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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 15, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cc*
FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *EMC*
SUBJECT: TOAST FOR TUNISIAN PRESIDENT BEN ALI

I. SUMMARY

Attached are draft remarks for a toast to Tunisian President Ben Ali at tonight's State Dinner.

II. DISCUSSION

Tonight, May 15, 1990, you will host a State Dinner for Tunisian President Ben Ali. The toast (4 minutes, on cards) contains a quote made by President Eisenhower during a 1959 visit to Tunisia about the continual need to work for peace.

McNally/Simon -- May 15, 1990
Draft Two (B:TUNISIA.TST)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE DINNER TOAST FOR PRESIDENT BEN ALI
THE EAST ROOM, THE WHITE HOUSE
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(A toast is offered.) (Applause.)

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Such a warm reception sincerely reflects the mutual friendship and respect that characterize our traditional and sustained ties, and represents a further step towards the consolidation of our common values of freedom, democracy, and defense of human rights.

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, the world is witnessing major radical changes in accordance with people's will and aspiration for freedom, democracy, and protection of dignity of individuals and of the community as a whole. Those changes reflect undoubtedly the common values that we both share. In fact, we have fully subscribed since November 7, 1987, to these very principles, as we are convinced that evolution is necessary as well as the fulfillment of the aspiration of the Tunisian people.

We have consequently reorganized the Tunisian society on a new basis to enable Tunisians to exercise their natural and legitimate rights and to live freely and democratically in a state of law and constitutional institutions. We are also committed to a policy of free market economy and open the way to private initiatives.

In view of the emergence of regional groupings and the need to find ways to deal with them, the Maghreb states have succeeded in establishing a union that I have presently the honor to chair and which is a great achievement, with a flexible and open structure which responds to the aspirations of the peoples of the region for cooperation and integrated development.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



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REMARKS:

Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with a copy to my office by 2:00 Monday, May 14. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

May 14, 1990

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff concurs on the subject Presidential remarks.


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**HARRY CONNICK, JR. / THE EAST ROOM
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- O BARBARA AND I WANT TO THANK HARRY CONNICK, JR. FOR COMING TO THE WHITE HOUSE TONIGHT. HIS SONGS AND MASTERY OF THE KEYBOARD WERE SIMPLY A DELIGHT.**
- O WHEN YOU CONSIDER HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND THEN LOOK AT HIS AGE -- HARRY, YOU'RE GIVING MOZART A RUN FOR HIS MONEY.**
- O BARBARA WANTED TO HEAR "DON'T GET AROUND MUCH ANYMORE" TONIGHT, BUT FRANKLY, IT DOESN'T FIT EITHER ONE OF US VERY WELL!**

**ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR PRESIDENT BEN ALI
THE SOUTH LAWN \ TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1990 \ 10:00 A.M.**

**MR. PRESIDENT, WELCOME BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.
AND WELCOME BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE. \ **

**I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE WE BEGAN
LAST NOVEMBER. AND WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU TO WASHINGTON FOR A LONGER
VISIT THAN WAS POSSIBLE LAST YEAR.**

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**WE ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO REPAY THE FINE HOSPITALITY TUNISIA SHOWED US IN 1983
AND 1986, WHEN I VISITED AS VICE PRESIDENT. AS WITH
THOSE JOURNEYS, YOUR VISIT CONTINUES A TRADITION OF
HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS, DEMONSTRATING THAT OUR
RELATIONS -- DATING BACK TO 1797, AND CLOSE SINCE
TUNISIAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1956 -- ARE STILL SOUND AND
GROWING.**

TRUE TO ITS HERITAGE AS AN ANCIENT CROSSROADS BETWEEN EUROPE AND AFRICA, TUNISIA HAS PLAYED AN EFFECTIVE ROLE AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND THE WEST. IT HAS BEEN AN EXAMPLE OF PRAGMATISM, STABILITY, AND PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AND TUNISIA HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED A PEACEFUL, NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION TO MIDDLE EAST ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

TUNISIA ALSO HAS AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD IN OTHER RESPECTS. IT HAS THE HIGHEST LITERACY RATE IN NORTH AFRICA. IT HAS ALWAYS HONORED ITS DEBT OBLIGATIONS. IT IS PERSEVERING IN THE FOURTH YEAR OF A DISCIPLINED, MARKET-ORIENTED RESTRUCTURING OF ITS ECONOMY. AND IT HAS MADE A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY.

YOUR VISIT COMES AT A TIME OF TRANSITION FOR NORTH AFRICA.

AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT CLOSELY ON THE BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES AND CONCERNS WE SHARE. TODAY, YOUR FRIENDS IN THE MAGHREB ARE SEARCHING FOR PROSPERITY AND STABILITY. POLITICAL PLURALISM AND MARKET-BASED ECONOMIES HAVE TAKEN ROOT AND ARE BEGINNING TO FLOURISH THERE.

TOWARDS THIS, TUNISIA'S REFORMS ARE A POTENTIAL MODEL.

WE SUPPORT TUNISIA'S COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND A MARKET-ORIENTED ECONOMY, AND PLEDGE CONTINUING ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION IN THESE IMPORTANT EFFORTS.

IT IS FITTING, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOU SHOULD VISIT AS WE APPROACH OUR MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES. FROM MY VISITS TO YOUR HOMELAND, I RECALL THE MOVING SIGHT OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY IN CARTHAGE -- SPREAD OUT ACROSS 27 ACRES DONATED BY TUNISIA -- A DRAMATIC PLATEAU BETWEEN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE BAY OF TUNIS.

THERE IN NORTH AFRICA LIE THE GRAVES OF NEARLY THREE THOUSAND BRAVE AMERICANS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE ALLIES' FIRST MAJOR OVERLAND OFFENSIVE OF WORLD WAR II -- THREE THOUSAND AMERICANS WHO WILL NEVER COME HOME. AND THERE IN NORTH AFRICA ARE INSCRIBED THE NAMES OF NEARLY FOUR THOUSAND MISSING -- FOUR THOUSAND AMERICANS WHOSE FATES WILL NEVER BE KNOWN.

BUT THEIR SACRIFICE REMAINS WELL KNOWN TO ALL.

THAT SIGHT REMINDS US THAT THE TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TUNISIA ARE OLD AND DEEP. AND THEIR SACRIFICE, LIKE THE SACRIFICES OF FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE, REMINDS US OF THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH PROGRESS AND PEACE THAT ARE TODAY SWEEPING THE WORLD.

AMID THIS TIME OF GREAT CHANGE, BOTH IN THE WORLD AND IN THE REGION, WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT BEN ALI, WHO ALSO COMES TO WASHINGTON AS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE ARAB MAGHREB UNION.



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**WE WELCOME HIM WITH A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND
COOPERATION, LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR CONVERSATIONS AS
ALLIES, AND AS FRIENDS.**

**WELCOME BACK, MR. PRESIDENT! GOD BLESS YOU AND THE
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We are especially pleased to have this opportunity to repay the fine hospitality Tunisia showed us in 1983 and 1986, when I visited as Vice President. As with those journeys, your visit continues a tradition of high-level discussions, demonstrating that our relations -- dating back to 1797, and close since Tunisian independence in 1956 -- are still sound and growing.

True to its heritage as an ancient crossroads between Europe and Africa, Tunisia has played an effective role as intermediary between the Arab countries and the West. It has been an example of pragmatism, stability, and progress in the Middle East. And Tunisia has consistently supported a peaceful, negotiated resolution to Middle East issues, including the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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THE EAST ROOM, THE WHITE HOUSE
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1990, 7:45 P.M.

Mr. President, Members of the Tunisian delegation -- it's a great pleasure and an honor for Barbara and me to welcome you back to the White House. \\ \\ Tonight, I want to toast a leader who, with dignity and respect, took Tunisia through a critical transition in its history. President Ben Ali's peaceful and constitutional accession to power in 1987 marked a turning point in Tunisian history. He boldly but wisely chose the difficult path of political and economic reform.

Tunisia has a great history that goes back to the earliest foundations of Mediterranean civilization. For centuries, Carthage dominated the Western Mediterranean. It rivaled the splendor and power of Rome, and produced great leaders like Hannibal. It also produced great thinkers like St. Augustine [uh-GUS-tin], and the 14th century historian Ibn Khaldoun [IB-in kal-DOON], who authored the world's first critical study of history and civilization.

Tunisia's dedication to a government of laws and reason also goes back many years. Tunisia has the oldest constitutional tradition in the Arab World, dating from 1861. Tunisia is committed to tolerance and a peaceful, moderate approach to regional and international problems. This commitment has been the basis of the special friendship between our two countries.

Today, Tunisia serves as a model of pragmatic change in the Arab world: A country that looks to the future, not the past.

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Mr. President, this morning I described the American Military Cemetery in Carthage, where nearly 3,000 brave Americans are buried in Tunisian soil. Let me conclude tonight with the words left on your shores by their commanding General -- America's beloved Ike -- when he spoke in Tunisia as President in 1959.

Ike noted that he had last visited your beautiful country exactly 16 years earlier, in 1943, in the midst of a war "that we thought would bring permanent peace." And he added: "We have found that peace does not come just because the guns are stilled. We have to work for peace, we have to work with our hearts, with our substance, with our hands -- we have to work all the time to maintain the peace and to make it more secure."

