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**ADDRESS: YOUNG AMERICAN MEDAL, ROOM 450 0E0B
THURSDAY/11:30 A.M./SEPT. 21, 1989.**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL THORNBURGH -- DICK -- DIRECTOR
STANLEY MORRIS -- DIRECTOR SESSIONS -- BILL -- DAVID
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A HERO IS NO BRAVER THAN ANYONE ELSE; ONLY BRAVE FOR
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KNOW THESE MINUTES OF BRAVERY, MINUTES WHERE TERRIBLE
EVENTS SEEM TO OCCUR IN SLOW MOTION, MINUTES FACING
DEATH AND CHALLENGING ETERNITY.**

ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF A YOUNG AMERICAN MEDAL FOR BRAVERY IS TWELVE YEARS OLD. SHE IS ANGELA MARIE CAMPANOLI ((CAMP-PA-NO-LEE)), AND SHE ATTENDS THE 7TH GRADE AT AYLEN ((A-LYNN)) JUNIOR HIGH IN WASHINGTON STATE. ANGELA, HER MOTHER YVONNE, HER BROTHER BRYAN, AND A FRIEND, WERE AT THE BEACH IN MAUI ON OCTOBER FIFTH, 1988. THREE JAPANESE TOURISTS -- A MAN, HIS WIFE AND THEIR LITTLE BOY -- WERE ALSO AT THAT SAME BEACH, THAT SAME DAY.

THE JAPANESE CHILD GOT CAUGHT IN A CURRENT, AND STARTED TO PANIC. HIS PARENTS, SEEING THIS, DASHED INTO THE ROUGH SURF TO RESCUE HIM. OTHERS GOT TO THE CHILD FIRST. BUT THE MOTHER WAS DRAGGED BY A RELENTLESS CURRENT, OUT TO SEA. ANGELA QUICKLY DOVE IN, SWAM TO THE WOMAN, AND HELD HER HEAD ABOVE WATER. HER BROTHER, BRYAN, WAS ALSO RIGHT THERE. AND TOGETHER, BRYAN AND ANGELA BROUGHT THE WOMAN BACK TO SHORE. BACK TO HER FAMILY. BACK TO HER LIFE.

WE ARE ALSO HERE TO HONOR THE LATE JOHN BANKSTON OF DALLAS. ON JULY 17, 1987, A CHURCH BUS AND A VAN CARRYING 43 PEOPLE FROM A CHILDREN'S CAMP WERE SWEEPED INTO THE CURRENTS OF THE GUADALUPE RIVER IN KERR COUNTY, TEXAS. POUNDING WAVES SCATTERED THE GROUP AND TOPPLED THE BUS AND VAN.

THE YOUNGSTERS WHO SURVIVED CLUNG TO BRANCHES AND FORMED A HUMAN CHAIN TO CROSS THE RIVER. ONE OF THEM WAS JEFF BOWMAN, WHO HAD A CAST ON HIS LEG FROM A BROKEN ANKLE. JOHN CARRIED JEFF ON HIS BACK FOR TWO HOURS, UNTIL THEY REACHED A TREE. JEFF LET GO AND GRABBED A LOG THAT WAS FLOATING DOWNSTREAM. JOHN CLUNG TO THE TREE, AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN. HE WAS 17-YEARS-OLD.

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ROSIE, JOHN, WE KNOW THAT A PARENT'S GRIEF IS A SPECIAL
HARDSHIP. BUT WE HOPE THAT YOUR GRIEF IS TEMPERED BY
PRIDE, PRIDE IN YOUR HERO, YOUR SON JOHN. ((PAUSE))

IN CALIFORNIA, A DIFFERENT KIND OF TRAGEDY ALMOST
OCCURRED. ON APRIL TWENTY-SIXTH, 1988, AN ARMED
STUDENT WALKED INTO THE ENGLISH CLASS OF SAN GABRIEL
HIGH SCHOOL; AND SEVENTY STUDENTS SUDDENLY BECAME
SEVENTY HOSTAGES. ONE OF THEM IS WITH US TODAY. HE IS
RUBEN ORTEGA.

