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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 19, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DANIEL MCGROARTY *DM, g*
THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*
SUBJECT: DETROIT PISTONS VISIT

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McGroarty/Dooley
June 16, 1989
6:00 pm
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THE ROSE GARDEN
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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 20, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO NBA CHAMPION DETROIT PISTONS

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building

11:50 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I see we have the two Senators from Michigan and much of the Congressional delegation here and we want to welcome Senator Levin and Senator Reigle. (Applause.) Congressmen Schute, Broomfield, and et cetera, et cetera. And I'm just delighted you all are here. Commissioner Stern, welcome, sir. And then I want to welcome the unsung heroes -- the heroines -- of the Detroit Pistons, the players' wives. (Applause.) And owner, Bill Davidson, and then the -- I think they all got in in spite of the weather, the D.C. Police Boys and Girls Club. Welcome. Who is with that? Right around here? You guys right here. Great. (Applause.) That's wonderful.

And you may have noticed my special greeting from Bill Laimbeer. He and his wife Chris were with him in October, and he told me back in October that he'd see me at the White House in June. Actually, he was sure he's be here, not so sure about me. (Laughter.) But, sure enough, there they are. (Applause.)

And to all our guests today, I'm just delighted that you've joined me to congratulate the new world champions -- the world champions of basketball, the Detroit Pistons. (Applause.)

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Thank you for visiting us. I'm glad you are now out of low-orbit around the airfield out here, and once again, congratulations to all of you, to the city of Detroit and to the state of Michigan. I am delighted that you are here at the White House.

Thank you very much for coming. (Applause.)

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11:56 A.M. EDT

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Detroit Pistons Visit

Another solid draft. The remarks are well written, entertaining and properly emphasize the importance of teamwork. 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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DATE: 06/16/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00 a.m. Monday 06/19

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From: Jim Pinkerton 
Subject: Detroit Pistons Draft Speech

The speech to use an inapt sports metaphor covers all the bases

Pg. 2, para. 2, line 4 "[Y]our brand of blue-collar basketball...." It seems just slightly too class-conscious, verging on the patronizing, to use the term "blue-collar." We recommend some term that makes the same point while avoiding references to class, e.g., "brawny basketball."

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cc: Roger Porter
Bill Roper
John Gardner

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FROM: NELSON LUND *NL*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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Visit

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Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston (Rm. 122, x2930) by 11:00 a.m. on Monday, 06/19, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

see comments

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Assistant to the President
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DANIEL MCGROARTY *DM, g*
THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
SUBJECT: DETROIT PISTONS VISIT

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I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, June 20, 1989, at 11:00 a.m., you will greet the NBA world champion Detroit Pistons in the Rose Garden.

II. DISCUSSION

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[^] ~~though~~ ~~was~~ -- not quite so sure about me.

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