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FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: Robert E. Grady *REG*

SUBJECT: Recreational Land Acquisition Projects
Included in the FY 1990 President's Budget

Attached for your information are lists of FY 1990 proposed recreational land acquisitions by the Departments of the Interior (National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management) and Agriculture (Forest Service). These projects will be funded under the President's initiative, announced in his February 9th budget address, to seek over \$200 million in appropriations annually from FY 1990 to FY 1993 for Interior and Agriculture land acquisition. This compares to a request of \$23 million in the previous Administration's budget, consistent with its desire to eliminate funding for land acquisition.

The Departments recently submitted these lists to Congress.

Funding of these projects will promote a variety of Administration objectives, such as providing recreation to urban area populations ("parks for people"), preserving valuable wetlands, and protecting threatened and endangered species habitats. The projects are a clear demonstration of the President's commitment to environmental protection and enhancement, and should be used in his upcoming trips and speeches across the country to help bring this message home to the electorate.

Follow-up questions regarding the listed projects should be directed to me or Dave Gibbons of OMB (x4586).

Attachments

- cc:
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Ms. Chriss Winston
Mr. Edward McNalley
Mr. Dan McGroarty
Mr. Mark Davis
Mr. Mark Lange
Mr. Curt Smith

e.g. - might be useful in a speech
in a local area to say
"my budget contains \$X million
to expand X park."

Hope this is helpful!
REG

5/11/89

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FY 1990 Land Acquisition
(In thousands of dollars)

	<u>BLM</u>	<u>FWS</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Acquisition management.....	1,100	1,874	6,317	9,291
NPS State assistance management.....	n/a	n/a	3,383	3,383
Emergency and hardship.....	0	1,500	6,079	7,579
Projects.....	19,785	48,041	53,680	121,506
Bureau totals.....	20,885	51,415	69,459	141,759

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 FY 1990 Land Acquisition - Bureau Listing
 (dollars in thousands)

Bureau	Parcel	No. of Acres	FY 90 (\$000)	Cumulative Cost
BLM	Big Hole River, MT	393	180	
BLM	Bizz Johnston Trail, CA	150	300	
BLM	Bruneau River, ID	160	40	
BLM	Carrizo Plains, CA	35,000	6,000	
BLM	Chuckwalla Bench, CA	2,500	500	
BLM	Colo R/Blk Ridge Canyon, CO	1,200	300	
BLM	Desart Tortoise Nat Area, CA	600	1,200	
BLM	El Malpais, NM	50,000	1,250	
BLM	Fig Springs, AZ	640	210	
BLM	Kings Range NCA, CA	600	500	
BLM	Lomas/Santa Fe, MT	142	590	
BLM	Lower Salmon River, ID	1,568	1,200	
BLM	McCain Valley RCA, CA	400	250	
BLM	New River ACEC, OR	120	500	
BLM	N. Fork American River, CA	240	250	
BLM	Oregon Nat'l Trail, ID	1,600	405	
BLM	Overflow Wetlands HMP, NM	804	240	
BLM	Owyhee River, OR & ID	1,500	1,320	
BLM	Pariette Wetlands, UT	503	210	
BLM	Rio Chama, NM	1,020	350	
BLM	Rio Grande, CO	280	70	
BLM	S Fork Merced River, CA	160	250	
BLM	S. Fork Snake River, ID	1,700	1,750	
BLM	Upper Missouri W/S River, MT	419	200	
BLM	Upper Sacramento River, CA	1,300	1,720	19,785

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Bureau	Parcel	No. of Acres	FY 90 (\$000)	Cumulative Cost
FWS	Ace Rivers Basin, SC	1,200	1,000	
FWS	Blunt-nosed Lizard, CA	150	160	
FWS	Bogue Chitto, LA	2,505	1,200	
FWS	Cape May, NJ	500	1,000	
FWS	Crystal River, FL	10	900	
FWS	Eastern Shore, VA	220	200	
FWS	Great Swamp, NJ	200	2,000	
FWS	James River, VA	3,500	2,000	
FWS	J.N. "Ding" Darling, FL	43	300	
FWS	Lake Thompson, SD	5,000	1,000	
FWS	Lower Rio Grande, TX	8,000	10,000	
FWS	Minnesota Valley, MN	1,130	4,516	
FWS	Pelican Island, FL	249	1,900	
FWS	Pettaquamscutt, RI	150	1,400	
FWS	Sacramento River, CA	4,065	4,643	
FWS	San Francisco Bay, CA	1,400	4,000	
FWS	San Joaquin River, CA	2,500	5,000	
FWS	San Pablo Bay, CA	1,493	3,500	
FWS	Steigerwald Lake, WA	190	722	
FWS	Tinicum Nat'l Envir Ctr, PA	100	1,000	
FWS	Trempealeau, WI	500	500	
FWS	Truston Pond, RI	70	1,100	48,041

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 (dollars in thousands)

