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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BEEVILLE BARBECUE
BEEVILLE, TEXAS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1991
5:45 P.M.

Thank you for that warm welcome. Thanks to the A.C. Jones High School Band, and the Knight-Rider Band. You did a great job.

It's also nice to see a lot of old friends here. Congressman Kiki de la Garza; Senator Al Simpson; Beeville Mayor Carlos Salazar.

Will Farish, it's always a pleasure to see you -- the Farish family helps keep the White House running these days. [other close friends in the audience]

It's great to be back in Beeville, even if just for a short time. You have a wonderful way of making a guy feel welcome.

Let me start off by talking about something we all care about, the closing of Chase Field. That event, so central to life here in this part of Texas, followed a series of events that literally have reshaped the map of the world.

In the past three years, the entire world has changed. The Cold War ended -- and we won it. Communism collapsed. The ideals we defended so long conquered the empty promises and grinding dogmas of socialism. Let there be no question anywhere: Freedom works -- tyranny doesn't.

What a week! Wednesday -- Christmas Day -- Soviet Communism died. Gorbachev stepped aside. Russians pulled down the hammer and cycle banner flying over the Kremlin, and ran up their tricolor flag of freedom. Thursday, we officially recognized Russia and five other republics as sovereign states -- and prepared to welcome others. And today, I'm here in Beeville -- thrilled to be back with you.

Let's just think about where we've been in the last year. Last Christmas, I weighed sending Americans into battle against Saddam Hussein, that brutal dictator and aggressor. Many people wanted us to stay here, play it safe, ignore our duties as the undisputed leader of the free world.

But I decided that Saddam's aggression would not stand. I tried everything in my power to free Kuwait peacefully. I tried diplomacy -- to no avail. I tried economic embargoes -- to no avail. Finally, I had to make the tough choice of sending Americans into battle. They did better than anyone could have imagined. We said we'd liberate Kuwait. With the help of a multinational coalition, we did it in 100 days, after a land assault of 100 hours.

That set the tone for 1991. All year long dramatic changes shook the world -- nearly all of them positive. Freedom and democracy are on the march.

Now we must wrestle with the victory of our ideals. With the Cold War over, our military needs have changed. The

bipartisan base-closing commission decided Chase should be shut down.

I know you fought that decision long and hard: This base has provided a foundation for life in Beeville for decades. The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs backed the Commission. So did I.

I know that other local institutions have suffered in the wake of Chase's closing. Ballard Drug Store and Conoly's Drug Store -- local institutions -- have both closed their doors. Other stores -- Ladd's Building Supply Co. and the Beeville K-Mart: also closed. Now, we've got to rebuild.

Certainly, Washington can help. The Pentagon's Office of Economic Adjustment -- the fancy name for the department that has to deal with base closings -- has approved a grant of more than 100,000 dollars for community planning assistance. That money will support efforts to find new opportunities for development here in Beeville.

That little investment can produce huge rewards. The Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration has \$50 million dollars in funding to assist communities with base closure. It offers an average of 1 million dollars for development efforts -- but only after communities produce sound ideas for creating new businesses and jobs. Assistant Secretary of Labor Bob Jones leads a program with \$150 million in DOD funds to assist this country's dislocated defense workers in job counseling and training, relocation aid, job placement, and so

on. That could provide 3-4 million dollars for business efforts in Beeville. I'm told that the Pentagon will turn the base over to you sometime late in 1993. That deadline will help everyone get moving.

There's still more: The Small Business Administration will conduct business seminars here, just as it did at Fort Hood, when deployments and realignments hurt families there.

In all, we've got 23 departments and agencies ready to help -- right now. We'll do everything we can to help Beeville make the tough transition into its own post Cold War worlds. That's not special treatment. That's how we deal with all the base closings around the country.

Still, whatever the federal government's role may be, your future depends on you. I know Beeville will turn things around. Texas towns like Harlingen, Laredo, Mineral Wells and Waco have recovered -- and even expanded their employment bases. They did it because they were determined to make things better for themselves and their kids. We'll do it here, too.

I know this isn't easy, but it isn't impossible, either. So let's offer up a toast to the people of Beeville: We'll get the job done.

