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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 22, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT ANCHORAGE WELCOME

Elmendorf Air Force Base
Anchorage, Alaska

9:47 A.M. (L)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very, very much. Thank you very much, Governor Steve Cowper, and Senator Murkowski; my friend, Congressman Don Young; and Lt. General McInerney; and all the citizens of Alaska; all the men and women of the Armed Forces in Alaska -- thank you for this wonderful turnout. (Applause.)

As I climbed off the airplane, I was thinking of the Inaugural Address of President Harrison, William Henry Harrison. I believe it was he who spoke for three and a half hours, or close to it, caught pneumonia, and died some 30 days later. (Laughter.) I will be brief. (Laughter.)

But I am pleased to have this opportunity, however brief, to speak here at Elmendorf to the members of our Armed Forces, their families, and to the people of this great state.

I also want to wish a belated but nevertheless happy birthday to Alaska, this "great land." What you have accomplished in your 30 years of statehood is something all Alaskans can be proud of. I thank all of you again for this very warm greeting here at Elmendorf.

Elmendorf has long served as the departure point for presidents en route to the Far East. And I want it to serve as an arrival point for a President to come fishing in this great state, but nevertheless -- (applause.) But as I make my first journey to Asia as President of the United States, I'm especially pleased to draw on this fantastic support and your obvious good wishes.

My only regret is that I will not have an opportunity, at least on this trip, to see Alaska in all its glory. After all, there's nothing quite like the "Fur Rondy."

I know that it's been a bitter winter -- even by Alaskan standards. As one Alaskan put it, "It's not too bad at 45 below, but 60 below takes it out of a fellow."

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In the minds of most Americans, Alaska is our last frontier -- vast, untamed, with plenty of room for opportunity and optimism. And at the same time, Alaska is a vital source of energy for the nation as a whole.

Alaska's abundant resources -- in all their diversity -- are, indeed, a sacred trust. But I am convinced that our natural resources can be developed without spoiling our environment. The plan to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge meets these twin objectives. (Applause.) And I know, as a businessman formerly and now as President of the United States that we can and must develop our energy resources for the sake of economic development and particularly for the sake of the national security of the United States. There is no dependence -- (applause) -- there is too much dependence on foreign oil as it is. And as a sportsman, though, with a love and respect for our country's unparalleled natural beauty, I could never support development that failed to provide adequate safeguards for land and wildlife.

And Alaska, so rich in resources, also serves as the gateway to Asia. Let me speak for a moment about this trip I'm about to embark on, our trip to the Far East. I'm here on my way to Japan for the funeral of the late Emperor; it was here, as General McInerney reminded us -- here at Elmendorf in Hangar 5 -- that he became the first Emperor of Japan's long history to set foot outside his homeland 18 years ago.

Alaskans understand that America is as much a Pacific nation as it is an Atlantic one -- and that the Pacific region is of great and growing importance in international affairs. The timing of my trip is dictated by the passing of the Japanese Emperor, to whom I and other heads of government will pay our final respects. It is, as well, a measure of our respect for a valued ally and a fellow democracy that I make this trip. In China then I hope to build on the friendly, stable and enduring relationship that now exists. This will be my fifth trip back since Barbara and I left there in 1975, and her sixth trip back to China since we left in that long ago. And there's something more than symbolism. That relationship is fundamental in any foreign policy equation of the United States. We don't want to take our friends for granted, be they Japan, be they China, be they Korean, as we wrestle with the problems that face our new Secretary of State and General Scowcroft, who's here with me today, and this President.

We wrestle with the troubled areas of the Middle East, the East-West relations, what's going to happen in Europe, what do we -- how do we handle matters south of the Rio Grande -- these are important policy decisions we'll be facing, important areas. But we don't ever want to neglect our friends. And, yes, things in the Pacific seem to be going reasonably well, but we are a Pacific power and this visit will demonstrate that we tend to stay a Pacific power. (Applause.)

reward is great: the respect and the gratitude of your country.

And make no mistake about the importance of your task. Alaska's strategic position -- at the point where the Far East and the Western Hemisphere and the Arctic meet -- is proof enough that the missions you perform here are vital to our national security.

You're the forward edge, the cutting edge, if you will, of our national defense. And we rely on you to keep the watch and to hold the line.