Bureau	Parcel	No. of Acres	FY 90 (\$000)	Cumulative Cost
NPS	Acadia NP, ME	233	1,000	
NPS	Antietam NBP, MD	62	500	
NPS	Appalachian Trail, Multi	2,387	7,000	
NPS	Big Cypress N Pres, FL	5,894	4,000	
NPS	Chattahoochee River NRA, GA	225	5,000	
NPS	Congaree Swamp, SC	733	1,000	
NPS	Guyahoga Valley NRA, OH	175	3,500	
NPS	Delaware Water Gap NRA, NJ/PA	96	750	
NPS	El Malpais, NM	3,500	3,500	
NPS	Jean Lafitte NHP & Pres, LA	1,000	1,000	
NPS	New River Gorge NR, WV	2,812	2,500	
NPS	NP of American Samoa, Saipan	9,000	400	
NPS	Santa Monica Mts. NRA, CA	3,059	21,530	
NPS	Timucuan E & H Res, FL	100	1,500	
NPS	War in the Pacific, Guam	1	500	53,680

U.S. FOREST SERVICE

FY 1990

L&WCF PROGRAM

PROJECT/STATE	NO. OF ACRES	COST (\$000)
Caribbean NF, Puerto Rico	300	430
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF, WA	160	2,000
Pacific Crest Trail	1,000	1,000
Pere Marquette W&SR, MI	500	500
Appalachian Trail	6,000	3,000
Chattooga W&SR, GA	1,000	1,000
Hells Canyon, NRA, OR/ID	500	500
Sawtooth, NRA, ID	400	2,000
Oregon Dunes, NRA, OR	300	500
Cascade Head, SRA, OR	200	1,000
Ocala NF, FL	532	4,000
Humboldt NF, NV	5,950	1,400
Monongahela NF, WV	7,000	2,800
Flaming Gorge NRA, WY	6	12
Hiawatha NF, MI	13,000	3,500
Toiyabe NF, CA/NV	4,000	4,000
Spruce Knobs-Seneca Rock NRA, WV	700	500
Flathead W&SR, MT	800	1,500
Inyo NF, CA	248	1,000
Green Mountain NF, VT	3,500	1,750
Desoto NF, MS	800	700
Quachita NF, AR	8,000	5,000
Ozark NF, AR	3,500	2,000
San Bernardino NF, CA	450	2,000
Roosevelt NF, CO	320	960
Siuslaw NF, OR	568	2,500
Wenatchee NF, WA	15	700
Columbia River Gorge, NSA, WA/OR	3,000	5,000
Carson NF, NM	525	375
Osceola NF, FL	6,000	1,750
Gallatin NF, MT	1,000	1,000
Lake Tahoe Basin, CA/NV	250	3,500
Inyo NF, CA	317	400
BWCA Wilderness, MN	10	500
	Project Total	<u>58,777</u>
Acquisition Management		6,054
	TOTAL	64,831

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

89 JUN 16 P4: 22

June 16, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton

Re: Family Motor Coach Assoc. Draft

This is one of the better speech drafts I have seen. To be sure the event is not one of the heaviest the President has ever done, but the draft is perfect for the occasion. It melds the two themes of family values and environmental protection very effectively.

A few minor thoughts:

2,6 Perfectly captures the two themes of the speech

3,3 Citing Thoreau is good, but the sharper axe image is not necessarily the best we can do. As I remember reading somewhere, Eisenhower said that the reason he wanted to own some land near Gettysburg, PA was that he wanted to leave some part of God's earth in better condition than when he found it. That may be a better illustration of the stewardship ethic that we want to propound.

7,2 Having gone to some trouble to set up the "blue highways/narrow path concept," we then conspicuously fail to follow up with a super-duper example of some meritorious volunteer who happens to be sitting in the front row of the audience in Richmond. In this vein, the second sentence of the second graf should read: "On that score, many of you are like _____, who _____"

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cc: Roger Porter
Bill Roper
John Gardner



WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

89 JUN 16 P5:06

DATE: 6/15/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 6/16/89

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

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REMARKS:

Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston;s office with an info copy to my office by 5:00 Friday June 16. Thnak you.

RESPONSE:

Comments attached

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



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

MEMORANDUM

TO: Denise Schwarz, Cabinet Affairs

FROM: Selma Sierra, Department of the Interior *SS*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Family Motor Coach Association

We would make the following suggested changes/additions to this speech:

ON PAGE THREE, THIRD FULL PARAGRAPH, LAST LINE:
"democratic" should be spelled with a small "d"! *Churchill*

ON PAGE THREE, THE LAST PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REWRITTEN AS FOLLOWS:

"We need to make that kind of experience available to even more Americans, in more parts of America. I have proposed to Congress \$206 million a year for the next five years in Land and Water Conservation Fund purchases, up from \$17 million in the original FY 1990 budget. This represents a major improvement in the protection of the quality of American life for future generations. Land acquisitions in 27 states and 2 territories are proposed through the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Forest Service."

