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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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STEVE PROVOST *MCS for SP*

FROM:

CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED REMARKS FOR OLYMPIANS

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, August 11, at 5:00 p.m., you will address our Olympic team on the South Lawn in front of approximately 650 people.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (approximately 8 minutes / cards), salute our Olympic athletes and their families, as well as highlight the Olympic spirit.

(Smith/Walters)
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ATHLETES FOR PRESENTATION TO PRESIDENT

Oscar De La Hoya	Boxing	Gold Medal
Shannon Miller	Gymnastics	Silver Medal
Chris Campbell*	Wrestling	Bronze Medal
Leora "Sam" Jones	Team Handball	Team Captain (No medal)
Trent Dimas	Gymnastics	Gold Medal
Janet Evans	Swimming	Gold Medal

*Will speak

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MEMORANDUM FOR CURT SMITH

FROM: ED WALTERS

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Here is a list of Olympians we mention in the speech, the sport in which they competed, and how they fared.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Medal</u>
Shannon Miller	Gymnastics	Silver
Gail Devers ¹	Track	Gold
Charles Barkley ¹	Basketball	Gold
Ron Karnaug	Swimming	----
Oscar de la Hoya	Boxing	Gold
Mark Lenzi	Diving	Gold
Summer Sanders	Swimming	Gold
Kim and Elaina Oden	Volleyball	Bronze
Trent Dimas	Gymnastics	Gold
Chris Campbell	Wrestling	Bronze
Janet Evans	Swimming	Gold
Carl Lewis ¹	Track	Gold
Gigi and Mary Jo Fernandez	Tennis	Gold
Leora "Sam" Jones	Handball	----
Bruce Baumgartner	Wrestling	Gold
Pablo Morales	Swimming	Gold

Medalists who will be at the event and are not mentioned:

Lynn Barry	Basketball	Bronze
Deadra Charles	Basketball	Bronze
Cynthia Cooper	Basketball	Bronze
Carolyn Jones	Basketball	Bronze
Tim Austin	Boxing	Bronze
Chris Byrd	Boxing	Silver
Scott Straughsbaugh	Canoe/Kayak	Gold
Joe Jocobi	Canoe/Kayak	Gold
Dana Chladek	Canoe/Kayak	Bronze
Erin Hartwell	Cycling	Bronze
Rebecca Twigg	Cycling	Bronze
Scott Donie	Diving	Silver
Mary Ellen Clark	Diving	Bronze
Mike Poulin	Equestrian	Bronze
Kim Zmeskal	Gymnastics	(Team) Bronze
Jason Morris	Judo	Silver
Launi Meili	Shooting	Gold

* Reflects highest medal for multiple winners

1 Will not attend

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Bob Foth	Shooting	Silver
Mike Barrowman	Swimming	Gold
Greg Burgess	Swimming	Silver
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Joe Hudepohl	Swimming	Gold
Scott Jaffe	Swimming	Bronze
Shaun Jordan	Swimming	Gold
Eric Namesnik	Swimming	Silver
Jon Olsen	Swimming	Gold
Jeff Rouse	Swimming	Gold
Melvin Stewart	Swimming	Gold
Joel Thomas	Swimming	Gold
Haislett	Swimming	Gold
Lea Loveless	Swimming	Bronze
Anita Nall	Swimming	Silver
Ashley Tappin	Swimming	Gold
Jenny Thompson	Swimming	Gold
Kristen Babb-Sprague	Synch. Swimming	Gold
Women's Volleyball Team	Volleyball	Bronze
John Smith	Wrestling	Gold
Kevin Jackson	Wrestling	Gold
Kenny Monday	Wrestling	Silver
Dennis Koslowski	G.R. Wrestling	Silver
Rodney Smith	G.R. Wrestling	Bronze
The sailing team	Sailing	9 of 10 medals

Olympians who won't be there, but are perhaps worth mention

Matt Biondi	Swimming	Gold
Nelson Diebel	Swimming	Gold
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Each of you lit an historic Olympics. / For the first time Koreans from north and south vied for medals. / For the first

time in 28 years Germany was one team -- neither East nor West. / For the first time South Africans competed as fellow athletes -- not as blacks or whites. / Two countries who won medals didn't exist at the last Summer Olympics: Croatia and Lithuania -- yes, the team we helped send to this year's Olympics. //

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