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Office of the Press Secretary

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March 24, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE DISCOVER SHUTTLE ASTRONAUTS

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building

11:30 A.M. EST

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And I think Jim, like these gentlemen with me, show that America is a nation -- a family. And there are moments when we celebrate as a family would -- moments of remembrance and moments of pride. And last Saturday, nearly half a million people welcomed these gentlemen's return to Andrews -- Andrews -- Freudian slip -- (laughter) -- Edwards Air Force Base. And they were there to pay America's respects to your courage and to your enterprise.

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YOU KNOW, JIM WILL BE RETIRING APRIL 8. AND I WANT TO
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AND THERE ARE MOMENTS WHEN WE CELEBRATE, AS A FAMILY
WOULD: MOMENTS OF REMEMBERING, AND OF PRIDE.

LAST SATURDAY, NEARLY HALF A MILLION PEOPLE WELCOMED
YOUR RETURN TO EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. THEY WERE THERE TO
PAY AMERICA'S RESPECTS TO YOUR COURAGE AND YOUR
ENTERPRISE.

TODAY, WE, TOO, SALUTE THE STORY YOU HAVE WRITTEN.
YOU'VE SHOWN ONCE AGAIN THAT TEAMWORK WORKS.

IN A SENSE, YOUR TRIUMPH IS PERSONAL. AFTER ALL,
IT'S YOU WHO BRAVED THE ELEMENTS AND PERFORMED THE TASKS
WHICH MADE YOUR MISSION A SUCCESS.

BUT IN A LARGER SENSE, THE STORY OF DISCOVERY IS AS
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IT SAYS THAT, TO AMERICANS, NOTHING LIES BEYOND OUR REACH.
IT SPEAKS TO OUR CAPACITY TO DARE, AND TO DREAM THE
IMPOSSIBLE.

MY FRIENDS, THIS QUALITY HAS GRACED EVERY GREAT
MOMENT OF THE AMERICAN STORY. AND BY ENRICHING OUR LIVES,
AND OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES, IT CAN SHAPE AMERICA'S DREAMS OF
THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.

**ON THE FLIGHT OF DISCOVERY, YOU SHOWED, ANEW,
AMERICA'S GENIUS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.**


**BY CONDUCTING PROTEIN CRYSTAL GROWTH EXPERIMENTS, YOU
FURTHERED ADVANCEMENTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH. YOU USED AN
IMAX [I-MAX] CAMERA TO STUDY THIS PLANET'S ENVIRONMENTAL
DAMAGE. I HOPE THIS WILL LEAD TO REDUCING THE THREATS TO
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**AND YOU LAUNCHED A TDRS [TEE-DRESS] SATELLITE WHICH
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DATA FROM ALL OF OUR SCIENTIFIC SATELLITES TO EARTH.**

**IN SHORT, YOU SHOWED EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE GOING, AND
WHY. WE ARE EXPLORING THE NEW HORIZONS OF THIS NATION'S
TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE. FOR, AS AMERICANS, WE ARE DRIVEN,
ALWAYS, BY A RESTLESSNESS TO DO BETTER.**

THIS DESIRE LINKS THE GENERATIONS, AND HAS PUSHED BACK THE FRONTIERS OF RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION. FOR EVIDENCE, I POINT TO TWO STUDENTS HERE TODAY. THEY SHOW HOW TOMORROW'S TECHNOLOGICAL PROMISE LIES IN THE YOUTH OF TODAY.

JOHN VELLINGER WAS IN 9TH GRADE WHEN HE STARTED WORK ON AN EXPERIMENT, USING CHICKEN EMBRYOS, TO STUDY HOW TISSUES DEVELOP IN WEIGHTLESSNESS. LAST WEEK, HIS EXPERIMENT FLEW ON THE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY.



AND SO DID THE WORK OF ANDREW FRAS [FRAHS]. HIS EXPERIMENT STUDIED MICROGRAVITY'S EFFECT ON THE HEALING OF BONES.

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YOU KNOW, ADLAI STEVENSON ONCE SPOKE OF "THE AWFUL MAJESTY OF OUTER SPACE."



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AS WE DO, WE WILL HONOR THE SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY: THE SPIRIT WHICH THROWS OPEN THE POSSIBILITIES OF TOMORROW -- AND WHICH POINTS US TOWARD THE STARS.

MEN, YOUR MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED, AND YOUR NATION SAYS, "WELL DONE." THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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RESPONSE: March 23, 1989

The NSC Staff has reviewed the proposed Presidential remarks on the "Discovery" astronauts and concurs.

Brent Scowcroft
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DISCOVERY ASTRONAUTS
ROSE GARDEN
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1989

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when we celebrate, as a family would: moments of remembering,
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Today, we, too, salute the story you have written. And I
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ROSE GARDEN
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11:15 A.M.

Dr. Fletcher, Admiral Truly, Commander Coats and Crew,
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First, let me take a moment to salute James Fletcher, whose name has become almost synonymous with NASA's. As you know, Jim will be retiring April 8. And I want to thank him for his example and his leadership.

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MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CICCONI

FROM; DENISE SCHWARZ
OFFICE OF CABINET AFFAIRS

SUBJECT; PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS; DISCOVERY ASTRONAUTS
LOG #019666SS

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have on
addition on page 3.

Attachment

cc: Chriss Winston

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jim --

Here is the draft of the remarks tomorrow to the astronauts. There are a number of problems with the speech; you may want to look at this. We did not receive this to staff until late yesterday afternoon.

