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PRESIDENTIAL TOAST: GOVERNOR'S STATE DINNER
STATE DINING ROOM
MONDAY, MAY 22, 1989
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~~And~~ Your love of the American classical song began in your youth. You grew up in a musical family. You were playing the piano at age 5. And since then you've conducted a litany of Broadway shows and concert engagements -- showcasing America's finest composers; touching millions of people with their lyrics and melodies.

Tonight, you've done the same -- in fact, you've done double duty. First, at the Library of Congress, saluting George and Ira Gershwin . . . and now here, ~~enchanting~~ us with music that lifts the human spirit, ~~presenting us with an unforgettable evening.~~

Tonight, you played a song titled, "They Can't Take That Away From Me." Michael, they can't take tonight away from us. Michael, our heart-felt appreciation. And our special thanks for sharing your talent with Barbara and I and our special guests, the Governors of the States and Territories.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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DRAFT THANK YOU FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR MICHAEL FEINSTEIN
ENTERTAINMENT FOR GOVERNORS DINNER/MONDAY, MAY 22, 1989

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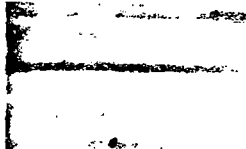
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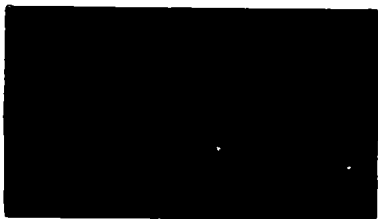
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*
RE: GOVERNORS' STATE DINNER TOAST

I. SUMMARY

Attached is an extended toast to be given at the State Dinner for Governors in the State Dining Room at 7:45 p.m. on May 22. There will be roughly 100 people in attendance.

II. DISCUSSION

Over the last year, the National Governor's Association, under the Chairmanship of Governor Baliles of Virginia, has focussed on issues of education and trade, both foreign and domestic. The toast notes that Terry Branstad of Iowa is the incoming Chairman. He will not attend.

The toast stresses the importance of federalism and the role of local efforts on issues like child care, education, job training, crime, the environment and trade policy. The Governors have been active in each of these areas, and each issue represents an opportunity for state-Federal partnerships.

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[You've already been briefed by Baker, Mosbacher, Yeutter, Hills, Sununu, Darman... some of the best players on my team. So my role here tonight reminds me of when I played ball in college. Back then, I was pretty good at batting second clean-up...]

It's an honor to have you here. Let me commend Governor Baliles for his leadership of the NGA. He has defined and strengthened this group's international perspective -- in a far-reaching, forward-looking way.

I'd also pass on my best wishes to Governor Branstad, as he becomes your new chairman. It's an awesome task, leading a group like this one.

You know, there are times when Washington thinks it's the center of the universe. You know better. You're not waiting for Washington. And that's as it should be.

Local solutions make sense. They're effective -- because they go right to the source. Federalism may be the governmental equivalent of free-market economics. It is driven by local initiative. It thrives on individual energy. And above all, it works.

All over the world, we can see what's happening to the concept of all-powerful, centralized government: it's an idea that's sinking like a stone.

What is rising in its place, is that great American export: democracy. The idea that a nation's direction and purpose are best determined by its people. As governors, you bring that idea to life every day.

Your priorities have a profound impact on this country's future. And this administration will work with you, to reach solutions that gain strength and stability at the local level.

To fight drugs and crime, we'll need a sustained, cooperative effort from local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities. If we are to deter criminal behavior, we must have a criminal justice system where there is no doubt that if you commit a crime, you will be caught -- and if caught, you will be prosecuted -- and if convicted, you will do time.

In child care, tapping the vitality of local initiative means putting dollars and decisions into the hands of parents, rather than federal bureaucracies. In education, it means choice and flexibility, through an accountable, performance-driven, education system. It means providing training for tomorrow's jobs through new partnerships with business and education, Private Industry Councils and JTPA.

To clean up the environment will demand a coordinated, cooperative campaign from all quarters. And in trade policy, we

will open foreign markets in ways that support the global trading system and its rules.

