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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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1989 JUL -5 PM 7:00

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FROM:           CURT SMITH *CS*  
SUBJECT:        JULY 7 LITTLE LEAGUE EVENT

I.     SUMMARY

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II.    DISCUSSION

The enclosed remarks include your comments. Please note that cards 1, 4, 15, and 17 incorporate late changes. Respectively: Detailed acknowledgements; Bill Shea will attend; Brooks Robinson and Joe Morgan will also be there; and you will present Louisville Slugger bats to Creighton Hale and Jack Lundy at the conclusion of your remarks.

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→ Ted Sizemore,

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**I WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE, WHERE  
TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LITTLE  
LEAGUE BASEBALL. AND IN THAT SPIRIT, LET ME RECALL A  
STORY ABOUT A BASEBALL GREAT.**

**FORTY-TWO YEARS AGO, THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS HELD A  
"YOGI BERRA DAY" FOR ITS NATIVE SON AND YANKEES  
CATCHER. AND AS USUAL, THE NOTED PHILOSOPHER PROVED  
EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.**

YOGI BEGAN HIS REMARKS BY SAYING, "MY FRIENDS, I WANT TO THANK ALL THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THIS NIGHT NECESSARY." WELL, MY FRIENDS, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING THIS DAY NECESSARY.

FIRST, LET ME SALUTE THE MORE THAN 4,000 LITTLE LEAGUERS WHO ARE WITH US THIS AFTERNOON. AND THANKS, TOO, TO THE SEVEN BUSLOADS OF PENNSYLVANIANS WHO CAME DOWN HERE TODAY. I HEAR THEY'VE RENAMED ROUTES 15 AND 83 "THE WILLIAMSPORT EXPRESS."

I ALSO WANT TO THANK CREIGHTON HALE, THE PRESIDENT OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL. AND MY FRIEND BILL SHEA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE FOUNDATION. AND SUCH VETERAN OFFICIALS AS LUKE LAPORTA [LA POR TA], BEVERLY GRAY, JOHN LINDENMUTH, AND FRED CRABTREE. AND A SPECIAL TIP OF THE CAP TO JACK LUNDY [LUN DEE]. FIFTY YEARS AGO, JACK SPONSORED THE VERY FIRST LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM. AND TODAY, HE'S STILL CONTRIBUTING TO AMERICA'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH BASEBALL.

FOR ME, THIS AFFAIR HAS BEEN A LIFELONG PASTIME. FOR LIKE THESE LITTLE LEAGUERS, I PLAYED BASEBALL WHEN I WAS A KID. FOLLOWED THE GAME -- MEMORIZED THE BOX SCORES. AND MY FAVORITE PLAYER WAS LOU GEHRIG OF THE NEW YORK YANKEES.

SOME TIME LATER, I WENT TO COLLEGE. BATTED EIGHTH -- YOU KNOW -- SECOND CLEAN-UP HITTER. AND IT WAS THERE -- AT YALE UNIVERSITY -- THAT ANOTHER YANKEE HERO HAD AN IMPACT ON MY LIFE.

ONE DAY IN 1948, BABE RUTH CAME TO PRESENT HIS PAPERS. AND I RECEIVED HIS PAPERS ON YALE'S BEHALF.

I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT MOMENT. NOR THE DAY, ONE YEAR EARLIER, WHEN THE BABE, NOW DYING OF CANCER, TOLD THE CROWD AT YANKEE STADIUM: "YOU KNOW, THE ONLY REAL GAME IN THE WORLD, I THINK, IS BASEBALL . . . YOU'VE GOT TO START FROM WAY DOWN, WHEN YOU'RE SIX OR SEVEN YEARS OLD. AND IF . . . YOU TRY HARD ENOUGH, YOU'RE BOUND TO COME OUT ON TOP."

MY FRIENDS, IN THAT UNFORGETTABLE SPEECH, SURROUNDED BY THE KIDS HE LOVED, BABE RUTH DEFINED WHY LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL HAS BECOME AN AMERICAN -- INDEED, INTERNATIONAL -- INSTITUTION.

IT ALL STARTED -- JACK, YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS -- WITH BARELY THREE DOZEN PLAYERS, AND A HANDFUL OF ADULT VOLUNTEERS, IN WILLIAMSPORT. UNIFORMS FOR ALL THREE TEAMS COST \$35 AT THE LOCAL STORE.

AND THAT FIRST DIAMOND HAD BASES MADE OF OLD FEED BAGS STUFFED WITH STRAW.

WELL, SINCE THEN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL HAS GROWN INTO THE WORLD'S LARGEST ORGANIZED YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM.