Before I yield the floor, I'd like to cover a couple of other important topics. First, you in Beeville have learned that foreign policy and domestic policy go hand-in-hand. Anyone who says you can divorce foreign and domestic policy is living in a dream world -- or, more accurately, a nightmare world. Twice

this century we tried to retreat into isolationism, and we got two world wars as a result. We tried economic isolationism -- protectionism -- once. We got the Great Depression.

People these days must make a choice: Join the rest of the world, or get passed by it. I say our destiny is to lead, and as long as I'm President, I will not neglect my responsibilities for the national security of this country.

I'm leaving Monday for a trip to Asia. While I'm there, I'll talk with other leaders about international security -- defending our vital interests in the Pacific; cultural exchanges; and overall world economics.

Most important, we'll talk about breaking open markets that shut out American products and businesses -- and in the process deny us the opportunity to create more good American jobs. My most important priority is good jobs for Americans. I'm going to Asia to help create those kinds of jobs.

I want a world of free trade -- where the best of each nation compete in free and fair markets. That world offers everybody the best goods at the lowest prices.

But the trade must be fair. We can compete with anyone if we get a fair chance. I know that American workers can outwork, outproduce, outcompete anyone in the world -- if we can compete fairly -- on the merits.

Free trade means jobs. Every billion dollars worth of agricultural exports creates more than 25,000 new jobs here in

the United States; every billion dollars worth of manufactured exports created more than 20,000 good jobs.

Incredible things have taken place all around us. The Cold War, over. The Gulf war, won. American leadership and American ideals have reshaped the world!

It's time for America to seize its destiny. If we crush crime, make our schools the best in the world, light a fire under our best inventors, innovators and workers; and liberate working people from taxes, regulation and red tape -- the rest of the world will watch in awe -- and we'll create the kind of society we want: kinder, gentler, fast growing and always improving.

I'll deliver a state of the Union address next month that will outline my strategy for building on our international success, and about unleashing the creativity, ambition and drive of the American people -- about getting this sluggish national economy on the move. I'm absolutely sure we'll do just that. We're Americans -- and we won't fail.

Well, thanks for your warm hospitality. May God bless each and every one of you. Now, let's enjoy some barbecue -- and the entertainment of Holly Dunn and her band.

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Thank you all very much. Thank you, Dan, and thank all of you. We had a little receiving line a minute ago for a handful of people who did an awful lot of work on this marvelous get-together. And several of them said to me, "Thank you for being here." And my inclination was to say -- not just to them but is to say to all of you: Thank you for doing this for me and for Jim. We're just delighted to be back here.

And I've been coming here -- I see my friend Will Farish, who has been my host here for a long time. And I don't know, I think it's almost twenty-some years straight, and we haven't missed. And I don't intend to miss. And I'm just delighted to be back and have this really warm homecoming. Dan, thank you, sir, for your work on this, and Gary and so many others that pitched in and made it work.

Fernando, your prayer was lovely, and it says something about our country. And maybe it's an appropriate time of year to count our blessings. But I can't tell you that you don't get into the job I'm in if you don't have a certain modicum of faith. If you don't believe that we are one nation under God, you cannot, in my view, be President unless you understand that fundamental conviction that Fernando Aleman spoke so well a few minutes ago. And I really feel it, and Barbara feels it. And we are blessed by family, and we are blessed by our faith. And it couldn't be otherwise in this particular job.

I might also say that we are lifted up by friends. And I get teased for picking up the phone and calling people and being a somewhat frenetic kind of a President. But I enjoy staying in touch with friends. And I hope I never will forget how I got to be President of the United States. A lot of it came through dedicated, loyal friendship, and a lot of it came from the political process, of course. But I wanted here to express my appreciation for the support that came out of this area. This is not a partisan political event, but I would be remiss if I didn't say I've not gotten immune to reading election returns. And I'm very pleased with the way things have worked. And so, thank you for this homecoming. Thank you for this warm reception.

