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RESPONSE:

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC concurs with the changes indicates on the attached.

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(Good remarks.)

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WASHINGTON

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Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton *JP*
Subject: Korean Memorial Speech Draft

This speech does a good job of noting those present who have made some contribution either during the war or to the Memorial itself. We especially like the reference to the veteran that the President interviewed, and vignettes like President Truman's remark on the occasion of awarding the Congressional Medal of Honor.

One comment on a more fundamental level: we think that the speech ought to make the connection between present day world events -- which are historic and dramatic, to say the least -- and the events of 1950-53.

We cite the President's written statement on the 45th anniversary of D-Day, which was picked up by the Washington Times and the wires in large measure because it linked the sacrifices of D-Day with current world events, viz., "The turmoil and confusion of battle that day belied the calm purposefulness with which freedom confronts tyranny. In recent days, the face of the world has again been marked by dramatic occurrences -- winds of change -- that signify the determination with which freedom confounds its adversaries."

The speech as it stands now, makes this point at pg. 2, para. 4, but only in passing. Three particular points will underscore the relevance of Korea to 1989. Suggested language follows each point.

First, in order to tie-in the remembrance of the American and allied sacrifices in Korea to events in the world today, we should note that Korea was an allied effort. Partly, the point is to continue to stress the President's European triumph.
Thus:

"Korea was the first allied effort in history to contain communism by combined strength. The freedom-loving countries strove together to halt Communist aggression and build a stable peace that has lasted for more than 35 years. The allies succeeded."

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"Today that alliance endures. In fact, as one world leader told me two weeks ago in Brussels, the Alliance is stronger than ever. In Brussels the NATO allies forged an historic agreement that, if successful, will alter the military map of Europe and lay the foundations for true and lasting peace, with freedom."

Second, tie in the current bravery and steadfastness of the members of the American armed forces guarding Korea today:

"America is still, at this very moment, the guardian of much of Asia's freedoms. At this very moment, American troops guard the 38th Parallel. And this memorial is no less a tribute to their sacrifices -- the brave men and women who proudly wear the uniform of the United States armed forces. ok

Third: We should make the point that the sacrifices of the past 39 years in Korea, like the sacrifices in Europe, are now -- literally now -- bearing fruit. Thus:

"The sacrifices brave Americans bore in Korea are all the more relevant at this particular moment in history because we are finally seeing the fruits of freedom's vigilance, preparedness, and determination against tyranny. Around the world, the wind of freedom, the New Breeze, is blowing. ok

"It is too early to tell what will happen in that Asian giant, China, where the voices of freedom have been, for the moment, cruelly stifled. Certainly the events of the past weeks on the other side of the globe, in Europe, are portents of brighter days ahead. ok

"We can never tell whether freedom will prevail soon or in every instance. But we do know that the spirit of freedom -- whether in the upraised banner of a Chinese student, or in the silhouette of a lonely sentry pacing the 38th parallel, or in a child's voice reciting the Pledge of Allegiance -- that spirit of freedom cannot forever be silenced. That is the real purpose of this memorial: to honor the sacrifices of the past and to take new strength and dedication for the future." ok

One other comment:

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June 12, 1989

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FROM: BRENT O. HATCH *BOH*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Korean Memorial


I reviewed the draft remarks for the June 14 ceremony. My recommended revisions are attached.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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REMARKS: KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL
ROSE GARDEN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1989

GENERAL DAVIS, GENERAL STILWELL, GENERAL GOODPASTER
[GOOD PAST ER], GENERAL GRAY, SECRETARY LUJAN, MEMBERS
OF THE COMMISSION, MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, FELLOW
VETERANS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

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IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE.
AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING
THIS OCCASION.

WOODROW WILSON ONCE SAID, "A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN IS
NEVER SO PROUD OF HIS FLAG AS WHEN IT COMES TO MEAN FOR
OTHERS, AS TO HIMSELF, A SYMBOL OF LIBERTY."

WELL, FITTINGLY, WE MEET THIS MORNING ON FLAG DAY AND THE DAY OF THE U.S. ARMY'S FOUNDING. AND AS PATRIOTIC AMERICANS, TO PUBLICLY UNVEIL THE WINNING DESIGN FOR A SYMBOL OF LIBERTY: THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL.

THERE ARE, OF COURSE, MANY SUCH SYMBOLS IN THIS CAPITAL CITY. MEMORIALS WHICH RIGHTLY HAIL VETERANS FROM BUNKER HILL TO GETTYSBURG TO THE RICE PADDIES OF VIET NAM. THEY ARE PART OF OUR HISTORY, AND OF OUR LORE. MONUMENTS TO THE DEAD, AND THE LIVING.