And your dedication and your vigilance and your sense of duty help our nation remain safe and secure. As your Commander-in-Chief, I salute you. And rest assured that I will do everything in my power to see that the United States continues to prosper, continues to remain strong, continues to remain free and at peace.

(Applause.) Thank you all each and every one, and God bless you.

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10:00 A.M. (L)

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

2/20/89

DATE: _____ ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
FEBRUARY 22, 1989

SUBJECT: _____

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

(McGrarty)
February 20, 1989 6:40
6:00pm
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But from what I've heard, any battle between Alaskans and the elements is no contest: the cold is no match for the vibrant sense of community that all Alaskans share. We often think of frontier values as being summed up in the phrase "rugged individualism." Now, I'm sure Alaskans possess plenty of both. But the real frontier creed, as all of you know, is community. That's the key. Whether it's the Alaskan native, or the families whose forebears came here generations ago, or the last-arriving newcomer from the "lower forty-eight," you stand ready to welcome all into the family of Alaskans.

Adverse conditions bring out the best in Alaskans. When the temperature drops, you close ranks, pull together, and pitch in. That's the American spirit at its best, and it is an inspiration to us all.

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Thank you.

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REMARKS: Please forward any comments/recommendations to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, by NOON, Monday, February 20, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Sorry for the short turnaround. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

(McGroarty)
February 18, 1989
5:30pm
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Thank you.

Memorandum for General Scowcroft

From: Chriss Winston CW
Deputy Assistant to the President for Communications

Re: Alaskan speech

Date: February 21, 1989

I've attached comments which Senator Stevens' office has requested be added to the President's remarks at Elmendorf Airforce Base tomorrow. These additions were received by my office after the President had approved the draft which you have also seen.

Because the comments are of a policy nature, I forward them to you to raise with the President if you see fit. The comments have been placed on cards and numbered to facilitate inclusion in the speech at an appropriate place.

We did not make any promises about including the comments because they were received so late. Your call.

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IN THE UPCOMING YEAR, THE ALASKA COMMAND WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND. WITH THIS CHANGE, ALASKA WILL TAKE ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE MAINSTREAM IN THE LARGEST U.S. THEATER COMMAND -- REACHING FROM THE NORTH SLOPE OF ALASKA TO THE PERSIAN GULF. THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF SENATORS STEVENS AND MURKOWSKI, ALASKA'S INTERESTS HAVE BEEN PROTECTED AND HER HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO U.S. INTERESTS IN THE PACIFIC REGION HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AND ENHANCED.

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REST ASSURED THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO SEE THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO PROSPER, AND REMAINS FREE AND AT PEACE.

THANK YOU.

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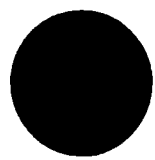
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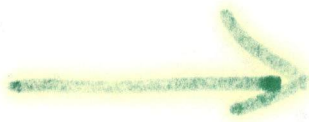
RESPONSE: February 21, 1989

TO: Chriss Winston
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Brent Scowcroft
cc James W. Cicconi

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FROM: Chriss Winston *cu*
RE: Alaska Speech

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Richard Nixon, 1971

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NOTE: The statement was released at Anchorage, Alaska.

309 Remarks of Welcome to Emperor Hirohito of Japan at Anchorage, Alaska. September 26, 1971

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Just 50 years ago, Your Majesty became the first Crown Prince of Japan to travel to a foreign country. Tonight Your Majesty becomes the first reigning monarch of Japan in your long history to step on foreign soil.

Your journey symbolizes Japan's growing position in world affairs. We meet in Anchorage, Alaska, a place which is approximately the same distance between Tokyo and Washington, D.C. And this fact reminds us that for the past quarter century that we have built a structure of political, economic, and cultural ties which spans the space between our two countries. And may this historic meeting, the first meeting in history between the Emperor of Japan and the President of the United States, demonstrate for all the years to come the determination of our two great peoples to work together in friendship for peace and prosperity for the Pacific and for all people in the world.

Your Majesties, we are most proud and happy to have you on American soil and, as you go on your journey, our thoughts and our prayers go with you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 10:12 p.m. at Elmendorf Air Force Base where Emperor Hirohito was given a formal welcome with full military honors.

The Emperor spoke in Japanese. His remarks were translated by an interpreter as follows:

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I thank you very much, Mr. President, for your cordial words of welcome. I am deeply moved by your presence here with Mrs. Nixon. You have come over a long way to meet us personally on the occasion of our stopover here on our way to seven European countries.

