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**ALL-STAR GALA / FORD'S THEATER
SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 1990 / 9:40 P.M.**

**ON BARBARA'S BEHALF, TOO, LET ME THANK YOU FOR A
STAR-SPANGLED PROGRAM. //**

**TONIGHT, WE SALUTE THE FOURTH OF JULY -- FREEDOM'S
STAR-SPANGLED BIRTHDAY. A DAY JOHN ADAMS SAID SHOULD
BE MARKED "WITH POMP AND PARADE FROM ONE END OF THIS
CONTINENT TO ANOTHER, FROM THIS TIME FORWARD EVERMORE."**

**WELL, THROUGH THE TECHNOLOGY OF TELEVISION, THIS
SHOW HAS INDEED BEEN SEEN ACROSS THE CONTINENT. //**

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**JUST AS EXACTLY 125 YEARS AGO, ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST
FAMOUS INAUGURAL ADDRESSES ECHOED ACROSS A CONTINENT
TORN IN TWO. //**

**I REFER TO LINCOLN'S SECOND INAUGURAL THAT URGED
"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE, WITH CHARITY FOR ALL." ONE
CANNOT FORGET THOSE WORDS. // NOR CAN ONE FORGET THAT
TERRIBLE DAY LINCOLN WAS SHOT IN THIS THEATER. // BUT
WE ARE ALSO REMINDED OF A HAPPIER FACT ABOUT THE GREAT
EMANCIPATOR -- THAT HE LOVED ENTERTAINMENT.**

IT WAS ENTERTAINMENT, AFTER ALL, THAT OFTEN BROUGHT HIM HERE. AND HOW HE WOULD HAVE ENJOYED THIS PROGRAM.

LINCOLN'S FRIENDS OFTEN TOLD OF A PRESIDENT WHO CHERISHED MUSIC. ((BELIEVE ME, I KNOW HOW HE FELT. YOU KNOW, I HAVE TWO HOTLINES IN THE OVAL OFFICE: ONE IS A DIRECT HOTLINE TO MOSCOW. // THE OTHER IS A DIRECT HOTLINE TO NASHVILLE TO KEEP ME UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST COUNTRY AND WESTERN HITS.)) //

WE WON'T SOON FORGET TONIGHT'S MUSIC -- COUNTRY AND OTHERWISE. NOR ITS HUMOR -- THAT, TOO, LINCOLN WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED. ONCE, HE OBSERVED THAT IF HE COULDN'T TELL STORIES, HE FELT HIS HEART WOULD BREAK. // LIKE A STORY HE WAS FOND OF -- AND WHICH CIRCULATED DURING THE CIVIL WAR. //

TWO LADIES WERE DISCUSSING THE MERITS OF LINCOLN AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY, JEFFERSON DAVIS.

THE FIRST SAID, "I THINK JEFFERSON WILL SUCCEED BECAUSE HE IS A PRAYING MAN." THE SECOND ANSWERED, "BUT SO IS ABRAHAM A PRAYING MAN." // "YES," REPLIED THE FIRST LADY, "BUT THE LORD WILL THINK ABRAHAM IS JOKING." //

LINCOLN WOULD HAVE LOVED THIS EVENING'S COMEDY: IT'S PRODUCED MORE LAUGHS THAN MY LAST FISHING TRIP. // INDEED, ALL OF YOU HAVE SHOWN WHY FORD'S THEATER IS A NATIONAL TREASURE.

AND WHY AMERICA HAS MARVELED AT ITS NATIONALLY TELEVISED GALAS SINCE THE RESTORED THEATER REOPENED IN 1968. EVENTS WHICH PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO KEEP FORD'S OPEN AS A LIVING THEATER.

LET ME ESPECIALLY THANK THOSE WHO MADE THIS PROGRAM POSSIBLE. THE PERFORMERS, OF COURSE. EXECUTIVE PRODUCER FRANKIE HEWITT. TONIGHT'S CHAIRWOMEN -- ANN SIMPSON, PEATSY HOLLINGS, AND MARY JANE WICK. // AND, YES, ITS HONORARY CHAIRWOMAN -- THE LADY AT MY SIDE.

ALL OF THEM -- AND YOU LISTENING AT HOME -- ARE INHERITORS OF LINCOLN'S LOVE OF THE PERFORMING ARTS. AND HIS ABIDING BELIEF IN THE TRIUMPH OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT. // THIS EVENING'S PROGRAMMING EMBODIES THAT BELIEF. AND THE FREEDOM IT HAS CARRIED TO EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD.

FOR EVERY PERSON WHO CHERISHES FREEDOM, LET ME THANK YOU FOR THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM. GOD BLESS OUR BELOVED LAND -- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 21, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*
FROM: CURT SMITH *S*
SUBJECT: ALL-STAR GALA AT FORD'S THEATER

I. SUMMARY

On Sunday, March 25, after the All-Star Gala at Ford's Theater you have been asked to make brief remarks thanking the cast and producers. The entire performance will be broadcast July 4, 1990.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (4 minutes, speechcards) applaud the talent in the variety show, and note the history of the theater and your respect for President who was shot there.

