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Nine months ago, I sent legislation to the Congress. For nine months the Congress has waffled and delayed. I call upon it to end its sleepwalk -- to act now, quickly and responsibly. Drug kingpins and cop-killers don't deserve a stroll down Easy Street. They deserve to -- they must -- pay the ultimate price. //

Freedom is what I'm talking about. Freedom to decide. So we have proposed child-care legislation to put choice in the hands of low-income parents -- and allow a grandparent to help, or neighbor, or local church. When it comes to child care, let the parents, not Big Brother, decide. //

Freedom. Freedom from the scourge of graft and dishonesty. So we have sent ethics legislation to the Hill to make public service a public trust. //

Yes, freedom. The freedom to work, invest, save, and plan. So our Administration wants to cut the capital gains tax. Demagogues say this means a break for the rich -- a classic case of strident rhetoric and empty thought. We know better -- and the people know better. Americans don't want more government spending. They want the tax cuts that will create more opportunity for all. //

Where, of course, does opportunity stem from? From the bi-partisanship which puts America first. Perhaps Will Rogers said it best when he observed, "I love a dog. He does do nothing for political reasons." // Ask Millie -- she'd agree. // Well, our proposals reflect America's best interests, not political expediency. And I ask the Congress to respond in kind. Spurring opportunity, not dependency, for a future free from fear.

Keep in mind: The agenda is unfinished -- the public awaits. Expecting us, as I said last January, "to act, not to bicker." And as we act, let's recall what we believe -- and who it is we serve. Not ourselves. Nor a party. But this Nation and her people. Moreover, all those for whom America is the conscience of mankind. //

The working mother in San Antonio, and the farmer in Nebraska. The teacher in New Jersey, and the uniformed sons and daughters who keep us free. We serve them, every one.

Yet the essence of America -- that belief in the individual -- eclipses language and border. And so we must also champion the heroes of Prague and Warsaw, Panama and Berlin. And the

thousands of people who last July greeted me in Budapest. Tears running down their faces. Waiting hours in a driving rain. Cheering not for me but for the principles of liberty and democracy. [QUOTE TO COME], they chanted. "Long Live America."

These men and women are more important than any President. And it is for them -- as Dwight Eisenhower -- beloved Ike -- observed, that we must help the cause of democracy summon "lightness against the dark." Already, we have undertaken "Operation Just Cause." Our task is to build upon your first year of "Operation Noble Cause."

Today, around the world, that cause endures. The darkness lifts. The light grows brighter by the day. No President could have a greater Administration -- and I thank you with all my heart. No people could have better servants -- and I thank you on behalf of them. God bless you. And God bless our beloved land -- this morning star of freedom -- the United States of America.

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January 16, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON  
SUBJECT: Executive Forum Draft Speech

pg. 1, para. 4. line 2 "I'm getting tired of reading in the press that I'm too secretive."

It may be wiser to just let the "secrecy" criticism lie rather than to lend it credence by acknowledging it. We suggest omitting the paragraph.

1,5,2 "Anybody here for the '49ers? How 'bout those Broncos?"

This type of pep rally talk is out of place in an event for government "executives" which includes Cabinet members and the Chief of Staff.

2,4,1 "Then, there's the other woman in my life."

This comparison of the First Lady and Millie, however lightly meant, is past the point of safety. Coming after the "MVP: Most Valuable Pooch" joke, which is not all that funny, but harmless, the combination is just a little too much.

4,2,4 "Let's make decent education a first civil right of every American."

We should avoid confusing the meaning of the term "civil rights" anymore than it has already been confused. We suggest something like: "Let's make a decent education the guarantee of greater opportunity for ever American."

5,2,3 "I love a dog. He does do nothing for political reasons."

The word "do" seems superfluous.

5,2,7 "...a future free from fear."

We invite a stumble over this hard-to-pronounce phrase.

(more)

5,2,6 "Our task is to build upon your first year of  
"Operation Noble Cause."

"Noble Cause" is a phrase which the press will associate with Ronald Reagan's characterization of the Vietnam War -- a characterization we do not take issue with, but the phrase itself could cause controversy and the suggestion, at least, that we are not using original rhetoric.

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WASHINGTON

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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. Governor Sununu will introduce you, and your entire Cabinet will participate.

II.   DISCUSSION

The attached remarks (10 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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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EXECUTIVE FORUM  
CONSTITUTION HALL  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1990  
11:15 A.M.

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.