When you are so pressed with matters of state, I highly appreciate it as a manifestation of your very special good will and interest for the Japanese people and ourselves. Together with the Japanese people, I constantly raise to heart that all the Presidents of the United States, and her Government and people, have given us unstinted assistance, materially and morally, after the end of the war, in the restoration and building up of our country. I take this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude for it.

I have no doubt whatever that the friendly relations between our two countries, cultivated during the past quarter of a century, will be increasingly strengthened by close contact and cooperation between our Governments and peoples.

I thank you again, Mr. President, for your kindness and extend my best wishes for the prosperity of the United States of America. Thank you.

Those words express the hope which unites our peoples—and people everywhere. I know your journey will provide an eloquent expression of that hope. As

you continue that journey, our best wishes will go with you.

NOTE: The statement was released at Anchorage, Alaska.

311 Remarks at a 75th Birthday Celebration Dinner Honoring Mamie Doud Eisenhower. September 27, 1971

I KNOW that at this particular moment that everybody is rather waiting for somebody to leave. And since I understand nobody can leave apparently until we leave, I didn't want this opportunity to pass without speaking for all of this audience to thank those who have entertained us tonight so wonderfully.

I was trying, of course, to get my speech ready, but Julie wrote it, and the alphabet just was too difficult. And so, I will ad lib this one or "wing it" as they say.

First, to the women in radio and television, this is a great night for all of you. We are, all of us, I think, appreciative of the fact that you have honored Mrs. Eisenhower in a way that I know the General would particularly appreciate. And I think all of us who are your guests want to congratulate those who have built a great profession in the field of radio and television, the women in radio and television. To all of you our congratulations and our thanks.

Second, to those who have participated in the program, they are all here on the stage, but let me say that I came with Mrs. Nixon farther than anybody else, 5,000 miles. I just love to come and see some celebrities, believe me. [Laughter]

I think all of us collectively want to recognize Ray Bolger, Ethel Merman,

"Private" [Red] Skelton, and, of course, Lawrence Welk. Let's give them all a hand now.

And the great Cadet chorus [West Point Glee Club].

And as soon as they are released from the service, Lawrence Welk's orchestra.¹

And then just one thought for Mrs. Eisenhower. I think, first, on a serious note that the General perhaps would have most deeply appreciated the fact that she was honored in this way with the scholarship fund for Eisenhower College to go to all of the 50 States and that this will play a great part in providing that.

And second, to think of something that would be appropriate to say about her. It was said so eloquently in the presentation of the Military Wife of the Century,² I think perhaps I could put it in somewhat of a different context, and even an almost personal one in this sense.

We often think of men in battle—whether it is in the battle of war or the battles of peace, in the battles of politics,

¹ The President was referring to the Marine Band, under the direction of Lawrence Welk.

² The Military Wife of the Century Award was presented to Mrs. Eisenhower at the dinner by Alfred J. Stokely, president, Stokely-Van Camp, Inc., as part of the annual Military Wife of the Year awards program, a worldwide effort to honor wives of servicemen who are active in volunteer work.

310 Statement About the Meeting With Emperor Hirohito of Japan. *September 26, 1971*

IT IS a very special honor for me—on behalf of the American people—to extend our warmest welcome to Your Majesties as you arrive in our country.

We understand that on your departure from Tokyo you received a magnificent farewell tribute from the people of Japan. As you make the first stop on this momentous journey, the people of the United States want to add their voices to that tribute—along with our best wishes for your further travels.

It was exactly 50 years ago this year, in 1921, that Your Majesty became the first Crown Prince in the long history of Japan to travel in a foreign country. Now, at this moment, just one-half century later, you become the first Japanese reigning monarch to step on foreign soil.

This journey also has great contemporary significance. For it helps to symbolize Japan's growing position in world affairs. This is true, of course, in the economic sphere, where Japan has developed one of the world's fastest growing and most dynamic economies. It is true in the political sphere, where Japan has been increasingly active in international councils which are helping to shape the future of Asia—and of our entire planet. And it is true, also, in the cultural sphere, where Japanese art and literature and music and science have won growing acclaim throughout the world.

