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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 19, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *W*  
FROM:               EDWARD E. McNALLY *EMN*  
SUBJECT:            REMARKS AT THE ASTRONAUTS PICNIC

I.    SUMMARY

Attached for your consideration and review are draft remarks for tomorrow afternoon's remarks at the White House picnic honoring America's astronauts -- and the 20th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing.

II.   DISCUSSION

Near the end of the picnic -- at approximately 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 1989 -- you are scheduled to go up on the stage on the South Lawn. The approximately 700 guests at the picnic include nearly all of America's living astronauts (and their spouses), as well as Congressional and NASA dignitaries.

Your brief welcome and remarks (which are scheduled to last about five minutes) conclude with the words -- "God Bless the U.S.A." -- immediately after which, Lee Greenwood will walk out and sing the song by that same name.

[Note: As you suggested, we contacted Ray Siller, who submitted nine pages of jokes and comments. These are also attached for your information and consideration.]

(McNally/Simon)  
July 19, 1989, 3:30 p.m.  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASTRONAUTS BARBECUE PICNIC  
WHITE HOUSE SOUTH LAWN  
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1989, 12:45 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROBERT SIMON 

SUBJECT: 20th ANNIVERSARY OF MOON LANDING SPEECH  
ASTRONAUT BARBECUE SPEECH

Only minor changes to the Barbecue speech:

Page 1, graph 4: change Shephard to Shepard. ✓

? Page 2, graph 1: I will defer to OMB's comments on the last sentence in this paragraph ("In the budget we proposed...") However, checking in Building a Better America shows that this sentence is wrong. As a substitute sentence, I suggest: "That's why I proposed a 22% increase in NASA's budget next year."

Page 3, graph 3: delete the words "on Earth" from the last sentence. "Good luck, and Godspeed" were the last words spoken from launch control at Cape Kennedy, not the last words spoken from earth. ✓

Just a few small, but important changes to the 20th Anniversary speech:

Page 2, graph 1: I suggest removing the words "out of the ocean to" so the phrase reads "a nearly full Moon will rise in the east and shine..."

Page 2, graph 1: Change the words at the end of paragraph from "Tranquility Base" to "the moon." Sadly, the flag at Tranquility Base was knocked over by the blast of Apollo 11 taking off. To my knowledge, the other five U.S. flags on the moon are still "flying."

Page 2, graph 4: Ed wants the following rewrite: "It began near dawn on July 16, 1969. The sun rose a second time that morning as the awesome fireball....." etc.

Page 2, graph 5: Change to "Four days and four nights they journeyed." Apollo 11 lifted off on July 16 and reached the moon on July 19, but the landing was not until July 20.

Page 2, graph 7: Change "white frame house" to "brick house."

Page 3, graph 2: Change "17 seconds" to "20 seconds".

Page 4, graph 3: The Michael Collins quote is a paraphrase, so the quotations marks should be removed.

Page 5, graph 2: I have not yet been able to verify this fact about the dollar benefits of Apollo. Leave it in if you want, because I think I can verify it on Monday.

Page 7, top graph: The phrase "a roadmap for the year 2000" should be deleted, since we are talking about programs that will extend way beyond 2000.

Page 7, graph 4: Add the words "Neptune and" before "Pluto." Because of a quirk in the orbital path of Pluto, Neptune has been this solar system's outermost planet for much of the 1980s, including 1983, when Pioneer 10 crossed Neptune's orbit and left the solar system. By adding Neptune to this sentence, we preserve factual accuracy for all the astronomy buffs out there, without needlessly confusing the general public, which believes that Pluto is always the outermost planet.

Page 7, graph 5: I strongly suggest adding a new sentence 2: "We will travel to neighboring stars, to new worlds, to discover what lies waiting for us." It doesn't commit the President to anything specific, but it does put him on record as the first President in history to support the goal of manned exploration of other solar systems whenever the necessary technology becomes available.

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*  
SUBJECT: Astronauts Barbeque Picnic

This is a light occasion but one that gives the President the opportunity of reaffirming his commitment to the space program.

