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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

06/15/89

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WICHITA STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JUNE 15, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT: WICHITA STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, June 16, at 11 a.m., you will meet with the Wichita State baseball team, which last weekend won the 1989 College World Series. The ceremonies will occur in the Rose Garden. About 200 people are expected to attend.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks focus on Wichita State's surprising victory, its first-ever NCAA baseball title and first not won by a Sunbelt team in 23 years. The text singles out Wichita State's coach and leading players, and references their 1989 championship to your experiences in the College World Series.

(Smith/Blessey)
June 15, 1989
Draft Three
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WICHITA STATE BASEBALL
WHITE HOUSE ROSE GARDEN
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1989

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Congressional Delegation, President Armstrong, Coach Stephenson,
Shocker players and staff, friends.

Welcome to the White House. And heart-felt congratulations
on winning the NCAA baseball championship. Moreover, let me
assure you: As a Texan, I don't take it personally that you sent
the Longhorns out to pasture.

It is a special treat to be here. For as you may have
heard, I've loved ^{The game} ~~baseball~~ since I was a kid. In fact, watching
Greg Brummett's fastball last weekend reminded me of another
pitcher who threw the high, hard one when I was growing up -- the
fabled Dizzy Dean.

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broadcaster, he fractured the English language. Once, Dean said
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"That runner slud into third."

Well, my friends, by winning Wichita State's first-ever
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sports heart of America.

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Believe me, I know how you feel. For in 1947 I played in the first College World Series, ^{finals} then in Kalamazoo. Next year, ^{our} again ~~my~~ Yale team reached the title game. Only one problem: We lost both times. Yes, I know first-hand how baseball can keep you humble.

Well, in 1989 you kept opponents humble. Over a 63-15 regular season. And five victories in the College World Series. Batting, fielding, and pitching your way into baseball history.

Greg Brummett, of course, led you there: Only the 7th pitcher to win three games in a College World Series [PAUSE] . . . Greg, that pickoff move of yours would nab Willie Mays [PAUSE] . . . or even Willie Sutton. And help came, too, from the Shockers' answer to the question, "How do you spell relief?" Jim Newlin: Only the fourth college pitcher to save three World Series games.

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You know, in that final game, Bryant Winslow had to leave because of a stress fracture in his right leg. One of four major injuries to hit your club. He had tears in his eyes. Didn't want to leave. But Bryant led his teammates from the bench.

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June 14, 1989
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WASHINGTON

June 15, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Wichita State Baseball

The draft remarks reflect the President's interest in baseball and also recognize the achievements of the Wichita State baseball team. 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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89 JUN 16 11:36

June 15, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

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

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Remarks: Wichita
State Baseball

This will confirm our oral advice to your office that Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed Presidential remarks, and we have no legal objections.

Thank you for submitting these remarks for our review.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

89 JUN 15 P1:48

June 15, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton

Subject: Wichita State Baseball Speech Draft

This is very well done. We particularly like the reference to the President's own experience in the first College World Series.

One minor comment:

pg. 1, para. 2, line 4 "back to the corral" is o.k., although in the usual parlance, corrals are more associated with horses. Longhorns would be kept in a "pen," perhaps suggesting the phrase, "back to the bull pen," or "back to the ranch" or "back to the pasture."

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REMARKS: WICHITA STATE BASEBALL
WHITE HOUSE ROSE GARDEN
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1989

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SENATORS DOLE AND KASSEBAUM, MEMBERS OF THE KANSAS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, PRESIDENT ARMSTRONG, COACH STEPHENSON, SHOCKER PLAYERS AND STAFF, FRIENDS.

WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. AND HEART-FELT CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING THE NCAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

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MOREOVER, LET ME ASSURE YOU: AS A TEXAN, I DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY THAT YOU SENT THE LONGHORNS OUT TO PASTURE.

IT IS A SPECIAL TREAT TO BE HERE. FOR AS YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, I LOVE THE GAME. IN FACT, WATCHING GREG BRUMMETT'S [BRUM-ET] FASTBALL LAST WEEKEND REMINDED ME OF ANOTHER PITCHER WHO THREW THE HIGH, HARD ONE WHEN I WAS GROWING UP -- THE FABLED DIZZY DEAN.

AS A PLAYER, OL' DIZ FRACTURED OPPONENTS' BATS. LATER, AS A BROADCASTER, HE FRACTURED THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. ONCE, DEAN SAID OF A HOME-RUN HITTER: "HE'S STANDING CONFIDENTIALLY AT THE PLATE." AND HE DELIGHTED LISTENERS WITH HIS TRADEMARK QUOTE: "THAT RUNNER SLUD INTO THIRD."

WELL, MY FRIENDS, BY WINNING WICHITA STATE'S FIRST-EVER NATIONAL BASEBALL TITLE, YOU HAVE "SLUD," HEAD-FIRST, INTO THE SPORTS HEART OF AMERICA.