I'm very sorry that Barbara Bush is not here. She is doing a superb job as First Lady, and she is in good health. I get asked that all the time. You know, there's a magazine, that I'm sure nobody here is too familiar with, call the National Enquirer. [Laughter] But apparently, they printed a story on her on the front page, and we have had more crazy letters and inquiries about her state of play. But since some of you were nice enough earlier on at this little receiving line that Dan worked out, that I would tell you, she's in very good health. She feels just great, and she's kind of winding down her responsibilities as a grandparent. We have our Dallas twins charging around the White House, having been up there at Camp David with us. And she will meet me



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in Houston, which is no consolation to her because she wanted very much to come back here. But she did ask me to extend her warm best wishes. And I'll tell you -- but I've only been married for close to 45 years; in January, it'll be 45 -- I think Bar's doing a fantastic job for our country.

It is a pleasure to be, obviously, with Jim Baker. One of the great joys of my job is having people in our Cabinet -- he is the most senior, in the sense of protocol, the number one Cabinet official. And I can tell you this, for those civics teachers out here: I think it's very comforting, and I think it's very important for a President, to have people who will tell it you exactly the way they see it, who will share any experience with the President, who will go the extra mile after the decision is made to support what the President decides. And in Jim Baker, we have somebody who is that kind of Secretary of State, and the respect for him all over the world knows no bounds. And I'm delighted he's here, and I'm delighted he's at my side every single day in Washington.

You know, he has a ranch over here just down the road called Rock Pile. Believe me, it is. [Laughter] But once in a while, we can get him over here to Bee County, Goliad County, with Will. And so, Jim, I'm delighted you're with us today.

This, Dan told me, is to be an informal occasion. And what I really want to do is shake as many hands as possible while you get to chow down out there. And I don't reminisce much more, except to say that when I flew into Corpus Christi Naval Air Station today it was just about -- let's see, it was in the winter of 1943 that I first showed up there as an 18-year-old naval aviation cadet. And it was there that I got my wings. It was there that I got my first taste of Texas. And possibly, it was there that I made my determination to come back to Texas. The people over there in Nueces County treated me and the other kids over there just with a fantastic sense of hospitality. And so, I hope you'll forgive my feeling a certain sense of nostalgia. When I flew in there, and also as we flew past Chase coming over here in this magnificent helicopter, it did feel like coming home.

Just a couple of words. It is the end of the year. And in the Bush family, anyway, it's a time when we count our blessings. And I think we had a marvelous Christmas present when we got the word that Noriega, the drug trafficker, was in the Nuncio. And I am determined to bring him to justice. And we have to work with our friends in the Vatican, and we have to certainly work with respect with the new Endara government in Panama. But I want to see this man who is under indictment brought to justice for poisoning the children of the United States of America and people around the world.

And I'll tell you something: That military operation was a superb effort in coordination. It worked far better than many would have thought possible: young kids dropping in at night or 2 o'clock in the morning in parachutes, and targets unknown, the darnedest coordination you've ever seen between helicopter gunships and little -- we call them Little Bird helicopters -- in the air all at the same time. A magnificent effort by the U.S. military. And when I hear people saying, Well, things have changed so dramatically in the world today that that can make these hellacious cuts in our defense -- let me tell you, I don't think that's right. And I will not have that because I believe we should keep a ready force that is able to defend American interests and American lives around the world.



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But I was very pleased with the operation. Barbara and I are going over to the hospital in San Antonio on Sunday to pay our respects to those kids that are lying up over there wounded. And I should say here and now: Of course we grieve at the loss of young American life. And frankly, I grieve at the loss of innocent Panamanian life, caught up in this battle. But at times, you have to make a decision: What is in the national interest. What is right. What is the right signal to send to the world. And this one, in my view, worked out well. And now we will help. We will reach out to the people of Panama. We will do everything we can to lift them up, but most of all, to give them a shot at the democracy that some of us take for granted every single day in our lives. They are entitled now to freedom and democracy. And so, let's all pitch in and try to make it work.

These are fascinating times. Jim made brief reference to our meeting over there in Malta with Mr. Gorbachev. It was a good meeting. And the seats weren't particularly calm, but the meeting was very calm. And I see some great common interests that we have now with the Soviet Union. I don't believe we got a prognosticator in Bee County who could have predicted with any degree of accuracy the rapidity of the change in Eastern Europe. These are fantastic times of change. They are fantastic times of opportunity for individual liberties, for democracy and freedom in Europe.