When the Japanese novelist Kawabata received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1968, the citation praised him for building "a spiritual bridge spanning between East

and West." Those same words can be used to describe Japan's accomplishments in many other fields. For in a wide variety of ways, the Japanese people have been helping to bring the East and the West into closer communication. Your Majesties' journey represents another significant step in that important process.

Our visit this evening also symbolizes the friendship between Japan and the United States.

We meet this evening in a part of the United States which is approximately the same distance from Tokyo as it is from our own capital in Washington, D.C. This fact reminds us that our two countries are not only friends but neighbors as well, separated by an ocean which grows smaller every day.

Finally, let me speak of this meeting in personal terms. For I am most grateful for this opportunity to reciprocate in some measure the gracious hospitality I received during my visit to Japan as Vice President in 1953. I was honored when that visit was accorded the status of a state visit—and I was particularly honored when I was granted the first audience that Your Majesty granted to any state visitor in the postwar period. I have looked forward to the day when I could welcome Your Majesties in this country, and I am pleased that that day has now arrived.

A year ago, the great exposition at Osaka caught the imagination of the entire world. The theme of that exposition was this: "Progress and Harmony for All Mankind."

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Hirohito's Journey to U.S. Ends an Ancient Tradition

By RICHARD HALLORAN

Special to The New York Times

TOKYO, Monday, Sept. 27—Emperor Hirohito broke with 2,600 years of tradition this morning when he left by airliner for an unprecedented meeting with President Nixon in Alaska and a sentimental goodwill tour of Europe.

Since the days of the legendary Emperor Jimmu, the first monarch of the world's oldest surviving imperial dynasty, no Japanese emperor had ever been out of his native land. Nor had any Japanese emperor ever met with a President of the United States.

The journey, which has been years in the planning, is intended to symbolize Japan's re-emergence as a major power and reflects this nation's growing confidence in its economic and political strength and its desire for a recognition of that abroad.

Diplomats Turn Out

Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko, Premier Eisaku Sato and his Cabinet, the diplomatic corps of the countries the 70-year-old Emperor will visit, and other dignitaries were at Haneda International Airport to see the Emperor off. The departure ceremony was short and simple, without traditional court protocol or etiquette.

But all 34 members of the entourage went to the Inner Shrine of the Imperial Palace several days ago for a Shinto ritual in which they asked the blessing of the imperial ancestors for a safe journey.

After his arrival at the air-

port this morning, the Emperor walked in his shuffling, hesitant gait past the assembled dignitaries, returning their bows while a crowd of carefully screened people lined the spectators' platform waving small Japanese flags.

Then the Emperor, who was dressed in a conservative business suit, mounted a low, red-carpeted platform and stood stiffly beside Empress Nagako, who was dressed in a coat of tiny blue and white checks and wore a white hat, while a band played the haunting strains of the national anthem, Kimigayo.

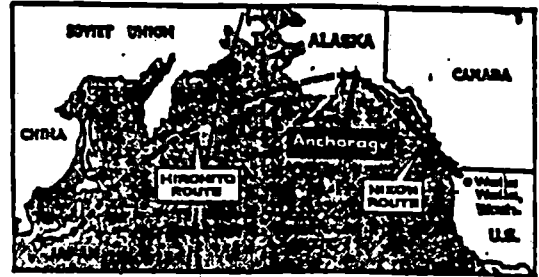
Sato Delivers Farewell

Afterward, Premier Sato addressed their majesties, saying that their trip would be "very significant" in terms of friendly relations between Japan and each of the nations they will visit.

"We Japanese are very happy about this," he said. "We pray for their safety during the trip and we are looking forward to their return in good health."

The Emperor replied briefly, noting that "the impressions I gained in various countries when I made a European tour as crown prince 50 years ago still remain in my memory. I believe it is meaningful that I take this opportunity to see that once again and to refresh my knowledge."

The Emperor and Empress then climbed the steps to the door of the chartered Japan Airlines jet, turned to wave and acknowledged the cries of



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"Banzai." At 9:32 A.M., their plane lifted off and headed for Anchorage.

Plans of radical leftists that threatened last night to disrupt the Emperor's departure failed to materialize and a typhoon moving up the east coast veered out to sea, leaving the day sunny and hazy. About 4,000 policemen kept the radicals in check, arresting about 40 who were armed with iron pipes.

