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ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON Tuesday 05/22/90

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(05/21 6:00 pm draft)

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any comments, recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by Noon, Tuesday, 05/22, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

**RESPONSE:**

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

True  
spirit

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(Lange/Cawley)  
May 21, 1990  
6:00 P.M.  
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Many see patriotism as a flag on the breeze, voices raised  
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All of you here tonight understand that, ~~devotion, as part of~~  
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**RESPONSE:**

*No comments. 5/22/90  
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great speech*

**James W. Cicconi**  
Assistant to the President  
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(Lange/Cawley)  
May 21, 1990  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1990

INFORMATION

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FROM:               MARK LANGE *ML*  
SUBJECT:            REMARKS, PATRICK HENRY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DINNER

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**REMARKS:**

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

**RESPONSE:**

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

May 22, 1990

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INFORMATION

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THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *ow*  
FROM:               MARK LANGE *ll*  
SUBJECT:            REMARKS, PATRICK HENRY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DINNER

I. SUMMARY

Attached are brief remarks (four minutes, cards only) for the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation dinner. It will take place at the Capital Hilton on Wednesday, May 23 at 8:15 p.m. Some 600 people will attend the dinner.

II. DISCUSSION

Mr. H. Ross Perot will be receiving the Foundation's award for service to country.

Among those he has invited are heroes from the mission in Panama, the Marine unit bombed in Beirut, the crew of USS Stark, and men who distinguished themselves in Korea and Vietnam. In addition, many families of those lost in service will attend.

You are being introduced by Major Richard Meadows, U.S. Army -- a veteran of Korea, Laos, and Vietnam; founder of the Delta Team; and the only American waiting in Tehran the night we attempted to rescue the embassy hostages.

**NOTE:** Mr. Perot just called us to emphasize that he seeks no recognition of himself at this event -- in your remarks or otherwise. He feels that the war veterans and families in attendance deserve all of the focus.

But because the purpose of the event is to give him the Foundation's award for service, we've let the language stand.

(Lange/Cawley)  
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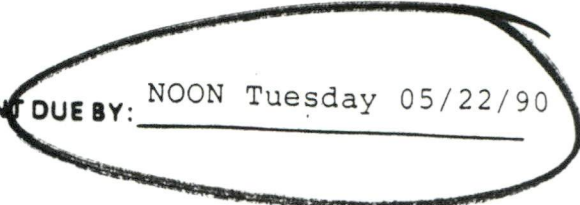


# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 05/21/90

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON Tuesday 05/22/90



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(05/21 6:00 pm draft)

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RESPONSE:

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

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*Brent Scowcroft*  
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cc: James W. Cicconi

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

(Lange/Cawley)  
May 21, 1990  
6:00 P.M.  
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cc: James W. Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation Draft

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To make clear that this is neither a Vietnamese nor a person who is currently a POW, we suggest "the former Vietnam POW who was assassinated in the Phillipines."

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**RESPONSE:**

*Very nice*  
  
 10:11:01 AM 22 MAY 90

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

(Lange/Cawley)  
May 21, 1990  
6:00 P.M.  
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per Daniel Casu, Jean Balastrieri, #176, ext 2992*

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50 MAY 22*

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RESPONSE: *No comment*

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**RESPONSE:**

NO COMMENT. THANKS.

*WJ*  
Holly Williamson  
5-22-90

James W. Cicconi  
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Ext. 2702

*File?*

TALKING POINTS FOR PATRICK HENRY DINNER  
(May 23, 1990)

- Delighted to be here to say a few words about the outstanding American you are honoring tonight.

- The recognition of Ross Perot by the Patrick Henry Foundation for his outstanding contributions over the years is well-deserved.

- Ross' exploits are numerous and some have even become the subject for TV movies. His effort to help improve education in the state of Texas is among the most recent in a long list of distinguished contributions he has made to his country.

- He has always been very supportive of our American military and his invitation to so many of them for this evening's memorial dinner is just another example of Ross' belief in Patrick Henry's exhortation of over two hundred years ago of, "Why stand we here idle?"

- With us tonight, we have with us Americans who know the true meaning of the sacrifices made in defense of our country. From Admiral Bill Lawrence, seven years a POW in Vietnam, to Major Robin Williams, the widow of Colonel Higgins, from the parents of Lt John Connors, the Navy SEAL killed in Panama, to the widow of Colonel Nick Rowe, the Vietnam POW assassinated in the Phillipines.