THEY'RE CALLING IT SHOCKER SUCCESS. OR MIDWEST MAGIC. REMEMBER HOW JUDY GARLAND ONCE SAID OF KANSAS, "THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME?" WELL, WITH APOLOGIES TO SENATORS DOLE AND KASSEBAUM, YOU'VE PROVEN THERE'S ALSO NO PLACE LIKE OMAHA AND THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES.

BELIEVE ME, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. FOR IN 1947 I PLAYED IN THE FIRST COLLEGE WORLD SERIES FINALS, THEN IN KALAMAZOO. NEXT YEAR, AGAIN OUR YALE TEAM REACHED THE TITLE GAME. ONLY ONE PROBLEM: WE LOST BOTH TIMES.

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YES, I KNOW FIRST-HAND HOW BASEBALL CAN KEEP YOU HUMBLE.

WELL, IN 1989 YOU KEPT OPPONENTS HUMBLE. OVER A 58-14 REGULAR SEASON. AND FIVE VICTORIES IN THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES. BATTING, FIELDING, AND PITCHING YOUR WAY INTO BASEBALL HISTORY.

GREG BRUMMETT, OF COURSE, LED YOU THERE: ONLY THE 7TH PITCHER TO WIN THREE GAMES IN A COLLEGE WORLD SERIES [PAUSE]

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. . . GREG, THAT PICKOFF MOVE OF YOURS WOULD NAB RICKY HENDERSON. AND HELP CAME, TOO, FROM THE SHOCKERS' ANSWER TO THE QUESTION, "HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?" JIM NEWLIN: ONLY THE FOURTH PITCHER TO GET THREE SAVES IN A COLLEGE WORLD SERIES.

THEN, THERE'S CATCHER ERIC WEDGE. AND SHORTSTOP PAT MEARES, [MEERS] CLUBBING A HOME RUN IN THE TITLE GAME [PAUSE]

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. . . PAT, THIS MORNING I CALLED NASA [PAUSE] . . .
THAT BALL IS STILL IN ORBIT. AND OUTFIELDERS JIM
AUDLEY AND TODD DREIFORT [DRY FORT]. EACH OF THE FOUR
AN ALL-TOURNAMENT SELECTION.

DON'T WORRY: I'M NOT FORGETTING MIKE WENTWORTH.
ONE WEEK AGO, YOU STARTED READING THE COMIC THAT COVERS
A PIECE OF BUBBLE GUM. AND YOU CAME UPON THIS FORTUNE:
"SOMETHING MAGICAL WILL HAPPEN."

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HOURS LATER, YOU BELTED A THREE-RUN HOMER TO HELP BEAT
TOP-SEEDED FLORIDA STATE.

AND THE NEXT DAY, GENE STEPHENSON'S TEAM COMPLETED
THE MAGIC ACT -- BECOMING THE FIRST NCAA BASEBALL
CHAMPION IN 23 YEARS NOT LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA, TEXAS,
ARIZONA, OR FLORIDA. LAST WEEK GENE SAID: "WE WANTED
TO PROVE TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY THAT SOMEBODY
OUTSIDE THOSE STATES CAN PLAY BASEBALL." DON'T WORRY,
COACH: YOU DID.

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YOU KNOW, IN THAT FINAL GAME, BRYANT WINSLOW HAD TO LEAVE BECAUSE OF A STRESS FRACTURE IN HIS RIGHT LEG. ONE OF FOUR MAJOR INJURIES TO HIT YOUR CLUB. HE HAD TEARS IN HIS EYES. DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE. BUT BRYANT LED HIS TEAMMATES FROM THE BENCH.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WICHITA STATE BASEBALL
WHITE HOUSE ROSE GARDEN
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1989

Senators Dole and Kassenbaum, Members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation, President Armstrong, Coach Stephenson, Shocker players and staff, friends.

Welcome to the White House. And heart-felt congratulations on winning the NCAA baseball championship. Moreover, let me assure you: As a Texan, I don't take it personally that you sent the Longhorns back to the corral.

It is a special treat to be here. For as you may have heard, I've loved baseball since I was a kid. In fact, watching Greg Brummett's fastball last weekend reminded me of another pitcher who threw the high, hard one when I was growing up -- the fabled Dizzy Dean.

As a player, Ol' Diz fractured opponents' bats. Later, as a broadcaster, he fractured the English language. Once, Dean said of a home-run hitter: "He's standing confidentially at the plate." And he delighted listeners with his trademark quote: "That runner slud into third."

Well, my friends, by winning Wichita State's first-ever national baseball title, you have "slud," head-first, into the sports heart of America.

They're calling it Shocker Success. Or Midwest Magic. Remember how Judy Garland once said, "There's no place like Kansas?" Well, with apologies to Senators Dole and Kassenbaum, you've proven there's also no place like Omaha and the College World Series.

