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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 12, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON
FROM: EDWARD McNALLY
SUBJECT: REMARKS: ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR CONGOLESE PRESIDENT

I. SUMMARY

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II. DISCUSSION

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c: James W. Cicconi

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(02/07 Draft one)

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RESPONSE:

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
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Ext. 2702

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February 8, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON CW
FROM: EDWARD MCNALLY ewf/EM
SUBJECT: REMARKS: ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR CONGOLESE PRESIDENT

I. SUMMARY

Attached are draft remarks for Monday morning's Arrival Ceremony honoring Congolese President Denis Sassou-Nguesso.

II. DISCUSSION

At approximately 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 1990, you are scheduled to speak (7 minutes, on cards) at the South Lawn Arrival Ceremony for the President of the Congo.

The remarks note the recent, positive developments in southwestern Africa and credit the partnership of the U.S. and the Congo in achieving this progress.

The speech also notes that you will be greeting President Sassou-Nguesso on Lincoln's birthday. Citing Lincoln -- and the democratic trend from Central Europe to Central America -- the remarks call on the Congo and all of Africa to speed up development by liberating the energies of their markets and their peoples.

McNally/Simon
February 7, 1990
Draft One (B:CONGO.AR)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT -- CONGO PRESIDENT
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THE WHITE HOUSE SOUTH LAWN
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THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *w*

FROM: EDWARD McNALLY *EM*

SUBJECT: TOAST: STATE DINNER FOR CONGOLESE PRESIDENT

I. SUMMARY

Attached are draft remarks for Monday night's toast at the State Dinner you are hosting for Congolese President Denis Sassou-Nguesso.

II. DISCUSSION

At approximately 7:45 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 1990, you are scheduled to deliver a pre-dinner toast (4 minutes, on cards) at the State Dinner for the President of the Congo.

The remarks note the success of the recent partnership between the United States and the Congo in improving stability in southwestern Africa. They also emphasize your belief that political and market freedoms are essential, both for Congolese development -- and for stronger ties with the U.S.

McNally/Simon
February 7, 1990
Draft One (B:CONGO.TST)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE DINNER: PRESIDENT SASSOU-NGUESSO
THE STATE DINING ROOM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1990, 7:45 P.M.

Mr. President, Mrs. Sassou-Nguesso [[SASS-oo EN-GWES-oo]],
Members of the Congolese delegation -- let me again welcome you
to the White House. We are very pleased you are here.

Since the beginnings of our history, the United States has
been a crossroads for both Europeans and Africans. And just as
your homeland has been shaped by the legacies of both Africa and
Europe, so today many African traditions have played a part in
helping shape American traditions, enriching our culture, our
people, and the kind of ties that bind our two Atlantic nations.

When you and I last met in Washington, over three years ago,
our two nations were just emerging from a period of strained
relations. But in the years since, our countries have made real
progress. Progress thanks to good faith on both sides. Progress
thanks to your public commitment to move away toward free market
economics. And progress thanks to the leadership you
demonstrated as Chairman of the Organization of African Unity.

Thanks to our partnership, southern Africa today is a more
peaceful and stable place. Namibia will soon be independent.
The new beginnings in South Africa may help end an old evil --
Apartheid. \\\ And in Angola, as Cuban troops are leaving, our
search for national reconciliation has intensified.

Mr. President, the rewards for successful partnership are,
of course, new and greater challenges. You are a respected voice

in Angola, and we urge you to continue your pursuit of peace and self-determination for the people of Angola.

Your region is entering a new era. And more steps await on the road ahead. But the bonds that link our two peoples are today increasing, and promising.

Parallelling our improved relations, American investment has grown -- and I'm delighted that you'll be visiting my hometown of Houston to discuss new ventures. On your part, the Congo has taken some welcome steps, encouraging private enterprise, placing some limits on the power of single party rule, and opening the legislature to non-party groups.

On the occasion of your independence, some 30 years ago, President Dwight D. Eisenhower offered the congratulations of the United States and our best wishes for close and friendly relations. And he also offered thanks for a gift he had received from the people of Congo a year earlier -- a baby elephant. \\\

The elephant resided for over 17 years at our National Zoo here in Washington, seen by more than 50 million visitors. And you know, the elephant is a symbol close to the hearts of both Ike and myself. Elephants are peaceful -- but strong. Known for their loyalty. And thought to have wisdom, the kind of long-term wisdom that's meant to last down through the years.

Now those are great qualities, and a sound basis for relations between two great peoples. Mr. President: We raise our glasses to you, to your health, and to the growing health of free markets and free ideas in your homeland.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 02/07/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 p.m. 02/08/90

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: Draft Arrival Statement -- President of The Congo

pg.3, para.1, line 1 "Africa is a major contributor to the world supply of raw materials and minerals, and the repository of many of the world's environmental riches, such as the lush, natural beauty of Congo's tropical forests."

However accurate, this whole line is just too hackneyed an image of Africa. We risk looking like we don't care, are just mouthing words, and worse, are being patronizing to the Congolese. If there were some specific facts to relate about the Congo, e.g., that it contains x percent of the world's species, that it ranks xth in sub-Saharan countries that trade with the U.S., etc, then that would be something worth relating and would show that we don't take them for granted. The language as it now stands betrays a certain indifference.

3,3,2 "My advice to Africa..."

Again, this sounds a little patronizing. The Congolese are not apt to say that they need our advice. Better to:

- 1) present the thoughts in this paragraph as the President's observations rather than his advice;
- 2) make the observations apply to the U.S. as well as the Congo, i.e., make them universal observations.

E.g., "Along with the dramatic and hopeful events in Eastern Europe comes the lesson that all of us in the rest of the world feel the New Breeze of freedom too. Truly the day of the centralized state is over."

Winston

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 02/07/90

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RESPONSE:

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

February 8, 1990

NSC clears, with changes.

G. Philip Hughes
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 Executive Secretary

cc: James W. Cicconi

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WASHINGTON

February 8, 1990

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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER ^{SR}
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Arrival Statement --
Congo President

Pursuant to James Cicconi's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection to the presidential remarks as drafted.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 02/07/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 p.m. 02/08/90

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT -- CONGO PRESIDENT
(02/07 Draft one)

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REMARKS:
Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 4:00 p.m. on 02/08, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:
*OK
Bruce Zinner for Sig Rogich*

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Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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February 7, 1990
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