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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 4, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: MARK DAVIS *MD*

SUBJECT: 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, August 7, at 9:35 a.m., you will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Department of War (now incorporated within the Department of Defense) at Fort Myer. With you will be Defense Secretary Richard Cheney, Army Secretary Jack Marsh and Undersecretary Michael Stone. (Mr. Stone's nomination to replace Secretary Marsh is on track, and could receive Senate approval before the speech. We will keep you apprised.)

To your left and right will be DOD employees. Before you will be a review of troops and the press. Since the remarks are between five and seven minutes, no teleprompter is planned.

II. DISCUSSION

This draft uses this opportunity to discuss current defense systems before Congress. In addition, please note the reference to Lt. Col. William R. Higgins. Care has been taken not to try to guess his fate. If you deem it appropriate as Commander-in-Chief, you might consider giving Lt. Col. Higgins an actual salute after giving him a rhetorical one.

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Department of War, Fort
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The draft is well written and appropriate for the occasion. We have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint and approve of the draft in its present form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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8PM TO POTUS

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM RICHARD HIGGINS.

**REMARKS: DEPARTMENT OF WAR/FORT MYERS
AUGUST 7, 1989/9:35 A.M.**

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I AM PLEASED TO JOIN WITH YOU ALL IN CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF AN HISTORIC DEPARTMENT, NOW PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

IN HONORING THE BICENTENNIAL OF THIS DEPARTMENT, WE ARE ALSO HONORING THE HEROES OF AMERICA'S PAST AND PRESENT.

THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR . . . THE VERY NAME SOUNDS ANTIQUATED, EVEN BELLICOSE. CERTAINLY, TODAY THE TITLE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS MORE APPROPRIATE, SINCE THE PURPOSE OF OUR ARMED FORCES IS TO DETER WAR, NOT TO SEEK IT.

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NONE OF US WHO SERVED IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR WILL EVER FORGET THE GREAT LEADERS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT. NOR WILL WE FORGET THE GREAT LESSON OF THOSE YEARS -- ONLY THE STRONG CAN KEEP THE PEACE.

IT IS NO DISCREDIT TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT THAT AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR OUR ARMED FORCES WERE STILL DRILLING WITH WOODEN RIFLES, HAULING MASSIVE, BUT USELESS RADIOS, AND PLANNING TO WAGE LAND WARFARE WITH HORSE CAVALRY.

TODAY, OF COURSE, IT IS NOT A SHORTAGE OF RIFLES THAT THREATENS TO UNDERMINE AMERICA'S ABILITY TO KEEP THE PEACE. TO PRESERVE THE PEACE TODAY, WE MUST BE STRONG IN OTHER WAYS. THIS MEANS WE MUST RELY ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, NOT THE STRATEGIC EQUIVALENT OF HORSE CALVARY.

THE UNITED STATES TODAY REQUIRES A CLOSELY INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENHANCE OUR STRENGTH, BOLSTER DETERRENCE AND FACILITATE ARMS CONTROL. IT DEMANDS THAT WE MODERNIZE OUR ICBM FORCE, REDEPLOYING THE PEACEKEEPER MISSILE IN RAIL-GARRISON NOW. ((PAUSE))

AND IT MEANS COMPLETING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW SMALL ICBM, AND ITS DEPLOYMENT WHEN READY. THESE MOBILE SYSTEMS WILL BRING IMPROVED SURVIVABILITY AND STABILITY TO THE LAND-BASED LEG OF OUR STRATEGIC TRIAD.

A STRONG DEFENSE ALSO MEANS SOMETHING ELSE -- SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR THE B-2 BOMBER. ((PAUSE))

AND IT MEANS ONE THING MORE -- SUPPORT FOR THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE. ((PAUSE))

SDI OFFERS THE PROMISE OF A STABLE NUCLEAR BALANCE THAT RELIES INCREASINGLY ON DEFENSE. IT PROVIDES AN INCENTIVE FOR THE SOVIETS TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, AND IT WILL MAKE ANY START TREATY MORE EFFECTIVE. IT REPRESENTS A FIRM STEP TOWARD STABILITY -- THE SAME GOAL WE SEEK THROUGH MODERNIZATION OF OUR NUCLEAR ARSENAL, AND ARMS CONTROL. THIS IS THE PROGRAM THE COUNTRY NEEDS, AND I WILL WORK TO SEE THAT THIS IS THE PROGRAM THAT THE COUNTRY GETS.

JUST AS CRITICAL TO OUR NATION'S DEFENSE ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. YOU ARE CALLED UPON TO DO A DIFFICULT, OFTEN DANGEROUS, JOB. AND YOU PERFORM YOUR DUTY WITH DISTINCTION.

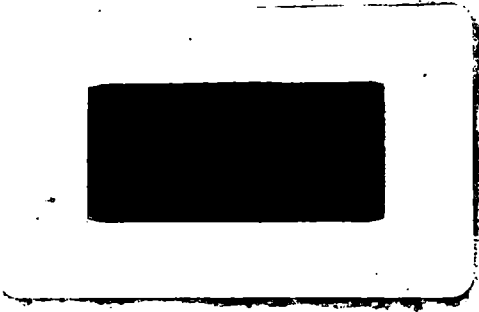
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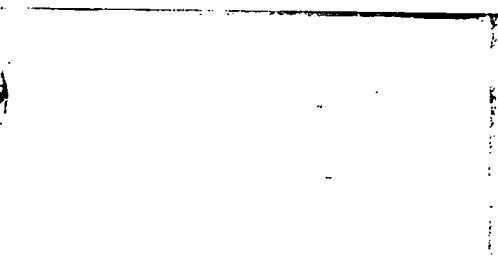
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RESPONSE:

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Ext. 2702

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*his friends call him Rich
plus it's more dramatic to say all 3 names.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 4, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton *J.P.*

Subject: Dept. of War, Ft. Myers Draft Speech

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pg. 1, para. 4, line 1 This graf and the succeeding one needs a more positive approach. Specifically we suggest using something other than calling the name of the War Dept. "antiquated and bellicose" -- perhaps by referring more to the fact that the present-day Dept. of the Army is descended from this organization, and any other facts which serve to suggest that the War Department and the Army's history is an honorable one.