- The list is extensive and each knows how they have distinguished themselves in the service of our country. They are the Americans who have had to personally deal with the meaning of Patrick Henry's words, "Give me liberty or give me death".

- I ask that you recognize them just as Ross is being honored here tonight.

- I applaud the Patrick Henry Foundation for their recognition of Ross Perot and their graciousness in hosting these special guests for whom the meaning of liberty and freedom has a personal and for some, a tragic meaning. Thank you.

PARTICIPANTS

The President

Ross Perot

Parents of Lance Sijan

Parents of Lt John P. Connors

Widow of Col Higgins

Widow of Col Nick Rowe

Medal of Honor winner

Navy SEAL killed Panama

Killed in Beirut

Former POW in Vietnam;  
assassinated in  
Philippines

Widows of pilots killed in Libyan Raid

Parents of Navy Petty Officer Robert  
Stethem

Killed by terrorists on  
airplane

Men wounded in Panama

Approximately 150

Representatives from each unit  
that fought in Panama

Approximately 120

Representatives from Desert One

Attempt to rescue 52  
hostages from Iran

Representatives from Marine unit in  
Beirut

Unit whose building was  
bombed at the Beirut  
airport

Representatives from crew of USS STARK Attacked in Persian Gulf

Men who distinguished themselves in Korea

Men who distinguished themselves in Vietnam

Vietnam POWs

Total: Approximately 300

*Rest of people  
involved by  
Ross Perot*

**Washington Inc** 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 310, Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 828-7000 Fax # (202) 828-7059

MEMORANDUM

TO: Don Pilling  
FROM: Christa Poston  
RE: The Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation Dinner  
DATE: May 17, 1990

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Don,

Attached is the information that you requested, the summary of the award, the summary of the Patrick Henry Foundation and the guests of Mr. Perot.

We were going to have the "Give me liberty or give me death" speech read, now we are not. This will give you the opportunity to use this quote.

Right now it looks like the president of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation accompanied by Mr. Perot, will introduce The President. The name of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation's president is Mr. Irvin D. Walker.

If you have any questions after you have reviewed this information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Christa*

Gretchen Poston  
Christa Poston

*List of acceptances  
for dinner*

**THE PATRICK HENRY MEMORIAL STATUETTE**

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*The bronze statuette  
created for  
The Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation  
by sculptor Steven Weitzman  
of Silver Spring, Maryland,  
portrays the great orator at work.  
The inscription reads:*

**H. ROSS PEROT  
IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING  
SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY  
THE PATRICK HENRY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION  
MAY 23, 1990**

## PATRICK HENRY

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Patrick Henry embodied the spirit of American courage and patriotism. His was the first voice raised against England in her attempt to impose taxation without representation. In the 1765 debate over the infamous Stamp Act at the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg, Henry hurled defiance at George III with the challenge, "If this be treason, make the most of it!"

During the Second Virginia Convention of 1775 at St. John's Church, Richmond, Henry delivered his most famous speech. His words became the clarion call that led the colonies into the Revolution. With courage and eloquence, he cried, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

The first governor of Virginia, Henry served three one-year terms during the Revolution and two after its conclusion. Henry's leadership did not end once the Revolution was won. Perhaps his great-

est contribution to the nation was in working toward the adoption of the Bill of Rights in 1791.

In 1794 Henry retired to Red Hill and resumed his private legal practice. Failing health forced him to refuse numerous federal posts, including Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and Secretary of State, as well as a sixth term as Virginia's governor.

George Washington persuaded Patrick Henry to become a candidate for the state legislature in 1799, the year of his death. The foundations of the young republic were endangered by the rumbling of men who argued that any state has the power to nullify acts of the federal government. Bowed with age and with his health deteriorating, Henry delivered his final speech. It was an inspirational, non-partisan, patriotic appeal for unity to preserve the nation. Historian Henry Adams declared that nothing in Henry's life was more noble than his last public act.



**RED HILL**  
*The Patrick Henry National Memorial*

Red Hill, Patrick Henry's last home and burial place, remained in the Henry family until the death of his great-granddaughter in 1944. At that time, the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation was chartered as a non-profit corporation "to establish a perpetual memorial in commemoration of the life and character of Patrick Henry; to collect and distribute historical facts and literature and mementoes; to purchase, preserve, and maintain Red Hill Plantation." The restoration of Red Hill was accomplished through the generosity of the late Eugene B. Casey.

