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THE WHITE HOUSE

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June 5, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN CEREMONY RECOGNIZING ONE MILLIONTH PARTICIPANT
IN MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL

The Rose Garden

11:27 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Please be seated. Thank you all. And I'm delighted to be here with two members of my Cabinet -- Dick Cheney, who's doing an outstanding job leading America's defense forces; and, of course, Sam Skinner, our very able Secretary of Transportation. Chairman of our Joint Chiefs is here, General Colin Powell, Secretary Stone, Secretary Rice. General Gray was to be here, and there he is. And I'm going to omit somebody, so I'll stop right there. But just welcome all of you.

And I also want to recognize, single out, so many members of the United States Congress that are here today. I'm delighted that you are. And, of course, the representatives of the Armed Forces. Most of all, I guess we got to pay tribute to the distinguished representative from the State of Mississippi, the Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee -- and the Army veteran for whom this historic bill was named, our old friend, my old friend, Sonny Montgomery. (Applause.)

Sonny -- I got to hand it to Sonny. He and I were elected to Congress on exactly the same day many years ago. And he's the one who's got his name on both a major, significant piece of legislation and a gigantic building -- Air National Guard complex down in Mississippi.

But today, I'm very pleased and honored to welcome you to the Rose Garden and to have this opportunity to tell you personally just how important I believe this program is. From the time it was first launched in 1944, the original G.I. Bill was a huge, bold and successful experiment -- an ongoing experiment in which young men and women from all walks of life are given not only a choice, but also a chance -- a chance for a higher education and their own piece of the American dream.

In 1945 -- October -- Barbara and I joined the ranks of more than 40,000 couples who headed to college that year on the original G.I. Bill. America's schools were soon swamped with prefab houses and trailers. And by 1946 and 1947, the flood tide had crested -- and more than two and a half million veterans had embarked on getting their education.

The G.I. Bill has special importance to me, and special importance to the peace and prosperity that America has enjoyed during the 46 years since it first began. The G.I. Bill changed the lives of millions by replacing old roadblocks with paths of opportunity. And, in so doing, it boosted America's work force, it boosted America's economy and really it changed the life of our nation.

And thanks to people like Congressman Montgomery and other leaders here from both the Senate and the House today, the G.I. Bill has continued to successfully improve and evolve. And I remember some of the tough battles that were fought to get the new bill through Congress. Sonny interrupted one marathon conference session with a rather unique reminder of the needs of the military -- and of his own commitment to stick it out. He brought in C-Rations.

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Well, I've tried C-Rations and eating them on the Hill is my definition of serious commitment.

The success of Sonny's effort is evidence in the young American heroes we salute today -- the men and women here representing America's armed services and symbolizing the one millionth participant in the Montgomery G.I. Bill. Airmen like Alabama's Jeramie Brown, who leaves for Munich tomorrow to help tell the story of America through the Armed Forces Network. The Coast Guard's Keith Pyle, who was part of the honor guard last month at the wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Medical Specialists like the Army's Linda Meidling, who's been on the Dean's List at Stockton State College since 1987. And reservists like Chicago's Teryl Speights, who puts in time with two jobs -- reading X rays at the West Side V.A. Hospital, and reading radar screens at Glenview Naval Air Base. Those are definitely two jobs, Teryl, that you don't want to get mixed up. (Laughter.)

But for America, as for these individuals, the payback has been terrific. Today, the Montgomery G.I. Bill ranks among the most practical and cost-efficient programs ever devised; and represents one of the best federal investments since Betsy Ross bought needle and thread.

To begin with, right now the program is more than paying for itself and, even as payouts increase, four decades of experience have taught us that the increased earnings of these educated G.I.s also mean increased tax revenues for America. And the additional education its participants receive continues to produce a technological gain for our country.

Even more important are the improvements in our Armed Forces. The Montgomery G.I. Bill has been an important component in the success of America's all-volunteer forces. And let me just repeat here what Colin Powell and the other Chiefs have told me over and over again -- we have never had better men and women in the Armed Forces that we have today. (Applause.) This program contributes to savings because better educated recruits mean training costs and attrition have gone down, while productivity and morale have gone up.

This bill is playing an important role in promoting excellence in our Armed Forces. And it's also playing an important role in promoting excellence in education. Several of its components -- choice, flexibility, competitiveness -- parallel some of the most important components of the Educational Excellence Act that we sent to the Congress last April; a critical first step in our efforts to revitalize quality in America's schools.

It was passed by the Senate in February. And I believe it's time for the House to act now. So let's make this year of change, a year of progress in education. Let's strike a blow for excellence; and let's get that legislation passed.

Education is our most enduring legacy, vital to everything we are and can become. And the Montgomery G.I. Bill is a powerful example of what is right about education in America. Our Armed Forces and our system of higher education are today the envy of the world. And so I'm here to thank you for your important work, the work you do in defending our nation's freedom, in educating our nation's youth, and in ensuring that whether in military might or educational excellence the United States of America stands second to none.

Thank you for coming to the White House today. And God bless you in your efforts. And God bless the United States of America. Thank you all very, very much. (Applause.)

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11:35 A.M. EDT

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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WASHINGTON

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June 4, 1990

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R B. PORTER *RBP*

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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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May 31, 1990
Draft Three (G.I.-BILL)

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL CEREMONY
THE ROSE GARDEN
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 1990, 11:30 A.M.