ON PAGE FOUR, FOLLOWING THE FIRST FULL PARAGRAPH, INSERT THE FOLLOWING:

My Secretary of the Interior, Manuel Lujan, is taking the lead in our attempts to preserve and add to the nation's wetlands and our waterfowl population. Secretary Lujan has proposed a program that would create a trust fund, using the the "Pittman-Robertson" fund, monies which are generated from existing taxes on sporting goods. We anticipate it would be about \$10 million per year. The monies would be used as part of a public-private sector initiative under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. Working with Canada under that Plan, we seek to restore, enhance and protect this continent's waterfowl. I fully support this new initiative.

IN PLACE OF THE THIRD FULL PARAGRAPH ON PAGE FOUR, INSERT THE FOLLOWING:

"To protect our wetlands, we've set up a Federal Task Force to deliver on our pledge of no net loss of these precious habitats. And I'm looking to Congress to provide a comprehensive wetlands bill that I can sign this year. In addition, the Department of Interior's Duck Stamp program provides millions of dollars each year for acquisition of wetlands. Not only hunters buy these duck stamps -- all Americans can, and should buy them! In Fiscal Year 1988, the Fish and Wildlife Service acquired 65,846 acres using \$31.7 million generated by the sale of duck stamps. As of March 31, 1989, \$14.8 million has been obligated to acquire 32,831 acres this fiscal year. And of course, we anticipate that more will be acquired. Finally, through the Departments of Agriculture and Interior, we are actively working with American farmers through the Farm Bill program to provide technical assistance on matters related to wetland identification and conservation assistance. More than one-third of the nation's threatened and endangered plant species and one-half of the animal species are dependent on wetlands. Protection of wetlands habitat will therefore also help to preserve these species."

ON PAGE FIVE, IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH, REWRITE AS FOLLOWS:

"It's good to hear that so many of you are reaffirming the American ethic of conservation by getting involved in the Take Pride in America campaign -- promoting the careful stewardship of our public lands and resources. I know that Barbara is delighted to be serving on the Take Pride National Awards Panel this year.

And we need to get the word out that many of our land management agencies depend on volunteers. Volunteers work with the Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other agencies to give just the kind of voluntary, local effort it will take to bring us into a better partnership with nature."

REMARKS: FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION
VIRGINIA STATE FAIRGROUND, RICHMOND
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1989
5:45 P.M.

FILE

THANK YOU, RICHARD.

[[YOU KNOW, I HEAR A LOT AT THE WHITE HOUSE ABOUT NEW TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS. SCIENTISTS TELL ME ABOUT OUR LATEST ADVANCES IN ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, BIOGENETICS. AND THAT'S ALL VERY INTERESTING.

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BUT I STILL CAN'T GET OVER THE FACT THAT HERE IN AMERICA, WE HAVE HOUSES THAT CAN DO 55 INTO A HEADWIND... [PAUSE]

OF COURSE, YOU MAY REMEMBER IN THE WIZARD OF OZ, HOW AUNTIE EM'S HOUSE GOT LIFTED UP AND CARRIED OFF BY A TORNADO. AMERICA'S FIRST AIR-BORNE RV! BUT SHE HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF A TAILWIND. YOUR MILEAGE MAY VARY... [PAUSE]]]

IT IS WONDERFUL TO BE VISITING WITH SUCH AN OUTSTANDING GROUP OF AMERICANS ON THE MOVE. WHEN THIS ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED BY A HANDFUL OF FAMILIES IN 1963, NO ONE COULD HAVE PREDICTED THAT 26 YEARS LATER, YOU'D BE 65,000 STRONG -- AND GROWING.

BUT YOU'RE AN EXAMPLE OF A LONG-STANDING TRADITION IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT BEGAN 150 YEARS AGO, WHEN AMERICANS SET OUT TO EXPLORE THE LANDS WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

TODAY, YOU CONTINUALLY REDISCOVER THE MIRACLE OF AMERICA'S ABUNDANCE, THROUGH THE ROMANCE OF THE ROAD.

[[AND EVERY MORNING, WHEN A CONVOY PACKS UP AND TAKES OFF, YOU GIVE A HAPPY NEW MEANING TO THE PHRASE, "THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD."]]

YOU'VE COME TO KNOW THE AMERICA MOST OF US ONLY HEAR ABOUT NOW AND THEN. YOU'VE TRADED IN REAL ESTATE FOR "WHEEL" ESTATES. TRAVELLED TO AND THROUGH TOWNS WITH NAMES LIKE DIME BOX, TEXAS.

SCRATCH ANKLE, ALABAMA. TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO. GNAWBONE, INDIANA. AND ONE OF MY FAVORITES -- NAMELESS, TENNESSEE.

WHETHER YOU ESCAPE FOR WEEKENDS -- OR MIGRATE FOR MONTHS AT A TIME -- ALL OF YOU HAVE FOUND AND FOSTERED A SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP IN THE CAMARADERIE OF THE ROAD.

AND AS THOSE MILES ROLL OUT BENEATH YOU, IT SEEMS THAT YOUR IDEALS -- TRADITIONAL AMERICAN IDEALS -- BECOME EVER MORE FIRMLY ROOTED.

THEY'RE THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM. SELF-RELIANCE. THE LOVE OF NATURE -- AND OF THIS NATION. AND ABOVE ALL, THE NURTURING OF FAMILY VALUES.

