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GUARD

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MILITARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY  
LOS ANGELES COLISEUM  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992

The events of the past 10 days have been packed with emotion -- raw and intense. In my time here, I've seen shouts of anger and whispered prayers. I've seen utter devastation, and the beginnings of restoration. And I've seen the worst that humans can do, and the best of what they can be.

Even in the midst of tragedy, we find examples of courage, kindness, duty, mercy, and justice. Today I stand with the defenders of decency -- men and women who took a stand to defend the lives and property of their fellow citizens. You did what's right, what duty demanded, and a city and nation are in your debt.

You came to protect the community -- the law-abiding citizens who weren't looking for a fight, just a better life. Special agents from the FBI, the Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Marshals and Border Patrol assisted the police in stopping the senseless violence and looting.

Men and women of the armed forces came to defend their fellow citizens. Trained for war, you came on a mission to restore peace. Where panic had set in, you restored calm. And where civilization began to unravel and the rule of law itself was under attack, you restored order. Wherever you went, citizens welcomed your presence with shouts of encouragement, a

friendly wave, or a thumbs-up sign. One man pulled up his sleeve to reveal an old Marine Corps tattoo and simply said, "Thanks for coming."

National Guardsmen came from all over the state, from Lakeside, Coronado, Brawley, and San Diego. The men of A Company, 4th Battalion, 160th Infantry were guarding a corner in Watts Saturday night when a man approached with two women. The soldiers noticed the women were afraid and had been crying. Suspecting a crime in progress, they held the man until police arrived and discovered the suspect was on parole from a previous kidnapping.

On that street corner, one crime was stopped, two women were freed, and six heroes were made. Those six men -- Jimmy Hathaway, Clinton Reese, Abel Belasco, Ted Peterson, Arthur King, and Ed Greenawald -- can go back to their families and communities knowing that they upheld the law and protected innocent life.

We are a nation of laws, for only through the law can we find justice. Without the law to protect us, we descend from civilized society into a state of chaos. In 1837, Lincoln said, "There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law."

Each one of you, when you became a law enforcement officer or entered the armed forces, swore an oath to uphold the Constitution and laws of this country "against all enemies,

foreign and domestic." This past week, you did your duty, by upholding the laws from which all justice flows.

We meet here today at a site dedicated to the brotherhood of all colors, races, and nations -- the site of the Olympic Games. In ancient Greece, when the time came for the Olympics to begin, any warfare between the city-states was suspended, so the games could proceed in peace.

In Los Angeles today, and throughout our great land, we must extinguish the flames of violence, hatred, bigotry, racism, \\  
and rekindle the Olympic spirit of brotherhood, tolerance, kindness, and opportunity. We must rebuild, restore, renew, and return hope to those in need.

Thank you for what you've done, and may God bless America, the land we love.

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# APPOINTMENT AFFIDAVITS

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(Position to which appointed) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of appointment)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Department or agency) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bureau or Division) \_\_\_\_\_ (Place of employment)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that—

## A. OATH OF OFFICE

I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

## B. AFFIDAVIT AS TO STRIKING AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

I am not participating in any strike against the Government of the United States or any agency thereof, and I will not so participate while an employee of the Government of the United States or any agency thereof.

## C. AFFIDAVIT AS TO PURCHASE AND SALE OF OFFICE

I have not, nor has anyone acting in my behalf, given, transferred, promised or paid any consideration for or in expectation or hope of receiving assistance in securing this appointment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of appointee)

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_,

at \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State)

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Anecdotes for President's speech writer:

