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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Bismarck, North Dakota)

For Immediate Release

April 24, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
DURING DEDICATION OF  
NORTH DAKOTA'S CENTENNIAL GROVE

Capitol Square  
Bismarck, North Dakota

4:35 P.M. CDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. I'm so pleased to be here. Thank you, Tom Kleppe. When Secretary -- and I say Secretary because North Dakotans know that Tom served so well as Secretary of the Interior -- former Congressman, but called me about this marvelous project of yours -- he's right. I accepted in a hurry, and I'm very grateful to Governor Sinner and all involved in the preparations for this wonderful visit.

I want to pay my respects to -- not only to Governor and Mrs. Sinner, Governor Link, Senator Conrad, Congressman Dorgan, and other distinguished leaders of the North Dakota Legislature. Thank you for inviting me. It has been a very emotional day for me. I understand that lost on the Iowa was the grandson of a Bismarck family, and if that family didn't attend today's services, I can attest firsthand how moving it was, and what a wonderful job our Navy did in holding the loved ones close to them, giving them comfort that I know all Americans would want given to these families. It was a very moving day, and the flags I see at half-mast here are appropriate tribute to those young men who lost their lives.

I'm also proud to see that POW and MIA flag flying, Governor, right here at this magnificent state capital, because we must never forget the POWs and the MIAs.

When I accepted your invitation to come here, I had no idea that part of the program was to put me to work. "A sapling," they said. "All you'll have to do is to plant a sapling." No one told me that the sapling is about 12 feet tall over there, but I think we can figure it out. This hardy Elm is a descendant of a tree planted on the White House lawn by John Quincy Adams. And now, its seedlings will be a part of North Dakota forever.

And just a few years before this state was carved out of the Dakota territory, a young man from New York City set aside a prominent career in politics to become a North Dakota rancher. Having lost his wife and mother in one single day, he came to these parts almost insane with grief. No tenderfoot, he worked the range in the harshest weather, always leading and never following. And he wore a sheriff's badge, and he roamed the Badlands to singlehandedly bring the worst characters to justice. And in short, Teddy Roosevelt became a man in North Dakota. And he became something else -- a guardian of nature. When he went back East, and back to politics, Teddy Roosevelt took with him an understanding that the seemingly endless resources of the West were threatened by the unfettered exploitation of man. As President, Teddy Roosevelt wrote these words to school children on Arbor Day, 1907: "A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless."

So let us honor the coming 100th birthday of North Dakota and the memory of the nation's first true environmentalist by dedicating this Centennial Bur Oak along with this White House Elm.

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Before the year 2000, your state will plant 100 million trees -- almost half -- (applause) -- almost half as many new trees in one state as there are Americans in the Union. May each tree add to the abundance of the good life in North Dakota, cleaner air for North America.

This forestation effort is just one of 600 ambitious centennial projects North Dakotans are taking on. You are fulfilling the spirit that I call 1000 points of light -- the spirit of volunteerism, from projects to help senior citizens, to the building of local and community centers, to a memorial for the North Dakotans who fell in the war.

This year, you're also honoring those who settled here before North Dakota became a state, by honoring their children -- the sons and daughters of the pioneers, some 3,000 strong.

And let us especially remember, in word and deed, those great peoples and great cultures here well before anyone else -- the Native Americans of North Dakota. (Applause.) These Americans knew the plains when buffalo ranged in the millions. We can learn then from a special, poignant knowledge that they taught us, that nature once violated, is forever altered.

Around the world there's a growing recognition that environmental problems respect no borders. In these first few months in office we've begun to act on our own and in concert with other nations to face up to this fundamental fact. We've agreed that all nations must get together to ban CFCs and to prevent global warming. (Applause.) And as the world wakes us to these problems -- and believe me, it is awakening -- North Dakota, you're already at work planting trees that exchange carbon dioxide for fresh oxygen. What a fitting way to celebrate this magnificent centennial -- by getting ready for the next 100 years. (Applause.)

As you've shown, we do not have to accept as inevitable the spoiling of our air, our rivers, our wetlands and our forests. When North Dakotans celebrate their bicentennial, these two trees will be mammoth, almost 50 feet tall, as hardy and strong as the people they represent. Let them stand as a symbol of our commitment to a clean and healthy environment. May we always have the priceless resource of the outdoors for the enjoyment of our children and our children's children.