Mr. President, our talks here today reflect President Eisenhower's sentiments. They have strengthened a special friendship that is already deep and enduring, improved our understanding of each other's concerns, and laid the foundation for expanded cooperation, and yes, for expanded peace in the region -- and expanded peace in the world.

Let me ask you all to toast the health and success of President Ben Ali and the friendship between our two nations.

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Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications

FROM: BRENT O. HATCH 
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- Arrival Statement for
President Ben Ali

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential
remarks. We have no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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*No comment.
Thanks.
Holly Williamson
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FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: Draft Arrival Statement, President of Tunis

pg. 2, para. 4, line 11 "...four thousand Americans whose ends will never be known."

The word "ends" does not seem quite right in this context. "Whose fate will be never be known," is the more usual construction, we believe.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- State Dinner Toast for
President Ben Ali

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks. We have no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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THE SOUTH LAWN, THE WHITE HOUSE
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1990, 10:00 A.M.

Mr. President, welcome back to the United States. And
welcome back to the White House. \\

I look forward to continuing the dialogue we began last November. And we are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome you to Washington for a longer visit than was possible last year.

We are especially pleased to have this opportunity to repay the fine hospitality Tunisia showed us in 1983 and 1986, when I visited as Vice President. As with those journeys, your visit continues a tradition of high-level discussions, demonstrating that our relations -- dating back to 1797, and close since Tunisian independence in 1956 -- are still sound and growing.

True to its heritage as an ancient crossroads between Europe and Africa, Tunisia has played an effective role as intermediary between the Arab countries and the West. It has been an example of pragmatism, stability, and progress in the Middle East. And Tunisia has consistently supported a peaceful, negotiated resolution to Middle East issues, including the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Tunisia also has an impressive record in other respects. It has the highest literacy rate in North Africa. It has always honored its debt obligations. It is persevering in the fourth year of a disciplined, market-oriented restructuring of its

economy. And it has made a renewed commitment to democracy.

Your visit comes at a time of transition for North Africa. And we look forward to this opportunity to get better acquainted, and to consult closely on the broad range of issues and concerns we share. Today, your friends in the Maghreb [MEG-reb] are searching for prosperity and stability. Political pluralism and market-based economies have taken root and are beginning to flourish there.

Towards this, Tunisia's reforms are a potential model. We admire Tunisia's commitment to move toward both democracy and a market-oriented economy, and pledge continuing assistance and cooperation in these important efforts.

It is fitting, Mr. President, that you should visit as we approach our Memorial Day observances. From my visits to your homeland, I recall the moving sight of the American Military Cemetery in Carthage -- spread out across 27 acres donated by Tunisia -- a dramatic plateau between the Mediterranean and the Bay of Tunis. There in North Africa lie the graves of nearly three thousand brave Americans who gave their lives in the Allies' first major overland offensive of World War II -- three thousand Americans who will never come home. And there in North Africa are inscribed the names of nearly four thousand Missing -- four thousand Americans whose ends will never be known.

Their ends will never be known. But their sacrifice remains well known to all. That sight reminds us that the ties between the U.S. and Tunisia are old and deep. And their sacrifice, like

the sacrifices of freedom-loving people everywhere, reminds us of the new opportunities for both progress and peace that are today sweeping the world.

Amid this time of great change, both in the world and in the region, we look forward to our discussions with President Ben Ali, who also comes to Washington as the current president of the Arab Maghreb [MEG-reb] Union. We welcome him with a spirit of understanding and cooperation, looking forward to our conversations as allies, and as friends.

Welcome back, Mr. President! God bless you and the friendship that is shared by our two nations. Thank you.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Arrival Statement for
President Ben Ali

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

CO MAY 15 2:50

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR PRESIDENT BEN ALI
THE SOUTH LAWN, THE WHITE HOUSE
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1990, 10:00 A.M.

**Mr. President, welcome back to the United States. And
welcome back to the White House. **

I look forward to continuing the dialogue we began last November. And we are pleased to have the opportunity to welcome you to Washington for a longer visit than was possible last year.

We are especially pleased to have this opportunity to repay the fine hospitality Tunisia showed us in 1983 and 1986, when I visited as Vice President. As with those journeys, your visit continues a tradition of high-level discussions, demonstrating that our relations -- dating back to 1797, and close since Tunisian independence in 1956 -- are still sound and growing.

