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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

CEREMONY HONORING THE 1991
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES CHAMPION
MINNESOTA TWINS

DATE: OCTOBER 31, 1991
TIME: 1:45 P.M.
LOCATION: THE ROSE GARDEN

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: SICHAN SIV
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

I. PURPOSE:

To honor the Minnesota Twins for winning the 1991 Major League Baseball World Series.

II. BACKGROUND:

The Minnesota Twins won this year's World Series, 4-3, over the Atlanta Braves, the seventh and final game taking place in the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This was the Twins second World Series championship in five years, the last win coming in 1987 with a victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The media has termed this year's contest the "Cinderella Series," due to the fact that both teams in the Series went from last place, last season to first place, this season.

World Series Most Valuable Player, Jack Morris, threw a 10-inning shutout to clinch the extra-inning victory for the Twins. The seventh and deciding game was the third extra-inning contest of what was one of the most exciting World Series in recent history.

The Twins finished the season with a record of 95 wins and 67 losses.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
 TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT: MINNESOTA TWINS EVENT

You will honor the World Champion Minnesota Twins with a Rose Garden Ceremony at 1:45 p.m. on October 31, 1991. Present will be members of the Twins, Little League, and Babe Ruth Champions. The remarks (5 minutes, cards) focus especially on the memorable 1991 World Series.

Members of Congress — about 7 including 2 Senators
NO NAMES YET
Cabinet Secretaries — Kemp, Mosbacher, & Skinner
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WORLD SERIES
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Carl Pohlad [POE-lad], players, coaches, and official family of the 1991 Minnesota Twins. Our World Series umpires: __, __, __, and __. // I remember how famed umpire Bill Klem said, "I never called one wrong in my heart." That's how Presidents feel. // Baseball fans, fellow Americans. //

First, let me say it's a pleasure to have so many Babe Ruth and Little League players here. // ((George Jr. called this morning: He wants me to scout them for the Texas Rangers.)) //

I also want, of course, to welcome the authors of "That Championship Season" / the 1991 Minnesota Twins / a team that helped deepen America's love affair with baseball. // You showed why baseball is the most democratic of sports -- of course, it's also the most republican. / Whether in the major leagues or Little League, what counts is the size of your heart and of your dreams. //

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Sadly, both now are over. But what memories you have given us. Of infielders Chuck Knoblauch [KNOB-lock] and Greg Gagne. ((I think it was Abe Lincoln who said, "You can feel some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time. But it took Gagne and Knoblauch to fool a base-runner one time.))

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Our World Series umpires: Richie Garcia, Drew Coble [COE-ble], Don Denkinger, Rick Reed, Terry Tata [TAY-ta], Harry Wendelstedt. / I remember how famed umpire Bill Klem said, "I never called one wrong in my heart." That's how Presidents feel. // Baseball fans, fellow Americans. //

First, let me say it's a pleasure to see so many great amateur players. // Two Washington, D.C. champions -- the Bell Multicultural High School boys, and HD Woodson High School girls. // Here, too, are America's Little League champions from Danville, California. /

And we're lucky to have four Babe Ruth League championship teams with us. They come from Cincinnati and Oakland -- last year's World Series teams -- and from LaCrescenta, California, and Marietta, Georgia. // ((George Jr. called this morning: He wants me to scout all of you for the Texas Rangers.)) //

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Acknowledgements

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• Senator Dave Durenberg

After the "Dave was so confident that he called after the first game of the series to arrange for this event."

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"I may have called one wrong, but never from here" Bill Klem said while holding his mask over his heart.

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Entire Minnesota Congress

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BILL WHITE. ^[National League President] DR. BOBBY BROWN. ^[America League President] OUR WORLD SERIES
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THAT'S HOW PRESIDENTS FEEL. // BASEBALL FANS, FELLOW
AMERICANS. //

FIRST, LET ME SAY IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE SO MANY
GREAT AMATEUR PLAYERS. // TWO WASHINGTON, D.C.
CHAMPIONS -- THE BELL MULTICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS,
AND H.D. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS. // HERE, TOO, ARE
AMERICA'S LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS FROM DANVILLE,
CALIFORNIA. /

AND WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE FOUR BABE RUTH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS WITH US. THEY COME FROM CINCINNATI AND OAKLAND -- LAST YEAR'S WORLD SERIES TEAMS -- AND FROM LACRESCENTA [LA-CRA-SHEN-TA], CALIFORNIA, AND MARIETTA, GEORGIA. // ((GEORGE JR. CALLED THIS MORNING: HE WANTS ME TO SCOUT ALL OF YOU FOR HIS CLUB, THE TEXAS RANGERS. / HE'S BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE WITH SINCE THE RANGERS BEAT THE TWINS 7 TIMES OUT OF 13 GAMES THIS YEAR.)) //