Thank you for asking me to be with you today at this wonderful celebration. I just can't tell you how moved I was when I came in from the airport to be greeted by so many of your neighbors, so many citizens of this great state. The respect for the institutions that we hold dear, in this case, the presidency -- it has nothing to do with the President -- the respect for the institution was clear and evident for all to see, and I am grateful for that warm welcome. (Applause.)

And so, I will watch with interest and lend a hand where I can, as this tree grows and develops, just like the Peace Garden State.

Happy birthday North Dakota. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.) Thank you all very much.

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4:45 P.M. CDT

**REMARKS: CAPITOL SQUARE  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2:30 P.M.**

**THANK YOU TOM . . . IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL . . .  
GOVERNOR (GEORGE) SINNER, FORMER GOVERNOR (ARTHUR)  
LINK, SENATOR (KENT) CONRAD, CONGRESSMAN (BRYAN)  
DORGAN, MAJORITY LEADER (BILL) HEIGARRD (HIGH-GARD),  
MINORITY LEADER (JOHN) OLSON, SPEAKER (BILL) KRETSCHMAR  
(KRETCH-MAR),**

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**MAJORITY LEADER (RICHARD) KLOUBEC (CLOUGH-BACK) . . .  
THANK YOU ALL FOR INVITING ME TO DEDICATE NORTH  
DAKOTA'S CENTENNIAL GROVE.**

**((WHEN I ACCEPTED YOUR INVITATION TO COME TO  
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WORK . . . A SAPLING, THEY SAID. MR. PRESIDENT, ALL  
YOU HAVE TO DO IS PLANT A SAPLING. NO ONE TOLD ME THAT  
THE SAPLING IN QUESTION IS TWELVE-FEET TALL . . .))**

THIS HARDY ELM IS A DESCENDANT OF A TREE PLANTED ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN BY JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. NOW IT AND ITS SEEDLINGS WILL BE A PART OF NORTH DAKOTA, FOREVER . . .

JUST A FEW YEARS BEFORE THIS STATE WAS CARVED OUT OF THE DAKOTA TERRITORY, A YOUNG MAN FROM NEW YORK CITY SET ASIDE A PROMINENT CAREER IN POLITICS TO BECOME A NORTH DAKOTA RANCHER.

HAVING LOST HIS WIFE AND MOTHER IN A SINGLE DAY, HE CAME TO THESE PARTS ALMOST INSANE WITH GRIEF. NO TENDERFOOT, HE WORKED THE RANGE IN THE HARSHTEST WEATHER, ALWAYS LEADING, NEVER FOLLOWING. HE WORE A SHERIFF'S BADGE, AND ROAMED THE BADLANDS TO SINGLEHANDEDLY BRING THE WORST CHARACTERS TO JUSTICE. IN SHORT, TEDDY ROOSEVELT BECAME A MAN IN NORTH DAKOTA. AND HE BECAME SOMETHING ELSE -- A GUARDIAN OF NATURE.

WHEN HE WENT BACK EAST, AND BACK TO POLITICS, TEDDY ROOSEVELT TOOK WITH HIM AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS RESOURCES OF THE WEST WERE THREATENED BY THE UNFETTERED EXPLOITATION OF MAN. AS PRESIDENT, TEDDY ROOSEVELT WROTE THESE WORDS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN ON ARBOR DAY, 1907: "A PEOPLE WITHOUT CHILDREN WOULD FACE A HOPELESS FUTURE; A COUNTRY WITHOUT TREES IS ALMOST AS HOPELESS."

SO LET US HONOR THE COMING 100TH BIRTHDAY OF NORTH DAKOTA, AND THE MEMORY OF THE NATION'S FIRST ENVIRONMENTALIST, BY DEDICATING THIS CENTENNIAL BUR OAK ((100 FEET FROM PODIUM AT 3 O'CLOCK)), ALONG WITH THIS WHITE HOUSE ELM. BEFORE THE YEAR 2000, YOUR STATE WILL PLANT 100 MILLION TREES -- ALMOST HALF AS MANY TREES IN ONE STATE AS THERE ARE AMERICANS IN THE UNION. MAY EACH TREE ADD TO THE ABUNDANCE OF THE GOOD LIFE IN NORTH DAKOTA, AND CLEANER AIR FOR NORTH AMERICA . . .