Believe me, I know how you feel. For in 1947 I played in the first College World Series, then in Kalamazoo. Next year, again my Yale team reached the title game. Only one problem: We lost both times. Yes, I know first-hand how baseball can keep you humble.

Well, in 1989 you kept opponents humble. Over a 63-15 regular season. And five victories in the College World Series. Batting, fielding, and pitching your way to baseball's Mount Olympus.

Greg Brummett, of course, spurred the climb: Only the 7th pitcher to win three games in a College World Series [PAUSE] . . . Greg, that pickoff move of yours would nab Willie Mays [PAUSE] . . . or even Willie Sutton. And help came, too, from the Shockers' answer to the question, "How do you spell relief?" Jim Newlin: Only the fourth college pitcher to save three World Series games.

Then, there's catcher Eric Wedge. And shortstop Pat Meares, clubbing a home run in the title game [PAUSE] . . . Pat, this morning I called the weather bureau [PAUSE] . . . that ball is still orbiting Omaha. And outfielders Jim Audley and Todd Dreifort. Each of the four an All-Tournament selection.

Don't worry: I'm not forgetting Mike Wentworth. One week ago, you started reading the comic that covers a piece of bubble gum. And you came upon this fortune: "Something magical will happen." Hours later, you belted a three-run homer to help beat top-seeded Florida State.

And the next day, Gene Stephenson's team completed the magic act -- becoming the first NCAA baseball champion in 23 years not located in California, Texas, Arizona, or Florida. Last week Gene said: "We wanted to prove to people all over the country that somebody outside those states can play baseball." Don't worry, Coach: You did.

You know, in that final game, Bryant Winslow had to leave because of a stress fracture in his right leg. One of four major injuries to hit your club. He had tears in his eyes. Didn't want to leave. But Bryant led his teammates from the bench.

"You guys have got to win this thing," he told them. "Don't you dare lose this game."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
NCAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

The Rose Garden

11:02 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: First let me salute the two Kansas Senators -- Senator Dole, Senator Kassenbaum; members of the Kansas congressional delegation; President Armstrong; Coach Stephenson; Shocker players; staff; friends; secret admirers. Welcome to the White House. And heart-felt congratulations on wrapping up and winning the NCAA Baseball Championship. (Applause.)

And nothing personal at all in your having kicked the Texas Longhorns out to pasture. (Laughter.) I'd forgotten that.

But, it's a special treat to be here, for as you may have heard, I love the game. In fact, watching Greg's fastball -- Greg Brummett's fastball last weekend reminded me of another one from the olden times -- threw that high, hard fast one -- the fabled Dizzy Dean, St. Louis Cardinal fame.

As a player, he fractured the opponents' bats. But later, as a broadcaster, he fractured the English language. (Laughter.) And he said once, of a home-run hitter: "He's standing confidentially at the plate." (Laughter.) And then he delighted listeners with his trademark quote that I'm sure even young guys remember: "That runner slud into third." (Laughter.)

Well, by winning Wichita State's first-ever national baseball title, you have "slud," head-first into the sports hearts of America. (Applause.)

And they're calling it Shocker Success. Or Midwest Magic. And remember how Judy Garland once said of Kansas, "There's no place like home"? Well, with apologies to Senator Dole and Senator Kassenbaum, you've proven there's also no place like Omaha and the College World Series.

If you'll excuse a personal reminiscence, I played in 1947 in the first College World Series finals. It was then -- started in Kalamazoo, Michigan. I think they played there two or three years before a move to Omaha. And next year, '48, again our Yale team reached the finals. But there was one problem -- we had a good coach, great national league baseball player, Ethan Allen, and we walked the eighth hitter, bases loaded, I think, to get to the ninth hitter. The ninth hitter was their pitcher, Jackie Jensen, who went on to be one of the greatest sluggers the Boston Red Sox ever had. And he hit a ball that's still rolling in Kalamazoo, Michigan. (Laughter.) So we lost both times. So baseball can keep you humble.

But in 1989, you were the ones that kept your opponents humble -- 58-14 they were -- 58-14 on the regular season. (Applause.) Five victories in the College World Series. Batting, pitching, fielding -- all of it right into the history books.

Greg Brummett, of course, now famous nationally, led you there: only the seventh pitcher to win three games in a College World Series. Greg, the pickoff move of yours would nab Ricky Henderson. And help came too, from the Shockers' answer to the

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And in that final game, Bryant Winslow had to leave because of a stress fracture in his right leg. One of four major injuries to hit this ball club. He had, as we all would, tears in our eyes at a difficult situation like that. He didn't want to leave. But he led his teammates from the bench.

And a writer once observed, "The Kansas spirit is the American spirit double-distilled." And my friends, you embody that spirit. And it -- and you -- have made the Shockers number one.

The Vice President and I are delighted to be here to salute you along with our distinguished members of the Congress. Congratulations to a team of championships. Well done. Thank you.

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