TODAY THESE FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN VALUES MUST BE REAFFIRMED. WE ARE AT A POINT IN OUR HISTORY WHEN THERE CAN BE NO STANDING STILL. WE MUST EITHER MOVE FORWARD, OR RISK SLIDING BACKWARD.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENTS -- BOTH TO NATURE, AND TO OUR FELLOW MAN. THE AMERICAN SPIRIT OF EXPLORATION MUST BE JOINED WITH A NEW SENSE OF RESTORATION.

THE NATURAL WORLD THAT SUPPORTS US -- AND THE SOCIETY THAT SUSTAINS US -- BOTH NEED OUR HELP.

THE NATURAL BEAUTY THAT YOU AND I ENJOY TODAY IS A SACRED TRUST. SO WE MUST DO MORE THAN SIMPLY LIMIT THE DAMAGE WE'VE ALREADY DONE.

WE MUST WORK TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE THE INTEGRITY AND RICHNESS OF THIS CONTINENT'S NATURAL SPLENDOR.

YOU NEVER FEEL THAT MORE FULLY THAN WHEN YOU SEE THE GREAT OUTDOORS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD, OR GRANDCHILD. THAT'S ONE REASON I BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO RENEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL ETHIC IN AMERICA.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU'S IDEAL WAS THAT IF YOU BORROW AN AXE, YOU SHOULD RETURN IT SHARPER THAN WHEN YOU GOT IT.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER PROBABLY HAD THAT IN MIND, WHEN HE DECIDED TO BUY SOME FARMLAND WITH RUN-DOWN SOIL NEAR GETTYSBURG -- TO LET NATURE'S RESTORATION TAKE ITS COURSE. AND HE LIVED TO SEE HIS EXPERIMENT WORKING: "THERE ARE ENOUGH LUSH FIELDS," HE SAID, "TO ASSURE ME THAT I SHALL LEAVE THE PLACE BETTER THAN I FOUND IT." THAT MUST BE EVERY AMERICAN'S GOAL.

AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO DO MORE FOR OUR NATIONAL PARKS.

THE IDEA OF A "NATIONAL" PARK IS AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL, THAT THE REST OF THE WORLD HAS COME TO ADMIRE AND IMITATE -- BECAUSE THOSE PARKS ARE WIDE OPEN, FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY. IT WAS ONCE SAID THAT THE NATIONAL PARKS ARE AMERICA'S UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEMOCRATIC IDEAL.

AND IT'S TRUE -- OUR PARKS ARE AMERICA'S MOST OPEN INSTITUTIONS.

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EIGHTY MILLION ACRES OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR TERRAIN ON THE PLANET -- OPEN TO THE WIND, THE SKY, AND THE STARS -- AND TO EVERY TRAVELLER WITH THE SENSE AND THE SPIRIT TO STAY A MOMENT AND APPRECIATE NATURE'S BEAUTY.

WE NEED TO MAKE THAT KIND OF EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE TO EVEN MORE AMERICANS, IN MORE PARTS OF AMERICA.

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SO I'VE PROPOSED TO CONGRESS AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 200 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR RECREATIONAL LAND ACQUISITIONS IN 27 STATES -- THROUGH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, AND THE FOREST SERVICE.

THESE FUNDS WILL GO FOR EVERYTHING FROM "PARKS FOR PEOPLE" IN URBAN AREAS, TO VALUABLE HABITATS AS CLOSE BY AS THE JAMES RIVER AND THE EASTERN SHORE HERE IN VIRGINIA.

SOME OF THE OTHER ACQUISITIONS RANGE ALL THE WAY OUT TO BIG HOLE RIVER IN MONTANA, THE BIZZ JOHNSTON TRAIL IN CALIFORNIA, PELICAN ISLAND IN FLORIDA, AND MOUNT BAKER IN WASHINGTON. [[MANY OF YOU WILL SEE THOSE PLACES. TAKE A FEW PICTURES FOR ME. THEY DON'T LET ME OUT ENOUGH.]]

I WANT TO PRESERVE OUR SCENIC BYWAYS -- THOSE PICTURESQUE ROADS THAT OFFER POWERFUL VIEWS OF THE NATION'S NATURAL SPLENDOR.

THESE ARE THE ROADS AMERICANS LOVE -- AND SUCH SCENIC ROADS CAN AND SHOULD BE DESIGNATED FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND ENJOYMENT OF TRAVELERS. WE'VE ALREADY DESIGNATED 43 NATIONAL FOREST SCENIC BYWAYS, IN 25 STATES -- AND THE CHIEF OF THE FOREST SERVICE EXPECTS TO SET ASIDE MANY MORE. BY END OF THIS WEEK, THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT EXPECTS TO IDENTIFY ABOUT 25 NEW BACK COUNTRY BYWAYS, NATIONWIDE. AND WE WILL DO MORE.

TO PROTECT OUR WETLANDS, WE'VE SET UP A FEDERAL TASK FORCE TO DELIVER ON OUR PLEDGE OF NO NET LOSS OF THESE PRECIOUS HABITATS. WE'VE ASKED FOR NEARLY \$200 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING FOR ACQUISITIONS UNDER THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND. AND I'M LOOKING TO CONGRESS TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE WETLANDS BILL THAT I CAN SIGN THIS YEAR.