And what Jim Baker and I are trying to do is to conduct the affairs of the United States in such a way so as to foster change and to foster freedom, but to do it in a prudent way so we do not invite some unforeseen action by some unpredictable party. And I believe it's working, and I'm most encouraged. And we will stand ready, as we have already, to help the people of Poland achieve their aspirations for democracy. Hungary is coming along in very good shape. And now we see the rapidity of change in East Germany and in Romania and in Czechoslovakia. And it's mind-boggling. But the point is -- the point that we Americans should remember -- is it's coming towards freedom and democracy and openness and respect for human rights. And it is these things that I think should give us particular joy at Christmastime. We have a lot to be grateful for.

On the domestic side, if I'm giving you a bit of a year-end report, I'd have to say there are certain frustrations. We've made some progress on the Federal deficit, and I'm determined to make more progress next year, this coming year, on the Federal deficit. I want to see the Congress move on an anticrime package because I want to see us support our police officers, whether it's the sheriff's department in Bee County or the police chief whom I just met or whether it's the big urban police force in drug-embattled New York or wherever. We ought to support them. And that means that the Congress ought to move forward with the anticrime legislation that this President proposed some 6 months ago. So, if you have any influence with your Congressman, tell him to get with it. Get moving. Don't sit. No more excuses. Let's move that crime package through the Congress and support those men and women on the streets that are supporting us.

We're making some progress on the environment. You know, just coming from red fishing and fishing for trout outside of Corpus, it makes one appreciate the environment very much. And we've made some good, sound proposals that are not going to keep America from growing, not going to keep everything at a standstill, but will protect the wetlands. I have a new policy of no net loss of wetlands, and we have a policy of trying to clean up the air and to protect the environment for the generations to come.

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And so, again, I would invite your support for these initiatives. They are bipartisan, I might add. We're getting strong support on both sides of the aisle. And so, I think we can move more forward on that.

The antidrug fight is on everybody's minds. And I know that this country -- Dan was telling me early on about the fight that Bee County is making, helping encourage young people to stay off of this substance abuse. And it's happening all over the country. I feel a certain frustration at times that it's not happening quicker. But I can tell you there are some very encouraging signs about the diminishing use of cocaine or some of these terrible narcotics. And so, I will continue to fight in the calendar year 1990 for the total enactment of our National Drug Strategy. I think you'll find when the new budget comes out that it has rather adequate levels of funding to support the Federal effort. But I must say that it's not going to be solved at the Federal level alone, that a lot of it's going to be done right here at the county level, right here at the city level, or right here at the State level. And so, we are working hard with State and local officials and try to give the proper support in the antinarcotics field.

There are many, many other problems out there, but at this end of the year, I must say I'm finishing with a bit of glow because I see the changes that are taking place. And it comes right back to that invocation that we heard here by Dr. Aleman. It comes back to the fact that we are the United States of America; we are one nation under God, we are tolerant, we are kind, we are trying to help others who have it less fortunate than we do. But there is no question when you go to Europe and talk to the leaders; it is the United States that stands as a beacon. When you go to South America -- we've got our difficulties; they may approve this or disapprove that -- but they know that we are the freest, the fairest, the most decent nation on the face of the Earth.

So, when we see this magnificent move towards democracy and freedom, I think all of us can count our blessings and say: God bless America. God bless the United States. And may I simply add, God bless all of you, and thank you for this welcome home. Thank you very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 5:25 p.m. in the Bee County Coliseum. In his remarks, he referred to Dan Ouellette, former county Republican Party chairman, and Gary Roberts, president of the First National Bank of Beeville. Following his remarks, the President went to Will Farish's ranch, where he spent the evening.

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Thank you for that warm welcome. It's great to be back in Beeville, even if just for a short time. A President can come here, relax, eat good food, listen to good music, do a little hunting, enjoy some fresh air, and just breathe free. In Washington, the only place I need to wear blaze orange is in the press room.