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THIS FORESTATION EFFORT IS JUST ONE OF 600  
AMBITIOUS CENTENNIAL PROJECTS NORTH DAKOTANS ARE TAKING  
ON. YOU ARE FULFILLING THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM,  
FROM PROJECTS TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS, TO THE BUILDING  
OF LOCAL AND COMMUNITY CENTERS, TO A MEMORIAL FOR THE  
NORTH DAKOTANS WHO FELL IN WAR.

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THIS YEAR, YOU ARE ALSO HONORING THOSE WHO SETTLED  
HERE BEFORE NORTH DAKOTA BECAME A STATE, BY HONORING  
THEIR CHILDREN --THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE  
PIONEERS, SOME 3,000 STRONG.

AND LET US ESPECIALLY REMEMBER, IN WORD AND DEED,  
THOSE GREAT PEOPLES AND GREAT CULTURES HERE WELL BEFORE  
ANYONE ELSE -- THE NATIVE AMERICANS OF NORTH DAKOTA.  
THESE AMERICANS KNEW THE PLAINS WHEN BUFFALO RANGED IN  
THE MILLIONS.

WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM A SPECIAL, POIGNANT KNOWLEDGE THAT NATURE, ONCE VIOLATED, IS FOREVER ALTERED.

AROUND THE WORLD THERE IS A GROWING RECOGNITION THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS RESPECT NO BORDERS. IN THESE FIRST FEW MONTHS IN OFFICE, WE'VE BEGUN TO ACT -- ON OUR OWN, AND IN CONCERT WITH OTHER NATIONS -- TO FACE UP TO THIS FUNDAMENTAL FACT. WE'VE AGREED THAT ALL NATIONS MUST TOGETHER BAN CFCs, AND PREVENT GLOBAL WARMING.

AND, AS THE WORLD WAKES UP TO THESE PROBLEMS, NORTH DAKOTA IS ALREADY AT WORK -- PLANTING TREES THAT EXCHANGE CARBON DIOXIDE FOR FRESH OXYGEN. WHAT A FITTING WAY TO CELEBRATE YOUR CENTENNIAL -- BY GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS.

AS YOU HAVE SHOWN, WE DO NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT AS INEVITABLE THE SPOILING OF OUR AIR, OUR RIVERS, OUR WETLANDS AND OUR FORESTS.

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WHEN NORTH DAKOTANS CELEBRATE THEIR BICENTENNIAL, THESE TWO TREES WILL BE MAMMOTH, ALMOST 50 FEET TALL, AS HARDY AND STRONG AS THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT. LET THEM STAND AS A SYMBOL OF OUR COMMITMENT TO A CLEAN AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT. MAY WE ALWAYS HAVE THE PRICELESS RESOURCE OF THE OUTDOORS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.

THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO HELP YOU HERE TODAY WITH THIS WONDERFUL CELEBRATION.

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I WILL WATCH WITH INTEREST, AND LEND A HAND WHERE I CAN, AS THIS TREE GROWS AND DEVELOPS, JUST LIKE THE PEACE GARDEN STATE.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NORTH DAKOTA. GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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INSERT IN NORTH DAKOTA SPEECH

((Insert on p. 3 where marked on draft.))

~~Teddy Roosevelt said over 80 years ago that the the protection of the environment touches virtually every other aspect of our national life.~~ Around the world, there is a growing recognition that environmental problems ~~are central~~ <sup>RESPECT NO BORDERS</sup> to our ~~international~~ life as well. In these first few months in office, we've begun to act -- on our own, and in concert with other nations -- to face up to this fundamental fact. ~~Here at home, we've started drafting a bill to provide for cleaner air, proposed to expand our parks, and increased the resources available to clean up waste sites created by the government.~~ [ We've agreed that all nations <sup>together must</sup> ~~should band together to ban~~ CFCs, <sup>AND TO ACT TO PREVENT</sup> which ~~destroy the ozone layer and contribute to a warming of the atmosphere.~~ ] <sup>GLOBAL WARMING</sup>

~~Scientists the world over are increasingly worried about this trend toward "global warming."~~ We're ready as a ~~nation not only to investigate and to act, but to lead -- because we can't solve this problem alone.~~ [ And as the world wakes up to <sup>these</sup> this problem, North Dakota is already at work -- <sup>LEADING</sup> ~~planting trees that absorb carbon dioxide and thus provide one part of the solution.~~ <sup>FOR DIVISION</sup> What a fitting way to celebrate your centennial -- by getting ready for the next 100 years. ]

Davis/Wallace  
April 20, 7 p.m.  
Draft: Three  
Title: Bismarck

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CAPITOL SQUARE  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2:30 p.m.