TEN DAYS AGO, I OUTLINED BADLY-NEEDED REFORMS TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT.

IF CONGRESS WILL PASS THAT LEGISLATION, THE DEGRADATION TO OUR LAKES AND STREAMS CAUSED BY ACID RAIN -- AND THE DAMAGE TO OUR FORESTS CAUSED BY WIND-BLOWN URBAN OZONE -- WILL STOP BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY. ALL CATEGORIES OF AIRBORNE INDUSTRIAL TOXIC CHEMICALS WILL BE CUT BY THREE QUARTERS, BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY. AND TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW, EVERY AMERICAN -- IN EVERY CITY IN AMERICA -- WILL BREATHE CLEAN AIR.

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IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THAT SO MANY OF YOU ARE REAFFIRMING THE AMERICAN ETHIC OF CONSERVATION, BY GETTING INVOLVED IN THE TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA PROGRAM - PROMOTING THE CAREFUL STEWARDSHIP OF OUR PUBLIC LANDS AND RESOURCES. I KNOW THAT BARBARA IS DELIGHTED TO BE CHAIRING A PANEL OF JUDGES FOR THAT PROGRAM. AND WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT, THAT OUR NATIONAL PARKS AND OTHER FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES DEPEND ON VOLUNTEERS.

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THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF VOLUNTARY, LOCAL EFFORT IT WILL TAKE TO BRING US INTO A BETTER PARTNERSHIP WITH NATURE.

MANY OF YOU ARE ALREADY INVOLVED WITH VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS. SO LET ME PAY MY RESPECTS TO A GREAT GROUP OF RAMBLING RECYCLERS OUT THERE -- THE SAN DIEGO CAN CRUSHERS. LET'S HEAR IT FOR THEM.

BUT I MENTIONED A SECOND COMMITMENT A FEW MINUTES AGO -- TO OUR FELLOW MAN. WE MUST TAKE THAT COMMITMENT TO HEART, AS WELL. FOR EVEN AS WE WORK TO RESTORE NATURE TO ITS BALANCE, WE MUST ALSO RESTORE THE FABRIC OF THE SOCIETY, REWEAVING THE THREADS OF LIVES TORN BY POVERTY, DESPAIR, AND ALIENATION.

THAT MEANS RENEWING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. RESTORING SHELTER TO THOSE WHO HAVE LOST IT. PROVIDING THE POWER OF LITERACY TO THOSE WHO LACK IT.

OFFERING SUPPORT AND AN EXAMPLE TO CHILDREN WHO NEED IT. AND LENDING A HAND TO THE VULNERABLE, THE INFIRM, THE FORGOTTEN.

MANY OF YOU HAVE ALREADY PUT YOUR BELIEF IN THE VALUE OF SHARED STRENGTH AND STRONG FAMILY LIFE TO WORK -- REACHING OUT TO HELP THE HOMELESS THROUGH THE BETTER HOMES FOUNDATION -- WITH TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, DAY CARE, MEDICAL CARE, COUNSELING, AND JOB TRAINING.

OUT THERE TODAY, I KNOW, ARE MEMBERS OF ACHIEVERS INTERNATIONAL -- WHO DO OUTSTANDING WORK WITH THE DISABLED. OTHER FMCA MEMBERS HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH THE LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, IN A "ROUNDUP FOR LITERACY" CAMPAIGN, TO PROVIDE TUTORING THROUGH 350 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IN 38 STATES. I'M TOLD THAT IN THE PAST TWO YEARS ALONE, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS GREW BY 47 PERCENT.

ONE FORMER STUDENT SAID, "I SEE THE WORLD IN A TOTALLY NEW WAY." ANOTHER SAID, "I FEEL AS THOUGH A LIGHT HAS BEEN TURNED ON IN MY LIFE." AS GOOD AS THAT STUDENT FELT, IMAGINE WHAT IT WAS LIKE FOR THE TUTOR. THERE IS NO GREATER FEELING THAN TO HAVE SOMEONE DEPENDING ON YOU -- AND TO LIVE UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT MAKES YOU PART OF A CONSTELLATION OF CONCERNED CITIZENS, COMMITTED TO BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA -- BOTH IN HER NATURAL BEAUTY, AND IN THE QUALITIES OF HER CITIZENS. LET ME ADD MY VOICE TO THOSE THANKING YOU -- AND LET ME ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO MORE. IT WON'T BE EASY. BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT.

MANY OF YOU HAVE PROBABLY READ THE BOOK ABOUT LIFE ON THE ROAD CALLED BLUE HIGHWAYS.

IT'S WRITTEN BY A MAN WHO TRAVELS ALL OVER AMERICA, AVOIDING THE INTERSTATES, DELIBERATELY TAKING THE OLDER, SMALLER ROADS -- THE "BLUE" ONES ON HIS MAPS.