Without a lot of formalities, let me get to something I know many of you care about, the closing of ~~Chase~~ ^{Field} Naval Air Station.

In the past three years, the entire world has changed. The Cold War ended -- and we won it. Communism collapsed, because the ideals we defended so long conquered the empty promises and grinding dogmas of socialism. Freedom works -- tyranny doesn't.

A year ago, I was worrying about whether to send Americans into battle against Saddam Hussein and his fellow aggressors in the Gulf. Many people wanted us to stay here, play it safe, ignore our duties as the leader of the free world.

But when Saddam refused to back away; when he taunted us and all our allies; when he subjugated a nation to brutal occupation -- and threatened our interests in the Middle East -- we had no choice but to prove to him that our word is our bond. We said

Better known as Chase Field per J. Kimbrough

we'd liberate Kuwait -- and, with the help of a multinational coalition, we did.

So now we must wrestle with victory. With the Cold War over, our military needs have changed. No one fears a superpower-driven land war on the European Continent anymore. No one worries about a nuclear holocaust between us and the Soviet Union. Heck, the Soviet Union doesn't even exist anymore.

We've got a different world out there, and we have to use different tactics to defend our interests in that world.

Unfortunately, Chase ^{Field} didn't figure in that defense of the future -- and, at the recommendation of a bipartisan base-closing commission, we decided to shut it down.

I know you fought that decision long and hard: This base has provided a foundation for life in Beeville for decades. But we made the tough call, and I support it.

This doesn't mean that I'm turning my back on this town I love. The Pentagon's Office of Economic Adjustment -- the fancy name for the department that has to deal with base closings -- already has approved a grant of more than 100,000 dollars. That money will support efforts to find new opportunities for development here in Beeville.

That's just the start. The Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration ^{has funding to assist} ~~has dedicated~~ 1 million dollars for development efforts here. Assistant Secretary of Labor Robert Jones ^{is there to} ~~will assist you in using 3-4 million dollars~~



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There's still more: The Small Business Administration will conduct business seminars here, just as it did at Fort Hood, when shutdowns hurt families there.

We've got 23 departments and agencies ~~ready~~ to help -- right now. We'll do everything we can to help Beeville make the tough transition into its own post Cold War world. Let me add: that's not special treatment. That's how we deal with all the base closings.

But whatever the federal government's role may be, your future depends on you. Washington doesn't understand all your needs and concerns: you do. Washington can just provide a little bit of help to get you on your way.

Let me say: I know Beeville will turn things around. Texas towns like Harlingen, Laredo, Mineral Wells and Waco have recovered -- and in some cases actually expanded their employment base. They did it because they were determined to make things better for themselves and their kids. We'll do it here, too.

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I know this isn't easy, but it isn't impossible, either. (stitch in some Beeville history). So let's pause a moment and offer up a toast to the people of Beeville: We'll get the job done.

Before I yield the floor, I'd like to cover a couple other important topics. First, you in Beeville have learned that foreign policy and domestic policy go hand-in-hand. A revolution

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all the way across the world has changed life here forever. Our world gets smaller every day: Events on one continent can shake up life on another.

Anyone who says you can divorce foreign and domestic policy is living in a dream world, and flirting with disaster. Twice this century we tried to retreat into isolationism, and we got two world wars as a result. We tried economic isolationism -- protectionism -- once. We got the Great Depression.

People these days have to make a choice: Join the rest of the world, or get passed by it. I say our destiny is to lead. I say it's time Americans claimed the spoils of the Cold War: leadership in a world governed by democracy and devoted to individual liberty and free markets.

I'm leaving Monday for a trip to Asia. While I'm there, I'll talk with other leaders about three things: International security -- defending our interests in the Pacific; //

② Improved intellectual and cultural exchanges, so we'll understand each other better -- kind of like getting someone to explain Washington jargon to Beeville businessmen who just speak English. //

③ And most important, breaking open markets that shut out American products and businesses -- and in the process cost us good American jobs.

I won't promise that I'll return with a satchel full of trade agreements, but I will promise you this: Our friends in the

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Pacific -- and our friends around the world -- will know that we mean business.