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

I am glad to be with you. And let me make a promise: I won't keep you long. Another pledge: My remarks will be on 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 member of the Bush family. That canine heart throb: Millie. // You've heard the term "MVP." Well, Millie's our MVP: Most Valuable Pooch. //

Then, there's Barbara. 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. //

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 15 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 Savings and Loan crisis, or to make our education system No. 1 again. Whether ensuring better

child care, or enhancing the quality of our environment. Our goal has been, and remains, to build a better America.

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, not 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. 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 foster economic growth. We've laid down a compromise that cuts through the logjam. Now, let's break the stalemate. Let's protect our environment for decades to come. //

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But that's not all -- far from it. We've made proposals to free America from drug use and crime. Proposals to ensure stiffer penalties for violent criminals, greater certainty in sentencing, and an end to early release and easy parole.

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Freedom is what I'm talking about. ~~Freedom from drug use.~~ ~~Freedom from crime.~~ ~~Freedom to learn.~~ Freedom to decide. So we have proposed child-care legislation to put choice in the hands of low-income parents -- and allow a grandparent to help, or a neighbor, or local church. When it comes to child care, let parents, not Big Brother, decide. //

Yes, freedom. The freedom to work, invest, save, and plan. So our Administration wants to cut the capital gains tax to spur investment and create jobs. Americans have shown the world that the path to a strong economy is through innovation, investment, and enterprise. Come to think of it, what they create isn't a bad definition of America: Opportunity for all.

Opportunity can come from the bi-partisanship which puts America first. Perhaps Will Rogers said it best when he observed, "I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons."  
 // Ask Millie -- she'd agree. // Well, our proposals reflect America's best interests. Not the interests of one faction or another. And I ask the Congress to respond in kind. Spurring opportunity, not dependency, for a future free from fear.

Keep in mind: The agenda is unfinished -- the public awaits. Expecting us, as I said last January, to act, not to bicker. And as we act, let's recall what we believe -- and who it is we serve. Not ourselves. Nor a party. But this Nation and her people. Moreover, all those for whom America is the conscience of mankind. //

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Dwight Eisenhower -- beloved Ike -- once observed that we must help the cause of democracy summon "lightness against the dark." He was right. So we have helped Poland and Hungary. And we will help others. I will not neglect this hemisphere. //

Our operation in Panama -- "Operation Just Cause" -- was a tremendous success. I am very proud of the young men and women who served this country with such pride and courage. // Yes, there will be some second-guessing -- Monday morning quarterbacks at work. But let's not forget: Ninety-two per cent of the people in Panama supported "Operation Just Cause." //

These people deserve our help. As do those from Krakow to Cologne. And they'll receive it. For even as we rejoice in the changes in Eastern Europe, we must remember our friends in America's hemisphere. Americans supported "Operation Just Cause" because democracy is a noble cause. And today, it's on the move wherever people dream.

Around the world, that cause endures. The darkness lifts. The light grows brighter by the day. No President could have a finer group of people as part of his Administration -- and I thank you with all my heart. No Nation could have better servants -- and I thank you on behalf of every American. God

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But that's not all -- far from it. We've also made proposals to stem drug use and crime. Proposals to ensure stiffer penalties for violent criminals, greater certainty in sentencing, and an end to early release and easy parole.

Eight months ago, I sent legislation to the Congress. Since then, more money has been provided for additional prison space and more federal law enforcement officers. Yet Congress has left too much work undone. So I call upon it to act **now**, quickly and responsibly. // [ We need mandatory time for firearms offenses. No deals when criminals use a gun. And for anyone who kills a law enforcement officer -- no legal penalty is too tough. That means the death penalty. Not at some point. Not sometime. But now. //

Next, is education. And here, also, we need the Congress to act. I have sent legislation up to give greater choice to parents and students, reward excellence, and demand greater accountability. Let's ensure that every child in America grows up with a decent education. //

The future is what I'm talking about -- the future of our kids. So we have proposed child-care legislation to put choice in the hands of low-income parents -- and allow a grandparent to help, or a neighbor, or local church. When it comes to child care, let parents, not Big Brother, decide. //

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 16, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Martinez Fundraiser  
Miami, Florida

The draft remarks are well written and should go over well with this audience. We have one suggested change from a policy standpoint.

*Insert A*

In the second sentence of the second full paragraph of page five, we recommend deleting "build more prison space, and hire more law-enforcement officers." The Congress has provided the money for these two proposals. We suggest inserting the following.) "I only wish Congress would finish the job I asked them to do last spring. More money has been provided for additional prison space and more federal law enforcement officers, but Congress has left too much work undone. Congress must act on the rest of my violent crime package -- to toughen federal sentences for those using a firearm in the commission of a felony -- to reform the rules of evidence -- and to enact the death penalty proposal I sent them."

If you have any questions or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

*Mary Ann  
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cc: James W. Cicconi

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