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

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*Pls. see comment, p. 2.
Thanks, J.*

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RESPONSE:

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 Ext. 2702

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RESPONSE:

February 8, 1990

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

NSC clears, with changes.

G. Philip Hughes
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Executive Secretary

cc: James W. Cicconi

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: State Dinner --
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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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: State Dinner -- Congo
President Denis Sassou-Nguesso

I have reviewed and concur with the attached Presidential remarks for the State dinner for Congo President Denis Sassou-Nguesso, February 12.

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

Attachment

c: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 02/07/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 p.m. 02/08

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE DINNER -- CONGO PRESIDENT
(02/07 draft one)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 5:00 p.m. on 02/08, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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

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

~~PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS~~ 27: 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 from state-
controlled 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 bring an end to an
old evil -- Apartheid. \\\ And in Angola, as Cuban troops are
leaving, talks on national reconciliation have begun.

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

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

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February 8, 1990

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FROM: STEPHEN P. FARRAR 

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: State Dinner -- Congo
President Denis Sassou-Nguesso

As requested, I have reviewed and concur with the Presidential remarks for the State dinner for Congo President Denis Sassou-Nguesso, February 12.

Recommendation: That you sign the memo at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Memo to Winston
Tab B Incoming Staffing Memo