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"And we cannot leave here today without pausing to salute one who stands as a symbol of the courage that burns in the breast of every American in uniform -- one soldier who has been very much in our thoughts lately: Lieutenant Colonel William R. Higgins."

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Department of War,
Fort Myers

Pursuant to James Cicconi's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection to the Presidential Remarks as drafted.

Thank you for bring this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 8/4/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 8/4/89 5:00 PM

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Aug. 4, 1989
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: DEPARTMENT OF WAR/FORT MYERS
Aug. 7, 1989/((Time to come))

Secretary Cheney -- Dick -- I want to thank you for the splendid job you are doing at DOD. ((And by the way, Dick, I hope you are learning how to use the color-coded halls to find your way from the E-ring to your car without getting lost . . . Perhaps now you know why they made a movie about the Pentagon and called it "No Way Out."))

And Secretary Marsh -- Jack -- I want to thank you for your splendid performance in your service to the U.S. Army, and to your country.

I am pleased to join with you all in celebrating the 200th anniversary of an historic department, now part of the Department of Defense. In honoring the bicentennial of this Department, we are also honoring the heroes of America's past and present.

The Department of War . . . The very name sounds antiquated, even bellicose. Certainly, today the title Department of Defense is more appropriate, since the purpose of our armed forces is to deter war, not to seek it.

And yet, the title was undeniably forthright, for the War Department fought and won five wars in its 158-year history. It was the War Department that waged the most tragic conflict in American history, a Civil War in which one secretary, Edwin

Stanton, was pitted against his predecessor, Jefferson Davis. It was also the War Department that trained and dispatched vast armies of Doughboys to France. And it was the War Department that served as America's nerve center in the struggle against the Axis powers, leading to the greatest military and moral victory in the history of Man.

Winston Churchill gave much of the credit for this to Army Chief of Staff George Marshall, calling him the "true organizer of victory." We all remember George Marshall as a great Secretary of State. He deserves no less credit for his service to the Army, and later as Secretary of Defense.

None of us who served in the Second World War will ever forget the great leaders of the War Department. Nor we will forget the great lesson of those years -- **only the strong can keep the peace.**

It is to no discredit to the War Department that at the outbreak of the Second World War our armed forces were still drilling with wooden rifles, hauling massive, but useless radios, and planning to wage land warfare with horse cavalry.

Today, of course, it is not a shortage of rifles that threatens to undermine America's ability to keep the peace. To preserve the peace today, we must be strong in other ways. This means we must rely on advanced technology, not the strategic equivalent of horse cavalry.

The United States today requires a closely integrated strategic program designed to enhance our strength, bolster

deterrence and facilitate arms control. It demands that we modernize our ICBM force, **redeploying the Peacekeeper missile in rail-garrison now.** ((PAUSE)) And it means completing the development to deploy the new small ICBM. These mobile systems will bring improved survivability and stability to the land-based leg of our strategic triad.

A strong defense also means something else -- **sufficient funding for the Stealth Bomber.** ((PAUSE))

And it means one thing more -- **support for the Strategic Defense Initiative.** ((PAUSE)) SDI offers the promise of a stable nuclear balance that relies increasingly on defense. It will make any START treaty more effective. And it represents our best step toward stability -- the same goal we seek through offensive modernization and arms control. This is the program the country needs, **and I will work to see that this is the program that the country gets.**

Just as critical to our nation's defense are the men and women of the Department of Defense. You are called upon to do a difficult, often dangerous, job. And you perform your duty with distinction.

The history of this department is nothing less than the history of American bravery. Whether we call it the Department of War or the Department of Defense, this tradition of service to country lives on in each of you.

So today, in commemorating the Department of War, we also ^{salute!} honor you and every brave American who served in the two great

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conflicts of this century, and those who served in ~~the~~ Korean War ^{to pay salute} and Vietnam. And, whatever his fate may be, we ~~will never forget~~ a certain courageous U.S. Marine Lieutenant Colonel by the name of William R. Higgins. ((PAUSE))

^{honor} ~~State Commendation~~ It is an inspiration to be among America's finest. And to honor ^{God's} ~~the~~ great traditions. of a great department. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
DURING DEPARTMENT OF WAR
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Arlington, Virginia

9:32 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr. Secretary, Deputy Secretary Atwood and our service chiefs, Chairman Crowe and members of the Joint Chiefs, distinguished members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Dick, first let me just thank you for the splendid job you're doing at the Defense Department. I don't know if you've found the barber shop, but I hope you're finding how to get from E-ring to your car without getting lost. (Laughter.) You all remember the Secretary's dilemma, and now they've made a movie about the Pentagon called "No Way Out." (Laughter.)

Secretary Marsh -- Jack, this is an appropriate time to thank you for your splendid performance in service to the United States Army and service to your country. And I just can't tell you how much respect I have for the job you have done. And I also want to congratulate your successor, Mike Stone, who will lead the Army into the 1990s as Secretary of the Army.

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God bless you all, and God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

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