AT LAST COUNT, MORE THAN 20 MILLION YOUNGSTERS HAVE PLAYED IN LITTLE LEAGUE. AND COUNTLESS OTHER AMERICANS HAVE SERVED AS ADULT VOLUNTEER HELPERS -- AMONG THEM SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO NOW LIVE IN THIS HOUSE.

MY FOUR BOYS PLAYED IT. I COACHED IT. AND BARBARA -- WELL, BACK THEN THERE WERE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TEXAS KIDS IN LITTLE LEAGUE. AND I'LL CONFESS: THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I THOUGHT BARBARA BUSH WAS CAR-POOLING THEM ALL. NOT MANY NON-BASEBALL PLAYERS COULD PROPERLY SCORE A BASEBALL GAME. WELL, BARBARA BUSH DID THAT TO PERFECTION, INNING AFTER INNING.

SO, YOU SEE: LIKE YOU, I KNOW WHAT MAKES LITTLE LEAGUE SO SPECIAL. IT'S A FEELING OF SPORTSMANSHIP.

AND GENEROSITY. AND TEAMWORK. A FEELING OF FAMILY -- FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS, MOTHERS AND SONS.

AROUND THE GLOBE, THIS FEELING IS BRINGING KIDS OF ALL AGES TOGETHER -- THIS YEAR ALONE, MORE THAN 2,500,000 PLAYERS IN 33 NATIONS, AND 750,000 ADULT VOLUNTEERS. THEY'RE LEARNING -- OR RELEARNING -- THE VALUES OF "DOING UNTO OTHERS," AND DOING YOUR BEST. AND IN THE PROCESS, LEARNING WHY PERHAPS NOTHING IS MORE AMERICAN THAN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL.

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OVER THE NEXT WEEK, I'M GOING TO BE IN SEVERAL OF THOSE COUNTRIES FOR THE ANNUAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT. AND WHILE THERE, I'M GOING TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF OFFICIALLY HELPING IMPORT TO POLAND THE PROGRAM WHICH HELPED PRODUCE SUCH AMERICANS AS BILL BRADLEY, TOM SELLECK, AND DISCOVERY ASTRONAUT GEORGE NELSON.

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LET ME CONSULT MY HANDY POCKET-SIZE BOOK OF STATISTICS [PAUSE] . . . MUSIAL, STAN [PAUSE] . . . LET'S SEE, YASTRZEMSKI, CARL [PAUSE] . . .

YAZ KNEW -- SO DID STAN THE MAN -- AND SO WILL THE KIDS IN POLAND -- HOW BASEBALL IS THAT MOST DEMOCRATIC OF SPORTS [PAUSE] . . . OF COURSE, IT'S ALSO THE MOST REPUBLICAN. FOR IN BASEBALL -- IN LITTLE LEAGUE -- ALL THAT MATTERS IS THE SIZE OF YOUR HEART, AND OF YOUR DREAMS.

ASK THESE YOUNGSTERS HERE. ON THE FIELD, SOME DREAM OF BECOMING ANOTHER MIKE SCHMIDT OR GARY CARTER, FORMER LITTLE LEAGUERS. OTHERS MAY DAZZLE 'EM WITH THEIR GLOVEWORK -- GOOD-FIELD, NO-HIT [PAUSE] . . . BELIEVE ME, I'M AN EXPERT. STILL OTHERS DREAM OF BEING A BIG-LEAGUE PITCHER LIKE LITTLE LEAGUE ALUMNI JIM PALMER AND NOLAN RYAN. IF SO, REMEMBER LEFTY GOMEZ'S SECRET OF PITCHING SUCCESS: "IT'S EASY -- CLEAN LIVING AND A FAST OUTFIELD."

OF COURSE, A GREAT INFIELD ALSO HELPS: ASK ~~TWO~~ <sup>three</sup> OTHER MEN WHO ARE WITH US: BROOKS ROBINSON, AND JOE MORGAN, <sup>and Ted Sizemore.</sup>

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AND NOW, WOULD DR. HALE AND JACK LUNDY PLEASE STEP FORWARD. CREIGHTON, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS BAT ON BEHALF OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL. AND, JACK, YOUR BAT MARKS A HALF-CENTURY OF SERVICE TO ALL THAT LITTLE LEAGUE EMBODIES. GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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**RESPONSE:**

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James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

(Smith/Blessey)  
July 3, 1989  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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July 5, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: PATRICIA MACK BRYAN *PMB*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Little League

Pursuant to James W. Cicconi's staffing request of July 3, 1989, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks. We have no legal objection to the contents of these remarks.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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*No Comments*

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(Smith/Blessey)  
June 30, 1989  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LITTLE LEAGUE  
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Dr. Hale, Mr. Keene, Bill Shea, Stan Musial, Mike Schmidt, Brooks Robinson, Jim Palmer, Gary Carter, Little League players, coaches, and officials, Fellow fans.