This group rightly takes pride in its bipartisan spirit. You're known for taking the initiative. On the issues I've touched on -- and so many others -- it will be crucial that we work together, toward honest, well-conceived solutions.

America must continue to be -- as she has always been -- an inspiration in the eyes of the world. With your leadership -- she will.

In that spirit, I ask all of you here tonight to raise your glasses:

To a peaceful and ever more prosperous America.

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MEMORANDUM TO CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

JIM PINKERTON 

SUBJECT: Governor's State Dinner Draft Speech

Page 1, para. 3, lines 3-5 We dislike the idea of jokes about "drift," even if self-mocking. The problem is that this dignifies the charge more than it deserves. For lack of a better idea, we suggest something like "Try working with Congress sometime, where you get pulled in 535 directions."

2, paras. 2,3 On the other hand, we very much like these excellent images: "sinking like a stone" and democracy as America's export are vivid devices, although we still like the "New Breeze" imagery.

2,4,5 We find that the toast drags in these grafs and suggest simply omitting them. It seems unnecessary to bring up the "special interest" reference since no one is accusing the NGA of this.

In place of these two grafs, we suggest moving up the first sentence of page 3: "To fight crime and drugs..." and emphasizing the partnership between the states and federal government on combatting crime.

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All minor comments

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

BILL ROPER



SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Governors' State Dinner

The draft remarks for the Governors' State Dinner are well done. They are especially helpful in reaching out to them in a spirit of federalism.

A key aspect of this partnership is the joint effort against crime. I believe it would be useful to utilize the exact formulation for this point that was in the President's crime package this week.

Therefore, on the third page, first paragraph, I would suggest that the first sentence be rewritten to be:

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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Fellow public servants, politicians, and stem-winding orators.

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Moreover, it is a distinct personal pleasure to be with you. As a certain former colleague of yours keeps reminding me, America's Governors are where the action is.

In that context, I want first to commend Governor Baliles for his leadership of the NGA. And let me also pass on my best wishes to Governor Branstad, as he becomes your new chairman.

You know, Henry Bellmon will like this one: His fellow Oklahoman, Will Rogers, once said, "Politics isn't worrying this country one-tenth as much as parking space." What Will meant was that often Washington loses perspective. We forget what matters: People, and their concerns.

Well, as Governors, you can't afford to lose perspective [PAUSE] . . . not if you want to keep on being Governor. There's always a budget to balance, a school to be built. Your greatest test is a daily test -- to find what works.

I, too, like what works. And I understand your problems [PAUSE] . . . if I didn't, I have a hunch John Sununu would help me. And we gather here beneath a painting which forms a study in how problems can be met, and overcome. I'm referring, of course, to this portrait of Lincoln painted by George Healy exactly 120 years ago.

I've said that Lincoln is one of my favorite Presidents. I suppose virtually every American feels that way. And I'm reminded daily of our 16th President. For each morning I pass the room which served as Lincoln's Cabinet Room.

As President, Lincoln abolished slavery. He saved the Union. He preserved for future generations the canons of democracy. In this painting you sense Lincoln's agony, and his greatness. In fact, all around us you feel the sweep of American history. And of the men and women who acted -- boldly, courageously -- to write its pages.

My friends, our pages, too, can be extraordinary, fascinating. Look at the change in China. Or the winds of freedom blowing in the Soviet Union. Look at the accord in Angola. Or Panama, where its people -- like so many others around the world -- yearn for freedom and democracy.,

Around the globe, leaders are learning what you already know: To survive, government must be responsive and responsible. For if not, the people will find leaders who are. That's why we have that marvelous device called a "free election."

It's not easy, of course -- this governing. Indeed, sometimes you must feel as Lincoln did. One night, a stranger

found him in the street with two of his sons, both of whom were sobbing uncontrollably.

"Whatever is the matter with the boys, Mr. Lincoln?" the stranger asked. Lincoln sighed, then observed, "Just what's the matter with the whole world. I've got three walnuts, and each wants two."