The jokes on the first page strike me as somewhat light. But I suppose that the President will ultimately decide what he will go for in that regard. The one that enthralls me the least is the notion that voters have threatened to send a few of the rest of us to the Moon.

Otherwise, the remarks a fine from a policy standpoint.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 07/15/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON Sunday 07/16

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RESPONSE:

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

(McNally/Simon)  
July 15, 1989, 1:00 p.m.  
Draft Two (BBQ)

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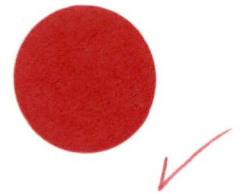
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FOR COMMUNICATIONS

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Astronauts Barbecue  
Picnic

At the request of James W. Cicconi, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned draft Presidential remarks. We have no legal objections.

We appreciate having had the opportunity to review these draft remarks.

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Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton

Re: Barbeque draft

Welcome back!

In reviewing the three speeches that were faxed over from Europe, I found that I had only one teeny-weeny comment, on page 1 of the astronauts barbeque draft.

In the second-to-last graf on page 1, I think that the joke about voters sending politicians to the moon is not particularly funny and certainly not very presidential.

In the next graf, I think that this is an unstated, and probably unintended, shot at Sen. John Glenn. I recommend deleting it.

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THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1989, 12:00 NOON

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(McNally/Simon)  
July 14, 1989, 10:00 a.m.  
Draft One (BBQ)

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Therefore, to ~~the Baltic States~~, striving to reclaim their national destinies, we say: *America stands with you,* We support your voice -- a voice

~~that will not be stilled.~~ And to the peoples of Vietnam and Laos, Ethiopia and Nicaragua: *Striving for freedom: we say* America stands with you, ~~as~~ *as you strive for freedom*

~~brothers and friends.~~ To all Nations, America proclaims: *Strive to get what you believe we say:* Truth cannot be intimidated by force, or beaten into suppression.

*We know* only democracy can underscore the dignity of man.

*I* Five weeks ago, thousands *5 from Budapest* ~~bannered~~ that democracy by filling *as they ed*

Budapest's Heroes Square -- peacefully, movingly -- to *pay homage to* honor the

heroes, and spirit, of Hungary's 1956 rebellion. *But* Their presence *did*

*more.* ~~celebrated the values~~ *It honored spirit* of captive peoples everywhere. And honored

~~the arching human spirit -- oft-abused yet free.~~

Among the celebrants was a patriot who, with many others, took part in that uprising. Astonished by the turnout, he found pride in Hungary's past -- and hope in freedom's future. "For this day," he said, "it is worth living and forgiving. Today, this unity is a kind of Hungarian wonder."

My friends, that wonder is liberty's wonder. In Kabul and Prague. Warsaw and Managua. In the hopes, and dreams, of people who believe in ballots, not bullets. And who survive -- who will triumph -- through *Courage and determination.* ~~family, and faith in God.~~

To love freedom -- to overcome oppression -- this is their spirit -- and the meaning of Captive Nations Week. Like them, we must never waver, nor surrender. Instead, let us raise -- together -- what Lajos Kossuth called "the morning star of

liberty." The star that can lead us toward tomorrow. ~~And bless~~  
~~the children of the globe.~~ *the day when all*  
*Captive Peoples know the joy of freedom.*


Thank you for this wonderful occasion. I will never forget  
 it. God bless you, <sup>and</sup> God bless America, and ~~God bless the~~  
~~democracy that can~~ that must ~~make captive peoples free.~~

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 15, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROBERT SIMON 

SUBJECT: 20th ANNIVERSARY OF MOON LANDING SPEECH  
ASTRONAUT BARBECUE SPEECH

Only minor changes to the Barbecue speech:

Page 1, graph 4: change Shephard to Shepard.

Page 2, graph 1: I will defer to OMB's comments on the last sentence in this paragraph ("In the budget we proposed...") However, checking in Building a Better America shows that this sentence is wrong. As a substitute sentence, I suggest: "That's why I proposed a 22% increase in NASA's budget next year."

