. People like the more than 100 representatives of daily Points of Light here tonight—individuals like W.W. Johnson, and volunteers for groups like the Higher Achievement Program, and the D.C. Central Kitchen, and Mary's House. And following the lead of these Points of Light, let all of us echo that beautiful carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and like that long-ago Star, let us shine in all "dark streets" and to all people in the "deep and dreamless sleep" of loneliness and despair.

For nearly 70 years Presidents have taken part in this tradition: flipping a switch to send thousands of lights sparkling into the chill night sky. As we gather here, we're doing what generations before us have done: watching our national Christmas tree become a brilliant symbol of hope, of peace, and of compassion for all the world. And so, let us pledge together that we will keep

forever bright this shining legacy we celebrate here tonight. God bless the United States of America, and happy holidays to everybody. Merry Christmas! And now I will light the tree.

*Note: The President spoke at 5:50 p.m. on the Ellipse during the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace. In his remarks, he referred to Joe Riley, president of the Christmas Pageant of Peace; actress Jane Powell; and entertainers Ricky Van Shelton, Ruth Brown, and the California Raisins. Television weatherman Willard Scott was dressed as Santa Claus.*

### Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the President's Export Control Initiatives

December 13, 1990

The President has approved a series of export control initiatives that reflect changing strategic concerns of the United States. These include a package of procedural reforms to streamline and clarify export license processing, while enhancing our export controls to stem the spread of missile technology and nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. The President also decided a number of pending high-performance computer export license applications to Brazil, India, and the People's Republic of China that had raised a number of national security concerns.

#### Export Licensing Procedures

In his recent announcement of disapproval of the Omnibus Export Amendments Act of 1990, President Bush directed U.S. agencies to institute, by January 1, 1991, new procedures to make dual-use export licensing decisions faster and more predictable, while fully accounting for proliferation and other national security concerns. Details of the new procedures are provided in a separate fact sheet.

The President determined that "American exporters are entitled to prompt review of export license applications submitted to the United States Government," and that there is a "presumption of approval of such

6 December 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR MARY KATE GRANT

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN  
SUBJECT: MATERIAL FOR HANUKKAH

### HANUKKAH BACKGROUND

Hanukkah (or Chanukah) begins this year on December 12 and lasts through the 19th. This "Feast of Lights," or "Feast of Dedication" is celebrated for eight days to commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the Hellenistic Syrians who attempted to eradicate the Jewish religion as part of their plan to hellenize their entire kingdom.

The Greeks took various steps to achieve their goal, among them the desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem. According to talmudic tradition, however, a small quantity of consecrated oil, for use in the candelabrum, was found within the Temple precincts. Although it was only enough to burn for one day, the oil lasted for eight days, and the festival was established for this length of time to commemorate this miracle. Because of this, the main observance of Hanukkah is the kindling of the festival lamp or menorah each night of the holiday.

Originally, the Hanukkah lamp was placed outside the entrance of the house. Perhaps because of this practice, many Hanukkah lamps have been found with the inscription "Blessed shall you be in your coming and blessed shall you be in your going" (Deut. 28:6). \*\*I thought that when POTUS thanks people for coming at the end of his remarks, how about: "Thank you for coming during this holiday time; and in the words of the inscription some of the earliest menorahs (Hanukkah lamps), 'Blessed shall you be in your coming and blessed shall you be in your going.'"

In many Diaspora countries, especially the U.S., Hanukkah has received a previously unknown emphasis, largely to compensate the Jewish child for the overwhelming impact of Christmas in his surroundings.

### JEWS IN AMERICA

Although the Jews in America come from many different nations, their religion binds them together as an "ethnic group." Their customs, culture and even religious traditions may vary from country to country, but the synagogue and the Jewish faith are the ties that bind.

There have been three major "waves" of Jewish immigration to the United States. The first Jews, the Sephardim, were descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jews driven from the Iberian peninsula at the time of Columbus's first voyage to the New World. Given a choice between conversion to Christianity or expulsion, many Spanish and Portuguese chose to resettle in Dutch Brazil rather than convert. When the Portuguese reclaimed the area, some of these Jews fled from Brazil to New Amsterdam in 1654.

Although there had been Jews in America as early as 1492 (Luis de Torres, one of Columbus's crew, was believed to be a "Marrano" - a Jew who outwardly adopted Christianity in order to live peacefully in Iberia), the 23 Sephardic Jews who ventured to New Amsterdam in 1654 formed the backbone of the Jewish community and paved the way for all who followed.

Although the Sephardim were the smallest wave of Jewish immigrants to America, they continued to dominate the religious life of America's Jewish community until the nineteenth century. It wasn't until 1802 that the first Ashkenazic (Eastern European Jewish) congregation was founded, despite the fact that German Jews had outnumbered the Sephardim as early as 1720.

After the pogroms of 1881, Eastern European, Yiddish-speaking Jews began to arrive in record numbers. By 1914, more than 2 million Jewish immigrants had arrived to fill the tenements and sweat shops of major American industrial cities. Altogether some 3 million Ashkenazi came to America between 1880 and 1910. Most were listed by immigration officials not as Jews, but as Germans or Russians, so the exact total will never be known.

...the Jews gave America some of its most outstanding scientific and medical minds. Jewish doctors invented cures for polio and other dreaded diseases. Many of our department stores, clothing manufacturing firms, cosmetics firms and book publishing houses were founded by Jews. There are Jewish-American representatives among the movie moguls, actors, actresses, comedians, writers, newspaper publishers, sportsmen, politicians and beauty queens of the United States.

#### WHO'S JEWISH?

**Comedians** Milton Berle, the Marx Brothers, Eddie Cantor, Mel Brooks, Gabe Kaplan, Billy Crystal, Rodney Dangerfield, Jackie Mason, David Brenner, Joan Rivers.

**Entertainers** Zero Mostel, Edward G. Robinson, Lauren Bacall, Barbara Streisand, Dustin Hoffman, Walter Matthau, Sammy Davis Jr, Irving Berlin.

**Notable "Fathers"** Abraham Flexner, "Father of Modern Medical Education," Albert Einstein, "Father of the Atomic Age."

**Letters:** Fanny Hurst, Susan Sontag, Nobel Prize winner Edna Ferber, Irwin Shaw, Norman Mailer, Lillian Hellman, Walter Winchell, Lionel Trilling, Moss Hart, Arthur Miller.

#### ON ASSIMILATION VS. PRESERVATION OF JEWISH IDENTITY:

31 May 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR CURT

FROM: JAG  
SUBJECT: WREATH-LAYING QUOTES

- 1) "He who would greatly achieve must greatly dare."  
--Washington Irving, (1739-1859)
- 2) "Courage is the price that Life exacts for granting peace."  
--Amelia Earhart (1898-1937)
- 3) "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom  
must...undergo the fatigues of supporting it."  
--Thomas Paine
- 4) THOSE WHO STOOD WHERE DUTY REQUIRED THEM TO STAND (from:  
"..let every man stand to his post, and...let  
posterity...find our skeleton and armor on the spot where  
duty required us to stand." Millard Fillmore, 4/16/1861)
- 5) "[war is a]..dramatic symbol of a thousand forms of duty."  
--Woodrow Wilson, 5/11/14
- 6) "...victory required a mighty manifestation of the most  
ennobling of virtues of man -- faith, courage, fortitude,  
sacrifice!"  
--beloved Ike, 1/10/46