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WHITE HOUSE SCHEDULING MEMORANDUM

1/11/90

7:00 PM TONIGHT

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GOP ASIAN LEADERS BRIEFING
 ROOM 450, EOB/9:30 AM
 SUBJECT: JANUARY 12, 1990

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REMARKS: GOP Asian Leaders Briefing
Room 450, OEOB / 9:30 a.m.
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Welcome to the White House. It is good to see so many of you again, and some of you here for the first time, welcome.

The Asian American community and the Republican Party are natural allies with similar values -- education, family, respect for law, and entrepreneurship.

Over 60 percent of Asian American voters chose the Bush/Quayle ticket in 1988, one of the largest percentages of any ethnic group and Vice President Quayle and I appreciate your support.

We have appointed more Asian Americans ^{in first year} ~~to our administration~~ _{any administration} than ~~ever before~~ in history -- Elaine Chao, Julia Chang Bloch, Sichan Siv, and Wendy Gramm are some of your best and brightest.

Let me take a few moments to talk with you about several areas in which we share mutual interests. First, education. Without it, no individual can move ahead, and no nation can be competitive. Last year I convened the first-ever Education Summit with the nation's governors to begin the process of setting national education goals and encouraging state-by-state restructuring of our education system. Flexibility, choice and accountability must be the foundation of America's schools if we are to achieve educational excellence.

On the quota systems some schools have adopted, let me again express the fact that all Americans deserve the right of equal and fair access to the educational institution of their choice.

Let me turn to the issue of Cambodia for a moment. As I've said before, we will continue to seek a political solution to help the long-suffering Cambodian people find freedom and peace again. The five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council will be meeting shortly in Paris to explore new diplomatic means to end the conflict.

Another issue that I realize has been on your ^(C)minds is the situation in China. The lifting of martial law in China is a positive step that we welcome. But more needs to be done. Let me tell you right here and now, however, that every Chinese student is welcome to stay in this country and continue their studies, and every Chinese national in America who wants a job is free to seek employment. That's what our ^{directive}~~Executive Order~~ insures and you have my word that no Chinese student or national will be forced to return to their homeland.

I decided to act administratively rather than sign legislation because our ^{directive}~~Executive Order~~ ensures greater protection than the bill offered, and because Congressional micromanagement of foreign policy restricts a President's ability to respond quickly to changing circumstances around the world. And the events of this year -- from eastern Europe to Panama -- are proof of the need for presidential flexibility.

Your concerns on these issues are why I'm here today. Asian Americans are becoming involved, and politically empowered. That's the reason Chairman Atwater convened this first GOP Asian Leadership conference. Let me urge you to continue to stay involved, and take this message to the Asian American community back home: The Republican Party and this Administration stand for economic opportunity at home and freedom and democracy around the world.

I appreciate your support and look forward to working together with you as we continue to make America great. God bless you all and God bless the United States of America.

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