I want a world of free trade -- where the best of each nation compete against one another in free and fair markets. That world offers everybody the best of everything: the best cars and appliances and homes and food at the cheapest cost.

I won't accept a world in which the United States gets snubbed by nations that just want to protect old businesses and families. I won't accept a world that moves back to the protectionism that nearly destroyed our way of life in the 1930s.

Free trade means jobs. In 1990, Every billion dollars worth of agricultural exports creates more than 23,000 new jobs here in the United States; every billion dollars worth of manufactured goods creates more than 18,000 good manufacturing jobs. We're pushing for a free trade agreement with Mexico because it will mean more good jobs here in the United States. We're pushing for a new international trade agreement because it will mean more good jobs for Americans. And I'm going to Asia to make it possible for American companies to create more good jobs for people like you -- and, when I get out of the White House, me.

Our old allies in the Cold War don't depend as much on us for security as they used to, and they're going to test our resolve for free markets. That's understandable. But our friends also will learn that we take freedom seriously, and we'll fight for it in the economy, too.

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A second point: Incredible things have taken place all around us. The Cold War, over. The Gulf war, won. For the first time, Arabs and Israelis have agreed to talk through their differences -- and that's incredible. It may take years for results to emerge, but we've done something no other administration has been able to do. We got comprehensive talks started.

It's time for America to seize its destiny. If we sit around and carp, the rest of the world will grow bored. But if we show just what we can do -- if we crush crime, make our schools the best in the world, light a fire under our best inventors, innovators and workers; and liberate working people from taxes, regulation and red tape, so they can get about the business of creating good lives for themselves and their families -- if we do these things, the rest of the world will watch in awe, and then follow our lead.

I'll deliver a state of the Union Address next month that will outline my strategy for building on our international success, and unleashing the creativity, ambition and drive of the American people. I'll talk about taxes and spending, but I'll also talk about common sense -- that you can't build a world-class economy without world-class schools; and you can't beat our allies in the economic market if you subject your businesses and workers to burdens that other nations don't impose on their people.

Please watch it, and let me know what you think. After all, you people know the crunch of hard times -- and you know the confidence of good times. I'll use Beeville as a barometer: Our success will begin here and in thousands of other towns across the United States.

Well, enough talk: Let's get down to barbecue.

*Jay Kimbrough
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A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN HONORING THE CONTRIBUTION OF NAVAL AIR STATION CHASE FIELD IN BEEVILLE, TEXAS, FOR ITS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY CHASE FIELD HAS PRODUCED THE FINEST PILOTS IN THE WORLD-CARRIER TRAINED AVIATORS FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS-IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER. CHASE FIELD TRAINED PILOTS HAVE BRAVELY FOUGHT AND DIED FOR AMERICA AND FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM THE WORLD OVER.

THE GROWTH OF DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD MAY REDUCE THE DEFENSE BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, THE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT, SACRIFICE, AND COURAGE OF THE OFFICERS, AND ENLISTED MEN AND WOMEN OF CHASE FIELD SHALL LIVE IN AMERICAN HISTORY FOREVER.

AS CHASE FIELD WAS A LEADER IN MILITARY VALUE, SO TOO WILL IT SET THE PACE AS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF AMERICA TRANSITIONING FROM WINNING THE WAR TO BUILDING FOR THE PEACE. THE PEOPLE OF BEEVILLE, TEXAS, CAN BE PROUD OF THEIR ROLE AS THE DEFENDER OF SUCH A SUPERB AIR STATION. THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF BEEVILLE PRESERVED THE BASE FOR THE COMMUNITY. THAT SAME SPIRIT WILL GIVE CHASE FIELD ITS NEW ROLE FOR SOUTH TEXAS.

WELL DONE, CHASE FIELD. WELL DONE.

GEORGE BUSH

SIGNED THIS 27TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1991 AT BEEVILLE, TEXAS.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: BEEVILLE BARBECUE
BEEVILLE, TEXAS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1991
5:45 p.m.