Thank you Tom . . . It's good to see you all . . . Governor (George) Sinner, Senators (Quentin) Burdick and (Kent) Conrad, Congressman (Bryan) Dorgan, Majority Leader (Bill) Heigarrd (High-gard), Minority Leader (John) Olson, Speaker (Bill) Kretschmar (Kretch-mar), Majority Leader (Richard) Kloubec (Clough-back) . . . Thank you all for inviting me to dedicate North Dakota's Centennial Grove.

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range in the harshest weather, always leading, never following. He wore a sheriff's badge, and roamed the Badlands to singlehandedly bring the worst characters to justice. In short, Teddy Roosevelt became a man in North Dakota. And he became something else -- a guardian of nature. When he went back East, and back to politics, Teddy Roosevelt took with him an understanding that the seemingly endless resources of the West were threatened by the unfettered exploitation of man. As President, Teddy Roosevelt wrote these words to school children on Arbor Day, 1907: "A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless."

*Good*

So let us honor the coming 100th birthday of North Dakota, and the memory of the nation's first environmentalist, by planting this <sup>tree</sup> ~~Centennial Bur oak~~. Before the year 2000, your state will plant 100 million trees -- almost half as many trees in one state as there are Americans in the Union. May each tree add to the abundance of the good life in North Dakota, and cleaner air for North America . . .

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*Frank*  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

The attached was forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARK DAVIS *MD*  
THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*  
SUBJECT: Bismarck

You will stop briefly in Bismarck, North Dakota, to dedicate a "centennial grove" in front of the capitol grounds. North Dakota is celebrating the year of its 100th birthday with 600 civic activities. The centerpiece program encourages North Dakotans to plant 100 million trees by the year 2000. For this brief speech, I suggest pursuing the environmental angle by drawing on the tradition of a former North Dakota rancher -- Teddy Roosevelt.

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CAMP DAVID

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one more substantive  
para. on environment  
being a world problem, our  
wanting to lead on global  
warming, tying it all in to  
'trees in No. Dakota'

This issue is moving to the  
front burner internationally as  
you here in ND are taking  
the lead.. not talkin but '  
'doing'..... maybe refer to  
new EPA head.....

In sum:  
a little more substance.

gb .

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

DATE:

4/27/68

TO:

Chris W.

FROM:

ROBERT E. GRADY  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND SCIENCE

This material is FUI,

Maybe useful for briefing Rb.

## Notes for President's Visit to North Dakota

o The North American Waterfowl Management Plan -- signed on May 6, 1986 by the Secretary of the Interior and the Canadian Minister of the Environment -- calls for the restoration of nearly 6 million acres of wetlands in the United States and Canada.

o This Plan provides a blueprint for the cooperative activities that are a priority for this Administration. It brings together nations, states, provinces, and the private sector -- right down to the farmer on the ground -- in a cooperative partnership to solve the common crisis of disappearing wetlands and declining waterfowl and wildlife populations across the continent.

o In North Dakota alone -- the state known as the most productive duck factory of the United States -- the last 100 years have seen a loss of nearly 2.5 million acres of productive wetlands, or 50% of its original wetland area. A major consequence of this has been a 70% decline in nesting pintails and mallards since 1970.

o North Dakota has recognized the importance of their wetland resources by being the first state in the nation to implement, on July 1, 1989, "no net loss of wetlands" legislation in line with the federal policy of no net loss that I have enacted. In fact, the concept of no net loss of wetlands originated in this state.

o I will soon be appointing an interagency task force, made up of federal and non-federal interests, to closely review the federal policies and executive orders on wetlands to see how they may be improved to conform to my position of no net loss of wetlands. I plan to instruct that group to look closely at North Dakota's wetlands legislation as a model for the national effort.

o The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation -- established with my strong support in 1984 -- has become a highly successful organization in forging partnerships between government and the private sector and in attracting private financing for wetlands and waterfowl conservation. The Foundation intends to provide grant money to the Chase Lake Project in nine counties in central North Dakota next year, just as it has this year to the Crystal Springs Preserve and Lake Thompson wetland conservation projects in South Dakota. For both of the South Dakota projects, the Foundation provided a total of \$125,000 in Challenge grants, which were immediately matched by \$100,000 from The Nature Conservancy, \$500,000 from Ducks Unlimited, \$125,000 from Anheuser-Busch Corporation, \$200,000 from the state, and \$500,000 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Both Ducks Unlimited and The Nature Conservancy are planning to increase their financial investments in these partnerships severalfold over the next few years, up to several million dollars.

