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WASHINGTON

January 31, 1989

BRIEFING FOR THE
NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 1989
TIME: 11:00 AM
LOCATION: SHERATON WASHINGTON

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
FROM: DOUG WEAD

I. PURPOSE

To address the National Religious Broadcasters at their 46th annual convention, and show your thanks for the support of conservative religious groups during the election campaign.

II. BACKGROUND

This event has 4000 registered delegates, including owners of religious television and radio stations and network ministries. Although it includes Catholic and other traditional Christian denominations, the single most important common denominator is the evangelicals.

Evangelicals favored you by an estimated 81% in the election. One third of your total popular vote identified themselves as "born again."

At the last visit to the NRB, you misstated the reference to the popular verse of John 3:16 and it was used by your political opponents.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Billy Graham
Jerry Rose, President of the NRB
Ben Armstrong, Executive Director NRB
Jerry Falwell
Other members of the NRB Executive staff.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See personal trip schedule

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DATE: 1/30/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00 pm today

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

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REMARKS: Please provide your comments directly to Chris Winston (x2930) by 3:00 this afternoon, with an info copy to my office.
Thanks.

Comments throughout.

RESPONSE: SMB

James W. Cicconi
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~~Many of the changes in broadcasting have been very positive, but there are other trends that cause concern. Today, a lot of people are wondering what's happened to standards of decency in broadcasting. Many things that would have raised an outcry a decade ago, pass almost unnoticed today.~~

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I must tell you, that service was a very moving occasion for Barbara and me and the whole family. It is a humbling thought to know that, God entrusts people - mere human beings with the stewardship of this planet. He still has confidence that somehow with His help - we can find our way...We can still learn and we can still improve.

I thought it was very appropriate that one of the scripture readings that morning was from the book of Genesis: We are embarking on a new administration. This is our time of genesis.

What will be the hopes and prayers of this administration? What will we say and do? What will our story be?

✓ The scriptures say, that God has made us in His own image and it is true that in some finite way, we have been given the opportunity to create. We can create peace or war, we can create prosperity or poverty.

Like most Americans, I believe that we must strive to continue our economic growth, and to see that its benefits reach more and more of our people. We must never stop working until there are homes for the homeless, jobs for the jobless, and hope for those

Like most Americans, I long for continued peace with our neighbors and better relationships with our rivals around the world.

But I hope for more than that - that our chance is not only to improve upon the status quo, but to set a higher standard - a higher purpose for our country. That higher purpose is ~~not about a higher quantity of life rather it ultimately represents~~ ^{about} a higher quality of life. 7

Teddy Roosevelt often talked about "getting into the arena", about taking the risk of doing something and not just standing on the sidelines.

There is a wonderful proverb in the Bible - Billy Graham says that if you read one proverb a day you can read through the whole book in a month. Not a bad practice for any of us to follow - well, there is this wonderful proverb, it says, "where there are no oxen, the stable is clean, but there is no profit in an empty stable."

Critics are sometimes very impressive people. Their stables are so clean. But to improve to the lot of others requires action, and action requires risk and the people who take risks will make mistakes along

the way. Their stables may be cluttered. But with risk

comes reward. And our country was forwarded by men and women who took risk.

When I spoke to you several years ago, I talked about the need of ethics. I talked about the problems and controversies and scandals that had come to Wall Street and to government; no institution has been immune, before or since.

I've talked these last two weeks about service, and particularly about ethics. Some would want me to use this occasion to preach at you, as well. But I must say that I commend the action you are taking to look inward, to set standards and rules of accountability - for freedom carries with it the demands of responsibility.

I am not a judge. I am a servant of the people and of God - like so many of you.

My message is to thank you for the good you are doing - to tell you to keep going, to not let the mistakes and the setbacks distract you from the good work that so many of you have done.

If your schools were to close, and if your church-financed retirement homes were to shut down - If your soup kitchens on the skid rows were to shut their doors. How could government step in to replace you?

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There isn't enough money - There aren't enough people.
You are needed. You have answered a noble calling.

Thanks to you, and the hard work of others, we may be close to an historic decision for life, an end to the millions of abortions.

And how can any of us rest until little school children have the same right that our own Senators and Congressmen have. the right to begin their day with a moment of silent prayer ?

When I see Mother Angelica here with her television network to the Catholics - when I see my friend Reverend Graham - and his eloquent call for commitment - and when I think of the work of the great evangelical denominations - I am convinced more than ever of the merit of your work. This is a time for coming together - pulling together. That's why I need your help.

To you and all Americans, join the process. Put aside your fears of each other. Put aside the stereotypes. Leave religious intolerance behind and its snarling cohort racism, too.

You, the members of the National Religious Broadcasters, with all of your television and radio stations and your many programs can play such an

important role to engender a new generation, with

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a common sense value of telling right from wrong, free from fears and biases. These new lives are, themselves, pages to write on.

Our Lord clearly said in Matthew chapter 5, verse 23, "Therefore, if you bring your gift to your altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.."

I hope that together we can create an atmosphere of caring. We are all very familiar with the love chapter, First Corinthians, 13. It is one of my favorites. It teaches that love has to be more than talk, it has to be action. We all have often heard the admonition - "Faith without works is dead."

So remember, each act of caring is a victory for us all. One person's triumph is an inspiration to everyone else.

There is a verse of scripture in Matthew 12 that talks about our Lord. It says, "he will not crush the weak or quench the smallest hope." (Matthew 12:20)

....This morning, someone's child is ill.

....There is an old woman somewhere whose friends and

disoriented. There is despair.

Can we as a people re-discover the promise that is America, the hope that brought millions of poor immigrants to our shores and with their dreams, and the dreams of those who came before them, who built this mighty nation.

I believe that we can.

We must not bow before cancer, or bow before poverty or loneliness. God has created us in his own image and as Paul has written, "He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." We must never give up.

These are the thoughts I would like to see us write on the empty pages that God has given this new administration. And with your support and patience, and above all with your prayers, this could be the genesis for our new administration.

Chris

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1/25/89

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Demarest

FROM: JOSEPH W. HAGIN

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

EVENT: Address National Association of Religious Broadcasters

DATE: February 1, 1989

TIME: 11:00 am

DURATION: 30 Minutes

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington

ATTIRE: Business Suit

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Open

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

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