BUT UNTIL RECENTLY, THE KOREAN WAR WAS NOT FORMALLY REMEMBERED. NOR WERE THE OVER 5.7 MILLION AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO WERE DIRECTLY, AND INDIRECTLY, INVOLVED.

TODAY, WE SAY: NO MORE. IT'S TIME TO REMEMBER.
FOR WE ARE HERE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S UNIFORMED
SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO SERVED DURING THE KOREAN
CONFLICT. AND TO RECALL AN AMERICAN VICTORY THAT
REMAINS TOO LITTLE APPRECIATED AND TOO SELDOM
UNDERSTOOD.

WE RECALL THAT WHEN WAR BEGAN, THE FORCES OF
TOTALITARIANISM SEEMED READY TO OVERRUN ALL OF ASIA.
BUT IT NEVER HAPPENED.

FOR KOREA WAS THE FIRST ALLIED EFFORT IN HISTORY TO
CONTAIN COMMUNISM BY COMBINING STRENGTH.

FIGHTING SIDE-BY-SIDE UNDER THE FLAG OF THE
UNITED NATIONS, THE FREEDOM-LOVING COUNTRIES OF THE
UNITED STATES, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND OTHER ALLIES
STROVE TO HALT AGGRESSION. WE SUCCEEDED -- AND BUILT A
STABLE PEACE THAT HAS LASTED FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS.
TOGETHER, WE HELD THE LINE.

TODAY, WE ARE STILL HOLDING IT. AND LET ME SALUTE THOSE AMERICAN TROOPS WHO GUARD THE 38TH PARALLEL. AND I WANT TO SALUTE OUR ALLIES. FOR THEY, TOO, HAVE SACRIFICED ON FREEDOM'S BEHALF. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN MUCH OF ASIA, WE CANNOT BE SURE. BUT OF THIS, WE ARE CERTAIN: IN RETROSPECT, THE POLICY OF CONTAINMENT SO EXEMPLIFIED BY THE KOREAN CONFLICT CREATED THE CONDITIONS FOR THE TIDE TOWARD DEMOCRACY NOW CHANGING, AND UPLIFTING, OUR GLOBE.

THE DESIGN WE UNVEIL TODAY HONORS THAT DEMOCRACY. AND THE AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN WHO TOOK UP ARMS, AND BORE OUR BURDEN, SO THAT FREEDOM COULD SURVIVE. OUR NEARLY 5 MILLION KOREAN WAR VETERANS ALIVE TODAY -- WE HONOR THEM. OUR 103,000 WOUNDED IN THE CONFLICT -- WE HONOR THEM. OUR MORE THAN 8,000 MISSING OR UNACCOUNTED FOR. THE 54,246 AMERICANS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES -- WHO GAVE, AS LINCOLN SAID, "THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION."

THIS DAY MARKS ANOTHER STEP TOWARD THE MEMORIAL THAT KOREA'S VETERANS DESERVE, AND WILL HAVE -- A PROCESS WHICH BEGAN WHEN PRESIDENT REAGAN SIGNED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. LAST SEPTEMBER A SITE WAS APPROVED ON THE WASHINGTON MALL.

THE MEMORIAL WILL BE BUILT IN ASH WOODS, A GROVE OF TREES NEAR THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL, ACROSS THE REFLECTING POOL FROM THE VIET NAM MEMORIAL. AND ITS EXISTENCE WILL BE DUE TO A NUMBER OF FRIENDS.

AMONG THEM ARE MEMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES WHO HELPED PASS THIS LEGISLATION. AND, OF COURSE, THE SPONSORS OF THIS MEMORIAL.

IN THAT CONTEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION -- CHAIRED BY GENERAL GOODPASTER, STAFF SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER -- AND THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL ADVISORY BOARD.

NEXT, LET ME THANK THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO CHOSE THIS DESIGN. AND TO CHAIRMAN RAY DAVIS, MY SPECIAL THANKS FOR CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE. I WANT TO ALSO REPEAT, AS GENERAL STILWELL HAS NOTED, THAT EVERY DOLLAR OF THIS FUNDING HAS BEEN PRIVATELY FINANCED.

AND TO COMMEND, AS HE DID, MAX JAMEISON [JAME I SON], WHOSE COMPANY DONATED \$1 MILLION. AND ABIGAIL VAN BUREN -- "DEAR ABBY" -- WHOSE READERS RAISED, ALMOST UNBELIEVABLY, \$330,000 FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL.

