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**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

July 5, 1989

NOTE FOR: KRISTIN GEAR  
FROM: PHILIP HUGHES   
SUBJECT: American Community Greeting  
in The Hague

Attached is an NSC staff mark-up of State-drafted Presidential remarks for the American Community greeting in The Hague. We would like to substitute these for the previous draft prepared by Speechwriters.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

G. Philip Hughes

( HUGHES )

FROM:

Robert L. Hutchings  
(HUTCHINGS)

SUBJECT:

President's Remarks in the Hague

Attached is a revised State version of the President's remarks to the American community in The Hague, which we have edited.

This should replace the earlier version, also attached.



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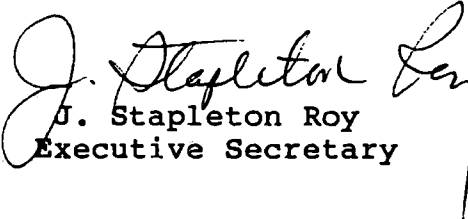
June 27, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: The President's July Trip to Europe

I refer to my memo dated June 13, 1989, which covered drafts of the various public statements the President will make during his July 9-18 trip to Europe. I have attached a new version of the remarks the President will make to the American community in The Hague, revised to reflect the presence in the audience of U.S. business people and servicemen, as well as Embassy personnel.

  
J. Stapleton Roy  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:  
As indicated.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE HAGUE

I AM EXTREMELY PROUD AND PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU HERE TODAY. BARBARA AND I HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE IN SERVING OVERSEAS OURSELVES, AND WE ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE WITH WHICH AMERICAN SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY REPRESENT US ABROAD. ~~YOUR~~ <sup>WE ARE</sup> ~~CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOTICED AND APPRECIATED BY US.~~ <sup>GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS</sup>

THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR PARTICIPATION IN NATO AND IN EUROPE. YOU--AND YOUR FAMILIES--BEAR IN A MOST DIRECT SENSE, THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND RISKS OF OUR COMMON DEFENSE. AS ~~THE~~ <sup>OUR</sup> ~~COUNTRY~~ <sup>WORKS TOGETHER</sup> ADMINISTRATION LOOKS TO THE FUTURE AND ~~ENDEAVORS~~ <sup>STRENGTHEN</sup> WITH THE OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS TO ~~REINFORCE~~ OUR PARTNERSHIP, I WILL FIND IN YOUR DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE EVER-PRESENT REMINDERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR TASK.

TO THOSE OF YOU IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE STAFFING OUR EMBASSY HERE IN THE HAGUE AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN AMSTERDAM WE HAVE ENTRUSTED THE DIRECT MANAGEMENT OF OUR OLDEST UNINTERRUPTED BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. WE AT HOME REST ASSURED THAT OUR INTERESTS ARE BEING PRESERVED AND PROTECTED HERE BY PROFESSIONALS OF RARE DEDICATION AND THE HIGHEST STANDARD. ~~OFTEN UNACKNOWLEDGED, YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE INVALUABLE.~~ <sup>your service and your country are proud of you.</sup>

THESE ARE POSTINGS THAT CALL FOR EXCEPTIONAL SOPHISTICATION AND SKILL.

I WOULD LIKE ALSO TO MENTION THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE NATIONAL STAFF. YOUR WEALTH OF TALENT, DEDICATION, AND EXPERIENCE PROVIDE THE STRUCTURE AND CONTINUITY WHICH ARE CRITICAL TO THE PRACTICE OF DIPLOMACY. ~~IN FACT, YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING TRAINED MOST OF OUR FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL,~~ BUT ON A BROADER AND MORE PROFOUND LEVEL ~~BEYOND THE WALLS OF OUR EMBASSY AND CONSULATE,~~ YOU HELP US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CULTURE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE NETHERLANDS. IN SO DOING, YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE CLOSE BILATERAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

I HAVE JUST COME FROM THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT, WHERE WE AND OUR ALLIES REVIEWED THE CHANGES AND CHALLENGES--BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL--WE FACE IN THE COMING DECADE AND THE NEW CENTURY. DESPITE THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE AND THE WORLD, HOWEVER, SOME THINGS REMAIN CONSTANT. FUNDAMENTAL VIEWS ABOUT THE VALUE OF LIFE AND LIBERTY ARE SOME OF THOSE CONSTANTS, AND STANDING HERE IN THE HAGUE I AM REMINDED OF THE MANY, CENTURIES-OLD TIES WHICH BIND US TO OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES, AND TO OUR DUTCH PARTNERS ESPECIALLY.