Yes, public officials are often pulled in countless directions. But, always, we treasure these American lessons: Democracy works. Our system works. It works in Dover and Des Moines. It works in Portland, Oregon, and Portland, Maine. It works because when it comes to problem-solving, Washington doesn't know best. The people do.

Jefferson wrote, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time." My friends, let us use that liberty to find solutions, find what works, and enrich our lives. And in that spirit, I ask all of you to raise your glasses:

- To the American people;
- To you, their trustees;
- And to the American system that remains, after 200 years, the greatest in the history of the world.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



May 18, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: ROBERT J. PORTMAN *RJP*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Governors State Dinner

Pursuant to your staffing request of May 17, 1989, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks. We have no legal objection to the contents.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/19/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: -----

SUBJECT: - PRESIDENTIAL TOAST: GOVERNORS'S STATE DINNER TOAST

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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

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May 18, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*
RE: GOVERNORS' STATE DINNER TOAST

I. SUMMARY

Attached is an extended toast to be given at the State Dinner for Governors in the State Dining Room at 7:45 p.m. on May 22. There will be roughly 100 people in attendance.

II. DISCUSSION

Over the last year, the National Governor's Association, under the Chairmanship of Governor Baliles of Virginia, has focussed on issues of education and trade, both foreign and domestic. The toast notes that Terry Branstad of Iowa is the incoming Chairman. He will not attend.

The toast stresses the importance of federalism and the role of local efforts on issues like child care, education, job training, crime, the environment and trade policy. The Governors have been active in each of these areas, and each issue represents an opportunity for state-Federal partnerships.

(Lange/Wallace)
May 18, 1989
9:00 a.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL TOAST: GOVERNOR'S STATE DINNER
 STATE DINING ROOM
 MONDAY, MAY 22, 1989
 7:45 P.M.

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Hills, Sununu, Darman... some of the best players on my team. So
my role here tonight reminds me of when I played ball in college.
Back then, I was pretty good at batting second clean-up...]

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Baliles for his leadership of the NGA. He has defined and
strengthened this group's international perspective -- in a far-
reaching, forward-looking way.

I'd also pass on my best wishes to Governor Branstad, as he
becomes your new chairman. It's an awesome task, leading a group
like this one.

You know, there are times when Washington thinks it's the
center of the universe. You know better. You're not waiting
for Washington. And that's as it should be.

Local solutions make sense. They're effective -- because
they go right to the source. Federalism may be the governmental
equivalent of free-market economics. It is driven by local
initiative. It thrives on individual energy. And above all, it
works.

All over the world, we can see what's happening to the concept of all-powerful, centralized government: it's an idea that's sinking like a stone.

What is rising in its place, is that great American export: democracy. The idea that a nation's direction and purpose are best determined by its people. As governors, you bring that idea to life every day.

Your priorities have a profound impact on this country's future. And this administration will work with you, to reach solutions that gain strength and stability at the local level.

To fight drugs and crime, we'll need a sustained, cooperative effort from local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities. If we are to deter criminal behavior, we must have a criminal justice system where there is no doubt that if you commit a crime, you will be caught -- and if caught, you will be prosecuted -- and if convicted, you will do time.

In child care, tapping the vitality of local initiative means putting dollars and decisions into the hands of parents, rather than federal bureaucracies. In education, it means choice and flexibility, through an accountable, performance-driven, education system. It means providing training for tomorrow's jobs through new partnerships with business and education, Private Industry Councils and JTPA.

To clean up the environment will demand a coordinated, cooperative campaign from all quarters. And in trade policy, we

will open foreign markets in ways that support the global trading system and its rules.

This group rightly takes pride in its bipartisan spirit. You're known for taking the initiative. On the issues I've touched on -- and so many others -- it will be crucial that we work together, toward honest, well-conceived solutions.

America must continue to be -- as she has always been -- an inspiration in the eyes of the world. With your leadership -- she will.

In that spirit, I ask all of you here tonight to raise your glasses:

To a peaceful and ever more prosperous America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/17/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5/18/89 2:00 PM

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 PM, Thursday, May 17, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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

(Lange/Wallace)
May 17, 1989
4:40 p.m.
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In recent years, you've become powerful and articulate advocates of local priorities. But even as you've ascended in influence, you've transcended provincial interests. You've moved well beyond the borders that separate states, and even nations.