THERE'S A LESSON THERE, THAT SO MANY OF YOU HAVE ALREADY LEARNED, AND ARE LIVING -- A LESSON THAT MORE AMERICANS MUST HEED. MORE OF US MUST FEEL OURSELVES COMPELLED TO LOOK BEYOND THE WIDE AND EASY PATH. TO FOLLOW A LESS TRAVELLED, PERHAPS OLDER ROUTE.

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SOMETIMES IT'S MORE DIFFICULT. IT'S OFTEN MORE TIME-CONSUMING. BUT IT'S ALWAYS MORE REWARDING.

IT IS A PATH WHERE PROGRESS IS MEASURED BY THE GOOD WE DO FOR OTHERS. ON THAT SCORE, MANY OF YOU ARE LIKE VENA HEFNER, WHO'S WITH US TODAY. A GREAT LADY, 76 YEARS OLD. SHE SERVED AS A DRIVER FOR SECRETARY MARSHALL DURING WORLD WAR II.

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AFTER SUFFERING A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT, SHE HELPED FOUND THE PARALYZED VETERANS ASSOCIATION -- AND HAS BEEN A KEY MEMBER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS. SINCE HER ACCIDENT, SHE'S FOUND TIME TO DRIVE OVER ONE MILLION MILES -- IN EVERY STATE IN THE LOWER 48. BY HER TOUGH, INSPIRATIONAL EXAMPLE, VENA HEFNER HAS HELPED DISABLED AMERICANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY -- SHARING HER STRENGTH ALONG THE WAY.

THOSE WHO HAVE TRAVELLED WIDELY, AND HAVE SEEN AMERICA'S BROAD EXPANSES, KNOW HOW MUCH WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN AS A PEOPLE -- AND THEIR SPIRITS HAVE GROWN ACCORDINGLY. THE EXPANSIVE SPIRIT OF AMERICA HAS BOUNDLESS CAPACITY TO DO GOOD.

SO I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH A SIMPLE REQUEST. IN WHATEVER EFFORT YOU MAKE TO RESTORE THIS COUNTRY'S NATURAL BEAUTY -- OR TO HELP OTHER AMERICANS IN NEED -- MAKE IT A PILGRIMAGE WITH A PURPOSE.

WORK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I'D ASK THAT YOU STOP, NOT SIMPLY TO SMELL THE FLOWERS ALONG THE WAY, BUT TO HELP THEM GROW.

THANK YOU. GOD BLESS YOU. AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 6/15/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 6/16/89SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

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REMARKS:

Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with an info copy to my office by 5:00 Friday June 16. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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

(Lange/Wallace)
June 15, 1989
5:10 p.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION
VIRGINIA STATE FAIRGROUND, RICHMOND
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1989
5:45 P.M.

Thank you, Richard [Hammond] [Acknowledgements]

[[You know, I hear a lot at the White House about new technological achievements. Scientists tell me about our latest advances in electronics, computers, biogenetics. And that's all very interesting.

But ~~you know~~, I still can't get over the fact that here in America, we have houses that can do 55 into a headwind...

Well, you may remember in The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy's Auntie Em did better than that. Probably got better mileage, too. Of course, it's not really a fair comparison. She had a pretty strong tailwind...]]

It is wonderful to be visiting with such an outstanding group of Americans on the move. ~~You know~~, when this organization was founded by a handful of families in 1963, no one could have predicted that ~~25~~^{6?} years later, you'd be 65,000 strong -- and growing.

But you're an example of a long-standing tradition in this country, that began 150 years ago, when Americans in covered wagons set out to explore the lands west of the Mississippi River. Today, you continually re~~x~~discover the miracle of America's abundance, through the romance of the road.

[[And every morning, when a convoy packs up and takes off, you give a happy new meaning to the phrase, "There goes the neighborhood."]]

You've come to know the America most of us only hear about now and then. You've traded in real estate for "wheel" estates. Travelled to and through towns with names like Dime Box, Texas. Scratch Ankle, Alabama. ~~Brooklyn Bridge, Kentucky.~~ Gnawbone, Indiana. ^{Truth or Conscience, New Mexico.} And one of my favorites -- Nameless, Tennessee.

Whether you escape for weekends -- or migrate for months at a time -- all of you have found and fostered a special fellowship in the camaraderie of the road.

And no matter how many miles roll out beneath you, it seems that your kind of people become ever more firmly rooted in traditional American ideals. Ideals of freedom. Self-reliance. The love of nature -- and of this nation. And above all, the nurturing of family values.

Today these fundamental American values must be reaffirmed. We are at a point in our history when there can be no standing still. We must either move forward, or risk sliding backward.

It is time to renew our commitments -- both to nature, and to our fellow man. The American spirit of **exploration** must be joined with a new sense of **restoration**.

The natural world that supports us -- and the society that sustains us -- both need our help.

You know, the natural beauty that you and I enjoy today is a sacred trust. So we must do more than simply limit the damage

we've already done. We must work to preserve and restore the integrity and richness of this continent's natural splendor.

