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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 13, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS COALITION

Room 450
Old Executive Office Building

2:21 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all. Nice to see you. Well, I hope you haven't been sitting waiting. I'm afraid I'm running a little bit late.

Welcome to the White House. I first want to salute our three members of Congress over here -- Duncan Hunter and Dana Rorabacher and Ben Blaz. Have you guys been introduced yet? Stand up and let them -- (applause.) They have been great leaders in their determination to broaden our whole political base and reach out to people -- men and women of sound values and good ideas. And so they are here as a team of interested individuals who are working hard with me in the area that I want to talk to you all about.

But welcome to the White House. I'm delighted to see my three friends and experts behind me, both of Paul and -- I was going to say Paul and Roger Porter -- actively involved. And this character over here, he and I worked the whole China equation -- Dick Solomon -- for many years. So you have our best here today to help you with some of the facts.

I want to say to Vi dela Pena, the outgoing chairperson, and to Frank Vinh, the incoming, and then to the secretary, Gloria Caoile -- if I got the pronunciation correct -- (laughter) -- and Rex Tu -- close enough? (Laughter.) And Rex Tu, our treasurer, and Nancy Qwan and all the rest of you here for the first time, a sincere welcome.

Almost a year ago, the Asian American community supported the direction the Republican Party wanted to take the nation. And both the Vice President and I appreciate that continued support. And now I'm meeting here today to simply reiterate my commitment to you.

For example, I know of your interest in education. Let me tell you that we are moving forward. Two weeks ago -- I'm sure some of you saw it -- we convened the first ever education summit with the nation's governors to find ways to improve our education system through increased choice, flexibility, accountability, higher standards. The goal -- educational excellence.

That was only the first step, though. It was a successful conference. And we did it with the governors because they're after all, on the cutting edge. And one thing they made clear to me that I know you'll be interested in -- don't send us a lot of mandated programs. Let us have the flexibility to use the resources where our families and our experts think is best. So they made that message clear.

Immigration and refugee issues. They continue to be important. And let me express my support for our policy of no forced repatriation of refugees to a country like Vietnam. (Applause.) We're not going to retreat from our position taken at the Geneva Conference. And people who seek freedom ought to be given a chance. So let's not deny them that.

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You all know that freedom and democracy are on the march. I should say, you more than most, given the history, given the backgrounds, given the family involvement. And we've seen it actually in Eastern Europe now, in Asia. And I hope that one day soon the people of Cambodia will be free from the tragedy that has engulfed that country for far too long.

And so we're going to continue in this one to seek a peaceful, diplomatically-negotiated, comprehensive settlement of the conflict. And that recent Paris Conference was not a failure. Anytime you get opposite sides to the table, constructive dialogue will come about. We need to continue to support those efforts. I can't say I wasn't disappointed at the outcome. I'd like to have seen more progress. But we ought not to say failure and then throw up our hands and give up.

America is moving forward, and as we do, we've got to continue to strive for free trade -- free and fair trade. It's the fuel of prosperity worldwide. Asian Americans are among the most industrious and hard-working members of our society. And all of you have asked -- all that you have asked of us and your families -- freedom.

And in exchange, you have been the shining examples of what all Americans can achieve. And there are so many success stories and so much potential for the future. I know that sacrifice and hard work and discipline are second nature to all of you. And so many of you have translated your success in education and business into political activism, and that's good. Keep it up. We welcome it. The Asian American Voters Coalition is a major vehicle for you to do just exactly that. (Applause.)

And so I really popped in not to interrupt the experts, but to tell you how much I appreciate your support and how much I personally look forward to working together with you as we continue to make America great.

Bless you all, and thank you very, very much for coming over here today to the White House. Thank you. (Applause.)

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2:27 P.M. EDT

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 12, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Asian-American Voters
Coalition Briefing

We have reviewed the Presidential arrival statement for the Asian-American Voters Coalition Briefing and have included our comments on the attached draft. If you have any questions or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

Attachment

c: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 PM Thursday, October 12, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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October 10, 1989

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

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WASHINGTON

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October 12, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *Ced*

FROM: SICHAN SIVON *for SS*

SUBJECT: ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS COALITION BRIEFING

Attached for your review and approval are brief remarks for the Asian American Voters Coalition Briefing Friday, October 13, 1989. You will deliver these remarks at 2:00 pm in room 450 OEOB in front of approximately 200 people. Your remarks should last from five to seven minutes, and they will be prepared for you on speech cards.