I want to welcome you to the White House, where today we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Little League Baseball. And in that spirit, let me recall a story about a baseball great.

Forty-two years ago, the City of St. Louis held a "Yogi Berra Day" for its native son and Yankees catcher. And as usual, the noted philosopher proved equal to the occasion.

Yogi began his remarks by saying, "My friends, I want to thank all the people who made this night necessary." Well, my friends, I want to thank all of you for making this day necessary.

First, let me salute the more than 4,000 Little Leaguers who are with us this afternoon. And thanks, too, to the seven busloads of Pennsylvanians who came down here today. I hear they've renamed Routes 15 and 83 "The Williamsport Express."

I also want to thank Creighton Hale, the President of Little League Baseball. And my friend Bill Shea, the President of the Little League Foundation. And such veteran officials as Luke LaPorta [La POR ta], Beverly Gray, John Lindenmuth, and Fred

Crabtree. And a special tip of the cap to Jack Lundy [LUN dee]. Fifty years ago, Jack sponsored the very first Little League team. And today, he's still contributing to America's love affair with baseball.

For me, this affair has been a lifelong pastime. For like these Little Leaguers, I played baseball when I was a kid. Followed the game -- memorized the box scores. And my favorite player was Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees.

Some time later, I went to college. Batted eighth -- you know -- second clean-up hitter. And it was there -- at Yale University -- that another Yankee hero had an impact on my life. One day in 1948, Babe Ruth came to present his papers. And I received his papers on Yale's behalf.

I'll never forget that moment. Nor the day, one year earlier, when the Babe, now dying of cancer, told the crowd at Yankee Stadium: "You know, the only real game in the world, I think, is baseball . . . You've got to start from way down, when you're six or seven years old. And if . . . you try hard enough, you're bound to come out on top."

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Well, since then Little League Baseball has grown into the world's largest organized youth sports program.

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So, you see: Like you, I know what makes Little League so special. It's a feeling of sportsmanship. And generosity. And teamwork. A feeling of family -- fathers and daughters, mothers and sons.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT SALUTE TO LITTLE LEAGUE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY

The South Lawn

2:04 P.M. EDT

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Little League came to Poland only earlier this year, but already it has more than a thousand players, and I know thousands more will come to love the game of champions -- champions like two Polish Americans that I'd like to salute today -- Stan Musial, who is here in this audience standing over here. (Applause.) One of the greatest hitters who ever lived. And let me also mention my friend Carl Yastrzemski -- Number 8, Boston Red Sox -- (applause) -- who 16 days from now will become the first former Little Leaguer inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

So now I want to consult this handy-size book of statistics. You guys can't live without some book like this. But let me tell you just a little bit about it. I looked it up here coming in here today. Stan Musial -- games -- 3,026 ball games he played in. Lifetime batting average -- 331. In 1948 -- this guy hit 376, 39 home runs -- a great champion. (Applause.)

And you want me to look up Yaz for you? Okay. (Laughter.) Here he is. You know when he was born? I've got it right here -- August 22, 1939. In 1967, the guy hits 326 with 44 homers. Lifetime -- he played in a total of 3,308 games, 452 home runs. We honor the Yaz and Stan Musial today, and I'm going to be talking about them all over Poland about two or three days from now. (Applause.)

Yaz knew -- and so did Stan The Man and so will those kids in Poland -- how baseball is the most democratic of sports. And, of course, it's also the most Republican. (Laughter.) For, in baseball -- in the Little League, all that matters is the size of your heart and of your dreams. And ask these kids about it. Ask any of these youngsters here today.

On the field, some dream of becoming another Mike Schmidt or another Gary Carter -- former Little Leaguers. And others may dazzle them with their glove work -- good field, no hit. Believe me, I'm an expert on that. And still others dream of being big league pitchers like Little League Alumni Jim Palmer and Nolan Ryan. And if so, remember Lefty Gomez' secret to pitching success, "It's easy --

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Of course, a great infield also helps. And ask three other men who were with us. Brooks Robinson and Ted Sizemore and Joe Morgan. And yes, dreams are the essence of America and of baseball and Little League can propel those dreams. But in the end, what matters is how we conduct ourselves off as well as on the field.

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