Thank you, thank you all. I'm delighted to see Dick Cheney, Ed Derwinski, and Lauro Cavazos -- three outstanding Cabinet Secretaries -- representing three of our Administration's most important priorities: America's defense, America's veterans, and America's excellence through education. \\\

I'm also pleased to see so many distinguished Members of Congress. These outstanding representatives of America's armed forces. And -- most of all -- the distinguished Representative from the State of Mississippi -- the Army veteran for whom this historic bill is named -- my old friend Sonny Montgomery. \\\

Sonny, I got to hand it to you. We were elected to Congress on the same day. But he's the only member of the class who's got his name on both a major bill and a major building -- an Air National Guard complex down in Mississippi. The only bills with my name on them are the ones we pay at the end of the month! \\\

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *AA for CW*
FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *EW*
SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL CEREMONY

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, June 5, at 11:30 a.m. you will give remarks at a Rose Garden ceremony celebrating the one millionth participant in the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

II. DISCUSSION

The Montgomery G.I. Bill, named for Rep. Sonny Montgomery, recently enrolled its one millionth participant. To commemorate this event, the armed services have chosen 12 service men and women from their active duty and reserve components as representatives of the program's participants.

Your audience will consist of about 25 Members of Congress, their staff, military personnel, and Veterans Affairs officials, for a total of about 200.

Your remarks (8 minutes, on cards) pay tribute to the success of the Montgomery G.I. Bill and its author. The bill has been a cost-effective way for the armed services to attract high quality recruits by assisting them with the costs of higher education.

McNally/Simon
June 4, 1990
Draft Four (E:GI-BILL)

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I'M ALSO PLEASED TO SEE SO MANY DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. THESE OUTSTANDING REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES.

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**AND -- MOST OF ALL -- THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI -- CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE -- AND THE ARMY VETERAN FOR WHOM THIS HISTORIC BILL IS NAMED -- MY OLD FRIEND SONNY MONTGOMERY. \ \ **

SONNY, I GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU. WE WERE ELECTED TO CONGRESS ON THE SAME DAY. BUT HE'S THE ONE WHO'S GOT HIS NAME ON BOTH A MAJOR BILL AND A MAJOR BUILDING -- AN AIR NATIONAL GUARD COMPLEX DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI.

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**THE ONLY BILLS WITH MY NAME ON THEM ARE THE ONES WE PAY AT THE END OF THE MONTH! **

TODAY, I AM VERY PLEASED AND HONORED TO WELCOME YOU TO THE ROSE GARDEN AND TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COME BY TO TELL YOU PERSONALLY JUST HOW IMPORTANT I BELIEVE THIS PROGRAM IS.

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FROM THE TIME IT WAS FIRST LAUNCHED IN 1944, THE G.I. BILL HAS BEEN A HUGE, BOLD AND SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT -- AN ONGOING EXPERIMENT IN WHICH YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE GIVEN NOT ONLY A CHOICE, BUT ALSO A CHANCE -- A CHANCE FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION AND THEIR OWN PIECE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM.

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FOR AMERICA -- AS FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS -- THE "PAY-BACK" HAS BEEN TERRIFIC. TODAY, THE MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL RANKS AMONG THE MOST PRACTICAL AND COST-EFFICIENT PROGRAMS EVER DEVISED -- AND REPRESENTS ONE OF THE BEST FEDERAL INVESTMENTS SINCE BETSY ROSS BOUGHT A NEEDLE AND THREAD.

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THIS BILL IS PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN OUR ARMED FORCES. AND IT'S ALSO PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. SEVERAL OF ITS COMPONENTS -- CHOICE, FLEXIBILITY, AND COMPETITIVENESS -- PARALLEL SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE ACT WE SENT CONGRESS LAST APRIL -- A CRITICAL FIRST STEP IN OUR EFFORTS TO REVITALIZE QUALITY IN AMERICA'S SCHOOLS. IT WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE IN FEBRUARY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 4, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *AA for CW*
FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *EW*
SUBJECT: MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL CEREMONY

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, June 5, at 11:30 a.m. you will give remarks at a Rose Garden ceremony celebrating the one millionth participant in the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

II. DISCUSSION

The Montgomery G.I. Bill, named for Rep. Sonny Montgomery, recently enrolled its one millionth participant. To commemorate this event, the armed services have chosen 12 service men and women from their active duty and reserve components as representatives of the program's participants.

Your audience will consist of about 25 Members of Congress, their staff, military personnel, and Veterans Affairs officials, for a total of about 200.

Your remarks (8 minutes, on cards) pay tribute to the success of the Montgomery G.I. Bill and its author. The bill has been a cost-effective way for the armed services to attract high quality recruits by assisting them with the costs of higher education.

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June 4, 1990
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL CEREMONY
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RESPONSE:
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June 1, 1990

RESPONSE: The National Security Council staff has reviewed and concurs with the Presidential remarks: Montgomery G.I. Bill Ceremony.

Brent Scowcroft
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McNally/Simon
May 31, 1990
Draft Three (F. I-BILL)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1990

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Montgomery G.I. Bill
Ceremony

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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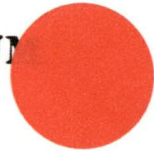
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June 1, 1990

RESPONSE: The National Security Council staff has reviewed and concurs with the Presidential remarks: Montgomery G.I. Bill Ceremony.

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