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1/4/92	Groundbreaking American Chancery Singapore	Martin/Aarhus
1/4/92	Singapore State Dinner Toast Singapore	Smith/Aarhus
1/5/92	American Community Greeting/US Troops Youngman, Korea	Bunton/Simon
1/5/92	Korean National Assembly National Assembly Hall, Korea	McGroarty/ Bunton
1/5/92	Breakfast US/Korean Businessmen Seoul, Korea	Grant/Bunton
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1/7/92	Toys-R-Us Ribbon Cutting Kashira, Japan	Hinchliffe/ Bunton
1/7/92	American Community Greeting Tokyo	Hinchliffe/ Simon
1/8/92	After Dinner Toast to Miyazawa Tokyo	Grossman
1/9/92	Welcoming Reception Tokyo, Japan	Grant/Grossman
1/9/92	Remarks to Exchange Students Omiya Palace, Japan	Duggan/Grossman
1/9/92	Kodak R & D Center Japan	Grant/Simon
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PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
NEW AMERICAN CHANCERY
SINGAPORE
SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1992

[INTRODUCTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS] Barbara and I are pleased to join you today. It's a delight to see so many American families here as well as the kids from the Singapore American School. These kids serve to remind us that everyone -- American or Singaporean -- shares common hopes and dreams for a bright future. Which makes this opportunity particularly special because it marks a new beginning -- the groundbreaking for our new chancery in Singapore.

John Ruskin, a famous American architect, once said: "When we build, let us build forever." While Mr. Ruskin may have been referring to the bricks and mortar that a make building, the same is true of relationships.

This new Chancery demonstrates in concrete, glass and steel that we intend to stay. We will remain engaged in Singapore. We will remain engaged in this fast growing region. I am pleased that Singapore shares this commitment; just three months ago they began construction of a new Chancery in Washington.

But it's not enough to construct a building. We must deepen our ties -- build even tighter bonds of shared interests and commitments. Every working American with a stake in our

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global economy -- every businessman, every student -- should know more about this region and the tremendous opportunities it offers. The benefit of stronger ties between America and Singapore is best measured not through revenues but through cultural enhancement. All of you gathered here have been instrumental in opening the lines of communication and understanding.

I realize that many of you will move on to other assignments before we finish this Chancery. But let it stand as a reminder of your hard work, dedication and commitment. On behalf of those who will follow in the years to come at Embassy Singapore: Thank you for your efforts.

Barbara and I would also like to thank all of you for the tremendous support you have given to the staff in preparing for our visit. We know you had to make last minute changes in Christmas plans and other sacrifices. We really appreciate all that you and your families have done for us. Thank you again. Your hospitality and diligent service have been superb. God bless you all.

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You may have heard that the site for the American Community address has been changed to the Singapore American School. As we understand it, the President would still make some remarks about the new Chancery (a kind of dedication). I have attached some language on the school, the new chancery and the presentation of a spade for a future groundbreaking.

I hope this helps. We're still searching around for funny stories on the Embassy, Ambassador or the school. Nothing yet - sorry.

Input for President's address to American Community

Singapore American School

The Singapore American School is well-known in Singapore and throughout the region for its high academic standards, excellent facilities, and active involvement of parents. The school is a fine example of the best American education has to offer -- strong basics from math to English to computers, combined with an approach which encourages creative problem-solving and promotes the social development of our children. The large number of foreign students at the American school here is testimony to the strengths of the Singapore School and American education in general.

I am encouraged as I look at the faces of the children here today. More than ever, our future depends on the ability of Americans to operate in every corner of our globe. Your experience of living abroad and the education you receive at this fine school will prepare you well for that challenge.

The American School may have been too successful -- the school is filled to capacity and looking for a new facility to continue to meet the educational needs of the expatriate community. In fact, I understand Deputy Prime Minister Lee (Note: he is likely to be present as Minister in attendance to the President) himself is personally interested in resolving this problem.

Embassy Community/New Embassy

I wanted to say a special thank you for the all the hard work of the Embassy to prepare for my visit. I was supposed to have participated in a ground-breaking ceremony today at the site of the new chancery, but the rainy season and reports of snakes at the site prevailed and we are here indoors, dry and safe.

The Embassy will begin next year construction of a new chancery to house a growing American mission here, reflecting the increasing importance with which we view our relationship with Singapore and ASEAN. By bringing all elements of the US mission together in a modern, efficient and attractive facility, the Embassy will better meet the needs of American business, American citizens travelling or resident here and the growing number of Singaporeans who want to go to the US for business, tourism, education and cultural exchange.

The building of a new chancery and a new residence for the Ambassador will be accomplished without spending a single cent of taxpayers money. To fund the cost, the Embassy has engaged in an ambitious scheme to sell Embassy properties and use the proceeds of those sales for the new buildings.

This has entailed considerable hardship on elements of the Embassy, many of whom had their homes sold out from under them. Not the least of these was Ambassador and Mrs. Orr and their prize Corgy,

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Oliver, who had the sad task of leaving the historic Grange Road site of our former residence in Singapore.

Thus I would like to reward the Ambassador for his sacrifice by presenting him with an honorary spade to be used in the official groundbreaking ceremony.

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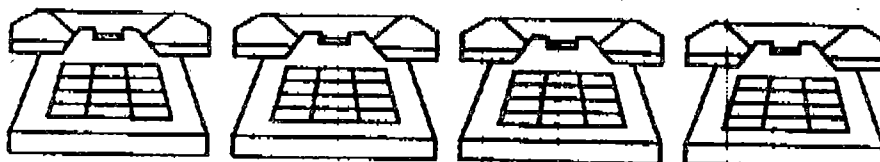
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THEMES FOR REMARKS AT GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

- o I am happy to begin construction of a new American Chancery here only 3 months after Singapore began the construction of a new Chancery in Washington.
 - This building, like my visit here, symbolizes our commitment to our relationship with Singapore and with Southeast Asia.
 - It is fitting that we begin such construction at the start of a new era in the region and in the world. The permanence of our new chancery here in Singapore is no less permanent than our commitment to your country and your region.

- o My visit to Singapore is very important for the future of America's relationship with Singapore and with the region.
 - It is essential that our friends in the region know that we are committed to remaining here.
 - It is vital that Americans know more about the region, and know of the tremendous opportunities that are present for them here.

- o I realize that before construction of this building is complete many of you will have devoted much energy to make the project a success.
 - On behalf of those who will follow you in the years to come at Embassy Singapore I thank you for your efforts.

- o I also want to thank all of you in the Embassy community for the tremendous support you have given to my staff to prepare for my visit.
 - You have done a fantastic job and, as a result, my visit here to Singapore has been a resounding success.
 - I especially want to thank all of you for devoting much of the Christmas season to my visit.
 - o I realize that this has resulted in last-minute changes in your Christmas plans, and in sacrifices by your families here and at home in the United States.

- o Your efforts are therefore of the greatest importance.

- o Barbara and I are particularly pleased to see so many American families here, and especially the students from the Singapore American School.

- o Barbara and I thank you and your families for making our visit here so pleasant and such a success.



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Thomas Fuller, "Light (God's
eldest daughter) is a
principal beauty in
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John Ruskin, "When we
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