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Without a lot of formalities, let me get to something I know many of you care about, the closing of Chase Naval Air Station. In the past three years, the entire world has changed. The Cold War ended -- and we won it. Communism collapsed, because the ideals we defended so long conquered the empty promises and grinding dogmas of socialism. Freedom works -- tyranny doesn't.

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But when Saddam refused to back away; when he taunted us and all our allies; when he subjugated a nation to brutal occupation -- and threatened our interests in the Middle East -- we had no choice but to prove to him that our word is our bond. We said

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So now we must wrestle with victory. With the Cold War over, our military needs have changed. No one fears a superpower-driven land war on the European Continent anymore. No one worries about a nuclear holocaust between us and the Soviet Union. Heck, the Soviet Union doesn't even exist anymore.

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That's just the start. The Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration has dedicated 1 million dollars for development efforts here. Assistant Secretary of Labor Robert Jones will assist you in using 3-4 million dollars

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We've got 23 departments and agencies ready to help -- right now. We'll do everything we can to help Beeville make the tough transition into its own post Cold War world. Let me add: that's not special treatment. That's how we deal with all the base closings.

But whatever the federal government's role may be, your future depends on you. Washington doesn't understand all your needs and concerns: you do. Washington can just provide a little bit of help to get you on your way.

Let me say: I know Beeville will turn things around. Texas towns like Harlingen, Laredo, Mineral Wells and Waco have recovered -- and in some cases actually expanded their employment base. They did it because they were determined to make things better for themselves and their kids. We'll do it here, too.

I know this isn't easy, but it isn't impossible, either. (stitch in some beeville history). So let's pause a moment and offer up a toast to the people of Beeville: We'll get the job done.

Before I yield the floor, I'd like to cover a couple other important topics. First, you in Beeville have learned that foreign policy and domestic policy go hand-in-hand. A revolution

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I'm leaving Monday for a trip to Asia. While I'm there, I'll talk with other leaders about three things: International security -- defending our interests in the Pacific; //

Improved intellectual and cultural exchanges, so we'll understand each other better -- kind of like getting someone to explain Washington jargon to Beeville businessmen who just speak English. //

And most important, breaking open markets that shut out American products and businesses -- and in the process cost us good American jobs.

I won't promise that I'll return with a satchel full of trade agreements, but I will promise you this: Our friends in the

Pacific -- and our friends around the world -- will know that we mean business.

I want a world of free trade -- where the best of each nation compete against one another in free and fair markets. That world offers everybody the best of everything: the best cars and appliances and homes and food at the cheapest cost.

I won't accept a world in which the United States gets snubbed by nations that just want to protect old businesses and families. I won't accept a world that moves back to the protectionism that nearly destroyed our way of life in the 1930s.

Free trade means jobs. Every billion dollars worth of agricultural exports creates more than 25,000 new jobs here in the United States; every billion dollars worth of manufactured goods creates more than 22,000 good manufacturing jobs. We're pushing for a free trade agreement with Mexico because it will mean more good jobs here in the United States. We're pushing for a new international trade agreement because it will mean more good jobs for Americans. And I'm going to Asia to make it possible for American companies to create more good jobs for people like you -- and, when I get out of the White House, me.

Our old allies in the Cold War don't depend as much on us for security as they used to, and they're going to test our resolve for free markets. That's understandable. But our friends also will learn that we take freedom seriously, and we'll fight for it in the economy, too.

A second point: Incredible things have taken place all around us. The Cold War, over. The Gulf war, won. For the first time, Arabs and Israelis have agreed to talk through their differences -- and that's incredible. It may take years for results to emerge, but we've done something no other administration has been able to do. We got comprehensive talks started.

It's time for America to seize its destiny. If we sit around and carp, the rest of the world will grow bored. But if we show just what we can do -- if we crush crime, make our schools the best in the world, light a fire under our best inventors, innovators and workers; and liberate working people from taxes, regulation and red tape, so they can get about the business of creating good lives for themselves and their families -- if we do these things, the rest of the world will watch in awe, and then follow our lead.

I'll deliver a state of the Union Address next month that will outline my strategy for building on our international success, and unleashing the creativity, ambition and drive of the American people. I'll talk about taxes and spending, but I'll also talk about common sense -- that you can't build a world-class economy without world-class schools; and you can't beat our allies in the economic market if you subject your businesses and workers to burdens that other nations don't impose on their people.

