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Office of the Press Secretary

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February 9, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO
THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

Room 450
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11:13 A.M. EST

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I'M GLAD TO SEE MY GOOD AND TALENTED FRIEND,
TREASURY SECRETARY NICK BRADY, AND SO MANY OTHERS WHO
ARE CONTRIBUTING FIRST-RATE LEADERSHIP TO MY
ADMINISTRATION -- SECRETARY LAURO CAVAZOS, SECRETARY
CLAYTON YEUTTER, AND E.P.A.'S BILL REILLY.

AND I'M PLEASED TO WELCOME LEGISLATORS FROM NEARLY
ALL 50 STATES, ESPECIALLY YOUR PRESIDENT, REP. LEE
DANIELS OF ILLINOIS. YOUR FORMER PRESIDENT, SEN. SAMMY
NUNEZ [NOON-YEZ].

AND ONE OF YOUR OWN, DEB ANDERSON -- FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE IN SOUTH DAKOTA -- AND PROOF IF EVER THERE WAS OF FINLEY PETER DUNNE'S RULE: "EVERY NOW AND THEN, AN INNOCENT [PERSON] GETS SENT TO THE LEGISLATURE."

I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU, ESPECIALLY DURING SUCH A BUSY TIME IN YOUR LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULES. STATE LEGISLATORS ARE SOME OF AMERICA'S MOST PRACTICAL AND RESOURCEFUL LEADERS.

CLOSE TO AMERICA'S ROOTS. CLOSE TO AMERICA'S PEOPLE.
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EACH OF YOU HERE HAS EARNED A SPECIAL POSITION OF LEADERSHIP, A SPECIAL POSITION OF TRUST. NOT BY MASTERING THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE, BUT BY MASTERING THE TRADE ITSELF.

AND MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN LEADERS IN ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE REVOLUTIONS OF THE PAST 10 YEARS -- THE RETURN OF AMERICAN POLITICAL POWER TO THE AMERICAN STATES. THAT'S WHERE IT BEGAN. AND THAT'S WHERE IT BELONGS. \\\

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BECAUSE REAL IMPROVEMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS IS NOT SIMPLY A MATTER OF SPENDING MORE. SOME OF YOU WERE THERE WHEN I SPOKE OF THIS AT YOUR INDIANAPOLIS MEETING ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO: WE NEED TO PROVIDE MORE -- BUT WE ALSO NEED TO DEMAND MORE.

EXPECT MORE OF OUR SCHOOLS, OUR TEACHERS, OUR KIDS -- AND OF OURSELVES. LAST WEEK, I ANNOUNCED AMERICA'S EDUCATION GOALS -- DEVELOPED WITH THE NATION'S GOVERNORS. NOT "THREE R'S" BUT "SIX R'S" -- SIX GOALS FOR THE YEAR 2000.

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AND AS PUBLIC SERVANTS YOU, TOO, HAVE LEARNED THIS SIMPLE TRUTH: WHAT WE DO FOR OURSELVES DIES WITH US...WHAT WE DO FOR OTHERS REMAINS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM GREETING. GODSPEED YOU IN THE CHALLENGES AHEAD. AND GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

MASTERDATE: 2/6/90ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2/7/90 4:00 PMSUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, February 7, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
 Assistant to the President
 and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
 Ext. 2702

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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *emw*
SUBJECT: REMARKS: NAT'L. CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS

I. SUMMARY

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II. DISCUSSION

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The speech (10 minutes, on cards) salutes the legislators for their role in maintaining the states as "laboratories" for legislative innovation, emphasizing your long-standing commitment to federalism and the rights of states. The speech also focuses particular attention on your initiatives to boost education and law enforcement, calling on these leaders to match your federal initiatives with corresponding programs at the state level.

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *EMN*
SUBJECT: REMARKS: NAT'L. CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS

I. SUMMARY

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Conference of
State Legislators

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ADD
p. 4
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cc: James W. Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM TO ~~MARNIE HAINES~~ *speech writing*

FROM: Chino Chapa

SUBJECT: Speech Clearance

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FROM: BRENT O. HATCH *BH*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- National Conference of
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cc: James W. Cicconi

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