Yesterday about 1,000 radicals held two rallies to plan demonstrations at the airport while others distributed leaflets in downtown Tokyo. The police disclosed that they had seized 15 fire bombs that they suspected were intended for the airport demonstrations.

Four white-helmeted youths stormed into the Imperial Palace grounds in central Tokyo Saturday and managed to throw smoke bombs before being subdued by guards. The protest against the Emperor's trip, the first such intrusion into the palace grounds, received scant attention in the Japanese press.

Although the Emperor's trip includes some historic firsts, he has met Mr. Nixon before and has been to Europe. In 1921, when he was Crown Prince he went to Europe on a battleship.

In November, 1953, when Mr. Nixon was Vice President, he was a guest of the Emperor at the Imperial Palace during a tour of Asia as President Dwight D. Eisenhower's representative.

The Emperor, according to his court chamberlains, is looking forward to the trip with some nostalgia because he regards his six-month journey 50 years ago as one of the highlights of his life.

Included in his present schedule is a meeting with the Duke of Windsor, who was among his hosts in 1921.

In Europe, the imperial entourage is scheduled to visit Denmark, Belgium, France, Britain, the Netherlands, Switzerland and West Germany on a journey that will cost the equivalent of \$564,000.

The schedule, which calls for a return to Japan on Oct. 14, has been so meticulously planned that the shy, retiring Emperor complained mildly to Japanese newsmen that it was too tight.

There have been reports from Europe of possible demonstrations, particularly in the Netherlands. People who suffered at the hands of the Japanese in the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia, during World War II were said to resent the invitation.

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LENDING A HAND: President Nixon helping Senator Mike Mansfield, left, and Representative Richard G. Shoup pull rope that released concrete into forms at Libby Dam, a \$400-million public works project near Kallispell, Mont.

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ROGERS TIES ISSUE OF SOVIET SPY TO EUROPEAL

Moscow Says British In Anti-Russian Hysteria Block Easing of Tension

By TAD SZULC

Special to The New York Times
UNITED NATIONS, N. Sept. 25—Secretary of State William P. Rogers warned today that the scope of Soviet espionage in the West "is likely to be a factor" in the Atlantic alliance's decision whether to agree to a European security conference proposed by the Warsaw Pact.

Mr. Rogers, who spoke to newsmen after a courtesy visit to the United Nations, appeared to be going a step beyond noting the British Government's statement that Soviet espionage activities in Britain must be halted before the preparation of a security conference. European security begins.

The Soviet Union traditionally called the British expulsion an attempt to whip up Soviet hysteria and thus the movement toward a reduction of tensions in Europe.

In the first public conference in the Soviet media, the Soviet Press agency, discredited the British charges against Soviet diplomats, trade mission officials and other Soviet representatives as a "fabricated, deliberately false accusation." [Details on Page 14.]

Impact Considered

While the Rogers statement was confined to Soviet hysteria in Britain—it was related to yesterday's order for the suspension of 90 Soviet officials from the ban on re-entry of 15—the Secretary was prepared to be relating the European conference to the cessation of Moscow's espionage in the West in general, including the United States and Canada.

Asked about a possible adverse impact of the espionage disclosures on the chance of a European conference, other East-West moves to a détente, Mr. Rogers said he thought it was going to be a matter of course.

"Obviously the view of the United Kingdom will be an important view," he said.

In London, British officials were reported to be a bit about a possible breakthrough in diplomatic and trade relations with the Soviet Union and a possible Soviet retaliation against Britain's diplom-

TO OUR READERS

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MEDICAID FRAUD LAID TO CARRIERS

Losses From False Charges for Driving Disabled Poor Said to Be 'Millions'

By PETER KHSS

Commissioner of Investigation Robert K. Ruskin said yesterday that "the city may have been defrauded out of millions of dollars" by some transportation companies in the Medicaid program for the sick poor.

The companies take disabled poor persons from their homes to outpatient clinics and sometimes to physicians' offices when they are unable to use public transportation.

First Deputy Health Commissioner Lowell E. Bellin, whose office first discovered the apparent frauds, said the city had been charged for repeated round trips on behalf of persons who had been "dead for months."

