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THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 29, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY
FOR ADMIRAL CROWE

The Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

11:30 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Secretary Cheney, members of the United States Congress here today, members of the Cabinet. And let me just acknowledge a few of the many distinguished men and women here this morning.

I understand, though I haven't yet seen him, that Jack Vessey, a former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, is here. Governor Schaefer and Mayor Callihan, and all the Service Secretaries, Service Chiefs, and the Commanders-in-Chief of the Unified and Specified Commands seated here. And, of course, the men and women of our Armed Forces.

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12:40 P.M. EDT

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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WASHINGTON

September 27, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *aw*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DM*

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL CROWE'S RETIREMENT REMARKS

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McGroarty/Dooley
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5:00 p.m.
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No Comments

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McGroarty/Dooley
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RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *aw*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

SUBJECT: ADMIRAL CROWE'S RETIREMENT REMARKS

I. SUMMARY

On Friday, September 29, at 11:00 a.m. you will speak at the retirement ceremony for Admiral William Crowe at the U.S. Naval Academy. Preceding the speech, you, Secretary Cheney and Admiral Crowe will inspect the troops present, representing all the services. You will be introduced by Secretary Cheney.

II. DISCUSSION

The speech celebrates Admiral Crowe both as a man of the military and as a man of peace. It highlights his hard work at opening up relations between the American and Soviet military.

McGroarty/Dooley
September 28, 1989
5:00 p.m.
[CROWE]

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U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, ANNAPOLIS, MD.
SEPTEMBER 29, 1989
11:00 AM

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RESPONSE:

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Brent Scowcroft

cc: J. Cicconi

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RETIREMENT OF ADMIRAL WILLIAM J. CROWE
WASHINGTON, D.C.
SEPTEMBER 29, 1989
[TIME]

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER ^{SR}
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Retirement of Admiral
William Crowe

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 bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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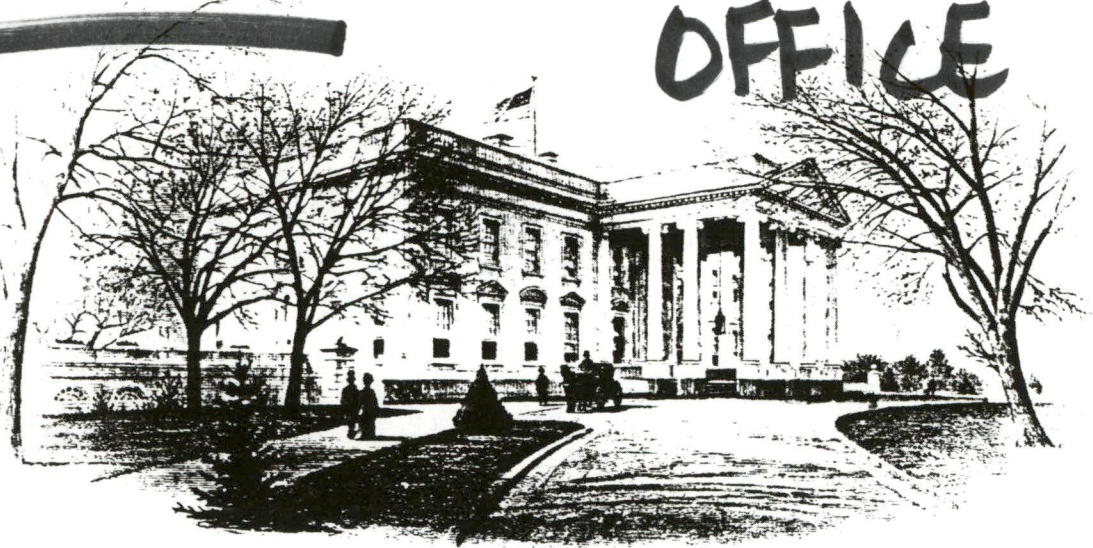
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AND LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN HERE THIS MORNING. FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS, GENERAL VESSEY. GOVERNOR SCHAEFER AND MAYOR CALLAHAN {ANNAPOLIS}. ALL THE SERVICE SECRETARIES, SERVICE CHIEFS, AND THE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF OF THE UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMMANDS, SEATED BEHIND ME. AND OF COURSE, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES.