(Smith/Blessey)
12 P.M.
March 21, 1990
ALL-STAR

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Well, through the technology of television, this show has indeed been seen across the continent. // Just as exactly 125 years ago, one of America's most famous Inaugural Addresses echoed across a continent torn in two. //

I refer to Lincoln's second Inaugural that urged "with malice toward none, with charity for all." One cannot forget those words. // Nor can one forget that terrible day Lincoln lost his life in this theater. // But we are also reminded of a happier fact about the Great Emancipator -- that he loved entertainment. It was entertainment, after all, that often brought him here. And how he would have enjoyed this program.

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otherwise. Nor its humor -- that, too, Lincoln would have
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-- and which circulated during the Civil War. //

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president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis. The first said,
"I think Jefferson will succeed because he is a praying man."
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"Yes," replied the first lady, "but the Lord will think Abraham
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of you have shown why Ford's Theater is a national treasure. And
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financial support to keep Ford's open as a living theater.

Let me especially thank those who made this program
possible. The performers, of course. Executive producer Frankie
Hewitt. Tonight's chairwomen -- Ann Simpson, Peatsy Hollings,
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DATE: 03/19/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 p.m. Tuesday 03/20

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(03/19 3:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 03/20, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

Please see suggestions.
3/20/90

90 MAR 21 4:53

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

(Smith/Blessey)
3 P.M.
March 19, 1990
ALL-STAR

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ALL-STAR GALA
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I have often talked of every President's kinship with the man who was shot *12 1/2 years ago* in this theatre. For it was Lincoln who *very* abolished slavery and saved the union. And who, incidentally, *loved good entertainment and* would have loved this program.

Diaries of Lincoln's friends tell of a President who cherished music. ((Believe me, I know how he feels. You know, I have two hotlines in the Oval Office: One is a direct hotline to Moscow. // The other is a direct line to Nashville to keep me up to date on the latest country and western hits.)) //

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: All-Star Gala Draft Presidential Remarks

pg. 1, para. 3, line 2 "...this show has indeed been seen across the continent. And in a year which marks the 125th anniversary of the second Inaugural of Abraham Lincoln..."

For most people, including the majority who do not know or have forgotten that Lincoln's Second Inaugural is the famous "with malice toward none, with charity toward all" speech, this line will seem as if the President has scraped the barrel for a Lincoln-related anniversary. To make it seem less contrived, we suggest easing into the Lincoln reference by saying, e.g.,

"...this show has indeed been seen across the continent. 125 years ago -- or, as he might have said, six score and five years ago -- President Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address echoed across a continent torn in two. But even the rancor of the Civil War could not prevent our nation's leader from speaking, in kinder, gentler terms, the truth that sets men free. ~~You can find those words carved in the marble wall of the Lincoln Memorial: [suitable, very short excerpt from the Second Inaugural here]."~~

1,4,1 "I have often talked of every President's kinship with the man who was shot in this theatre. For it was Lincoln who abolished slavery and saved the union. And who, incidentally, would have loved this program."

Like the Second Inaugural reference, this reference to Lincoln being shot in the theatre comes a little too abruptly. The connection between the idea of kinship and "a man who was shot" seems strange and vaguely morbid. And we know that Lincoln abolished slavery and saved the union. (Also: we suggest using the more common spelling: "theater")

(more)

Again, we suggest easing into the point of the graf (itself a bit of a stretch) that Lincoln would have loved the program. E.g.,

b "It is impossible to come to Ford's Theatre without thinking of Lincoln and that terrible day he lost his life. But we are also reminded of the happier fact about the Great Emancipator, that he loved music, jokes, and good stories -- the stuff of entertainment. It was entertainment, after all, that brought him often to this theatre. And he would have loved tonight's program."

2,3,6 "Events which provide the financial support which keeps it open as a living theater."

We suggest replacing the second "which" with the restrictive pronoun, "that."

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MEMORANDUM

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(03/19 3:00 p.m. draft)

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RESPONSE:

OK S.R.

03 MAR 20 P4:30

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

(Smith/Blessey)
3 P.M.
March 19, 1990
ALL-STAR

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ALL-STAR GALA
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

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

SUBJECT: All Star Gala

Consistent with the general philosophy underlying the White House policy against making commercial endorsements, Counsel's Office recommends deletion of the page 2 acknowledgement of Turner Broadcasting and Ted Turner. We raise no other objections to this draft.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: James W. Cicconi
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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March 21, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*
FROM: CURT SMITH *S*
SUBJECT: ALL-STAR GALA AT FORD'S THEATER

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I. SUMMARY

On Sunday, March 25, after the All-Star Gala at Ford's Theater you have been asked to make brief remarks thanking the cast and producers. The entire performance will be broadcast July 4, 1990.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (4 minutes, speechcards) applaud the talent in the variety show, and note the history of the theater and your respect for President who was shot there.

(Smith/Blessey)
12 P.M.
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