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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: PRESIDENT'S DINNER, WASH. CONVENTION CTR.  
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As powerful and resourceful as government is, government alone cannot come close to overcoming these problems. Next week, I will announce a major initiative to challenge our young people to serve their communities. From now on, **the definition of the good life in America must include service to others.**

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In the next election, we have a good shot at making big gains. Of course, the party that controls the White House is supposed to do poorly in mid-term elections. But there are no iron clad rules in politics. ((After all, if there were, I would never have become the only living member of the Martin Van Buren Society . . .)) With your support and leadership -- the leadership of great Republicans like Carl Lindner of Ohio -- **we can again defy the precedents. We can again make history.**

In order to win, we must work together as a team, not as an association of acronyms. The RNC, the NRCC, the RGA, the NRSC -- these are top-notch, well-managed organizations staffed by the best people in politics today.

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These are my strategies for victory. But strategies are useless without a great purpose . . . We have such a purpose, to build a better America, for today and for the new century ahead.

We have shed a lot of blood, sweat and tears to rebuild the Republican Party since the early seventies. The best way to keep our party growing is to win more elections in 1990, from the courthouse, to the statehouse, to Capitol Hill. And with your help, let's prove to the Democrats that the successes of the 1980s are not a fluke; that they, in fact, **spell the beginning of the end of Democratic dominance in Congress.** ((PAUSE))

Thank you, good night and God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

89 JUN 10 AIO: 47

June 9, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

JIM WRAY *JWR*

SUBJECT:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT'S DINNER SPEECH

My additional comments refer to paragraph 1, page 3 of the draft speech.

We should consider adding reference to the problems that we as Republicans have witnessed this past week (RNC/FOLEY). We should attempt to strike a tone as follows:

"We are all saddened by the historic and unprecedented resignation of a Speaker and a Majority Whip of the House. We are equally saddened by our own circumstances regarding the recent attack on newly elected Speaker Foley. Clearly, it is time for an even-handed standard across all branches of government and party lines....."

(The underlined portions represent my recommended additions).

I believe that failure to reference the incident will result in continued press attention to the matter.

Thank you.

cc: Pinkerton  
Cicconi

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 89 JUN 10 <sup>6/8/89 AIO: 47</sup> ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12:00 6/9/89

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RESPONSE: TO: CHRISS WINSTON June 9, 1989

The NSC concurs with the President's speech for the Washington Convention Center dinner on June 14, with a suggestion as marked.

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

cc: James W. Cicconi

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RESPONSE: 6/8 P.M.

*Good job — please see thoughts and comments. (pages 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)*

*Jim Whaley*

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RESPONSE: cc: Clark  
Don  
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TALKING POINTS ON NATIONAL SERVICE FOR THE FIRST LADY

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As I said  
during the  
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Mark -

4/9/89

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another comment for the  
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- Please recognize

Carl Lindner of Ohio

he has contributed

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single largest donor

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2 1/2 million \$ aggregate.

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: President's Dinner: Presidential Address

Pursuant to your staffing memorandum of June 8, 1989, Counsel's Office has reviewed the remarks referenced above.

We have no legal objections to the contents of the speech.

We offer the following suggestions:

At the top of page 3, we believe further description of the Administration's ethics proposal is warranted. Many people will not be aware that the President has already taken a leadership role in ethics. At the least, we would add after the word "proposal" language similar to, "I sent to the Congress in April."

At the top of page six, in the first full paragraph, consideration should be given to recent events in determining whether it is appropriate for the President to say that the RNC is "staffed by the best people in politics today."

Finally, it may be better to be more specific in the last full paragraph on page six. Currently, the speech stresses the need for us to have a "great purpose", but then may be viewed as falling short in its description of this great purpose by saying it is "to build a better America". Stronger economically (deficit)? Return to values (drugs, crime)? Environment and education (kinder, gentler)? Beacon of hope for those around the world with aspirations for freedom (China, Soviet Bloc)?