Please watch it, and let me know what you think. After all, you people know the crunch of hard times -- and you know the confidence of good times. I'll use Beeville as a barometer: Our success will begin here and in thousands of other towns across the United States.

Well, enough talk: Let's get down to barbecue.

Tony --

Recent closings: K-Mart (lost 42 employees), Ballard Drug Store and Conoly Drug Store (both longtime family owned businesses, and Ladd's Building Supply Company.

OEA Director Bob Rauner says a safe approximation for base turnover is September 1993 (all operations cease and all environmental regulations are expected to be met by then). Pres could say late 1993.

Per Lester Davis
DOC 377-1675

Ag. figure: ~~23,200~~

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1990 → nearly 19,000
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December 20, 6 p.m.
BEE Draft Three

**PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: ADDRESS TO BEEVILLE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1991
BEEVILLE, TEXAS**

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Dan Ouellette, Jay Kimbrough, Dr. Jack Green (Wood),
and Jeff Latcham (Mast. of Ceremonies, family owns Beeville
Bee-Picayune)

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DECEMBER 23, 1991

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Better known as Chase Field per J. Kimbrough

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Dir. Bob Rauner OEA

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B. Rauner

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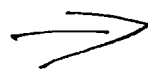
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Lester Davis
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*Guy Kimbrough
Beeville*

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
December 20, 3:30 p.m.
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December 19, 8 a.m.
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right outlook. I know you'll pull through this and turn the closure into a long-term opportunity for Beeville and Bee County.

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But the effort is much broader than just one organization. We now have 23 departments and agencies involved with Beeville's future. For instance: Department of Commerce Assistant Secretary Joyce Hampers will work to give you access to the department's \$50 million fund for community adjustment aid. Robert Jones, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Labor, will help your laid-off workers through job search, counseling, relocation aid, and vocational retraining -- using some of the \$150 million Congress authorized this year. At the SBA, Robert Moffitt will help Beeville through its programs for local businesses. And there are many other agencies who will pitch in, from the National Park Service to the Department of Education.

The bottom line is that communities do recover successfully from base closures -- ask the folks in Harlingen, Laredo, Mineral Wells and Waco. One thing is certain -- the more successful communities are the ones who start their planning early. I know the people of Beeville -- I know your great Texas spirit and tough resiliency. Jay Kimbrough has told me how you're looking forward now, not dwelling on the past, and that's exactly the

right outlook. I know you'll pull through this and turn the closure into a long-term opportunity for Beeville and Bee County.

Thank you for your friendship and your warm welcome home -- Barbara and I love coming here, and we always will. God bless you now and always; God bless this wonderful country we share.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1991
BEEVILLE, TEXAS
5:45 P.M.**

* Things have changed a lot in Texas in the 48 years since I first showed up here, an 18-year-old naval cadet about to get my wings. Most importantly, I know things have changed a lot here in Beeville since January 29, 1990: when it was announced Chase would be closed. I know you fought that decision long and hard. I know you're concerned -- you're uncertain -- you're scared.

* I also know that you're resilient, and ready to grow. The Bee County Redevelopment Council is studying base reuse plans. Your local boards and citizens are looking for businesses to relocate here. You're ready to run; you just need the sneakers.

* Well, I want to reassure you, as Texan to fellow Texan, that Beeville, her people, and her future, will not get lost in the system. You're going to get plenty of help as you rebuild.

* You can count on the Office of Economic Adjustment, whose sole function in life is to help communities like yours deal with the impact of closure. They're the ones who gave the \$102,750 grant for organizational development. At the start of the new year, they'll fund a base reuse plan. OEA has worked with towns like Beeville for 30 years, and has a terrific track record: new jobs created after base closure far exceed those lost.

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* We say goodbye to Chase -- but the record of achievement, sacrifice and courage of its men and women will live in American history forever. You can be proud of your role as defender of such a superb air station. The same indomitable spirit Beeville gave to Chase will give Beeville its new role for South Texas.

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