Page 3, graph 3: delete the words "on Earth" from the last sentence. "Good luck, and Godspeed" were the last words spoken from launch control at Cape Kennedy, not the last words spoken from earth.

Just a few small, but important changes to the 20th Anniversary speech:

Page 2, graph 1: I suggest removing the words "out of the ocean to" so the phrase reads "a nearly full Moon will rise in the east and shine..."

Page 2, graph 1: Change the words at the end of paragraph from "Tranquility Base" to "the moon." Sadly, the flag at Tranquility Base was knocked over by the blast of Apollo 11 taking off. To my knowledge, the other five U.S. flags on the moon are still "flying."

Page 2, graph 4: Ed wants the following rewrite: "It began near dawn on July 16, 1969. The sun rose a second time that morning as the awesome fireball....." etc.

Page 2, graph 5: Change to "Four days and four nights they journeyed." Apollo 11 lifted off on July 16 and reached the moon on July 19, but the landing was not until July 20.

Page 2, graph 7: Change "white frame house" to "brick house."

Page 3, graph 2: Change "17 seconds" to "20 seconds".

Page 4, graph 3: The Michael Collins quote is a paraphrase, so the quotations marks should be removed.

Page 5, graph 2: I have not yet been able to verify this fact about the dollar benefits of Apollo. Leave it in if you want, because I think I can verify it on Monday.

Page 7, top graph: The phrase "a roadmap for the year 2000" should be deleted, since we are talking about programs that will extend way beyond 2000.

Page 7, graph 4: Add the words "Neptune and" before "Pluto." Because of a quirk in the orbital path of Pluto, Neptune has been this solar system's outermost planet for much of the 1980s, including 1983, when Pioneer 10 crossed Neptune's orbit and left the solar system. By adding Neptune to this sentence, we preserve factual accuracy for all the astronomy buffs out there, without needlessly confusing the general public, which believes that Pluto is always the outermost planet.

Page 7, graph 5: I strongly suggest adding a new sentence 2: "We will travel to neighboring stars, to new worlds, to discover what lies waiting for us." It doesn't commit the President to anything specific, but it does put him on record as the first President in history to support the goal of manned exploration of other solar systems whenever the necessary technology becomes available.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

BOB SIMON 

SUBJECT:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE ASTRONAUT BBQ SPEECH

On page 2, paragraph 2, (draft 2) I had previously been unable to check the accuracy of the last sentence regarding the increase in the space budget. Subsequent to my July 15 memo, I had OMB confirm that NASA did indeed get the largest proposed percentage increase of all the departments and major independent agencies. However, to clarify that the President is talking about agency budgets and not individual programs, the last words should be changed from "space program" to "space agency."

Also in the same paragraph, the President has "lived most of his adult life" in Washington, not Houston. He lived in Houston during the early and mid-60s and from 1977-80. Houston is his political and "spiritual" home, but he hasn't actually lived there much. I suggest changing the word "most" to "much." It conveys the same sentiment, but is not as specific. ✓

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(McNally/Simon)  
July 15, 1989, 1:00 p.m.  
Draft Two (BBQ)

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*yes!*

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*(how inside the Beltway! Patronizing!)*

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Draft 5 (BBQ)

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[And, its always a pleasure to see Senator John Glenn, the first American in orbit. You know part of John's mission was to search for signs of intelligent life out there. Which turned out

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**SENSITIVE**  
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DATE: 07/15/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON Sunday 07/16

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASTRONAUTS BARBECUE PICNIC

(07/15 1:00 pm. draft 2)

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston in the Senior Staff Office, Rm. 1051, by NOON, Sunday 07/16, with an info copy to Jim Cicconi, Rm. 1051. Rhanks.

RESPONSE:

SENSITIVE

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

(McNally/Simon)  
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Thanks for your contributions to the greatness of this country. God bless you. And "God bless the U.S.A."