GENERAL DAVIS HAS OBSERVED HOW THE DESIGN FOR THEIR -- FOR YOUR -- MEMORIAL WAS CRAFTED BY FOUR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS ON THE FACULTY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE. DON LEON. ELIZA OBERHOLTZER. AND JOHN AND VERONICA LUCAS.

TO ALL OF THEM, MY CONGRATULATIONS [PAUSE] . . . YOU MAY ECLIPSE JOE PATERNO AND THE NITTANY LIONS AS PENN STATE'S MOST NOTED TEAM.

AND LET ME ADD THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THE MEMORIAL ITSELF IS UNVEILED. FOR IT WILL STAND AS AMERICA'S LASTING TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT SO VALIANTLY, IN AN UNKNOWN LAND, AS LIBERTY'S HORATIO AT THE BRIDGE.

AS YOU VIEW IT, THINK OF SUCH NAMES AS RIDGWAY, VAN FLEET, MACARTHUR. AND OF SHELL-TORN UPLANDS DUBBED PORK CHOP, BLOODY, AND ARROWHEAD.

REMEMBER PLACES LIKE PANMUNJOM AND, YES, INCHON. AND THE HEROISM OF THE SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT ACROSS THE RUGGED, SNOW-COVERED HILLS.

THINK OF MEN LIKE JAMES GARNER AND NEIL ARMSTRONG. OR THE MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO SERVED IN KOREA -- AMONG THEM, WARREN RUDMAN AND JOHN GLENN. AND JOHN'S WINGMAN: TED WILLIAMS -- TEDDY BALLGAME -- THE GREATEST HITTER WHO EVER LIVED.

OR GENERAL AL GRAY, SITTING RIGHT HERE, WHO VOLUNTEERED TWICE TO SERVE ON THE FRONT LINE -- FIRST, AS AN ENLISTED MARINE; AND LATER, AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER, COURAGEOUSLY LEADING AN INFANTRY PLATOON. HEROES WHO SHOWED THAT OURS WOULD NOT BE THE LAND OF THE FREE IF IT WERE NOT ALSO THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

YES, THINK OF THEM, HONOR THEM. REMEMBER HOW THEY SERVED FROM PUSAN TO PYONGYANG [PEE ONG YONG].

HEROES LIKE ROSEMARY MCCARTHY, A COURAGEOUS ARMY NURSE. OR MY GOOD FRIEND PETE McCLOSKEY, WHO ENDURED SUPERIOR FORCES TO CHARGE UP AND TAKE HIS HILL. AND WHOSE TROOPS SO ADMIRER HIM THAT THEY NAMED A BASEBALL FIELD IN KOREA IN HIS HONOR. OR WALLY LUKENS, WHO BRAVED ENEMY FIRE TO REPLACE ANOTHER PLATOON LEADER, THEN PICKED UP A GRAVELY WOUNDED INFANTRYMAN AND CARRIED HIM TO THE REAR. WALLY'S EFFORT TO SAVE THAT LIFE WAS IN VAIN.

BUT HIS SELFLESS DEVOTION TO HIS MEN -- HIS GRIT AND GUTS -- LIVES ON IN THE SOULS OF ALL AMERICANS IN UNIFORM.

TO MY RIGHT SITS SUCH AN AMERICAN: RAY DAVIS, WHO AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL DURING THE WAR RECEIVED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR. THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO, IN THIS VERY PLACE, PRESIDENT TRUMAN -- HIMSELF A VETERAN -- PRESENTED THAT MEDAL. AND THEN HE SAID: "COLONEL, I'D RATHER HAVE THIS THAN BE PRESIDENT."

RAY DAVIS WON HIS MEDAL FOR YOU, AND ME, AND AMERICA. HE'S WEARING IT TODAY. IT MAKES US PROUD. AND SO WILL THE DESIGN OF YOUR VETERANS MEMORIAL. IT SPEAKS OF WALKING TOWARD FREEDOM, AND TOWARD HOME, IN THE COLD THAT WAS KOREA.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT CEREMONY FOR WINNING DESIGN
FOR KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Rose Garden

2:14 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all. Thank you, General Davis and General Stilwell -- please be seated -- General Goodpaster; our Commandant, General Gray; Secretary Lujan; members of the Commission; winners; second-place winners; third-place winners; fellow veterans; distinguished guests; leaders of the Congress. It is a pleasure to welcome you to the White House. And I want to thank you for the privilege of sharing this occasion.

