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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LITTLE LEAGUE VIDEO

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Draft + Good evening. It is a great privilege to be with you via
Draft video at this *CH* 19th Little League International Congress. / In
Yogi Berra's epic words, "I want to thank all the people who made
this night necessary." //

Party on S. Lawn
Since we last met three years ago, much has happened around
the world. Freedom and democracy have come to Panama / Russia /
and Eastern Europe. People everywhere have learned that what
counts is not your race or nationality -- but the size of your
heart -- and the wonder of your dreams. //

This, of course, is the creed of Little League -- and has
been, now, for more than half a century. Back in 1989, you had *CH*
your 50th birthday -- and I enjoyed helping you celebrate with a
Draft party on the South Lawn of the White House. / Since then,
Draft another 27 countries have entered Little League. It makes me
wonder if Creighton Hale isn't moonlighting for the State
Draft Department. //

Draft In 1989, Dr. Hale and I traveled together to Poland -- the
country that started the dominoes of Communism tumbling in *CH*
Eastern Europe -- and chartered the first Polish Little League
Draft programs. / [I remember playing catch with Polish kids: *CH* I kept
wondering if here was the next Yaz or Stan the Man. Then ~~it~~ was *didn't travel there*
~~in~~ Yugoslavia / Czechoslovakia / and all the rest -- right up
to 1992 when the new democratic republic of Nicaragua dedicated

Draft ^X the ^X Dodgers ^X Little ^X League ^X Friendship ^X Field ^X in ^X Managua. ^{dit} I'll
confess it: That one really got me. //

Draft Always, I've marveled at how Little League is America's
great Ambassador of good-will. As is anyone associated with this
American institution -- the volunteer coach / player / sponsor /
fan. / You know, it ^X seems ^X like ^X only ^X yesterday ^X that ^X I ^X was ^X a ^{dit}
Little League coach. Barbara would pack all the kids in the car
and we'd drive off across the Texas plains to try and win one for
the home town.

Today, the home towns are still there -- not just across
America but from ^X Midland ^X and ^X Odessa ^X to ^X Managua ^X and ^X Warsaw --
helping Little League Baseball win one for all the world. /
Thank you for preserving all that is best for America through
Little League Baseball. / Barbara joins me in sending our best.
God bless you, and let me leave you with two of the most
beautiful words in any language: "Play ball."

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Suggested Remarks
for a
Video Message
by President George Bush
to the
Little League International Congress
April 11, 1992
Boston, Massachusetts

Good evening. It is indeed a great pleasure for me to greet each and every one of you, and to convey my sincere best wishes for success as you commence the 19th Little League International Congress.

Since you last came together three years ago, much has transpired to change the face of the world as we knew it in 1989. Freedom and democracy have flowered across the globe, and today people everywhere are learning what Little League has always known: That character, courage, and loyalty to the principles we hold dear can make it possible for the human spirit to triumph over adversity, and over oppression.

Each time you assemble, you renew your commitment to those principles; you rekindle the spirit of democratic participation that has made Little League Baseball a worldwide movement, and you ensure that future generations of the world's children will know the joy, feel the love, and learn the lessons that make Little League Baseball not just a game, but a way of life.

In 1989, Little League Baseball celebrated its 50th anniversary, and it was my, and Barbara's, pleasure to help you celebrate with a party on the South Lawn. Since that time, another 27 countries have added their names to the international ranks of Little League -- It makes me wonder if Dr. Creighton Hale isn't moonlighting for the State Department -- It may be unofficial, but he's certainly a U.S. Ambassador of good will.

Dr. Creighton Hale

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In 1989, Dr. Hale and I traveled together to Poland -- the country that started the dominoes of democracy tumbling across Eastern Europe -- and chartered the first four Polish Little League programs. Then there was Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia, and all the rest -- right up to 1992 when the new democratic republic of Nicaragua dedicated the Dodgers Little League Friendship Field in Managua. That's the one that really got me.

You know, it seems like only yesterday when I was a Little League coach. Barbara would pack all the kids into the car and we'd drive off to practice to try to get good enough to win one for the home town.

Today, the home towns are still there, all across America. But Little League Baseball is winning one for all the world.

Thank you for preserving, protecting, and promoting all that is best in America through Little League Baseball.

Barbara joins me in sending our very best. God bless you, and good night.