You never feel that more fully than when you see the great outdoors through the eyes of a child, or grandchild. That's one reason I believe **it's time to renew the environmental ethic in America.**

Henry David Thoreau's ideal was that if you borrow an axe, you should return it sharper than when you got it. ^{It is} Equally true that our natural heritage must be handled with care -- it must be recovered and restored -- and handed to the next generation better than when we found it.

That's why we need to do more for our national parks. The idea of a "national" park is an American original, that the rest of the world has come to admire -- because those parks are wide open, for **everyone** to enjoy. Winston Churchill had it exactly right, when he said, "The national parks are America's unique contribution to the ~~Democratic~~ ideal."

It's true -- our parks are America's most open institutions. Eighty million acres of the most spectacular terrain on the planet -- open to the wind, the sky, and the stars -- and to every traveller with the sense and the spirit to stay a moment and appreciate nature's beauty.

We need to make that kind of experience available to even more Americans, in more parts of America. So I've proposed to Congress an increase of 177 million dollars a year for recreational land acquisitions, through the National Park Service, in 27 states

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the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Forest Service.

These funds will go for everything from "Parks for People" in urban areas, to valuable habitats as close by as the James River and the Eastern Shore here in Virginia. Some of the other acquisitions range all the way out to Big Hole River in Montana, the Bizz Johnston Trail in California, Pelican Island in Florida, and Mount Baker in Washington. [[Many of you will see those places. Take a few pictures for me. They don't let me out enough.]]

I want to preserve ~~and extend~~ our scenic byways -- those picturesque roads that offer powerful views of the nation's natural splendor. These are the roads Americasⁿ love, ~~-- and we'll be working closely with Congress to make scenic byways an integral part of the 1991 highway bill.~~

To protect our wetlands, we've set up a Federal Task Force to deliver on our pledge of no net loss of these precious habitats. We've asked for nearly \$200 million in new funding for acquisitions under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. And I'm looking to Congress to provide a comprehensive wetlands bill that I can sign **this year**.

Ten days ago, I outlined badly-needed reforms to the Clean Air Act. If Congress will pass that legislation, the degradation to our lakes and streams caused by acid rain -- and the damage to our forests caused by wind-blown urban ozone -- will stop by the end of this century. All categories of airborne industrial toxic

chemicals will be cut by three quarters, by the end of this century. And twenty years from now, every American -- in every city in America -- will breathe clean air. **That's what I'd call progress.**

It's good to hear that so many of you are reaffirming the American ethic of conservation, by getting involved in the Take Pride in America Program -- promoting the careful stewardship of our public lands and resources. I know that Barbara is delighted to be ^{chairing} ~~servicing~~ on the Panel for that program. And we need to get the word out, that our National Parks, ^{and many other local Federal land management agencies} depend on volunteers. This is just the kind of voluntary, local effort it will take to bring us into a better partnership with nature.

Speaking of voluntary environmental effort, let me pay my respects to a great group of rambling recyclers out there -- the San Diego Can Crushers.

But I mentioned a second commitment a few minutes ago -- to our fellow man. We must take that commitment to heart, as well. For **even as we work to restore nature to its balance**, we must also **restore the fabric of the society, reweaving the threads of lives torn by poverty, despair, and alienation.**

That means renewing our neighborhoods. Restoring shelter to those who have lost it. Providing the power of literacy to those who lack it. Offering support and an example to children who need it. And lending a hand to the vulnerable, the infirm, the forgotten.

Many of you have already put your belief in the value of shared strength and strong family life to work -- reaching out to help the homeless through the Better Homes Foundation -- with transitional housing, day care, medical care, counseling, and job training.

Out there today, I know, are members of Achievers International -- who do outstanding work with the disabled.

Other FMCA members have joined forces with the Literacy Volunteers of America, in a "Roundup for Literacy" campaign, to provide tutoring through 350 community programs in 38 states. I'm told that in the past two years alone, the number of students and volunteers grew by 47 percent.

One former student said, "I see the world in a totally new way." Another said, "I feel as though a light has been turned on in my life." As good as that student felt, imagine what it was like for the tutor. There is no greater feeling than to have someone depending on you -- and to live up to their expectations.

Your involvement makes you part of a constellation of concerned citizens, **committed to building a better America -- both in her natural beauty, and in the qualities of her citizens.** Let me add my voice to those thanking you -- and let me encourage you to do more. It won't be easy. But it will be worth it.

Many of you have probably read the book about life on the road called Blue Highways. It's about a man who travels all over America, avoiding the interstates, deliberately taking the older, smaller roads -- the "blue" ones on his maps.

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There's a lesson there, that so many of you have already learned, and are living -- a lesson that more Americans must heed. More of us must feel ourselves compelled to look beyond the wide and easy path. To follow a narrower, perhaps older route. Sometimes it's more difficult. It's often more time-consuming. But it's always more rewarding.

It is a path where progress is measured by the good we do for others. On that score, many of you have already travelled light-years.

Those of you who have travelled widely, and seen America's broad expanses, you **know** how much we have been given as a people -- and your spirits have grown accordingly. The expansive spirit of America has boundless capacity to do good.