NOW LET ME WELCOME THE AUTHORS OF "THAT CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON" / THE 1991 MINNESOTA TWINS / A TEAM THAT HELPED DEEPEN AMERICA'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH BASEBALL. // YOU SHOWED WHY BASEBALL IS THE MOST DEMOCRATIC OF SPORTS -- OF COURSE, IT'S ALSO THE MOST REPUBLICAN. / WHETHER IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES OR LITTLE LEAGUE, WHAT COUNTS IS THE SIZE OF YOUR HEART AND OF YOUR DREAMS. //

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LET ME TAKE A MOMENT, INCIDENTALLY, TO TALK ABOUT THAT OTHER TEAM IN THE WORLD SERIES. // WHAT A SEASON FOR THE ATLANTA BRAVES. WHAT A TRIBUTE TO HUMAN CHARACTER. / THEY, TOO, WENT FROM WORST TO FIRST. THEY, TOO, CAPTIVATED A NATION. THEY MADE US HOPE THAT THE SERIES -- LIKE THE SEASON ITSELF -- WOULD NEVER DRAW TO A CLOSE. //

SADLY, BOTH NOW ARE OVER. BUT WHAT MEMORIES YOU HAVE GIVEN US. OF INFIELDBERS CHUCK KNOBLAUCH [KNOB-LOCK] AND GREG GAGNE [GAG-NEE]. ((I THINK IT WAS ABE LINCOLN WHO SAID, "YOU CAN FOOL SOME OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME, AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE SOME OF THE TIME. BUT IT TOOK GAGNE AND KNOBLAUCH TO FOOL A BASE-RUNNER ONE TIME."))

WE RECALL, TOO, BRIAN HARPER'S CLUTCH HITS / KIRBY PUCKETT'S GAME SIX-WINNING HOME RUN AND CIRCUS CATCH NEAR THE WALL / ((SUDDENLY, KIRBY, YOUR GLOVE HAS BECOME MORE VALUABLE THAN MICHAEL JACKSON'S)) // AND KENT HRBEK'S [HER-BECK] BRILLIANCE IN THE FIELD. ((I'M NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON THAT CONTROVERSIAL PLAY WHEN KENT TAGGED RONNIE GANT AFTER GANT CAME OFF FIRST BASE.

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WE RECALL TOM KELLY, MANAGING FURIOUSLY AGAINST BOBBY
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EACH OF YOU MADE THIS SERIES A KALEIDOSCOPE OF BEAUTY. EACH SHOWED WHY MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WATCH BASEBALL, LISTEN TO, READ ABOUT, AND DEBATE IT -- AND WHY FOR A FEW GOLDEN DAYS EACH OCTOBER, EACH OF US BECOMES A SELF-ANOINTED EXPERT. //

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, AND FOR COMING TO THE WHITE HOUSE. GOD BLESS YOU, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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MINNESOTA TWINS CEREMONY - ROSE GARDEN
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Mr. Dyrstad (husband)

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Alison Englund
Susan Heegaard
Helen Quick
Dave Reynolds

Jim Snyder & Mary McClure (Commissioned off
their guests to the event.)

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reference?*

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Chili Davis
Scott Erickson
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Kent Hrbek
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Scott Leius
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Kirby Puckett
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October 29, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL EOP STAFF

FROM: ~~SICHAN SIV~~ DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: MINNESOTA TWINS ROSE GARDEN CEREMONY

On Thursday, October 31, 1991 at 1:45 pm, the Minnesota Twins, the 1991 World Series Champions, will be honored in a Rose Garden ceremony with the President. Due to the large numbers of requests to attend this event, we are very limited in the number of staff able to attend.

Please call Marc Lapedes, 456-7120, in our office from 5:00pm to 6:00pm this Wednesday, October 30, if you are interested in attending.

We will be accepting requests on a first come, first served basis. Once available seats and available standing room are full, we will not be able to accommodate any further requests.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

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leather, and incapable of any grand or noble emotion.

Anonymous *New York Post*, 1863

Quotations by Lincoln

- 3 So you're the little woman who wrote the book that made this great war!

Said on meeting Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852), which stimulated opposition to slavery before the US Civil War. *Abraham Lincoln: The War Years* (Carl Sandburg), Vol. II, Ch. 39

- 4 The Lord prefers common-looking people. That is why he makes so many of them.

Our President (James Morgan), Ch. 6

- 5 Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who know me best, that I have always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.

Presidential Anecdotes (P. Boller)

- 6 I intend no modification of my oft-expressed personal wish that all men everywhere could be free.

Letter to Horace Greeley, 22 Aug 1862

- 7 If you don't want to use the army, I should like to borrow it for a while. Yours respectfully, A. Lincoln.

Letter to General George B. McClellan, whose lack of activity during the US Civil War irritated Lincoln.

- 8 No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

Speech, 1854

- 9 The ballot is stronger than the bullet.

Speech, 19 May 1856

- 10 Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves.

Speech, 19 May 1856

- 11 What is conservatism? Is it not adherence to the old and tried, against the new and untried?

Speech, 27 Feb 1860

- 12 This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it.