Thank you for circulating this matter for our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: PRESIDENT'S DINNER, WASH. CONVENTION CTR.  
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Thank you, Don. Mr. Vice President, Dan ((compliment to come)) . . . Mrs. Quayle, Marilyn, it's a delight to be with you on this excellent evening. David Murdock, thank you for your dedication in making this event possible. Guy Vander Jagt, it's great to see you. ((Note MOCs, Cabinet Officers.))

As you have heard, this room is divided into four quadrants, depicting the regions of the United States -- North, South, East and West. ((You may have also heard that Lee Atwater suggested a fifth corner, one whole corner to represent South Carolina.))

((PAUSE))

((Forgive me if I'm off to a slow start tonight . . . I've been speaking at so many school commencements lately, I'm only comfortable before audiences that snap gum.)) ((PAUSE))

It was at the last President's Dinner that the fortieth President of the United States stood before us and formally threw his support for a successor. Since then, Ronald Reagan has returned to his beloved California. And you and I have fought

shoulder to shoulder, battling our way from 17 points behind to a **40-state win on Election Day.** ((PAUSE))

But we didn't fight the battle we fought, we didn't put ourselves and our families through the turmoil of a campaign, just to win an election. We fought because we believed in certain ideas and certain ideals. We fought because we believed that together we can build a better America.

The American people defined our mission. And in the four months since the Inaugural, without fanfare or partisan furor, we have worked together to quietly follow this mission, to achieve what was considered to be outlandishly impossible.

\*\*\* The American people want action on the deficit. And we reached an agreement with Congress to reduce the deficit **by a whopping \$65 billion.** ((PAUSE)) And we aim to achieve this without raising taxes by **a single copper penny.** ((PAUSE))

\*\*\* The American people want action on a festering problem -- the hemorrhage of the Savings and Loan System. Our reform plan will restore stability, eliminate extravagant practices, and punish those who abuse the trust of depositors. The Senate approved our plan 91 to 8. **I call on the House to follow suit.**

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Proposal I sent to the  
Congress in April.

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\*\*\* The American people want action on ethics. We are all saddened by the historic and unprecedented resignation of a Speaker and a Majority Whip of the House. Clearly, it is time for an even-handed ethics standard across all branches of government. This is the goal of our ethics ~~proposal~~<sup>package</sup> proposal. We must all be equal before the law.

\*\*\* The American people want action on the environment. Yesterday, surrounded by the natural jewels of the Grand Tetons, enjoying the crisp, pristine mountain air, I called on Congress to join me in a quest for cleaner air, an end to acid rain, ozone depletion and other harmful emissions. You shouldn't have to become a mountain man just to breathe good, clean air.

\*\*\* The American people want action on crime. This Administration will not rest until we have lifted the shadow of fear from the homes, shops and streets of America. That is why I called last month for tough new laws, and more police and prosecutors to back them up. In short, this Administration is ready to take back the streets.

\*\*\* The American people want action on foreign policy -- a sensible, yet bold plan to deal with the changes sweeping the Communist world, from Budapest to Beijing. Our agreement with Congress on Central America allows the United States to speak

with one clear voice with one clear message -- let freedom ring in Nicaragua.

In Brussels, I said that we face an historic opportunity to move beyond containment of the Soviet Union. I said that the world has waited long enough -- that Europe can be whole and free; and the world can move beyond armed camps divided by suspicion and fear. **And our NATO Allies agreed.**

But this, the first five months of my Administration, is just a start. We must work together to protect what is already the longest peacetime expansion in our history -- to keep America competitive and on the job. We must fight drug abuse on every front, to redeem thousands of children, to return promise to their lives. And we must revitalize our schools, so that **a solid education is once again the birthright of every American.**

To make this kind of progress will require more than a government program or another grand initiative. Republicans believe that it will take the active involvement of parents, students and teachers; business and local government; churches and schools. This is what we mean by a thousand points of light -- a constellation of volunteers.

But as you know, achieving our highest goals depends, to a large extent, on winning elections in Congress. We must take our

case to the American people, precinct by precinct, block by block.

I believe it's no coincidence that our party slipped to minority status in the House as we became a minority in the state legislatures. Today, Democrats now have a redistricting advantage in states that compose about 90 percent of the seats in Congress.

