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Prayer Breakfast.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 1, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT
NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Washington Hilton Hotel
Washington, D.C.

9:25 A.M. EST

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8 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 1990

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So I believe that this democracy of ours proves an ironic fact about human nature -- when people are free to believe as they choose, they serve a higher truth. And with the spread of democracy around the world, I believe that **the 1990s will be the decade that the world turns back to God.**\

That is my speech. And that is my prayer. Thank you, God bless you and may God every nation represented here today.

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comments follow main address of Secretary Baker

Grassley

Billy Graham/George Beverly Shay/

Doug Coe -- Fellowship House, in Virginia - 522-0266.

Bangladesh -- President Alhaj Hussain Mohammed Ershad

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 01/29/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 p.m. 01/30/90

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 01/30. with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
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 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
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1990 JAN 31 PM 4:06

January 31, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Through: CHRISS WINSTON *W*
From: MARK W. DAVIS *MD*
Subject: Prayer Breakfast

I. Summary:

You will address four thousand people at the National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton at 8 a.m., February 1. Your remarks are about seven minutes long, and are on cards.

II. Discussion:

Your brief remarks will follow a speech -- on religious faith -- by Secretary Baker. This event is a little unusual in that it is an event held in the "spirit of Christ," but many of the attendees are of other faiths. The audience is about as diverse as they can be -- from students, to Members of Congress, to the heads of state of Bangladesh (Alhaj Hussain Mohammed Ershad), Burundi (Major Pierre Buyoyo), El Salvador (President Alfredo Cristiani) and Kenya (President Daniel arap Moi).

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There's a better line in the NRB speech re this; let's repeat

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT:

National Prayer Breakfast Draft Speech

A few comments:

pg. 1, para. 2, line 1

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3,5,3 "Thousand Points of Light"

A suggestion: Every so often, in speeches that are not major addresses, we should return to the original Peggy Noonan meaning of this phrase -- to re-explain (to the public and to ourselves) just what it means and where the image comes from. Making the connection between volunteerism and points of light spread out across a peaceful sky will help prevent the phrase from being drained of meaning through reptition.

4,1,1 "So I believe that this democracy of ours proves an ironic fact about human nature -- when people are free to believe as they choose, they serve a higher truth."

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January 30, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: FREDERICK D. NELSON *F.D.N.*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Prayer Breakfast

Counsel's Office makes no legal objection to these excellent remarks. We do note that a word ("bless"?) was omitted inadvertently from the last sentence of the draft.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this address.

cc: James W. Cicconi
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Date: 1/30/90

TO: *Chris Wickham*

FROM: CLARK KENT ERVIN
Office of National Service *ICE*
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- Action
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*Attached are all comments on
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 01/30. with a copy to my office. Thanks.

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