Estimate Based on Trend

Other cases, Dr. Bellin said, included billings for round trips for persons who were dead on arrival at a hospital, round trips for persons who were actually bed patients in hospitals or who were never treated, 10 or 15 trips for patients who actually had only three or four journeys,

2 Views of Attica Legacy: 'Repression' and 'Terror'

By FRED FERRETTI

Prisoners in the cells and yards of New York's state prisons say overt repression has been the overriding consequence of the inmate rebellion at Attica two weeks ago. Guards on the other side of cell bars say they now work in an atmosphere of near-terror that abates only when they lock inmates in their cells.

Prisoners talk of beatings and censorship, of constant confinement and loss of privileges. Guards talk of strikes, of swift retaliation if inmates rebel, of new riot-control weapons.

Superintendents of the state's prisons talk of creating a "maximum-maximum" security facility for the "handful" of politically radical militants and belligerents" who are, in their view, undermining the prison system. Virtually no one uses the words "correctional facilities," the euphemism for state prisons today.

Findings Are Detailed

By WALLACE TURNER

Special to The New York Times

POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN, Utah, Sept. 25—L. E. Birchell is 58 years old, and he has spent most of his adult life locked up with convicted criminals. "In my 21 years here," he says, "you might say that I've done a seven-year stretch on eight-hour shifts."

He is captain of the guard at the Utah State Penitentiary here 25 miles south of Salt Lake City. In his time he has done most of the jobs in the prison.

He has spent the long, lonely, boring hours in the gun towers. He has walked through the crowds of prisoners in the yard, his tall, straight figure looming above the crowd in denim. Once he steadied a man's arm to hold him erect so he would fall straight and his neck be snapped in a hanging.

Mr. Birchell is not a typical

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NIXON BEGINS TRIP TO MEET HIROHITO

Political Visits to 3 States Set on Way to Alaska—Confers on Dock Strike

By ROBERT B. SEMPLE Jr.

Special to The New York Times

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 25—President Nixon embarked today on an elaborate 4,260-mile trip to Alaska to confer for 50 minutes tomorrow night with Emperor Hirohito of Japan, an essentially symbolic gesture that Mr. Nixon clearly hopes will ease some tensions in Japanese-American relations.

Combining politics with diplomacy, Mr. Nixon also planned to stop in three states that he had not visited during his Presidency—Montana, Oregon and Washington—before arriving in Anchorage.

In Portland, Mr. Nixon met with representatives of both sides in the West Coast dock strike and said that they had agreed to try to settle the dispute by the end of next week. [Details on Page 5.]

Relations with Japan are thought to have fallen to the lowest point since World War II. The Japanese were surprised

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NIXON BEGINS TRIP TO MEET HIROHITO

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and shocked by Mr. Nixon's announcement of his projected visit to Peking and his equally dramatic announcement in August of a new economic strategy to improve the United States' competitive position in international trading. Mr. Nixon's economic program included a 10 per cent surcharge on imports as well as steps to force a revaluation of foreign currencies, including the yen. The Japanese have complained bitterly about both measures.

Accordingly, Mr. Nixon's meeting with the Emperor, a revered figure to his countrymen, is seen as an effort to reassure the Japanese of Mr. Nixon's desire to maintain friendly relations over the long term and to dramatize anew his long-held belief that peace in the Pacific will be impossible without Japan's continued cooperation.

The President arrived in Portland late this afternoon and, during a question-and-answer session with a group of editors, touched on a variety of other foreign issues:

¶He said it would be presumptuous of him to say he knew what was happening in China at this time, but said that plans were proceeding for his visit to the People's Republic. He added that he expected to meet with both Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the People's Republic, and Premier Chou en-lai.

¶He asserted that the United States had not fallen behind the Soviet Union in nuclear strength. In terms of strategic missiles, he said, there was basically a balance and that neither side would dare risk a preemptive attack. Accordingly, he said, he believed the prospects for an agreement limiting strategic arms were good.

He said his goals in Vietnam were still to prevent a Communist take-over and to obtain the release of prisoners of war, as the American withdrawal continues. But he warned that a more "precipitate" withdrawal urged by some of his Senate critics would mean that "everything we fought for would be lost."

On the Middle East, the President said the United States continued to support a cease-fire and that it would do whatever was necessary "week to week" to see that the balance of power in the Middle East was not upset. But he stressed that maintaining the balance of power was not in itself a policy for peace. That, he said, is why the United States continues to press for a permanent settlement.

Hirohito's trip to Anchorage is historic in at least two respects. It represents the first time that a Japanese Emperor has ventured outside his own country, and also represents the first meeting between an American President and a Japanese Emperor.