AS AMERICAN RESIDENTS OF THE LOW COUNTRIES, YOU ARE MORE AWARE THAN MOST OF THE MANY AREAS IN WHICH WE SHARE TRADITIONS AND OUTLOOK WITH THE DUTCH: THE LEGACY OF EXPLORATION--WHICH CARRIED THE DUTCH TO THE NEW WORLD AND HAS FROM THEIR EARLIEST HISTORY FUELED AMERICANS' FASCINATION WITH NEW FRONTIERS-- CONTINUES TODAY IN JOINT EXPLORATION PROJECTS IN SPACE. THE FIERCE DUTCH BELIEF IN INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS-- WHICH GREATLY INFLUENCED OUR FOUNDING FATHERS AND STILL ECHOES IN OUR CONSTITUTION--TODAY IS FINDING UNEXPECTED NEW RESONANCE AROUND THE WORLD. THE ANCIENT DUTCH PRINCIPLES OF FREE TRADE--WHICH INFLUENCED OUR OWN BELIEFS IN FREE TRADE AND THE FREE MARKET SYSTEM--ARE TODAY A BASIS FOR THE IDEA OF A SINGLE EUROPEAN MARKET. THE RICH AND UNIQUE CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC LEGACY OF THE NETHERLANDS HAS GRACED NOT ONLY OUR CULTURE, BUT ALSO MANY OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD. AND, OF COURSE--IN TESTIMONY TO THE MANY DUTCH PIONEERS WHO HELPED BUILD OUR COUNTRY--EVERY AMERICAN SCHOOL CHILD KNOWS THAT OUR OWN NEW YORK WAS ONCE "NEW AMSTERDAM."

THESE ARE STRONG BONDS WHICH INTERWEAVE THE COMMON FABRIC OF OUR WESTERN CULTURE. ~~NEVERTHELESS,~~ AMERICANS ~~MUST~~ REALIZE THAT WE ~~DO~~ FACE AN EVOLVING EUROPE, INDEED A SEA-CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. AS WE PREPARE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE, WE WILL RELY MORE THAN EVER ON THOSE OF YOU WHO SERVE YOUR COUNTRY IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY ABROAD, AND, INCREASINGLY, ON THOSE OF YOU WHO SEEK TO FURTHER U.S. COMMERCIAL AND BUSINESS TIES OVERSEAS.

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR DUTCH ALLIES TODAY REMAINS AS CLOSE AND VITAL AS IN ITS EARLY DAYS, THANKS IN NO SMALL MEASURE TO THE EFFORTS OF YOU AMERICANS LIVING AND WORKING HERE. ~~AS WE FACE NEW, TRANSNATIONAL ISSUES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND TERRORISM, THE AREAS OF OUR MUTUAL COOPERATION WILL GROW, AND~~ WITH YOUR HELP, WE AND OUR DUTCH FRIENDS WILL STRENGTHEN AND FOSTER <sup>our</sup> ~~THAT~~ COOPERATION, AS WELL AS THOSE COMMON VALUES WHICH WE--AND THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD--HOLD SO DEAR.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

*America's roots are here -- in the Netherlands, in Europe -- and America's future is here*

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN COMMUNITY  
THE HAGUE, HOLLAND  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1989**

*Kristen*

0 I AM DELIGHTED TO BE IN HOLLAND AGAIN, AND TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO MEET YOU. YOUR GREETING MARKS ONE OF THE MANY WARM MEMORIES WE WILL TAKE BACK TO THE STATES.

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0 FIRST, LET ME SAY THAT I KNOW WHAT A BURDEN A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT CAN BE. BARBARA AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK AND DEDICATION THAT HAVE GONE INTO OUR VISIT.

0 SECOND, FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE IN CHINA, I KNOW THAT THERE IS NO MORE LOYAL AND TALENTED GROUP OF PEOPLE THAN THE MEN AND WOMEN -- AMERICAN AND FOREIGN -- WHO STAFF OUR EMBASSIES.

O THAT IS ESPECIALLY TRUE HERE. FOR YOU DIRECTLY  
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0 IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL FACE OLD ISSUES OF BUSINESS AND COMMERCE. AND NEW, TRANSATLANTIC PROBLEMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. WE MUST MAKE OURS A SAFER, PURER, MORE PROSPEROUS WORLD.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN COMMUNITY  
THE HAGUE, HOLLAND  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1989

o I am delighted to be in Holland again, and to have the chance to meet you. Your greeting marks one of the many warm memories we will take back to the States.

o First, let me say that I know what a burden a Presidential visit can be. Barbara and I want to thank you for the work and dedication that have gone into our visit.

o Second, from my own experience in China, I know that there is no more loyal and talented group of people than the men and women -- American and foreign -- who staff our Embassies.

o That is especially true here. For you ~~directly~~ manage our oldest uninterrupted bilateral relationship. Your duties are great, and you've met them well. On America's behalf, my heartfelt thanks.

o I have just come from the Economic Summit, where we ~~and our allies~~ reviewed the changes and challenges -- economic and political -- we face in the years ahead.

o As you know, the face of Europe, and the world, is changing. But some things have not. Things like fundamental views about life and liberty. And centuries-old ties which bind us to our European allies, and to our Dutch partners especially.

o We see these ties in our common defense of peace and freedom. And in our belief in democracy and human rights. They exist in joint ventures to explore space and new technology. And in the commerce which today makes Holland America's second- largest investor.

~~o These ties strengthen NATO -- and the peoples of the West. And in a changing world, we will need them to reaffirm individuality, human dignity, and democratic ideals.~~

o In the future, we will face old issues of business and commerce. And new, transatlantic problems of environmental protection, <sup>We must</sup> ~~and terrorism.~~ Mutual cooperation can help us cope. ~~And~~ make ours a safer, cleaner, more prosperous world.

o For that, we will need your help and your commitment. In closing, thank you again, good luck, God bless you, and God bless America.

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