So I'll leave you with a simple request. In whatever effort you make to restore this country's natural beauty -- or to help other Americans in need -- **make it a pilgrimage with a purpose.** Work to make a difference. I'd ask that you stop, not simply to smell the flowers along the way, but to help them grow.

Thank you. God Bless you. And God bless the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION

Virginia State Fairground
Richmond, Virginia

5:41 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. I'd like full credit for having cleared it up here. (Laughter.) Thank you very, very much for that warm welcome. And Richard, thank you, and Karen, for your hospitality and for inviting us to come here today.

I want to pay my respects to Senator Warner, an outstanding member of the United States Senate, who you welcomed a minute ago, and my dear friend, the Congressman from this area, Tom Bliley. We've got two good ones with us here today. (Applause.)

You know, at the White House I hear a lot about technological achievements. Scientists tell me about our latest advances in electronics and computers and biogenetics. And that's all very interesting. But I still can't get over the fact that here in America, we have houses that can do 55 miles an hour into a headwind. (Laughter and applause.)

You may remember in The Wizard of Oz, how Auntie Em's house got lifted up and carried off by a tornado. America's first airborne RV. But she had the advantage of a tailwind. Your mileage may vary. (Laughter.)

It is wonderful to be visiting with such an outstanding group of Americans on the move. And I might say I'm very pleased to see Derrick Crandall here, who has been a good friend of mine and who has shown me the wonders of some of our most beautiful parks -- borrowing, I am sure, the vehicles to house us from some of you sitting right here. But nevertheless, welcome and thank you, sir, for your leadership in this marvelous recreational outdoors usage.

When this organization was founded by a handful of families in 1963, no one could have predicted that 26 years later, you'd be 65,000 strong -- and still growing. But you're an example of a long-standing tradition in this country, and that began 150 years ago, when Americans set out to explore the lands west of the Mississippi River. And today, you continually re-discover the miracle of America's abundance, through the romance of the road.

And every morning, when a convoy picks up and takes off, you give a happy new meaning to the phrase, "There goes the neighborhood." (Laughter and applause.)

You know, as those miles roll out beneath you, it seems that your ideals, traditional American ideals, become evermore firmly rooted. And they're the ideals of freedom. Self-reliance. The love of nature -- and of this nation. And above all, the nurturing of family values.

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And it's time to renew our commitments -- both to nature, and to our fellow man. The American spirit of exploration must be joined with a new sense of restoration.

And the natural world that supports us -- and the society that sustains us -- both need our help. The natural beauty that you and I enjoy today is a sacred trust. So we must do more than simply limit the damage that we've already done. We must work to preserve and restore the integrity and richness of this continent's natural splendor.

You never feel that more fully than when you see the great outdoors through the eyes of a child, or of a grandchild. And I had the pleasure of seeing it once again in Lake Jackson through the eyes of our 13-year-old grandson just the other day. Barbara and I had been with him a year or two ago in the same spot. And that's one reason that I believe it's time to renew the environmental ethic in America.

Henry David Thoreau's ideal was that if you borrow an axe, you should return it sharper than when you got it. And President Eisenhower probably had that in mind when he decided to buy some farmland with rundown soil near Gettysburg to let nature's restoration take its course. And he lived to see his experiment working. "There are enough lush fields," he said, "to assure me that I shall leave the place better than I found it. And that must be every American's goal.

And that's why we need to do more for our national parks. The idea of a "national" park is an American original, that the rest of the world has come to admire and to imitate -- because those parks are wide open, for everybody to enjoy. And it was once said that, "The national parks are America's unique contribution to the democratic ideal."

And it's true -- our parks our most open institutions. Eighty million acres of the most spectacular terrain on the planet -- open to the wind, the sky, and the stars -- and open to every traveler with the sense and spirit to stay a moment and appreciate nature's beauty.

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But I want to preserve our scenic byways -- those picturesque roads that offer powerful views of the nation's natural splendor. These are the roads that Americans love -- and such scenic roads can and should be designated for the enjoyment and the convenience of travelers. And we've already designated 43 national forests/scenic byways in 25 states. And the Chief of the Forest Service expects to set aside many more.

By the end of this week, the Bureau of Land Management expects to identify about 25 new back-country byways nationwide, and we will do more. (Applause.)

I look around this crowd, and I recognize the profile of some that might fit the description of hunters; I'm one. Hunted and enjoyed the outdoors all my life. And I'm interested in the wetlands.

And to protect our wetlands, we've set up a federal task force to deliver on my pledge of no net loss of wetlands, no net loss of these precious habitats. (Applause.) And we've asked for nearly \$200 million in new funding for acquisitions under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. And I'm looking to Congress to provide a comprehensive wetlands bill that I can sign this year.

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It's a path where progress is measured by the good we do for others. On that score, many of you are like Vena Hefner who is with us today, a great lady -- 76 years old -- she served as a driver for Secretary Marshall during World War II. And after suffering a motorcycle accident, she helped found the Paralyzed Veterans Association and has been a key member of the Disabled American Vets. And since her accident, she has found time to drive over one million miles in every state in the lower 48. By her tough, inspirational example, Vena has helped disabled Americans across the country, sharing her strength along the road.

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