o The North Dakota partnership for wetlands conservation

includes the governor's wetland management committee, land owners, sportsmen, farmers, county commissioners, state wildlife, water, and land agencies, agricultural organizations, the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Interior, EPA, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Farmers Home Administration, and a host of other national, state, and local natural resources conservation groups. (The groups are: Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Farmers Union,, Farm Bureau, North Dakota Water Users Association, Pheasants Forever, National Audubon Society, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Waterfowl Restoration Group, National Wildlife Federation, Institute for Ecological Studies, Great Plains Wildlife Services, North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Soil Conservation Districts Association.)

o A related issue: Refuge Revenue Sharing. The administration's FY 90 budget did not request funds for the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act which authorizes FWS to make revenue sharing payments to counties: \$6.7 million is required to meet FWS obligations. 12 counties in ND currently disapprove of FWS land acquisition because of the lack of Refuge Resource payments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE BUSH TRIP TO NORTH DAKOTA

HOW MANY ACRES OF WETLAND HABITAT WAS HISTORICALLY IN NORTH DAKOTA AND HOW MUCH IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE?

Estimates are that North Dakota contained over 5 million acres of wetlands during pioneer days. Current figures indicate that number has declined to approximately 2 million acres, a 60% reduction.

HOW DO THE HISTORIC AND CURRENT WATERFOWL POPULATIONS COMPARE?

The waterfowl populations in North Dakota are reflective of the previously discussed habitat loss figures. Total duck populations during the breeding season have dropped from almost 4 million in 1970 to under 2.5 million in 1988. A more accurate reflection considers those species of waterfowl most dependent on the wetland habitats which have been lost in North Dakota. Pintails and Mallards are highly dependent on shallow-water wetlands surrounded by grassland during breeding and nesting periods. Their combined numbers have fallen from 1,647,000 in 1970 to 496,000 in 1988, a 70% decline.

WHO ARE THE COOPERATORS INVOLVED IN WETLAND PROTECTION AND WATERFOWL ENHANCEMENT EFFORTS IN NORTH DAKOTA?

Major coordinations efforts in North Dakota have resulted in the formation of two committees charged with wetland protection and waterfowl enhancement efforts. They are:

North Dakota Action Group--This committee is charged with advancing the goals and objectives of the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan in North Dakota. The Group is chaired by Bob Ingstad, a prominent farmer and businessman in central North Dakota. The following groups, organizations and agencies are active in the activities of the Action Group.

Ducks Unlimited	The Nature Conservancy
Garrison Diversion	Institute for Ecological
Wetland Trust	Studies
Great Plains Wildlife	National Audubon Society
Services	ND Chapter Wildlife Society
Waterfowl Restoration Group	National Wildlife Federation
US Fish and Wildlife Service	ND Game and Fish Department

Governors Wetland Management Committee--This committee was developed by the Governor to provide a diverse source of advice on the development of the North Dakota wetland policy and other wetland related issues. The following groups, organizations and agencies are active on this committee.

Farmers Union	Farm Bureau
ND Water Resource Districts	ND Water Users Association
Association	Soil Conservation Districts
Pheasants Forever	Association
Ducks Unlimited	Garrison Diversion Conservancy
National Audubon Society	District

ND Chapter Wildlife Society  
ND Game and Fish Department

US Fish and Wildlife Service  
ND Agriculture Department

To Bob Grady

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This issue is moving to the  
front burner internationally as  
you here in ND are taking  
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In sum:  
a little more substance.

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Davis/Wallace  
April 20, 7 p.m.  
Draft: Three  
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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Bismarck, N.D.

We have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint and approve of the draft in its present form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Roger Porter  
Jim Pinkerton

Re: Drafts of Building A Better America, Publishers,  
Bismarck, Ford Aerospace

Building A Better America

No comments.

Publishers

This draft could benefit from using the principles and themes outlined in the Building A Better America book released last 2/9.

1,4,1 "taken some tough shots" is too self-conscious and some may interpret as thin-skinned. We'd omit.