JG -
Talk w/ Chris -- This really
needs work & a little thought.
Why not a bit ~~you~~ on what the
mission actually did and
why it's significant. Also,
perhaps a small & subtle plug
for our ~~of~~ budget proposals.
What is the point we want
to make? Jim

Curt
Come see me
WB

Discovery Astronauts

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March 20, 1989

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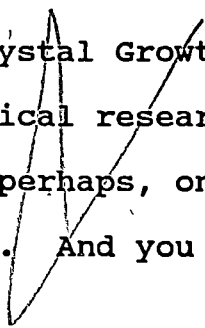
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But in a larger sense, the story of Discovery -- ~~of rising to the occasion, and confronting our challenges~~ -- is as ^{as applicable} collective as America and as timeless as our history. It says that to Americans, nothing is impossible. It speaks to our capacity to dare, and to ~~harness the~~ ^{dream} skies.

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[TEE-dress] satellite which completes the satellite communications network that will allow us -- more effectively, efficiently -- to relay data from all of our scientific satellites to earth.

((You know, there's an old New England story about a man, stuck in the mud with his car, who was asked by a passing motorist whether he was really stuck. "Well, you could say I was stuck," the fellow said, "if I was really going anywhere."))

~~Well, my friends, the Shuttle Discovery -- the men of Discovery --~~ *Jan* showed exactly where we are going, and why. We are exploring the new horizons of America's technological future. ~~For our posterity is upward and onward; it is~~ driven, always, by a restlessness to do better.

That is why I intend to double the National Science Foundation budget; in particular, I want to develop engineering and scientific research centers which link university, government, and industry labs. We are increasing affordable access to space through the National Aero-Space Plane program and nine Space Shuttle flights by 1990. And NASA is moving ahead with Space Station Freedom, planned for operation by the mid-1990s.

These steps will push back the frontiers of science and exploration. We will explore them, yes, and so will future

generations. For tomorrow's technological promise lies in the children of today.

For evidence, I point to these students on my right and left . . . not that you're children, fellows, but you were when your experiments began!

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John Vellinger, a senior in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue, was in 9th grade when he started work on an experiment, using chickens, to study how fast tissues develop in zero gravity. Five years later, his first version perished in the Challenger tragedy. But last week, his student experiment won world-wide applause.

And so did the experiment of Andrew Fras, now in his second year at Brown University's Medical School and studying to be an orthopedic surgeon. Four years ago, Andrew had an experiment which flew on the shuttle. And last week, a second of his experiments flew on the Discovery studying microgravity's effect on the healing of bones.

John Vellinger and Andy Fras show how America's future will depend -- in space, on earth -- on our most precious resource, our *youth* kids. Yet today, the number of students who graduate from high school with the skills to succeed in science- and math-based study is too small to meet industry's needs. Worse, the NSF predicts a shortage of 400,000 scientists by the year 2000.

To reverse that trend, I want Congress to create a \$500-million program to reward America's "merit schools" -- the schools which improve the most. I want to create special Presidential awards in every State. And I propose expanded use of magnet schools -- giving parents and students the freedom of choice.

~~I have proposed a program to spur "alternative certification" -- allowing talented Americans from every field, especially science and mathematics, to teach in America's classrooms. And through a new program of National Science Scholars, I want to give America's youth a special incentive to excel in math and science. Like John and Andy, many of these students will one day choose careers based in new technology. We must ensure they are prepared.~~

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will honor the men, and the spirit, of Discovery: The men who, as today's pioneers, show how the individual matters; the spirit which throws open the possibilities of tomorrow -- and which points us toward the stars.

Thank you, may God bless you, and God bless America.

Dr.
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Coats - will briefly
presentation

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 22, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Discovery Astronauts

The draft remarks for the Rose Garden ceremony for the Discovery Astronauts appropriately focus on the future and the investments that we must make in the future.

I do have several suggestions that I hope will be helpful where I think the draft might be strengthened:

1. There is nothing to be gained by taking a shot at the Congress at the bottom of the first page by implying that the Congress does not take good care of government's assets. The sentence should simply be eliminated.

2. In the fourth full paragraph on page two the second sentence "You showed exactly where we are going, and why," might also usefully be dropped. The paragraph reads well without it. Including the sentence calls out for a good deal more explanation than is provided.

3. There is no mention of Dr. James Fletcher, other than in the salutation. Fletcher is probably more closely identified with NASA in the American mind than anyone else. He recently announced his retirement effective April 8. This would be a wonderful opportunity for the President to pay tribute to him. He did bring credibility and leadership to a demoralized agency when he was brought back out of retirement following the Challenger accident in January 1986.

4. There is also no mention of two significant missions performed by the Discovery Astronauts:

- o The launching of the TEDRAS satellite; and
- o The operation of the IMAX camera.

This camera is used to photograph the Earth from space is considered highly useful in dealing with global environmental problems.

5. You may wish to work in somewhere reference to the fact that the President was a pilot, indeed the youngest Navy pilot during World War II.

cc: James W. Cicconi



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→ This is pure Reagan. I don't think it's George Bush.

Coming after Challenger, this is pretty bad. It wasn't the astronaut's fault that Challenger exploded. Agree

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Non sequitur!

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/22/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3/23/89 10:00 AM

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DISCOVERY ASTRONAUTS

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RESPONSE:

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

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on Fletcher
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DISCOVERY ASTRONAUTS
ROSE GARDEN
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1989

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WASHINGTON

March 23, 1989



MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATION

FROM: PATRICIA MACK BRYAN *PMB*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Discovery Astronauts

Pursuant to James Cicconi's staffing memorandum of March 22, 1989, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced presidential remarks. We have no legal objection to those proposed remarks.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James Cicconi

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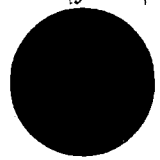
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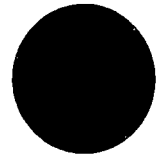
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Men, your mission is accomplished, and your nation says, "Well-done." Thank you, God bless you, and God bless America.

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