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**TALKING POINTS  
U.S. EMBASSY, PARIS, FRANCE  
MONDAY, JULY 17, 1989  
8:00 A.M.**

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**-- AND LET ME THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART BECAUSE I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT SURVIVING A VISIT FROM A PRESIDENT. WE HAD ONE IN BEIJING WHEN I SERVED AS AMBASSADOR. AND I WAS SURE GLAD TO SEE HIM GO. AND IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, WE SURVIVED TWO FROM HENRY KISSINGER. TRY THAT ONE ON FOR SIZE.**

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-- I ALSO HAVE SOME PARTICULAR THANKS, BEGINNING WITH THOSE THAT ARE TOO OFTEN MENTIONED LAST: THE U.S. MARINES, THE EMBASSY AND OECD STAFF, YOUR SPOUSES AND KIDS WHO PITCHED IN AND PUT UP WITH THE OVERTIME, AND THE FRENCH NATIONALS WHO HELP YOU WITH ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS.

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- 5 -

-- TO MY COLLEAGUES HERE I OFFER MANY SPECIFIC THANKS. EACH AFTERNOON AS YOUR DAY IN PARIS WINDS DOWN, IT IS MORNING IN WASHINGTON AND MY DAILY BRIEFING IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. NO ONE VALUES YOUR SOUND REPORTING EFFORTS MORE THAN ME.

- 6 -

-- I ALSO APPRECIATE THE PARTICULAR BURDEN PLACED ON THIS EMBASSY'S RESOURCES BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO COME TO PARIS AND NEED YOUR HELP. YOU HAVE ALWAYS RESPONDED MAGNIFICENTLY, AND ONCE AGAIN PUT IN A STELLAR PERFORMANCE FOR THIS VISIT.

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-- YOU SPEND LONG HOURS WORKING TO MEET THE FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES OF OUR NATION, TO STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY, TO ENHANCE OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, AND TO PROTECT U.S. CITIZENS OVERSEAS. I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR WORK IN PARIS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ME PERSONALLY AND BY SECRETARY BAKER.

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-- AND I CARE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN PART OF AN EMBASSY ONCE, AND WHEN YOU'VE DONE THAT YOU KNOW HOW PEOPLE PULL TOGETHER.

- 9 -

I HAVE RESPECT FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE. I HAVE RESPECT FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY SERVING ABROAD. AND I HAVE RESPECT FOR THOSE IN THE OTHER AGENCIES THAT MAKE UP A GREAT EMBASSY LIKE THIS.

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/7/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 7/7/89 6:00 PM

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS/U.S. EMBASSY, PARIS, FRANCE

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 6:00 PM, Friday, July 7, 1989, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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

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Secretary's Introduction of the President

To American Embassy Community

Ambassador Curley, Mary, ladies and gentlemen:

It is wonderful to be in Paris again and to have the opportunity at last to meet you. Many of you have been working very hard to support this trip, and have displayed great dedication and skill. I want you to know how much I personally appreciate all you have done.

Your efforts have not been in vain. Thanks to you we have been able to hold very useful consultations with our friends among the world's leading economic powers and with the leaders of other governments who are in town for the celebration of the bicentennial of the French Revolution. Perhaps most important, we have been able to pay tribute to the ideals of personal freedom and equality which were heralded here two hundred years ago. These common values provide the bedrock on which our historic friendship with France rests. For this reason it was no surprise that we received a warm welcome when it came time to renew old acquaintances with President Mitterrand and his colleagues.

Before the President makes his remarks, I want to offer my respects to my friend, Ambassador Curley. I am sure that you have already learned what a capable gentleman he is. We are all lucky to have him.

Thank you again for your good work. Now I have the honor to present the President of the United States and Mrs. Bush.

(McNally/Simon)  
July 6, 1989  
1:30 p.m.  
Draft One  
(PARIS)

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TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1989  
8:00 A.M. *RL*

-- I want to thank Secretary Baker for that warm introduction and  
-- on his behalf, and mine and Barbara's, and all those traveling  
with us -- express our gratitude to Ambassador Curley and to all  
of you in the Embassy.

-- And let me thank you from the bottom of my heart because I  
know something about surviving a visit from a President. We had  
one in Beijing when I served as Ambassador. And I was sure glad  
to see him go. And if that wasn't enough, we survived two from  
Henry Kissinger. Try that one on for size.

-- I also have some particular thanks, beginning with those that  
are too often mentioned last: the U.S. Marines, the Embassy and  
OECD staff, your spouses and kids who pitched in and put up with  
the overtime, and the French nationals who help you with all the  
arrangements.

-- I know that you here in Paris are old hands at this sort of  
thing. But this was a much more complicated visit than usual --  
involving an economic summit, a bilateral visit to France, and

the bicentennial festivities. Nevertheless, you pulled it off with characteristic style. Thanks to you, we must be the only American travelers in Paris who landed hotel reservations.

-- To my colleagues here I offer many specific thanks. Each afternoon as your day in Paris winds down, it is morning in Washington and my daily briefing is about to begin. No one values your sound reporting efforts more than me.

-- I also appreciate the particular burden placed on this Embassy's resources by the large number of government officials who come to Paris and need your help. You have always responded magnificently, and once again put in a stellar performance for this visit.

-- You spend long hours working to meet the foreign policy objectives of our nation, to strengthen our economy, to enhance our national security, and to protect U.S. citizens overseas. I want to tell you that your work in Paris is greatly appreciated by me personally and by Secretary Baker.

-- Thanks to you we were able to have talks with President Mitterand and many of the world leaders gathered here. We were also able to enjoy the thrill of participating in the impressive bicentennial celebrations.

-- And I care because I've been part of an Embassy once, and when you've done that you know how people pull together. I have respect for the Foreign Service. I have respect for those in the military serving abroad. And I have respect for those in the other agencies that make up a great Embassy like this.

-- And, before leaving, I want to commend Ambassador Curley to you. In addition to a long career in both government and private business, he has been my friend for many years. Judging by your first class work these past few days -- you deserve the best -- and I think you have the best. I know you will make him proud.

-- Once again, Barbara and I wish to thank all the men and women of the Paris Embassy who made this visit such a success. God bless each and every one of you for what you're doing for the world's greatest experiment in freedom and diversity: the United States of America. Thank you all.

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