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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/25/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 1/26/89

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES A. BAKER, III

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REMARKS: Please provide your comments/recommendatins directly to Mark Klugman (x7201 Rm 118) with and info copy to my office by 12:00 Thursday, January 26. Thank you.

RESPONSE: _____

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PROPOSED REMARKS FOR
PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
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SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES A. BAKER, III
WASHINGTON, D.C.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1989

Thank you... Thank you all very much.

This is a special occasion for me because, as all of you know, Jim and I go way back -- perhaps more years back than either one of us cares to count. We've served in government together. We've lost campaigns together. And, last year, we finally won one.

((You know, Jim, if we had lost, we'd probably be someplace warm fishing right now.)) (LL)

Jim Baker is my friend. I have enormous confidence in him, and judging from how he sailed through the confirmation process, the United States Senate shares that confidence. I trust Jim, and now I am entrusting him with the responsibilities of my principle foreign policy advisor, Secretary of State.

As I pledged in my Inaugural Address a week ago today, my Presidency will usher in "the age of the offered hand." That applies to foreign policy. We will offer our hand of diplomacy and goodwill to allies and adversaries alike.

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I have also spoken of a "new engagement." Nowhere is the need for a new engagement greater than in foreign policy. The postwar generation has come of age and today we live in a distinctly different world than that which we were born into -- a world that demands new strategies and new solutions.

Today, there is a dynamic leader in the Soviet Union with an ambitious agenda of social, political, and economic reform -- reforms that may reach into Eastern Europe. In the Middle East, where the daily hardship and strife continues seemingly unabated, *the situation is changing, creating new possibilities* there is hope that a new dialogue will lead to peace. In Central *and new dangers* and South America, where democracy is on the march, totalitarian forces threaten to undermine the will of the people.

We are faced with change, and the potential for change, all over the world. It's up to us to guarantee that the United States remains an engaged power for positive change.

In another era, the Secretary of State's role was largely confined to matters of war and peace. Today's world is more complex -- and more dangerous. Today's Secretary of State must be prepared to work with our allies to solve such global threats as the international narcotics trade, terrorism, the degradation of the world's environment, and the economic distress of developing countries.

And so, Jim, you've got a big job ahead of you. As lonely as your job may sometimes seem, by necessity you will not be alone. ~~As you pledged in your confirmation hearings, our foreign policy will be a bipartisan foreign policy.~~ It will be a partnership based on trust, open communication, and consistency of action.

For 1 thing, I'll be there. Together, we'll see if we can't restore bipart.

This is a time for America to reach out, not merely react. *in foreign policy.* This is a time for America to move forward confidently and cautiously, not retreat. As the freest, the fairest, the most powerful democracy on the face of the earth, we must continue to shine as a beacon of liberty and justice for all the people of the world.

Those of you who are here to say one SB family + closest friends.
Jim, I know you will be a great Secretary of State.

Congratulations. Good luck. And Godspeed.

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We know something others will soon learn:

THE WHITE HOUSE

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January 27, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES A. BAKER, III
AT SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The East Room

5:02 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Well, if I could ask the Secretary of State and Mrs. Baker and Chief Justice to come forward, we'll get on with the program here.

(Secretary Baker is sworn in.)

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Vice President, distinguished members of the United States Senate and House, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, thank you, sir, for doing the honors today.

This is a very special occasion for me because, as you all know, Jim and I have been friends for a long time, going back perhaps more years than either of us would care to admit -- long really before our public lives began. And we served in government together, campaigned together, traveled a long way through some rough and tumble times. And it's well-known that the new Secretary of State is my friend. I have great confidence in him. And judging from how he sailed through the confirmation process -- thank you, gentlemen -- the United States Senate shares that confidence.

And as Secretary of State, he will be my principal foreign policy advisor. As I pledged in my Inaugural Address a week ago, my presidency will usher in the age of the offered hand, and that applies certainly to foreign policy. I've also spoken of a new engagement. Nowhere is the need for a new engagement greater than in foreign policy.

The post-war generation has come of age, and today we live in a distinctly different world than that which we were born into -- a world that demands new strategies and new solutions. And today we see a process of change in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, in the Middle East. A changing situation creates new possibilities as well as dangers. In Southern Africa and in Indochina there is diplomatic progress. And in Central and South America, totalitarian forces still threaten to undermine the will of the people.

We must keep democracy on the march. And we're faced with change and the potential for change all over the world. And it's up to us to guarantee that the United States remains an engaged power for positive change.

In another era, the secretary of state's role was largely confined to matters of war and peace. Today's world is much more

This is a time for America to reach out and take the lead, not merely react. And this is a time for America to move forward confidently and cautiously -- not retreat. As the freest and the fairest and the most powerful democracy on the face of the Earth, we must continue to shine as a beacon of liberty, beacon of justice for all the people of the world.

And those of you who are here today -- Jim Baker's family, closest friends -- know something that many other people will soon learn for themselves: Jim Baker will be a great Secretary of State.

Jim, congratulations. The floor is yours. (Applause.)

SECRETARY BAKER: Thank you. Thank you very much.

Mr. President, Barbara, Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, distinguished members of the Congress, my friends -- most of whom are relatives -- (laughter) -- I am truly honored and privileged to stand before you today. Many of you have come a long distance to be here and as you mentioned, Mr. President, you and I have come a long distance together. I hope to continue to merit your confidence. I know I will continue to enjoy our friendship. One other thing -- I hope that in foreign policy we're going to make a better team than we oftentimes did on the tennis courts in Texas. (Laughter.)

Ladies and gentlemen, the taking of an oath is always a solemn moment. Yet, I cannot help but think that there will be even more solemn moments to follow. Because it's been my experience for eight years here now in Washington that after the swearing-in, sooner or later, comes the swearing at. (Laughter.)

Mr. President, through your choice and the Senate's consent I will occupy an office that dates from the infancy of our Republic. Over the last few weeks, I've learned a lot about the job. I find the more I learn about it the more humble I become. Yet, mixed with that humility is a pride -- not in myself, but in our great country.

One of his statutory duties of the secretary of state is to be the custodian of the Great Seal of the United States. We're all pretty familiar with the great eagle holding the olive branches -- but also holding the arrows. There's reverse side to that seal, however, that interests me. And on it is an unfinished pyramid. And on the bottom, a Latin inscription which means, "A new order of the ages." It's dated 1776.

To me this expresses our forefathers' conviction that our country offers something new. Our Constitution, our democracy is a new order of human activity. And the unfinished pyramid is a symbol of strength and it's a symbol of continuity.

America rests on the broadest possible base which, of course, is the contribution of every American. But the work of America -- to perfect our society, to strengthen and extend freedom -- is really never finished.

So, as I stand here today -- very grateful to you, Mr. President -- I recognize that we are entering a new era of