Woodrow Wilson once said, "A patriotic American is never so proud of his flag as when it comes to mean for others, as to himself, a symbol of liberty."

Well, fittingly, we meet here on Flag Day and the day of the U.S. Army's founding, and as patriotic Americans, to publicly unveil the winning design for a symbol of liberty: The Korean War Veterans Memorial.

And there are, of course, many such symbols in this great Capital of ours. Memorials which rightly hail veterans from Bunker Hill to Gettysburg to the rice paddies of Vietnam. And they are a part of our history and of our lore. Monuments to the dead and the living.

But until recently, the Korean War was not formally remembered. Nor were the over 5.7 million American servicemen and women who were directly and indirectly involved.

And today we say, no more. It's time to remember. For we are here to pay tribute to America's uniformed sons and daughters who served during the Korean conflict and to recall an American victory that remains too little appreciated and too seldom understood.

We recall that when war began, the forces of totalitarianism seemed ready to overrun all of Asia. But it never happened. For Korea was the first allied effort in history to contain communism by combining strength.

Fighting side-by-side under the flag of the United Nations, the freedom-loving countries of the United States and the Republic of Korea and other allies strove to halt aggression. And we succeeded -- and built a stable peace that has lasted for more than 35 years. And together, we held the line.

veterans alive today -- we honor them. Our 103,000 wounded in the conflict -- we honor them. Our more than 8,000 missing or unaccounted for. The 54,246 Americans who gave their lives -- who gave, as Lincoln said, "the last full measure of devotion."

This day marks another step toward the memorial that Korea's veterans deserve and will have -- a process which began when President Reagan signed legislation authorizing the creation of a Korean War Veterans Memorial in the District. And last September a site was approved for the Washington Mall. The memorial will be built in Ash Woods, a grove of trees near the Lincoln Memorial, across the reflecting pool from the Vietnam Memorial. And its existence will be due to a number of friends.

Among them are members of both parties who helped pass this legislation and, of course, the sponsors of this memorial. And in that context, I would like to thank the Battle Monuments Commission -- ably chaired by General Goodpaster, who was years ago right in this building, the staff secretary to President Eisenhower -- and also the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board.

And now let me thank the men and women who chose this design. And to Chairman Ray Davis, my special thanks for chairing the committee. I want also to repeat, as General Stilwell has noted, that every dollar of this funding has been privately financed. And to commend, as he did, Max Jameison, whose company donated \$1 million. And then Abby, "Dear Abby" -- Abigail Van Buren -- whose readers raised, almost unbelievably, \$330,000 for the Veterans Memorial.

General Davis has observed how the design for their -- rather for your memorial was crafted by four professional architects and designers on the faculty of Penn State, the Department of Architecture. You met them -- Dr. Leon, Oberholtzer, and John and Veronica Lucas. And to all of them, my congratulations. Somehow it seems that you might even eclipse Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions as Penn State's most noted team.

But let me add that I look forward to the day when the memorial itself is unveiled, for it will stand as America's lasting tribute to those who fought so valiantly in an unknown land, as liberty's Horatio at the bridge.

And as you view it, think of such names as Ridgway and Van Fleet, MacArthur, shell-torn uplands, Pork Chop, Bloody, Arrowhead. Remember Panmunjom and, yes, Inchon. And the heroism of the soldiers who fought across the rugged, snow-covered hills.

Think of men like James Garner, Neil Armstrong, or the many members of the United States Congress who served in Korea -- Warren Rudman among them, and John Glenn. And John's wingman: Ted Williams -- Ballgame Teddy, they called him -- greatest hitter who ever lived. Or General Al Gray, sitting right here, who volunteered twice to serve on the front line, first as an enlisted Marine and later as a commissioned officer, courageously leading and infantry platoon. Heroes who showed that ours would not be the land of the free if it were not also the home of the brave.

American -- he's supposed to be seated -- Ray Davis. He was a Lieutenant Colonel during the war, received the Congressional Medal of Honor. And 37 years ago, in this very place, President Truman -- himself a veteran -- presented the medal. And then he said, "Colonel, I'd rather have this than be President."

Ray Davis won his medal for you and for me and our country. And he's wearing it today. And it makes us proud. And so will this design of the Veterans Memorial. It speaks of walking toward freedom and toward home, in the cold that was Korea.

Mike McKavitt was a fighter pilot in Korea. And he tells me he couldn't sleep for three nights after first seeing this memorial. And now we all are about to see why. So could we move over and do the honors. (Applause.)

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2:23 P.M. EDT