That is why we Republicans must make aggressive gains at the state level. Critical gubernatorial and legislative races in the eight largest states alone will determine whether Republicans will be treated fairly in the drafting of 209 Congressional Districts.

A majority, or even a large minority, of Republicans in state legislatures can join with Republican governors to sustain the veto of outrageous gerrymander schemes, strengthening our numbers in the U.S. House. Strong state parties can help us to win back the U.S. Senate -- perhaps our most critical goal. In the next election, we have a good shot at making big gains. Of course, the party that controls the White House is supposed to do poorly in mid-term elections. But there are no iron clad rules in politics. ((After all, if there were, I would never have become the only living member of the Martin Van Buren

Society . . .)) With your support and leadership, we can again defy the precedents. We can again make history.

In order to win, we must work together as a team, not as an association of acronyms. The RNC, the NRCC, the RGA, the NRSC -- these are top-notch, well-managed organizations [staffed by the best people in politics today.] ?

But our Republican Party must be greater than the sum of its parts; we must be inspired by a common purpose. We must reach out to new constituencies, to campaign in the neighborhoods, the ghettos, the barrios, once considered to be the exclusive domain of the opposition.

To win, we must also recruit the very best men and women to represent our party, as candidates and as officeholders.

? These are my strategies for victory. But strategies are useless without a great purpose . . . We have such a purpose, to build a better America, for today and for the new century ahead.

We have shed a lot of blood, sweat and tears to rebuild the Republican Party over the last decade. The best way to keep our party ready for action is to engage ourselves in the 1990 election, from the courthouse, to the statehouse, to Capitol Hill. I thank you for your help in this campaign to elect more

Republicans. Let us prove to the Democrats that the successes of the 1980s are not a fluke; that they, in fact, **spell the beginning of the end of Democratic dominance in Congress.**

((PAUSE))

We can now aim for the stars, and we can do so because of you. For your leadership of our party, of our country, you have my sincerest gratitude.

Thank you, good night and God bless you all.

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: 06/07/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 06/08/90 5:00pm

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESIDENT'S DINNER  
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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by Friday, 06/08 at 5:00 p.m., with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

*minor comments*  
*JA*

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**REMARKS: PRESIDENT'S DINNER  
WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER  
TUESDAY, JUNE 12  
7:30 P.M.**

((Thank you very much. Thank you, Guy, for that wonderful introduction, and for the great job you are doing as our chairman of the House Campaign Committee. And we all know what an outstanding job Vice President Quayle is doing for our country and for our Party -- he's carried our message of opportunity practically a quarter million miles around the world. \\\ Senator Dole; Senator Nickles; Congressman Michel; our wonderful host, Senator Howard Baker; and all of our dinner leadership, especially Dwayne Andreas and Carl Lindner -- it's a pleasure to see all of you and again, I thank for your hard work and dedication. \\\))

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding men and women of my Cabinet \\\ and let me mention a man who is not only a close advisor but a good friend, Lee Atwater. \\\ Lee, you've been a champion in the Republican Party ... a champion in the music world .. ~~and now you'll be a champion in the biggest fight of all.~~ I know you'll be back in the saddle again leading the Party to more victories in the future. \\\

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*Well, it's good to be here. Even though*  
((I understand some of you circulated a petition complaining that the only reason I was invited to speak tonight is because I'm Barbara Bush's husband. \\\

~~But, it's great to be here.~~ I haven't seen a crowd this excited since Marla Maples appeared at the White House Correspondents Dinner. \\\

And I don't think there have been so many well-dressed people in one place since the valet parking attendants reported for duty at the Kennedy-Cuomo wedding. \\\

I know it's getting late. I almost feel as if I'm at the Oscars. \\\ Have we gotten to Best Picture yet? \\\ I promise to be brief.))

