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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 27, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN PRESENTATION OF VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS

The East Room

12:10 P.M. EDT

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REMARKS:  
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- ~~Carla Hills~~
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[RETURN TO PODIUM TO PRESENT RONALD REAGAN AWARD TO LAST RECIPIENT]

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**RESPONSE:**

*(Handwritten signature: J.W. Cicconi)*  
 90 MAR 25 4:34

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Volunteer Action Awards

The draft remarks are eloquently written and to the point. We have no suggestions from a policy standpoint and approve the draft in its current form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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FROM:

JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT:

Volunteer Action Awards Luncheon Draft

A well put together draft. We only suggest that with all the light imagery (e.g., Van Gogh's "Starry Night," Tennyson's "sun and moon renew their light," "like a candle in a steady hand," "bright path," "dark night," etc.) that the allusion to "Thousand Points of Light" be made explicit.

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Holly Williamson *HW*

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**VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS LUNCHEON / THE EAST ROOM  
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 1990 / 12:00 NOON**

**GOOD AFTERNOON, AND IT'S GREAT TO SEE SECRETARIES MOSBACHER AND LUJAN, AND SENATOR DURENBERGER AS WELL. AND I APPRECIATE GOVERNOR TOM KEAN AND HIS WIFE, DEBBY, JOINING US TODAY. IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE.**

**THE FAMOUS RADIO BROADCASTER PAUL HARVEY TELLS A STORY OF A MAN NAMED VINCENT WHO LIVED IN SOUTHERN BELGIUM.**

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CLARENCE, YOU ARE AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY, AND I HOPE EVERY ONE OF THEM WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE. \\  
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OVER 100 CONCERNED VOLUNTEERS ARE INVOLVED IN THE PROVIDENCE HOUSE PROGRAM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION TO MAKING A BETTER LIFE FOR THESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN. \\

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THE FREEDOM YOUTH ACADEMY, AS THE KIDS THEMSELVES NAMED IT, SOON BECAME A REALITY. NOW OVER 80 PERCENT OF THE ACADEMY'S STUDENTS -- FROM KINDERGARTEN TO TWELFTH GRADE -- HAVE EARNED ACADEMIC DISTINCTION. IN FACT, THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' SAT SCORES HAVE IMPROVED BY ANYWHERE FROM 50 TO 360 POINTS, WITH MANY STUDENTS GOING ON TO THE NATION'S TOP SCHOOLS. MR. AND MRS. GASKINS, YOU'VE DONE SO MUCH FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO YOU. \\  
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((MUST BE SOMETHING IN THAT MOUNTAIN WATER.)) THE ENTHUSIASM THESE EMPLOYEES HAVE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE IS REMARKABLE, AND EVERY COMPANY IN AMERICA SHOULD FOLLOW YOUR LEAD. TO ALL THE COORS EMPLOYEES, THANK YOU FOR OPENING YOUR HEARTS TO YOUR COMMUNITIES.\\\

EVERY AWARD RECIPIENT HERE TODAY HAS AN AMAZING STORY. FOR TODAY'S WINNERS KNOW THAT ONLY IN SERVING OTHERS DO WE FIND THE FULFILLMENT THAT EVERY ONE OF US IS SEEKING IN LIFE.

**LISTEN TO EVERY ONE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN HERE WITH US TODAY -- AND EVERY ONE WILL TELL YOU THAT SERVING OTHERS ENRICHES THEIR OWN LIVES AT LEAST AS MUCH AS IT ENRICHES THE LIVES OF THOSE THEY TOUCH.**

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**AND NOW, BARBARA AND I WILL PRESENT THE 1990 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS, WITH THE HELP OF TWO OTHER SPECIAL PEOPLE, WHO HAVE DEVOTED SO MUCH OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO HELPING OTHERS -- JANE KENNY, THE HEAD OF ACTION, AND MY GOOD FRIEND GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY, CHAIRMAN OF VOLUNTEER: THE NATIONAL CENTER.  
[PRESENT AWARDS]**

[RETURN TO PODIUM -- PRESENT RONALD REAGAN AWARD]

I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE MRS. MADRID IS THIS ADMINISTRATION'S SECOND RECIPIENT OF AN AWARD NAMED FOR A GREAT PRESIDENT, MY GOOD FRIEND, AND THE ORIGINATOR OF THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS: THE RONALD REAGAN AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE. \\\

THIS SPECIAL AWARD WAS CREATED TO HONOR THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE CONTRIBUTION TO VOLUNTEERISM IS GREATEST AMONG THE WINNERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER ACTION AWARDS. MRS. MADRID, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU THE RONALD REAGAN AWARD. \\\

TO MRS. MADRID, AND ALL OF YOU, OUR WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

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