In what may be an interesting sidelight to his trip, Mr. Nixon will attend a reception to be given by Walter J. Hickel, whom he has not seen since he

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Mr. Hickel, the former Secretary of the Interior and an Alaskan, is the author of a recent book that is anything but flattering to the Nixon Administration.

The Presidential jet and a chartered plane with 93 correspondents, photographers and technicians touched down first at Kallpell, a tiny Montana town.

Accompanied by Senator Mike Mansfield, Democrat of Montana, who is the Senate majority leader, the President and his party left by helicopter for a tour of Libby Dam, a giant \$400-million flood-control and hydroelectric project scheduled for completion in 1976.

It seemed clear that Mr. Nixon would not have made an 8,000-mile journey to Anchorage and back just to see Mr. Hickel and that the centerpiece of his mission would be his brief discussion with the Emperor at Elmendorf Air Force Base on Sunday night. His motives were therefore seen as being as much diplomatic as political.

Steps Toward Peace

In brief remarks to some 500 persons at the airfield in Kallspell, Mr. Nixon alluded only briefly to the meeting with Emperor Hirohito.

However, he described the Emperor's visit—as well as his own prospective trip to China sometime next year—as steps toward achieving what he called "a whole generation of peace."

He said further that peace could be achieved only by "negotiation" rather than "confrontation," and that his talks with Emperor Hirohito and Chinese leaders should be regarded as part of this essential negotiating process.

After the tour in Montana, Mr. Nixon flew to Portland, where he was to spend the night after speaking at regional briefing for editors on the Administration's domestic legislative program.

The meeting between Mr. Nixon and Mr. Hickel, their first personal contact since Mr. Hickel's abrupt departure from Washington last year, is to take place at a reception tomorrow evening in the President's honor arranged by Mr. Hickel after elaborate consultations with White House aides and Cabinet members, who acted as intermediaries. Between 150 and 200 persons are to attend the reception at Mr. Hickel's 18-room house in Anchorage.

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments/recommendations to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, by NOON, Monday, February 20, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Sorry for the short turnaround. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

see note on page 1
Gordon White

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 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
 Ext. 2702

Stevens will be in D.C.

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February 18, 1989
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REMARKS: ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
FEBRUARY 22, 1989

Senators ~~Stevens~~ and Murkowski, Congressman Young, Governor Cowper, Mayor Fink: I am pleased to have this opportunity, however brief, to speak here at Elmendorf, to members of our Armed Forces and their families, and to the people of Anchorage.

I also want to wish a belated but nevertheless happy birthday to Alaska, this "great land." What you have accomplished in your thirty years of statehood is something all Alaskans can be proud of.

I thank all of you for this very warm greeting. Elmendorf has long served as the departure point for Presidents en route to the Far East. As I make my first journey to the Pacific as President, I am especially pleased to draw on your support and your good wishes. I wish only that I could have had the opportunity to make a longer stay, and see Alaska in all its glory. After all, there's nothing quite like the "Fur Rondy."

I know that this year, it has been a bitter winter -- even by Alaskan standards. As one Alaskan put it, "It's not too bad at forty-five below, but sixty below takes it out of you."

I'll take his word for it.

But from what I've heard, any battle between Alaskans and the elements is no contest: the cold is no match for the vibrant sense of community that all Alaskans share. We often think of frontier values as being summed up in the phrase "rugged individualism." Now, I'm sure Alaskans possess plenty of both. But the real frontier creed, as all of you know, is community. That's the key. Whether it's the Alaskan native, or the families whose forebears came here generations ago, or the last-arriving newcomer from the "lower forty-eight," you stand ready to welcome all into the family of fellow Alaskans.

Adverse conditions bring out your best. When the temperature drops, Alaskans close ranks, pull together, and pitch in. That's the American spirit at its best, and it is an inspiration to us all.

In the minds of most Americans, Alaska is our last frontier -- vast, untamed, with plenty of room for opportunity and optimism. At the same time, Alaska is a vital source of energy for the nation as a whole.

Alaska's abundant resources -- in all their diversity -- are a sacred trust. I am convinced that our natural resources can be developed without spoiling our environment. The plan to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge meets these twin objectives. As a businessman, I know that we can and must develop our energy resources for the sake of economic development, and national security. As a sportsman, with a love and respect for this country's unparalleled natural beauty, I could never support development that failed to provide adequate safeguards for land and wildlife.

