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THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 27, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT LUNCHEON HONORING
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER CENTENNIAL

The State Dining Room

12:37 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the White House. Senator Dole, Speaker Foley, Commission and Foundation members, family of beloved Ike, and the distinguished foreign dignitaries that are here, ambassadors, honored guests.

I know that many of you have just come from this joint session of Congress. Let me just say welcome to the House that Ike and Mamie graced. Barbara said, you've got your nerve speaking after Walter Cronkite; Jim Robinson; Clark Clifford; Arnold Palmer; John Eisenhower, who I hear paid a magnificent tribute to his dad, and Winston Churchill; say nothing of distinguished members of Congress. Well, somebody has to do the heavy lifting around here. (Laughter.)

You know, every president admires other presidents. Harry Truman was fond of Andrew Jackson, Gerald Ford studied Abraham Lincoln, and so today I say it loudly and very proudly, I have always liked Ike. This year marks the centennial anniversary of Dwight Eisenhower's birth, a date your two groups have already done much to commemorate. And as we gather here, America still likes Ike. We like him because he was a man of character; goodwill was at the core. He was a healer not a hater, and he had a deep faith in God. And he believed America to be divinely blessed.

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But Ike once said, "I come from the heart of America." And so he did. Enjoying what he called the great and priceless privilege of growing up in a small town. From Small Town, America he learned values and ideals -- what we term its culture. And he played football at the Point, followed it avidly; loved to read, loved TV westerns. Among his favorite groups was Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians. And a few feet from here is where Ike had his famous putting green. He made golf, as I'm sure Arnold will attest to, a nationally popular sport.

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In life, he enriched us all. And now it's up to us to tell his story and so enrich our kids. And that's what your commission and your foundation are doing. And I thank you for it and pledge my help. And God bless this land that Ike so deeply loved.

Thank you all for coming to the White House. (Applause.)

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12:43 P.M. EST

**EISENHOWER BIRTHDAY / STATE DINING ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1990 / 12:00 NOON**

**SENATOR DOLE, COMMISSION AND FOUNDATION MEMBERS,
RELATIVES OF BELOVED IKE, HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND
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SUBJECT: EISENHOWER CENTENNIAL LUNCHEON

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- Eisenhower Birthday

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks. To follow-up our telephone call to your office, this is to confirm we have no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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[AFTER LUNCH]. Dwight Eisenhower, of course, loved West Point.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: Eisenhower Birthday

An excellent draft with a number of deft touches. We have one significant question regarding the statement at pg. 1, para. 3, line 1, "My favorite President was Ike."

Unless the President is firmly on record as saying this, we urge avoiding the picking of a favorite President. For one thing, it diminishes somewhat any future praise he may wish to give to certain past Presidents when specific circumstances arise that warrant it. In any case, it seems to us that the President has already indicated his preference for Theodore Roosevelt -- and that is a happy choice for a number of reasons (e.g., TR's emphasis on reform, on the environment, and the myriad similarities between TR and George Bush in their respective life histories, style and personal activism).

Incidentally, we wonder about relying on what recent Presidents have said about their favorites. It may well be that they said one thing on one occasion and another on a different occasion. For example, Reagan liked FDR, but Coolidge has been cited as his favorite and it was Coolidge's portrait which he hung in the Cabinet Room.

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