First Inaugural Address, 4 Mar 1861

- 13 An old Dutch farmer, who remarked to a companion once that

it was not best to swap horses in mid-stream.

Speech, 9 June 1864

- 14 In a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us . . . that we here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Report of Lincoln's address at the dedication (19 Nov 1863) of the national cemetery on the site of the Battle of Gettysburg.

- 15 You can fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time; but you can't fool all the people all the time.

Attrib.

- 16 People who like this sort of thing will find this is the sort of thing they like.

A comment on a book. Attrib.

- 17 I can't spare this man; he fights.

Resisting demands for the dismissal of Ulysses Grant. Attrib.

- 18 Well, he looks like a man.

On catching sight of Walt Whitman for the first time. Attrib.

- 19 I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.

Taking part in a discussion on ancestry. Attrib.

LIQUOR

See alcohol

LITERACY

See also reading, writing

- 1 The ratio of literacy to illiteracy is constant, but nowadays the illiterates can read and write.

Alberto Moravia (Alberto Pincherle; 1907–) Italian novelist. *The Observer*, 14 Oct 1979

- 2 To be a well-favoured man is the gift of fortune; but to write and read comes by nature.

William Shakespeare (1564–1616) English dramatist. *Much Ado About Nothing*, III:3

LITERATURE

See also arts, books, criticism, fiction, novels, plays, poetry, poetry and prose, poets, prose, reading, theater, writers, writing

- 1 Literature is the art of writing something that will be read twice; journalism what will be grasped at once.
- Cyril Connolly (1903–74) British journalist. *Enemies of Promise*, Ch. 3
- 2 A work that aspires, however humbly, to the condition of art should carry its justification in every line.
- Joseph Conrad (Teodor Josef Konrad Korzeniowski; 1857–1924) Polish-born British novelist. *The Nigger of the Narcissus*, Preface
- 3 The reading of all good books is like a conversation with the finest men of past centuries.
- René Descartes (1596–1650) French philosopher. *Le Discours de la méthode*
- 4 Only two classes of books are of universal appeal. The very best and the very worst.
- Ford Maddox Ford (1873–1939) British novelist, critic, and poet. *Joseph Conrad*
- 5 God forbid people should read our books to find the juicy passages.
- Graham Greene (1904–) British novelist. *The Observer*, 'Sayings of the Week', 14 Oct 1979
- 6 He knew everything about literature except how to enjoy it.
- Joseph Heller (1923–) US novelist. *Catch-22*, Ch. 8
- 7 The proper study of mankind is books.
- Aldous Huxley (1894–1964) British novelist. *Chrome Yellow*
- 8 That was the chief difference between literature and life. In books, the proportion of exceptional to commonplace people is high; in reality, very low.
- Aldous Huxley *Eyeless in Gaza*
- 9 Literature flourishes best when it is half a trade and half an art.
- Dean Inge (1860–1954) British churchman. *The Victorian Age*
- 10 It takes a great deal of history to produce a little literature.
- Henry James (1843–1916) US novelist. *Life of Nathaniel Hawthorne*, Ch. 1

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Let me take a moment, incidentally, to talk about that other team in the World Series. // What a season ~~was~~^{for} the Atlanta Braves'. What a tribute to human character. / They, too, went from worst to first. They, too, captivated a Nation. They made us hope that the Series -- like the season itself -- would never draw to a close. //

Sadly, both now are over. But what memories you have given us. Of infielders Chuck Knoblauch [KNOB-lock] and Greg Gagne. ((I think it was Abe Lincoln who said, "You can ~~feel~~^{fool} some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time. But it took Gagne and Knoblauch to fool a base-runner one time.))

We recall, too, Brian Harper's clutch hits / Kirby Puckett's Game Six-winning home run and circus catch near the wall / ((Suddenly, Kirby, your glove has become more valuable than Michael Jackson's)) // and Kent Hrbek's [HER-beck] brilliance in the field ((I'm not going to comment on that controversial play when Kent tagged Ronnie Gant after Gant came off first base. But Barbara asked me to point out to Kent that she could use some help around the house with heavy lifting.))

Finally, we think of other moments that made this a Series of snapshots of the mind. Dan Gladden's tenth-inning, Game-Seven hustle -- and Gene Larkin, coming off the bench. / We recall Tom Kelly, managing furiously against Bobby Cox / one of the greatest bullpens in baseball history / and Jack Morris -- winning two games, including a final-game shutout, and thrilling the game's most eardrum-popping fans. //

Perhaps Mr. Morris -- the Series' Most Valuable Player --- said it best: "It's unfortunate that anyone had to lose this Series because this was a true classic in every sense of the word." // Each of you made this Series a kaleidoscope of beauty. Each showed why millions of Americans watch baseball, listen to, read about, and debate it -- and why for a few golden days each October, each of us becomes a self-anointed expert. //

That wonderful man, the late Bart Giamatti, once wrote, "Baseball is designed to break our hearts." It also lifts them as perhaps no sport can. / Thanks for the memories, and for coming to the White House. God bless you, and the United States of America.

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