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DAYS LIKE THIS ONE ARE ALWAYS BITTERSWEET. I'VE JUST SHARED WITH ADMIRAL CROWE HIS FINAL INSPECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE FINEST FIGHTING FORCES IN THE WORLD.

MANY OF US HERE TODAY KNOW BILL CROWE -- COUNT HIM AS A FRIEND. ALL OF US ADMIRE HIM.

IN A MOMENT WE'LL HEAR FROM THE MAN HIMSELF. MAYBE HE'LL TELL US THE STORY OF HOW A FELLOW FROM A STATE THAT'S LAND-LOCKED CHOSE THE NAVY -- ROSE TO THE RANK OF ADMIRAL, AND TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

BUT WHAT BILL CROWE WILL BE TOO MODEST TO TALK ABOUT IS HIS STELLAR CAREER -- HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 47 YEARS IN UNIFORM, A FEW OF WHICH WE'VE JUST HEARD ABOUT.

FOR THOSE WHO MEASURE HEROISM IN DAZZLING ACTS OF CONCENTRATION AND COURAGE, THE ADMIRAL'S BRONZE STAR FOR VALOR IS TESTAMENT ENOUGH. PROUD EVIDENCE OF THE MAN'S RESOLVE AND CHARACTER.

BUT ADMIRAL CROWE'S HEROISM HAS REACHED FAR BEYOND SERVING IN COMBAT. THROUGH A LIFETIME OF ACTS OF QUIET VALOR -- THROUGH WORK, WORDS, AND DEEDS DONE FOR SHEER LOVE OF COUNTRY -- ADMIRAL CROWE HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR PEACE.

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BEFORE BILL CROWE WOULD MENTION TITLES LIKE ADMIRAL, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, OR DIPLOMAT, HE'D "SOONER" TELL YOU ABOUT THE ONE TITLE HE TRULY CHERISHES -- "OKLAHOMAN."

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, BILL'S GRANDFATHER WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO "MAKE THE RUN" INTO THE OKLAHOMA TERRITORIES. THOSE WERE STRONG PEOPLE -- STAKING CLAIMS AND STANDING FIRM IN HARD AND HOSTILE LAND.

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THE SUMMER BEFORE LAST, BILL ADDED A HAT TO HIS FAMOUS HAT COLLECTION, THAT HE PROBABLY THOUGHT HE'D NEVER SEE: A SOVIET SEAMAN'S CAP, GIVEN TO HIM BY MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION SERGEI AKHROMEYEV ON THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF ICE-BREAKING VISITS INVOLVING THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET MILITARY.

EVEN MORE ASTOUNDING WAS ANOTHER GIFT -- GIVEN TO ADMIRAL CROWE, AND TO ALL OF US -- IN THE MOMENT WHEN HE STOOD ON THE DECK OF THE SOVIET CRUISER KIROV.

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BILL CROWE'S FOUR YEARS AS CHAIRMAN HAVE COINCIDED WITH A TIME OF TRANSITION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. AND ADMIRAL CROWE HAS BEEN STEADY AT THE HELM. HE'S KEPT A CLEAR EYE ON EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES, ON CHANGING INTERNATIONAL CONDITIONS -- AND ON THE ONE UNCHANGING DEMAND OF NATIONAL SECURITY: PRESERVING THE PEACE AND FREEDOM OF THIS GREAT NATION.

ADMIRAL CROWE, I'VE SEEN YOUR POISE AND PROFESSIONALISM IN TIMES OF CRISIS. I'VE BENEFITTED FROM YOUR EXPERTISE AND COUNSEL. I KNOW YOU AS AN ADVISOR AND A FRIEND. [[PAUSE]] BILL, ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL NATION, AND AS YOUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, I THANK YOU FOR THE LIFELONG SERVICE YOU HAVE OFFERED OUR COUNTRY.

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