October 10, 1989
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For example, I know of your interest in education. And let me tell you that we are moving forward. Two weeks ago, we convened the first-ever Education Summit with the Nation's governors to find ways to improve our education system through increased choice, flexibility, accountability and higher standards. But this was only a first step, education is and will continue to be one of this Administration's top priorities.

Immigration and refugee issues are also important to you, and let me express my support for our policy of no forced repatriation of refugees, to a country like Vietnam. We will not retreat from our position at the Geneva conference. People who seek freedom ought to be given a chance; let's not deny them that.

You all know that freedom and democracy are on the march. We have seen it in Eastern Europe, in Asia, and I hope that one day soon the people of Cambodia will be free from the tragedy that has engulfed their country for so long. We will continue to seek a peaceful, diplomatically negotiated comprehensive settlement of the conflict. The recent Paris conference was not a failure, any time you get opposite sides to the table, constructive dialogue will come about. We need to continue to support those efforts.

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**ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS COALITION BRIEFING
ROOM 450, EOB / OCT.13, 1989 / 2:00 P.M.**

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ALMOST ONE YEAR AGO, THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY SUPPORTED THE DIRECTION THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WANTED TO TAKE THE NATION. BOTH THE VICE PRESIDENT AND I APPRECIATE THAT CONTINUED SUPPORT. NOW, I AM MEETING WITH YOU TODAY TO REITERATE MY COMMITMENT TO YOU.

FOR EXAMPLE, I KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST IN EDUCATION. AND LET ME TELL YOU THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD.

TWO WEEKS AGO, WE CONVENED THE FIRST-EVER EDUCATION SUMMIT WITH THE NATION'S GOVERNORS TO FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM THROUGH INCREASED CHOICE, FLEXIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND HIGHER STANDARDS. BUT THIS WAS ONLY A FIRST STEP, EDUCATION IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S TOP PRIORITIES.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE ISSUES ARE ALSO IMPORTANT TO YOU, AND LET ME EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR OUR POLICY OF NO FORCED REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES, TO A COUNTRY LIKE VIETNAM. WE WILL NOT RETREAT FROM OUR POSITION AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. PEOPLE WHO SEEK FREEDOM OUGHT TO BE GIVEN A CHANCE; LET'S NOT DENY THEM THAT.

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WE HAVE SEEN IT IN EASTERN EUROPE, IN ASIA, AND I HOPE THAT ONE DAY SOON THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA WILL BE FREE FROM THE TRAGEDY THAT HAS ENGULFED THEIR COUNTRY FOR SO LONG. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK A PEACEFUL, DIPLOMATICALLY NEGOTIATED COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT. THE RECENT PARIS CONFERENCE WAS NOT A FAILURE, ANY TIME YOU GET OPPOSITE SIDES TO THE TABLE, CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WILL COME ABOUT. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE EFFORTS.

AMERICA IS MOVING FORWARD, AND AS WE DO, WE MUST CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR FREE TRADE. FREE AND FAIR TRADE IS THE FUEL FOR PROSPERITY WORLDWIDE. ASIAN AMERICANS ARE AMONG THE MOST INDUSTRIOUS AND HARD-WORKING MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY. ALL YOU HAVE ASKED OF US IS FREEDOM, AND IN EXCHANGE, YOU HAVE BEEN SHINING EXAMPLES OF WHAT ALL AMERICANS CAN ACHIEVE. THERE ARE SO MANY SUCCESS STORIES, AND SO MUCH POTENTIAL FOR THE FUTURE.

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RESPONSE: TO: CHRISS WINSTON

October 12, 1989

The NSC concurs with change as noted.

Brent Scowcroft
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cc: Jim Cicconi