I just returned from the Midwest on a trip for some great Republican candidates, where I talked about the successful Summit we held with President Gorbachev. ((In fact, I asked President Gorbachev if he thought ~~there was actually a chance for the~~ empire ~~to crumble and collapse.~~ He said, "I'm not here to talk about the Trump organization." \\\))

But it was a successful Summit, following a year of remarkable change. Over the past year, we have seen -- literally -- millions of people freed from the bonds of tyranny. We have felt a new breeze of freedom that is sweeping away forty years of oppression. It was the Republican policy of **peace through strength** that helped breathe life into the Revolution of '89 and provided us the opportunity to make so much progress at the Washington Summit two weeks ago -- a policy so successful in the 1980s because of the vision and leadership of one man, **President Ronald Reagan.** \\\

*Of course, being married to Barbara is like being up for best Supporting Actor.*

President Gorbachev and I worked together during those five historic days, to further the process of peace by working toward a safer world and a stable, new Europe -- one in which every nation's security is strengthened and no nation is threatened. Differences still remain -- self-determination for Lithuania and German reunification, for example, but the summit was a success and real progress was made.

But, I've also come to you tonight to set a few things straight. Apparently, there are people in America whose sense of priorities is out of whack, a misguided few with a warped view of this country. \\ These are the same people who said "America's Funniest Home Videos" wouldn't last. \\

I'm talking about the people who believe there's no difference between the Republican and Democratic Parties. But there is a big difference. On our side -- the Republican side -- lies opportunity, empowerment, choice, and free market solutions to critical problems. Republicans want power in the hands of people, not big government.

What's scaring the heck out of our opponents is that this fall, they're up against the Republican record. The longest peacetime economic expansion in history. The lowest unemployment rate in 16 years, and over 21 million jobs created.

Republicans are the ones who want to keep the economy strong, and we've fought every step of the way against those who want to bring America to a grinding halt -- by fighting against mandated benefits for small businesses, mindless red tape, more

tax-and-spend programs. We're the ones who support a balanced budget amendment and the line-item veto -- because with a more sane budget process, we know we can build a better America. \\

Republicans are the ones who sent the Violent Crime Control Act to Congress last year, with tougher penalties and enforcement measures. This Administration is leading the charge to take back the streets, and we will. ~~win~~. \\

We're the Party that brought <sup>forward</sup> ~~you~~ the Educational Excellence Act and the Education Summit to define National Goals for our schools for the first time in American history -- so that American students become the best in the world. \\

And take a look at our record on the environment. We sent to Congress the first major overhaul of the Clean Air Act in over a decade -- because we must protect our planet for our children and their children. But this Administration also believes in market-oriented policies, ones that protect our planet and keep hard-working Americans on the job. \\

Tonight, I've only mentioned a few of the greatest hits from the Republican Record. But, as everyone here knows, achieving more depends on winning more elections for Congress. We can beat our Democratic opponents on the issues -- when the fight is a fair one. But we lose -- and the American people lose -- when the fight is rigged because of Democratic gerrymandering. \\

Today, Democrats now have a redistricting advantage in states that compose about 90 percent of the seats in Congress. We must make solid gains at the state level. In fact, key

gubernatorial and legislative races in the eight largest states will directly affect our Republican candidates in 209 Congressional districts.

But this year's Senate elections also present an opportunity for us to regain the Senate. Of the 34 Senators up for re-election in 1990, 18 are Republicans and 16 are Democrats. All that stands between us and a Republican Senate is **five seats**. We can end the Democratic stranglehold on the U.S. Congress. \\

Our goal is to build a better America for our children, and for those who will come after them in the next century. The best way to do it is to give people opportunity, empowerment and choice. Our goals are big, but we have the best candidates and the best supporters in the country to get us there -- **and many of them are right here in this room tonight.** \\

((And I have some news for [name of top fundraiser named earlier in evening]: Your Christmas card list has just been given its own zip code.))

Republicans all across America are making a difference -- in our Party, in our country, and in the lives of others. People like [names to come]. There are so many, many others like them here tonight -- we call them "points of light" -- who make up this Grand Old Party. We can and will continue to make a difference for those in need. **That's what building a better America is all about.** \\

Thank you all -- every one of you -- for your gigantic contribution to these goals. God bless you, and thank you all.