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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CHRISS WINSTON *W*

SUBJECT: LETTER FOR "ROAST" OF SENATOR AL SIMPSON

Attached for your review is a draft presidential message for a "roast" to be given in honor of Senator Al Simpson by the Casper, Wyoming Boys Club on Saturday, October 28, 1989.

We were requested to draft this message by the Legislative Affairs office.

This letter will be read at the roast by Robert Price, president of KTWO radio.

To the Honored Guests of the Casper Boys Club 1989 Simpson Roast and Toast:

Sen. Simpson invited me to come out to Wyoming tonight, but I said: "Al, we can't both go to the Boys Club dinner. Someone's got to stay in Washington to run the country." Al said: "But George -- I can run the country just as well from Casper."

I am honored to be invited to join you for this happy occasion. Not just because the Casper Boys Club is a good cause that deserves all our support. Not just because it's a chance to pay homage to one of the most respected leaders in the United States Senate. But because I hate to pass up a chance to set the record straight about some of Al's fishing stories.

Sometimes Al does fib about his fishing success. One time, Al posed for the newspapers holding up a wet Mrs. Paul's fish stick. And he's so obsessed with fishing, Al's asked me to replace "Hail to the Chief" with the theme from "JAWS."

Al's also been hard on me. When it took me three solid weeks to catch just one fish on my vacation, Al said: "I haven't heard of such a quest for one lousy fish since Moby Dick."

Al did invite me to come to Wyoming for the dinner, and to catch a fish. I wanted to, but I don't have another three weeks to spare.

Al Simpson is an outstanding public servant and a great American. Like the people of Wyoming, I feel lucky to have him on my side -- and grateful he's got such a good sense of humor!

Good luck to all who have gathered for tonight's dinner, and to all who work every day to make the Casper Boys Club a success.

Sincerely,

GEORGE BUSH