True to its heritage as an ancient crossroads between Europe and Africa, Tunisia has played an effective role as intermediary between the Arab countries and the West. It has been an example of pragmatism, stability, and progress in the Middle East. And Tunisia has consistently supported a peaceful, negotiated resolution to Middle East issues, including the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Tunisia also has an impressive record in other respects. It has the highest literacy rate in North Africa. It has always honored its debt obligations. It is persevering in the fourth year of a disciplined, market-oriented restructuring of its

economy. And it has made a renewed commitment to democracy.

Your visit comes at a time of transition for North Africa. And we look forward to this opportunity to get better acquainted, and to consult closely on the broad range of issues and concerns we share. Today, your friends in the Maghreb [MEG-reb] are searching for prosperity and stability. Political pluralism and market-based economies have taken root and are beginning to flourish there.

Towards this, Tunisia's reforms are a potential model. We admire Tunisia's commitment to move toward both democracy and a market-oriented economy, and pledge continuing assistance and cooperation in these important efforts.

It is fitting, Mr. President, that you should visit as we approach our Memorial Day observances. From my visits to your homeland, I recall the moving sight of the American Military Cemetery in Carthage -- spread out across 27 acres donated by Tunisia -- a dramatic plateau between the Mediterranean and the Bay of Tunis. There in North Africa lie the graves of nearly three thousand brave Americans who gave their lives in the Allies' first major overland offensive of World War II -- three thousand Americans who will never come home. And there in North Africa are inscribed the names of nearly four thousand Missing -- four thousand Americans whose ends will never be known.

Their ends will never be known. But their sacrifice remains well known to all. That sight reminds us that the ties between the U.S. and Tunisia are old and deep. And their sacrifice, like

the sacrifices of freedom-loving people everywhere, reminds us of the new opportunities for both progress and peace that are today sweeping the world.

Amid this time of great change, both in the world and in the region, we look forward to our discussions with President Ben Ali, who also comes to Washington as the current president of the Arab Maghreb [MEG-reb] Union. We welcome him with a spirit of understanding and cooperation, looking forward to our conversations as allies, and as friends.

Welcome back, Mr. President! God bless you and the friendship that is shared by our two nations. Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: State Dinner Toast for
President Ben Ali

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/11/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 5/14/90

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS; STATE DINNER TOAST FOR PRESIDENT BEN ALI

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REMARKS:

Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with a copy to my office by 2:00 Monday, May 14. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATE DINNER TOAST FOR PRESIDENT BEN ALI
THE EAST ROOM, THE WHITE HOUSE
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 1990, 7:45 P.M.

Mr. President, Members of the Tunisian delegation -- it's a great pleasure and an honor for Barbara and me to welcome you back to the White House. \\ \\ Tonight, I want to toast a leader who, with dignity and respect, took Tunisia through a critical transition in its history. President Ben Ali's peaceful and constitutional accession to power in 1987 marked a turning point in Tunisian history. He boldly but wisely chose the difficult path of political and economic reform.

Tunisia has a great history that goes back to the earliest foundations of Mediterranean civilization. For centuries, Carthage dominated the Western Mediterranean. It rivaled the splendor and power of Rome, and produced great leaders like Hannibal. It also produced great thinkers like St. Augustine [uh-GUS-tin], and the 14th century historian Ibn Khaldoun [IB-in kal-DOON], who authored the world's first critical study of history and civilization.

Tunisia's dedication to a government of laws and reason also goes back many years. Tunisia has the oldest constitutional tradition in the Arab World, dating from 1861. Tunisia is committed to tolerance and a peaceful, moderate approach to regional and international problems. This commitment has been the basis of the special friendship between our two countries.

Today, Tunisia serves as a model of pragmatic change in the Arab world: A country that looks to the future, not the past.

A country that has shunned the path of radicalism. A country that draws on the progressive tradition within its North African and Islamic heritage -- to address the challenges of a fast-changing world without. You have already faced great challenges, with a tenacious and pragmatic approach that we admire. And we will support you in your efforts.

Mr. President, this morning I described the American Military Cemetery in Carthage, where nearly 3,000 brave Americans are buried in Tunisian soil. Let me conclude tonight with the words left on your shores by their commanding General -- America's beloved Ike -- when he spoke in Tunisia as President in 1959.

Ike noted that he had last visited your beautiful country exactly 16 years earlier, in 1943, in the midst of a war "that we thought would bring permanent peace." And he added: "We have found that peace does not come just because the guns are stilled. We have to work for peace, we have to work with our hearts, with our substance, with our hands -- we have to work all the time to maintain the peace and to make it more secure."

Mr. President, our talks here today reflect President Eisenhower's sentiments. They have strengthened a special friendship that is already deep and enduring, improved our understanding of each other's concerns, and laid the foundation for expanded cooperation, and yes, for expanded peace in the region -- and expanded peace in the world.

Let me ask you all to toast the health and success of President Ben Ali and the friendship between our two nations.

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