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THIS YOUNG MAN THREW HIS LIFE INTO THE BALANCE. AND
BECAUSE OF HIS BRAVERY, HIS CLASSMATES ARE SAFE AND
WELL TODAY.

WHEN I WAS RUBEN'S AGE, WILL ROGERS SAID THAT BEING
A HERO IS ABOUT THE SHORTEST-LIVED PROFESSION ON EARTH.
BUT WILL ROGER'S WRY HUMOR IS BELIED BY HIS OWN LIFE, A
MAN WHO LIGHTENED THE WORRIES OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION
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SO FOR SOME, BRINGING HOPE AND EVEN SAVING LIVES IS NOT A MATTER OF MINUTES. IT'S A MATTER OF MONTHS AND YEARS OF GIVING. IT'S A HABIT, A HABIT OF THE HEART. AND THAT IS WHY WE GIVE THE YOUNG AMERICAN MEDAL FOR SERVICE.

WE HAVE WITH US FREDDY TORRES OF EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL. AT AGE 18, FREDDY SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS AS A PEER LEADER, INSPIRING HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS AND LEARN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF AIDS.

AND FREDDY WENT BEYOND THE CLASSROOM, TAKING HIS MESSAGE WHERE IT IS NEEDED MOST -- TO THE STREETS. IT WAS OUT OF CLASS THAT FREDDY PERSUADED YOUNG PEOPLE, OFTEN DROP-OUTS, TO ENLIST IN DRUG AND AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAMS.

I HAVE SAID THAT FROM NOW ON, IN AMERICA, ANY DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVICE TO OTHERS.

BY THIS DEFINITION, JOHN PHILIP DONOVAN OF RIVER VALE, NEW JERSEY, IS ABOUT AS SUCCESSFUL AS YOU CAN BE. LAST YEAR, WHEN HE WAS 17, JOHN SERVED HIS COMMUNITY IN MANY WAYS: AS A LEADER OF A BOY SCOUT TROOP WITH LEARNING AND OTHER DISABLED SCOUTS AS MEMBERS; AS A FUND-RAISER FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, BRINGING IN SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; AS A LEADER OF STUDENTS-AGAINST-DRUNK-DRIVING, AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES.

SEAN FOX OF ETHEL, WASHINGTON, IS ANOTHER YOUNG AMERICAN WHO CARES ENOUGH TO ACT. HE ORGANIZED A FOOD BANK FOR TOLEDO, WASHINGTON; AND INVOLVED HIS PARENTS, MAYOR, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE DRIVE. BECAUSE OF SEAN'S WORK, THE FOOD BANK SERVES MORE THAN EIGHTY FAMILIES IN NEED.

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VICKI LYNN URICK ((YOUR-ICH)) OF ALVIN, TEXAS, HAS DEDICATED HER EFFORTS TO CLEANING UP LOCAL BEACHES AND RESTORING DUNES ALONG THE TEXAS COAST. SHE ALSO STARTED A NATIONWIDE ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE TO RESTORE THE BATTLESHIP TEXAS, AND HAS BEEN A LEADER IN MANY OTHER PROJECTS.

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THESE SERVICES MAY NOT BE AS DRAMATIC AS PULLING SOMEONE FROM THE SURF, OR SUBDUING A GUNMAN. BUT FREDDY, JOHN, SEAN AND VICKI KNOW SOMETHING VERY PROFOUND -- THAT IT IS IN THE DAILY ACCUMULATION OF SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS, THAT LIFE CAN BE IMPROVED. AND OFTEN, LIVES CAN BE SAVED.

LET ME OFFER ONE LAST THOUGHT. SOMETIMES WE LOSE SIGHT OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF YOUNG AMERICANS WHO ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO BETTER THIS WORLD.

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SO FOR THOSE WHO WORRY ABOUT THE FUTURE, PERHAPS THEY SHOULD CONSIDER THESE YOUNG AMERICANS. YOU AND I KNOW THAT IN THE FUTURE, OUR COUNTRY WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS, BECAUSE IT WILL BE IN THEIR HANDS.

AND NOW, IT IS MY HONOR TO PRESENT ALL OF YOU WITH YOUR YOUNG AMERICAN MEDALS.

