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Office of the Press Secretary

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January 18, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO EXECUTIVE FORUM

Constitution Hall
Washington, D.C.

11:26 A.M. EST

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: REMARKS AT THE EXECUTIVE FORUM

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, January 18, at 11:15 a.m. you will address about 2,000 people at the Executive Forum in Constitution Hall. This is an annual event to salute and rally the Administration's political appointees. Your entire Cabinet will participate.

II. DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (11 minutes, teleprompter) praise the dedication of this Administration's appointees. They also outline achievements of the past year, and call upon the Congress to act on your 1991 legislative priorities. On page 1, the text asks the Cabinet members to leave their seats in the audience and join you on the stage.

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: REMARKS AT THE EXECUTIVE FORUM

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, January 18, at 11:15 a.m. you will address about 2,000 people at the Executive Forum in Constitution Hall. This is an annual event to salute and rally the Administration's political appointees. Your entire Cabinet will participate.

II. DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (11 minutes, teleprompter) praise the dedication of this Administration's appointees. They also outline achievements of the past year, and call upon the Congress to act on your 1991 legislative priorities. On page 1, the text asks the Cabinet members to leave their seats in the audience and join you on the stage.

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Vice-President Quayle, Governor Sununu, Members of the Cabinet, Members of our team. Thank you for that reception, and for the pleasure of being here.

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I understand that every Cabinet member has preceded me. And to all of you, my gratitude. // You've done America proud -- you've made each of us proud. So why don't you make us a little less lonely up here? As a noted philosopher says, "Come on down!" // [[PAUSE WHILE CABINET MEMBERS JOIN YOU ON STAGE]] //

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First, there was Barbara. In 1989, America got to know her. And I don't have to tell you how lucky I am to have her by my side. // I don't know which is going up faster -- Barbara's popularity or the number of Bush grandkids. //

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For instance, our commitment to the environment is crystal clear. We have sent Congress legislation to reduce acid rain, air toxics, and urban smog. It's the first rewrite of the Clean Air Act in over 10 years. I ask both Houses to preserve the careful balance in that bill, help clean up our air, and preserve jobs. We've laid down a fair-minded compromise. Now, let's break the stalemate. Let's ensure freedom from pollution -- and protect our environment for decades to come. //

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 PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EXECUTIVE FORUM
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 SUBJECT: THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1990
 (1/11 - draft three)

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Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Vice-President Quayle, Governor Sununu, Members of the Cabinet, Members of our team. Thank you for that reception, and for the pleasure of being here.

Let me say that this looks so much like a convention, I'm tempted to say that floor demonstrations will be limited to 15 minutes. // And second, what a privilege it is to celebrate the first anniversary of an Administration that you helped make possible. And that you enrich each day through your hard work and your dreams.

((In particular, Governor Sununu, I appreciate that introduction. // As usual, you're where the action is. // Take last month's meeting off Malta, for instance. I still don't know how we would have returned from the Soviet ship to the Belknap if John hadn't waved his arms and parted the sea.)) //

Barbara and I are glad to be with you. And let me make a promise: I won't keep you long. Another pledge: My remarks will be for the record. After all, I'm getting tired of reading in the press that I'm too secretive. I'd like to tell you my thoughts on that. // But they're classified. //

You know, a week from Sunday America will come to a stop. Something called the Super Bowl. Anybody here for the 49ers? //

How 'bout those Broncos? // The bad news is that only one team will triumph. The good news is that today we salute an event in which -- with your help -- all America has triumphed. The first twelve months of our Administration. //

Looking back, it's been quite a year.

In 1989, America fell in love with the most charismatic speaker in the Bush family. That canine heartthrob: Millie. // You've heard the term "MVP." Well, Millie's our MVP: Most Valuable Pooch. //

Then, there's the other woman in my life. And I don't have to tell you how lucky I am to have Barbara by my side. // I don't know which is going up faster -- Barbara's popularity or the number of Bush grandkids. //

And as far as accomplishments, I'm not going to dwell on my biggest feat of 1989. Suffice it to say that during the second year I hope to catch another fish. //

One year ago this week, you and I began the work which led to even larger feats. Like the lowest unemployment rate in 16 years. And the 20 millionth new job since 1982. Like inflation at less than 5 per cent. Falling interest rates. And real per capita income and investment at record levels. Your legacy is the longest peacetime boom in our Nation's history. //

This legacy has helped make America a kinder, gentler place. And we've nurtured it through pioneering initiatives. Whether by working to solve the S&L crisis, or to make our education system No.1 again. Whether ensuring better child care,

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Great achievements, yes. But there is only one quarter down -- and three to go. Woodrow Wilson could have been describing our Administration when he said, "It is always a beginning, never a consummation." In that spirit, let me simply observe: Just wait until the second-guessers see our second year. //

((You know, there's an old New England story about a man who was stuck in the mud with his car. The man was asked by a passing motorist whether he was really stuck. Finally, he responded with a shake of his head. "You could say I was stuck," he said, "if I was really going anywhere.")) //

Well, this Administration is going somewhere. And much of the credit belongs to you. You are changing the way Americans view their government. Franklin had a word for it. // Not Ben, Aretha. // It's R-E-S-P-E-C-T. // And ensuring that just as millions have become free from tyranny abroad, millions more will know freedom from want, crime and drugs at home. //

Toward that end, I have sent proposals to the Congress. And while I'll listen to reasonable alternatives, I will not compromise the principles on which our proposals are based. So I call upon the Congress to work with the White House -- and complete the job we were sent here to do. //

For instance, our commitment to the environment is crystal clear. We have sent Congress legislation to reduce acid rain, air toxics, and urban smog. I ask both houses to preserve our

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Last force in the White House to see that our wetlands across the country are protected and preserved.

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