3,8,1 We could identify four, and possibly five, themes/principles: "Freedom" on page three, graf eight; "Fairness" on page four, graf one; "quiet negotiations" on page four, graf five; "focusing now on the kind of future we want..." on page six, graf two; and "map[ping] strategy in an international environment where change is more rapid...." on page seven, graf four.

The principles laid out here are fine, but the structure is confusing. We can't tell whether the subsequent list of initiatives comes under the rubric of "fairness" or "quiet negotiations." Again, this could benefit from the tight structure of Building A Better America.

Furthermore, it seems as if we are hinting at a third principle later on page six, graf two, where we say "focus now on the kind of future we want...." Investing in the future is a good, serviceable theme that accurately organizes a host of the President's initiatives.

(more)

2-2-2

5,4,2 "The reform plan I sent to Congress...." We should consider applauding the Senate for passing the plan.

6,2,2 Again, the President's refrain on the future is a good one and we should stick to it: "Investing in the future".

6,3,1 We should not pass up the opportunity to describe the President's education initiatives for what they are: a program of education reform.

6,4,1 Good recitation of the education principles. When speaking of choice, however, we should always say "parental choice" to be clearer and avoid the obvious confusion with the abortion issue.

9,2,2 We like the idea expressed in this paragraph and suggest strengthening it by the line from the President's Announcement Speech (Oct.12, 1987): "I am a practical man; I like what's real. I'm not much for the airy and abstract. I like what works."

#### Bismarck

A good speech. We particularly like the Teddy Roosevelt Arbor Day quote on page 2, which is very apt for the occasion.

#### Ford Aerospace

2,3,2 "Government's role is to harness..." sounds too restrictive. We'd suggest something that conveys the opposite image, like "unharness" or "unleash" or "remove the barriers," especially since we are talking about cutting capital gains and cutting the deficit. Entrepreneurs don't want to hear about the government harnessing anything.

To the extent that government should harness anything, we should harness the national energy and creativity of the American people on behalf of the poorest and the most needy, to protect the environment, etc.

2,4,2 Instead of "For every dollar of interest debt we eliminate..." we prefer: "For every dollar the government does not have to borrow there is more capital available for investment."

(more)

3-3-3

3,2 Since we are in Silicon Valley, it makes sense to explicitly refer to the role of high-tech in creating the 20 million new jobs and the fact that the Steiger Amendment cutting capital gains made many of the existing jobs and companies possible. We should have some language that starts off with "Right here in Silicon Valley...." and ties it in with job creation and the capital gains cut.

4,5,2 "That is why I have asked Congress for an increase of \$2.4 billion for the Space Program." This should read "NASA" instead of "Space Program."

7,3 Purely by way of suggestion, we recall that during the campaign the President frequently said: "Technological advancement has always been at the heart of our nation's pioneer spirit, pushing the boundaries of our knowledge, creating economic opportunity and increasing our standard of living."

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cc: Bill Roper

Brad Mitchell

John Gardner

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FROM; DENISE SCHWARZ  
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Please forward any comments to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 PM, TODAY, Thursday, April 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

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Davis/Wallace  
April 19, 9 a.m.  
Draft: Two  
Title: Bismarck

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: (CAPITOL SQUARE)  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
(April 24, t.b.d.)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: MICHAEL J. ASTRUE *MJA*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Bismarck, North Dakota

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed Presidential remarks, and we have no legal objection to their delivery.

cc: James W. Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 20, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Roger Porter  
Jim Pinkerton

Re: Drafts of Building A Better America, Publishers,  
Bismarck, Ford Aerospace

Building A Better America

No comments.

Publishers

This draft could benefit from using the principles and themes outlined in the Building A Better America book released last 2/9.

1,4,1 "taken some tough shots" is too self-conscious and some may interpret as thin-skinned. We'd omit.

3,8,1 We could identify four, and possibly five, themes/principles: "Freedom" on page three, graf eight; "Fairness" on page four, graf one; "quiet negotiations" on page four, graf five; "focusing now on the kind of future we want..." on page six, graf two; and "map[ping] strategy in an international environment where change is more rapid...." on page seven, graf four.

The principles laid out here are fine, but the structure is confusing. We can't tell whether the subsequent list of initiatives comes under the rubric of "fairness" or "quiet negotiations." Again, this could benefit from the tight structure of Building A Better America.

Furthermore, it seems as if we are hinting at a third principle later on page six, graf two, where we say "focus now on the kind of future we want...." Investing in the future is a good, serviceable theme that accurately organizes a host of the President's initiatives.