You're no "interest group." Your interest is in long-term solutions -- reached in partnership with each other, and with all levels of government -- to build a better, more prosperous, more competitive America.

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

May 22, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT THE STATE DINNER HONORING
THE NATION'S GOVERNORS

The State Dining Room

9:40 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good evening everybody. Fellow public servants, politicians, stemwinding orators -- (laughter) -- it's a tough group to speak with, but, look, it's an honor to welcome you to what Franklin Roosevelt called the house owned by all the people and which Harry Truman termed the finest prison in the world. (Laughter.) Incidentally, Barbara and I don't feel that way about this magnificent place. We love it, and please don't, any one of you, attempt to do anything about that. (Laughter.)

I want to commend Governor Baliles for his leadership of the NGA, and let me pass our best wishes to Terry Branstad, who is coming in. As you know, Henry Bellmon -- I didn't see Henry tonight, but he'll like this one -- his fellow Oklahoman Will Rogers once said, "Politics isn't worrying this country one-tenth as much as parking space." (Laughter.)

What he meant was that often Washington loses perspective and we forget what matters -- people and their concerns. I concluded long ago that, as governors, you are where the action is, and there's always a budget to be balanced or a school to be built, or you've got to find what works. And I, too, like what works, and I try to understand your problems, and if I didn't, I have a hunch that one of your own, John Sununu, my able Chief of Staff, would help me out on that.

But as we gather here tonight beneath a painting which forms a study in how problems can be met and overcome, and I'm talking of course about Healy's magnificent painting of Abraham Lincoln about the end of the War Between the States. It makes a profound impression on me. Incidentally, there's another variety of this painting upstairs that some of you have seen, and it's the exact same pose, but in the picture upstairs there's -- in the one upstairs he's conferring with his three generals, but in exactly the same pose as this one except there is a rainbow, which signifies the end of this war that divided us and symbolizes hope for the future.

But Lincoln, as I'm sure for others of you, is one of my favorite presidents, and I know most Americans feel that way. But I'm reminded daily of him, for so often we pass the room which served as his office upstairs. As he abolished slavery, he saved the Union and he preserved for future generations the canons of democracy. And

Tiananmen Square and nobody would have believed it back then, and here they are.

You look at the changes inside the Soviet Union -- you look at the accord in Angola -- you look at Panama, where really almost for the first time, you've seen this tremendous expression of the democratic will of the people, and then see that aborted by totalitarian and then, see the countries in Central America unite in a resolution at the OAS, condemning this kind of behavior, because they themselves sense this inexorable move to democracy and we are living in very, very exciting times.

And, around the globe, leaders are learning what you already know -- to survive, government must be responsive and responsible. For, if not, the people are gonna find leaders who are. And that's why we have the marvelous device called a free election. And it's not easy, of course.

But sometimes you, I know, must feel as Lincoln did. One night, a stranger found him in the street with two of his sons, both of whom were sobbing uncontrollably. "Whatever is the matter with the boys, Mr. Lincoln?" a stranger asked. He sighed and observed, "Just what's the matter with the whole world. I've got three walnuts, and each wants two."

Well, that's the way our business is. That's the way it is for governors, and that's the way it is with the President of the United States. We are pulled in countless directions, but we treasure these American lessons.

Democracy works -- our system works. It works in Dover, or in Des Moines -- it works in Portland, Richmond; Portland, Oregon; Portland, Maine. And it works because when it comes to problem solving, Washington does not know best, the people do.

Jefferson wrote, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time. Let us use that liberty to find solutions, to find what works, enrich our lives, and in that spirit, I ask all of you to raise your glasses to the American people, and to you, the governors, their trustees, and to the American system that remains after 200 years -- the greatest in the history of the world -- the model for nations struggling to be free this very day.

Thank you all for being with us. Jerry, and to you sir, and all the governors, Barbara and I salute you and extend to you our most profound respects.

(A toast is offered.)

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9:47 P.M. EDT