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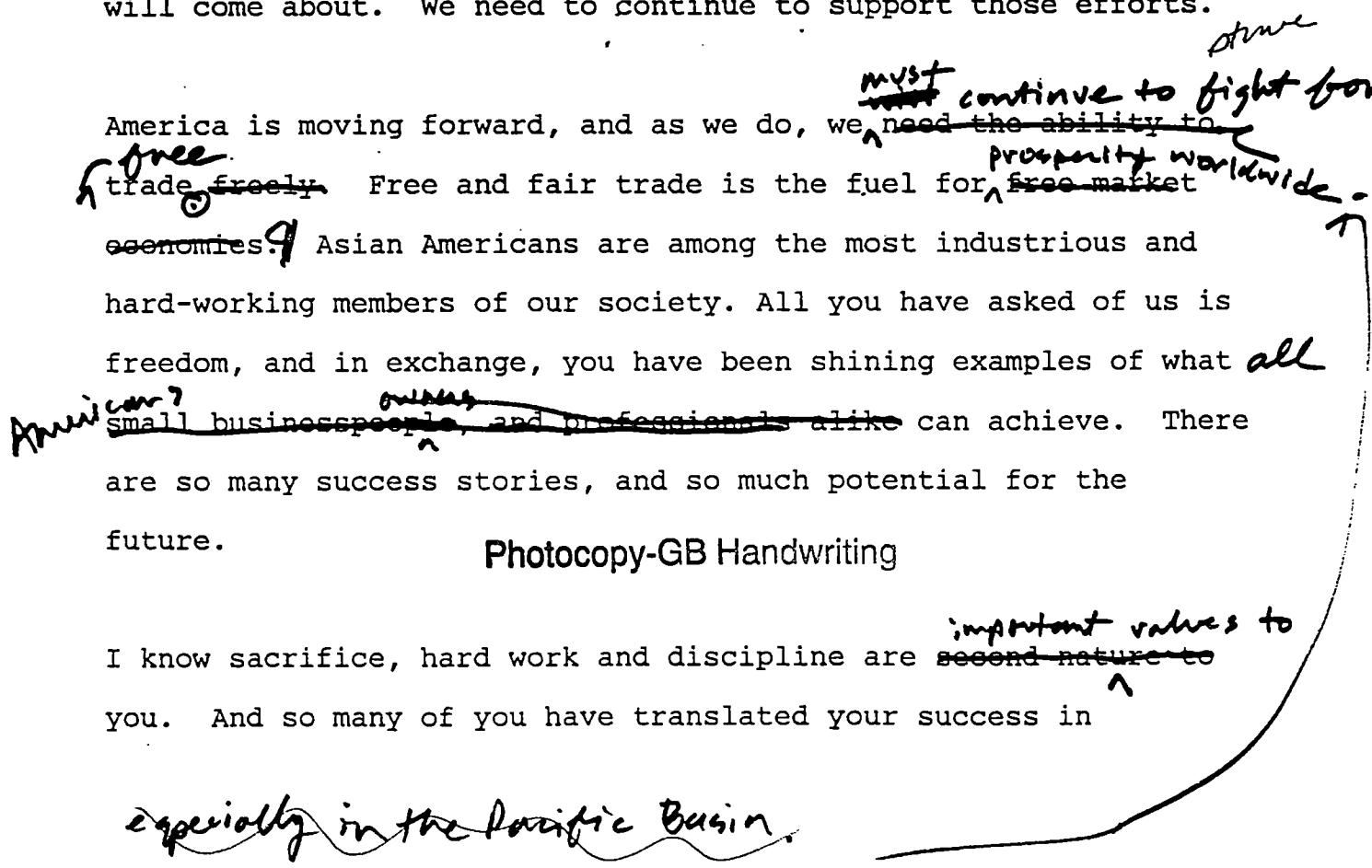
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FROM:

JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT:

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Include pronunciation of the proper names for the President's edification.

p 1, graf 3

It is unwise to discuss "quota systems." I do not believe there is an established Administration policy on this issue. In addition, it is pandering to the audience. Finally, this paragraph is poorly written.

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FROM: BRENT O. HATCH *BH*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/11/89 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10/12/89 4:00 PM

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIAN-AMERICAN VOTERS COALITION BRIEFING

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 PM Thursday, October 12, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

no comments

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October 10, 1989

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS
ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS COALITION BRIEFING
ROOM 450, EOB
OCTOBER 13, 1989
2:00 P.M.

Welcome to the White House. It is good to see so many of you again, Vi Dela Pena, the outgoing Chairperson, and Frank Vinh, the incoming Chairman. Secretary Gloria Caoile, Rex Tu, the Treasurer, and Nancy Qwan, and all the rest of you here for the first time, welcome.

Almost one year ago, the Asian American community supported the direction the Republican Party wanted to take the nation. Both the Vice President and I appreciate that continued support. Now, I am meeting with you today to reiterate my commitment to you.

For example, I know of your interest in education. And let me tell you that we are moving forward. Two weeks ago we convened the first-ever Education Summit. It was a forum for me to meet with the nation's governors and discuss our priorities in the education of our young people. One aspect of the education issue is of utmost importance to Asian Americans, I refer to the quota systems some schools have adopted. And in this area, let me again express the fact that all Americans deserve the right to equal and fair access to the educational institution of their choice.

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