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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASTRONAUTS BARBECUE PICNIC  
WHITE HOUSE SOUTH LAWN  
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1989  
12:45 P.M.**

**THANK YOU, AND WELCOME -- WELCOME ALL OF YOU --  
AMERICA'S ASTRONAUTS AND SPOUSES, OUR FRIENDS IN  
CONGRESS, NASA OFFICIALS, AND OTHER HONORED GUESTS.  
WELCOME BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE.**

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**BARBARA AND I APPRECIATE YOU JOINING US FOR THIS  
IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY. PLANNING THE PICNIC WAS A  
LITTLE HECTIC. WE WEREN'T SURE WHETHER YOU PREFERRED  
YOUR HAMBURGERS GRILLED OR SQUEEZED OUT OF A TUBE.**

**AND THANKS ALSO FOR JOINING US EARLIER TODAY FOR  
THE APOLLO COMMEMORATION AT THE AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM.  
FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS THERE, IT DID SEEM LIKE ONE OR  
TWO OF YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN GOING BACK TO THE  
MOON.**

ALTHOUGH FOR SOME, MAYBE THAT'S JUST BECAUSE WE'RE A LITTLE OLDER. I HEAR ALAN SHEPARD WANTS TO GO BACK JUST SO HE CAN REMEMBER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HIT A GOLF BALL MORE THAN 200 YARDS.

ALAN WAS THE FIRST MAN TO SWING A GOLF CLUB ON THE MOON. TALK ABOUT A SAND TRAP.

ALAN -- IF YOU DO GO BACK -- I'D WATCH OUT FOR THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SPACE COUNCIL. THE VICE PRESIDENT HITS A MEAN 3-IRON.



[AND, ITS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE SENATOR JOHN GLENN, THE FIRST AMERICAN IN ORBIT. YOU KNOW PART OF JOHN'S MISSION WAS TO SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE OUT THERE. WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE EXCELLENT TRAINING FOR HIS WORK INSIDE THE SENATE.]

ALL OF YOU HERE HAVE HAD IMPORTANT ROLES IN SUPPORTING THE U.S. SPACE PROGRAM. AND THAT SUPPORT COMES FROM MANY CORNERS. MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN THESE WONDERFUL AD COUNCIL SPOTS THAT HIGHLIGHT HOW SPACE TECHNOLOGY BENEFITS ALL HUMANITY. AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE HERE WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED HER TIME AND TALENT TO THIS CAMPAIGN -- "AMERICA'S LEADING LADY" -- HELEN HAYES.

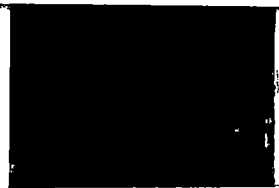
AS YOU MIGHT EXPECT FROM A FORMER NAVY PILOT WHO LIVED MUCH OF HIS ADULT LIFE IN HOUSTON -- I, TOO, AM A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF THE SPACE PROGRAM -- AND THE FINE WORK OF THE MEN AND WOMEN GATHERED HERE. IN OUR ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST BUDGET PROPOSAL -- THE LARGEST SINGLE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IS FOR THE SPACE AGENCY.

THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES AT NASA, 20 YEARS AFTER APOLLO 11, WE STILL LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS ALIVE WITH WONDER. TWO WEEKS AGO, VOYAGER TWO DISCOVERED A NEW MOON AROUND NEPTUNE. WE ARE STILL GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH NEIGHBORHOODS WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT.

ON THE WAY BACK FROM OUR OWN MOON, BUZZ ALDRIN SPOKE OF THE NEVER-ENDING WONDER OF SPACE. "THIS HAS BEEN FAR MORE THAN THREE MEN ON A VOYAGE TO THE MOON," HE SAID. "THIS STANDS AS A SYMBOL OF THE INSATIABLE CURIOSITY OF ALL MANKIND TO EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN."