In 1986 Red Hill was designated as a

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The officers and trustees of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation are assisted in carrying out their mandate to honor the Voice of the Revolution and advocate of freedom by two subsidiary organizations: The Descendants' Branch, whose membership consists of direct descendants of Patrick Henry, and the Patrick Henry Woman's Auxiliary.



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**PATRICK HENRY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION DINNER  
CAPITOL HILTON \ WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1990 \ 8:15 P.M.**

**THANK YOU, MAJOR MEADOWS. YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN INTRODUCED BY HEADS OF STATE, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND LEADERS OF EVERY KIND FROM AROUND THE WORLD. BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE HONORED THAN I AM TONIGHT -- BEING INTRODUCED BY MAJOR RICHARD MEADOWS. \ \**

**ROSS PEROT, ERVIN WALKER; MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, TRUSTEES, FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: IT'S AN HONOR TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT.**

**THIS FOUNDATION IS A CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN SPIRIT. AND IT'S A FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE FRIENDS OF FREEDOM -- BECAUSE IT KEEPS ALIVE IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS THE REAL MEANING OF PATRIOTISM. THE TRUE COLORS OF COURAGE.**

**MANY SEE PATRIOTISM AS A FLAG IN THE BREEZE, VOICES RAISED IN SONG, A PARADE PASSING BY IN THE SUNSHINE. IT IS ALL OF THOSE THINGS, SHARED BY ALL OF US. BUT IT IS MORE.**

FOR SOME, PATRIOTISM IS AN ACHING AND PRIVATE BURDEN -- A SILENT EMPTINESS THAT WORDS WILL NEVER FILL. ALL OF YOU HERE TONIGHT UNDERSTAND THAT: ADMIRAL BILL LAWRENCE, SIX YEARS A POW IN VIETNAM. MAJOR ROBIN HIGGINS, THE WIFE OF COLONEL RICH HIGGINS. THE PARENTS OF LT. JOHN CONNORS, A NAVY SEAL KILLED IN PANAMA. MEN LIKE SERGEANT MICHAEL PAGE, WOUNDED IN THE BEIRUT BARRACKS ATTACK.

**WE SINGLE OUT THE FEW, BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT ALL OF YOU. AND THEY STAND AS TESTAMENTS TO THE POWER OF AN IDEA: THAT THERE ARE AMONG US MEN AND WOMEN SO DEVOTED TO THE IDEAL OF LIBERTY, THAT ITS PRESERVATION BECOMES MORE PRECIOUS THAN LIFE.**

**IT IS UPON MILLIONS OF SUCH INDIVIDUAL CHOICES -- THROUGH A BRILLIANT MOSAIC OF COURAGEOUS DECISIONS MADE FOR THE COLLECTIVE GOOD -- THAT AMERICA SHOULDERS THE TRUE COLORS OF LIBERTY.**

**TONIGHT, WE'VE GATHERED TO HONOR AN AMERICAN WHOSE LIFE HAS BEEN DEFINED BY THOSE DECISIONS -- AND DEVOTED TO ALL WHO MAKE THEM. ONE OF FREEDOM'S GREAT FRIENDS: H. ROSS PEROT. \ \**

**HE'S A MAN WHO CAN'T RESIST A CHALLENGE. HIS SUCCESSFUL RESCUE IN 1979 OF TWO OF HIS FIRM'S EMPLOYEES TAKEN HOSTAGE IN IRAN HAS BECOME A MODERN LEGEND.**

AND HIS COMMITMENT TO THE WAR ON ILLEGAL DRUGS HERE AT HOME HAS BEEN INVALUABLE.

BUT FIRST AND FOREMOST HAS BEEN ROSS PEROT'S ENDURING SUPPORT OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WEAR THE UNIFORM OF THE UNITED STATES. MANY OF THEM -- OVER 300 -- HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TOGETHER HERE TONIGHT, BECAUSE ROSS BELIEVES IT IS THEY WHO DESERVE CREDIT AND HONOR.

SO I'D LIKE TO COMMEND THE PATRICK HENRY  
FOUNDATION, AND JOIN ROSS PEROT, IN HONORING THE MEN  
AND WOMEN IN THIS ROOM WHO HAVE PROUDLY BORNE LIBERTY'S  
TRUE COLORS.

MANY CELEBRATE FREEDOM. MANY REAP ITS BLESSINGS.  
BUT THOSE WHO FREELY BEAR ITS BURDEN, WE CALL HEROES.  
THANK YOU. AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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