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Sessions hand out medals

DATE: 9/20/89

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL

Dir. of US Marshal Services
Stanley Morris

David Runkel
Asst. US AG

Also 8
congressmen
in attendance

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Sept. 19, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*
FROM: MARK DAVIS *MD*
SUBJECT: Young American Medal Awards Ceremony

I. SUMMARY:

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II. DISCUSSION:

These awards cover deeds of bravery performed by young people in 1987, as well as for last year. There are seven recipients -- one is being **posthumously** awarded to John Bankston. He will be represented by his parents, John and Rosie.

Davis/Martin
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Title: Hero

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: YOUNG AMERICAN MEDAL, ROSE GARDEN
Thursday/11:20 a.m./Sept. 21, 1989

((Acknowledgements)) Attorney General Thornburgh -- Dick --
Director Sessions and *especially you medal winners.* my young friends. Welcome to the White
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Young American Medal for Bravery; and the Young American Medal
for Service, for 1987 and 1988.

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is no braver than anyone else; only brave for five minutes
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One of the recipients of a Young American Medal for Bravery
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In California, a different kind of tragedy almost occurred. On April twenty-sixth, 1988, an armed student walked into the English class of San Gabriel High School; and seventy students suddenly became seventy hostages. One of them is with us today. He is Ruben Ortega. This young man threw his life into the balance. And because of his bravery, his classmates are safe and well today.

When I was Ruben's age, Will Rogers said that being a hero is about the shortest-lived profession on earth. But Will Roger's wry humor is belied by his own life, a man who lightened the worries of the Great Depression with laughter and goodwill.

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((Look to Angela)) Angela, there is a family in Japan that will always remember what you did for them. And in turn, we want you to always remember this ceremony. ~~I cannot cut these flowers and offer them to you.~~ But I want you to know, Angela, that today every flower in this Rose Garden **is for you.** ((PAUSE))

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Ruben waited, watching for the right moment. After more than half an hour, the assailant relaxed for just an instant. And in that instant, Ruben threw his life into the balance. Ruben disarmed the gunman, wrestled him to the ground -- and kept him down until the police arrived.

((Look to Ruben.)) Ruben, I don't mean to embarrass you -- but you are a true American hero. You remind me of a few guys I had the privilege of serving with in the war. And though we are not at war today, this country will always be safe because of young men like you. (PAUSE))

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Memorandum to Chriss Winston

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This seems slightly awkward in its phrasing. The second clause of the sentence is a bit of a non-sequitur in that wry humor is not belied by lightening worries. Also, the use of the word "biography" here could cause confusion if it is taken, as it usually is, to mean a life story that has been put in writing.

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A profound point; we wonder if the line would be helped by saying, "...that it is in the daily accumulation..., that lives are often saved."

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RESPONSE:

No comments
 Rob Portman

9/18/89 2:15 PM
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James W. Cicconi
 Assistant to the President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Date: 9/16/88

TO: *Chriss Winston*

FROM: CLARK KENT ERVIN *CKE*
Office of National Service
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*Attached are our comments on
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Young American Medal

The draft remarks articulate the different types of heroism very well. We do not have any comments from a policy standpoint and approve of the draft in its present form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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FROM: BRENT O. HATCH *BH*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- Young American Medal

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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Roger's wry humor is belied by his biography, a man who lightened the worries of the Great Depression with laughter and goodwill.

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((Acknowledgements)) Attorney-General Thornburgh -- Dick --
Director Sessions and my young friends. Welcome to the White
House.

A great writer, I believe it was Emerson, said that a hero
is no braver than anyone else; only brave for five minutes
longer. Two young people with us today know these minutes of
bravery// minutes where terrible events seem to occur in slow
motion// minutes ^{mg} to face death and ^{mg} challenge eternity.

One of the recipients of a Young American Medal for Bravery
is twelve years old. She is Angela Marie Campanoli ((Camp-PAN-
no-lee)), and she attends the ((grade)) at ((school)) in
Washington State. Angela, her mother Yvonne, her brother Bryan,
and a friend, were at the beach in Maui on October fifth, 1988.
Three Japanese tourists -- a man, his wife and their little boy -
- were also at that same beach, that same day.

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