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5,4,2 "The reform plan I sent to Congress...." We should consider applauding the Senate for passing the plan.

6,2,2 Again, the President's refrain on the future is a good one and we should stick to it: "Investing in the future".

6,3,1 We should not pass up the opportunity to describe the President's education initiatives for what they are: a program of education reform.

6,4,1 Good recitation of the education principles. When speaking of choice, however, we should always say "parental choice" to be clearer and avoid the obvious confusion with the abortion issue.

9,2,2 We like the idea expressed in this paragraph and suggest strengthening it by the line from the President's Announcement Speech (Oct.12, 1987): "I am a practical man; I like what's real. I'm not much for the airy and abstract. I like what works."

#### Bismarck

A good speech. We particularly like the ~~Teddy Roosevelt~~ Arbor Day quote on page 2, which is very apt for the occasion.

#### Ford Aerospace

2,3,2 "Government's role is to harness..." sounds too restrictive. We'd suggest something that conveys the opposite image, like "unharness" or "unleash" or "remove the barriers," especially since we are talking about cutting capital gains and cutting the deficit. Entrepreneurs don't want to hear about the government harnessing anything.

To the extent that government should harness anything, we should harness the national energy and creativity of the American people on behalf of the poorest and the most needy, to protect the environment, etc.

2,4,2 Instead of "For every dollar of interest debt we eliminate..." we prefer: "For every dollar the government does not have to borrow there is more capital available for investment."

(more)

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3,2 Since we are in Silicon Valley, it makes sense to explicitly refer to the role of high-tech in creating the 20 million new jobs and the fact that the Steiger Amendment cutting capital gains made many of the existing jobs and companies possible. We should have some language that starts off with "Right here in Silicon Valley...." and ties it in with job creation and the capital gains cut.

4,5,2 "That is why I have asked Congress for an increase of \$2.4 billion for the Space Program." This should read "NASA" instead of "Space Program."

7,3 Purely by way of suggestion, we recall that during the campaign the President frequently said: "Technological advancement has always been at the heart of our nation's pioneer spirit, pushing the boundaries of our knowledge, creating economic opportunity and increasing our standard of living."

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cc: Bill Roper

Brad Mitchell

John Gardner

**REMARKS: CAPITOL SQUARE  
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2:30 P.M.**

**THANK YOU TOM . . . IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL . . .  
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**MAJORITY LEADER (RICHARD) KLOUBEC (CLOUGH-BACK) . . .  
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THE SAPLING IN QUESTION IS TWELVE-FEET TALL . . . ))**

THIS HARDY ELM IS A DESCENDANT OF A TREE PLANTED ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN BY JOHN QUINCY ADAMS. NOW IT AND ITS SEEDLINGS WILL BE A PART OF NORTH DAKOTA, FOREVER . . .

JUST A FEW YEARS BEFORE THIS STATE WAS CARVED OUT OF THE DAKOTA TERRITORY, A YOUNG MAN FROM NEW YORK CITY SET ASIDE A PROMINENT CAREER IN POLITICS TO BECOME A NORTH DAKOTA RANCHER.

HAVING LOST HIS WIFE AND MOTHER IN A SINGLE DAY, HE CAME TO THESE PARTS ALMOST INSANE WITH GRIEF. NO TENDERFOOT, HE WORKED THE RANGE IN THE HARSHTEST WEATHER, ALWAYS LEADING, NEVER FOLLOWING. HE WORE A SHERIFF'S BADGE, AND ROAMED THE BADLANDS TO SINGLEHANDEDLY BRING THE WORST CHARACTERS TO JUSTICE. IN SHORT, TEDDY ROOSEVELT BECAME A MAN IN NORTH DAKOTA. AND HE BECAME SOMETHING ELSE -- A GUARDIAN OF NATURE.

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THIS YEAR, YOU ARE ALSO HONORING THOSE WHO SETTLED  
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AND, AS THE WORLD WAKES UP TO THESE PROBLEMS, NORTH DAKOTA IS ALREADY AT WORK -- PLANTING TREES THAT EXCHANGE CARBON DIOXIDE FOR FRESH OXYGEN. WHAT A FITTING WAY TO CELEBRATE YOUR CENTENNIAL -- BY GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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INFORMATION.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARK DAVIS *MD*  
THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*  
SUBJECT: Bismarck

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FR: RICK PFARR

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