1. Public support has been tremendous. As military convoys converged on the Los Angeles area, they were greeted by honking horns and shouts of encouragement. On the scene, many Los Angeles businesses supplied the Marines, California National Guard and soldiers, with free food and drinks.
2. About 20 Marines from India Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment were ambushed at approximately 3 a.m. by an automatic sprinkler system. They were unaware of the in-ground system, when they unrolled their sleeping bags to bivouac in the area. The Marines got a rude and wet awakening when it turned on in the early morning hours.
3. Marines assigned to India Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, driven by compassion for a homeless mother of twins, took up a collection amongst themselves and bought milk and diapers for the family.
4. The owner of a KMART, preparing to lock up for the night, discovered a National Guard unit setting up their command post in the parking lot. Rather than lock up, and knowing it was safe in their hands, he left the doors open should the troops want a place to sleep.
5. About 26 soldiers from the 670th Military Police Detachment left Eureka, Calif., in the wake of the recent earthquake and assumed duties on the streets of Los Angeles.
6. Everyone but the operations section was on the street...cooks and mechanics became light infantry.
7. "I didn't think about it until we formed in the parking lot, a car pulled up and dropped a body behind us, shot in the back. Fires were burning around us, shots were being fired and we were in the open. The seriousness of the moment became clear," said Private First Class Damon Goforth, a member of the 670th Military Police Company.
8. A soldier had just returned from the law enforcement academy. His unit didn't know he was back, so they didn't call him for the mobilization. When he discovered his unit had mobilized, he got his equipment, drove from Yuma, Ariz. to San Diego, and on his own motivation jumped from unit to unit until he found his own in Los Angeles. He said he, "just wanted to be with (his) unit."

To Bob  
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HEADLINE: NO LONGER ONE OF THE HOMEBOYS;  
COMPTON: AS A GUARDSMAN RETURNS TO HIS OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, THIS TIME IN FATIGUES,  
HE UNEASILY WATCHES THE FACES AS THEY WATCH HIM.

BYLINE: By MARK PLATTE, TIMES STAFF WRITER

BODY:

Joe Sanders Jr. returned to the old neighborhood this week, but the homeboys treated him more like the member of an occupying army than a returning hero.

"What are you doing on their side?" one man had asked him, incredulous.

"Don't you know you're black?" asked another.

During the past few days, the National Guardsman has stood watch in front of the Ralphs grocery store where he used to shop. On Friday night, he slept in the canned goods section of the ABC Market, an aisle he has walked many times. When officers were puzzling over Los Angeles maps, Sanders showed them exactly where they needed to go.

A native of Compton, Sanders perhaps has closer ties to the ravaged riot area than any other guardsman. For 10 years he lived in a house at 70th Street and Broadway and navigated the area's roads as an RTD bus driver. Many of the faces he has seen over the last few days are much older, but still familiar.

And the gang members and former acquaintances recognize him, too, camouflage or not. Sanders, a sergeant and assistant chaplain for a number of National Guard companies out of San Bernardino, was shocked at what he has found and how he has been received.

"The same gangbangers I saw back then I'm seeing today," the 37-year-old youth counselor said. "There's a lot of hostility towards me."

They view him as part of a white man's army, channeling his energies into quelling an uprising that some blacks said was a product of systemic racism. With dog tags strung loosely around his neck and a .45-caliber handgun tucked into his belt, he is seen as one of them.

Not that Sanders does not empathize. In 1970, Los Angeles police shattered his brother's jaw and claimed self-defense. A decade later, Sanders had his own harrowing encounter with the Police Department. On his way to his 4 a.m. bus shift, the police pulled him over and ordered him out of the car. They checked his orange juice for alcohol before dumping it and told him he had been weaving, he said.

One officer took a particular dislike to him. " 'I don't like the way you look,' " Sanders recalled the officer saying. " 'You make me nervous. When I

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get nervous, I get trigger-happy.' " The officer pulled a baton out and drew it back. Sanders remembers saying: "I don't know what you're about to do, but I am not going to let you hit me."

As the stick started to swing, a second officer grabbed it.

Sanders spent four hours in County Jail that night. He was never charged, although one of the officers said it was for "GP," or general principles.

With that memory still strong, Sanders has stood for four days with men who knew nothing about South-Central, who had their own opinions about Rodney G. King and the neighborhood they have to keep safe. The hometown sergeant ended many a debate with: "You can't relate until you've lived it" and then changed the subject.

Out on the streets, Sanders watched the faces watch him. Studying and dissecting him.