Alaska, so rich in resources, also serves as the American gateway to Asia. Let me speak for a moment about what I hope to achieve on the trip to the Far East I am now beginning. I am here on my way to Japan for the funeral of Emperor Hirohito; it was here -- at Hangar 5 at Elmendorf -- that the Emperor, for the first time in Japan's long history, first set foot outside his homeland, eighteen years ago.

Alaskans understand that America is as much a Pacific as it is an Atlantic nation -- and that the Pacific region is of great and growing importance in international affairs. The timing of my trip is dictated by a sad event, the passing of the Japanese Emperor, to whom I and other heads of government will pay our final respects. It is, as well, a measure of our respect for a valued ally and fellow democracy that I make this trip. In China -- a nation whose path I have long found fascinating -- I hope to

build on the friendly, stable and enduring relationship that now exists. In Korea, I'll meet with leaders of a nation that is rapidly joining the ranks of the world's first-tier economies, and one where democratic institutions are gaining strength each day. At each stop, I aim to strengthen key relationships with our friends and partners in the Pacific region.

Finally, a word of thanks to the Airmen and their families who serve here at Elmendorf, and the soldiers and their families who are here today from "Fort Rich." Your service and sacrifice deserve special notice. Your duty is demanding, but the reward is great: the respect and gratitude of your country.

And make no mistake about the importance of your task. Alaska's strategic position -- at the point where the Far East, the Western Hemisphere and the Arctic meet, is proof enough that the missions you perform here are vital to our national security.

You are the forward edge of our national defense. We rely on you to keep the watch, to hold the line. As that famed fighter pilot Billy Mitchell said, "He who holds Alaska will hold the world."

Your dedication, your vigilance, your sense of duty help our nation remain safe and secure. As your Commander-in-Chief, as a veteran who served proudly in America's Armed Forces, I salute you. Rest assured that I will do everything in my power to see

that the United States continues to prosper, and remains free and at peace.

Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: NELSON LUND *NL*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Elmendorf Air
Force Base

At the request of James W. Cicconi, Counsel's Office has reviewed the captioned remarks. We have no objections.

We appreciate the opportunity to review these remarks.

Attachment

cc: James W. Cicconi

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Senator Stevens
Addition

ALASKA COPY

MASTER DOCUMENTS FOR THE ASIA TRIP

FEBRUARY 22 - 27, 1989

ALASKA - REMARKS:

ALASKA=PRESS
ALASKA1=CARDS
STEVENS=SENATOR STEVENS ADDITION

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MITT=PRESS
MITTTCARD=CARDS

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CHINA - WELCOME TOAST(#1):

ACHINA3=PRESS
ACHINA4=CARDS

CHINA - LUNCHEON TOAST(#2): * NOT USING *

LCHINA=TEXT * NOT A PRESS EVENT, NO PRESS TEXT PREPARED *
* * NO CARDS * *

CHINA - EMBASSY: (ONLY TALKING POINTS)

TLK=TALKING POINTS
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BCHINA3=PRESS
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CHINA - CCTV INTERVIEW:

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KOREA - NAT. ASSEMBLY SPEECH:

KOREA=PRESS
KOREAC=CARDS

KOREA - BLUE HOUSE TOAST: (MAY NOT USE)

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February 21, 1989

9:35 am

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton

Re: Elmendorf and CCTV drafts

I still have some concerns about these drafts, as I related to you yesterday.

Elmendorf, p.2 para 2 I still question whether Hirohito's landing at Elmendorf was the first trip "outside his homeland" for any Japanese emperor. As I noted before, Korea and Manchuria were once occupied by the Japanese; not to mention the southern half of Sakhalin island, Okinawa, etc.

CCTV p.2, para 3 I will reiterate what I wrote yesterday. I think that the third sentence in this graf, however admirable the sentiment, is patronizing.

p.2 para 4 Again, as I noted yesterday, I am not sure that these are the key issues in US-Chinese relations.

p.2 para 6 As I suggested yesterday, I think that, given the alleged prevalence of female infanticide in China, that this is the wrong message. The President now has eleven grandchildren, far above the number the Chinese would normally allow. There are so many commonalities between China and the US; I would not choose one with this particular sensitivity.

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cc: Jim Cicconi
Roger Porter