AND, I MIGHT ADD, THAT VOYAGE -- LIKE THE EFFORTS THAT CAME BEFORE, AND THE EFFORTS THAT HAVE COME SINCE -- IS ALSO A SYMBOL OF ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF UNIQUE TALENT AND CHARACTER WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE -- A TRIBUTE TO THE COMMITMENT, INGENUITY, AND NERVE OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WORKING ALL ACROSS THE NATION.

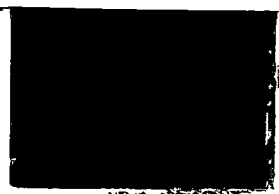
NO ONE KNOWS BETTER THAN THOSE ASSEMBLED HERE, THAT APOLLO'S MISSIONS TO THE MOON RAISED MORE QUESTIONS THAN THEY ANSWERED.



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**JAMES MICHENER WAS RIGHT WHEN HE TOLD CONGRESS:  
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SUCH A COMPELLING NATURE THAT TO MISS THEM IS TO MISS  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

July 20, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
DURING ASTRONAUTS BARBECUE PICNIC

The South Lawn

1:01 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much for being here, and welcome to all of you -- America's astronauts and spouses, friends in the United States Congress, NASA officials, and other honored guests. I say welcome, but for most of you, welcome back to the White House.

Barbara and I are delighted that you've joined us for this important anniversary. Planning the picnic was a little hectic. We didn't know whether you preferred hamburgers grilled or served out of a tube. But, nevertheless -- (Laughter.)

And also, thanks for coming to the commemoration there earlier on at the Air and Space Museum. I liked what I heard from our famous Lunar astronauts. It's a pleasure, indeed, to welcome the present administrators at NASA and those who served so admirably in the past running that fantastic organization.

All of you here, in one way or another, have had important roles in supporting the space program. And that support comes from many corners. Many of you have seen those wonderful Ad Council spots that highlight how space technology benefits all humanity. And I'd like to take a moment to recognize someone here who has contributed her time and talent to this campaign -- we call her "America's leading lady" -- and that is Helen Hayes, who is there somewhere -- right here. Helen, would you -- (applause) -- we are so grateful to her. And she's found the only cool place on the lawn, too. (Laughter.)

As you might expect from a former Navy pilot who lived much of his adult life in Houston -- I, too, am a long-time supporter of the space program -- and the fine work of the men and women gathered here. In our administration's first budget proposal, the largest single percentage increase is for the space agency.

And thanks to you and your colleagues at NASA, 20 years after Apollo 11, we still live in a world that is alive with wonder. Two weeks ago, Voyager Two discovered a new moon around Neptune. And we're still getting acquainted with neighborhoods that we didn't even know about.

On the way back from the Moon, Buzz -- Buzz Aldrin spoke of the never-ending wonder of space. "This has been far more than three men on a voyage to the Moon," he said. "This stands as a symbol of the insatiable curiosity of all mankind to explore the unknown."

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My commitment today to forge ahead with a sustained, manned exploration program -- mission by mission -- the space station, the Moon, Mars and beyond -- is a continuing commitment to ask new questions, to seek new answers. Both in the heavens -- and on Earth.

I am delighted that my able Vice President -- our able Vice President -- is heading the Space Council. He's a young man, knows how to dream still, knows how to plan. And that Space Council is in very able hands.

James Michener was right when he told Congress: "There are moments in history when challenges occur of such a compelling nature that to miss them is to miss the whole meaning of an epoch. "Space is such a challenge," he said.

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And so, once again, thank you for the contributions to the greatness of the United States of America. I'm just delighted you came our way. Thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

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1:06 P.M. EDT

Part of Astronaut Glen's mission  
 was to search for signs of  
 intelligent life out there. Which  
~~was~~ turned out to be excellent  
 training for his work inside the  
~~spacecraft~~ <sup>spacecraft</sup>

And it's always a pleasure  
 to see Senator  
 Jim ~~Swagert~~ <sup>Swagert</sup> to see Senator  
 Jim Swagert, the first American  
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July 19, 1989, 3:30 p.m.  
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Alan was the first man to swing a golf club on the moon. Talk about a sand trap.

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