"There was a lot of name-calling that I didn't expect," he said. "They said: 'You're a black man, a brother. Put that weapon down and come with us.' One of them stared straight at me and said: 'You're playing with your life being with them.' "

Sunday night, someone drove by singing the lyric of a popular rap song, altering the line, "What you gonna do when they come for you?" to "What you gonna do when the sun goes down?" Sanders took it as a threat but walked away.

As the National Guard has walked the charred and broken neighborhoods, Sanders pointed out the rock houses to his colleagues. Years in the area had taught him that some of the young kids were really serving as lookouts for drug houses, not just playing on the streets.

"He told us that he knew some of these guys, and we thought: 'Sure he knows what they're like,' " said Robert Field, the company's chaplain. "Then I realized, he really does know them. Personally."

Despite all the taunting, Sanders usually remains affable and gregarious, serving as a spiritual adviser to the troops and an ambassador to the passers-by who stop and talk.

Standing on the corner of Vernon and Figueroa with other members of his armored unit, Sanders imagines himself on the other side of the chaos.

At Centennial High School in Compton, his pals were in gangs. His future wife knew him then and was warned away by her friends, who believed he was up to no good. But she brought him to church, he found God and redirected his life.

From 1978 to 1988, he and his wife lived in a small house at Broadway and 70th Street, one block east of the Harbor Freeway.

In the next few weeks, Sanders, an ordained minister, hopes to work with churches to help rebuild the neighborhood. And one day, he hopes to establish a business in South-Central. For right now, though, he is busy running into people he has not seen in years, like the woman he met for coffee Monday morning.



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"I'll see you soon," he told her as she drove off. "But next time, I don't want to be in uniform."

GRAPHIC: Photo, For 10 years, National Guardsman Joe Sanders Jr. lived in Compton. And, for now, he is back. ; Photo, National Guardsman Joe Sanders Jr. talks with Mary Phillips, left, and Eunice Plummer at his post at the corner of Vernon and Figueroa. KEN LUBAS / Los Angeles Times

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Wed. night RON

Thurs. - down town

church E.V. Hill - speak  
tolerance - healing

volunteers  
police

business owners?

Fri. - Firefighter breakfast / law enforcement Curt  
departure stunt.

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→ National Guard LA Coliseum  
Fri. am staging area  
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Major Steve Hill moved on Friday to El Toro

7th ID PAO El Monte (E. LA) on Sat.

moved to Watts, Compton

securing police + fire stations on Monday

secured natural gas pipeline, power company

Col. <sup>Roger</sup> Goodrich

perhaps in progress

guy w/ 2 women crying

on parole - said he had a gun

A-co. 4th Battalion 160th Infantry

team patrol after curfew Sat. night

Sgt. Jimmy Hathaway - Coronado

Spec. Clinton Reese - Lakeside

held perp. until P.D. arrived

Sgt. Ted Peterson

Spec. Arthur King

Spec. Edward Greenwald

Spec. Abel Belasco

Brawley

corner Vermont

Colden Sts. in Watts

from all units

operational at 2:45 pm Friday

Sat. escort media eat at Denny's  
in South Central

Mgr. said they could  
eat for free

Lt. Col. Fred Peck - MC  
1<sup>ST</sup> MEF 3rd Batt. 1<sup>ST</sup> Marine Regiment Camp Pendleton  
Compton - Long Beach

only grocery left unlooted  
owner + security guards repelled Crips  
> guy showed USMC tattoo, said thanks

most Desert Storm vets  
arrived ~~now~~ Friday pm., deployed Saturday

guarding shopping centers

NBC Nightly News 5-1-92

black business owner: "It's not right. It's not  
right what you're doing. I came from the ghetto  
too. Why destroy my ~~business~~ store. I tried  
to make it. Can't you understand?"

CBS Evening News 5-1-92

"I think it's stupid. People were just driving they were  
~~dragged~~ <sup>pull</sup> out of their cars and beaten, like they  
didn't know them. It's like belting up your own brother  
or sister. . . . "They should know what's right +  
wrong because when I was 4, that's when  
I learned.

"They're just ~~just~~ hurting themselves."

Rudy Campbell  
father murdered,  
lives with  
older sister  
afraid school  
would be  
burned. It wasn't.