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## THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Cheyenne, Wyoming)

For Immediate Release

July 20, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT CHEYENNE FRONTIER DAYS PARADEWyoming State Capitol  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

1:15 P.M. MDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mike. Thank you very much, Governor Sullivan, thank you for that warm introduction, and I am very pleased to be here. And Barbara sends her love to Jane, and we hope some day you'll come back and have supper at the White House. The Sullivans.

It's great to be back in Cheyenne and great to be back under -- I would call it a big, open sky -- I had other words planned. (Laughter.) But in the place that as you say, the pavement ends and the West begins. Let me salute, in addition to Mike Sullivan, two former governors who I just spot out here in the crowd, both friends, both admired Americans -- Governor Cliff Hanson and Martha, and Governor Stan Hathaway -- Stan and Bobbie -- right down in front. It's a great pleasure to see you here. (Applause.)

There are also some other special friends here, Senator Malcolm Wallop, an ardent worker for so many things that Wyoming people hold dear. (Applause.) And, of course, Senator Al Simpson (applause) -- as a key member of the leadership in the Senate, he takes on the tough fights and sticks with them. And always has this -- don't quite know how to describe it -- sense of humor. (Laughter.) Something he's going to need later when he takes me fishing. I'm not sure if I'm up to your state's cutthroat trout. I have trouble with the kinder, gentler rainbow kind of trout. (Laughter.)

And to Dick Hartman, the Chairman here; and Jerry Jessen, the Chairman of Frontier Days; and Dick the Chairman of the Centennial, thank you for this warm welcome. Thank you for letting me and those with me be a part of this great day. And, of course, I want to salute Congressman Craig Thomas, with whom I work closely in the United States House of Representatives -- (applause) -- glad to have Craig with us. And special thanks to the Mayor. I'm sure he'll be glad to see us leave town, but nevertheless, you couldn't tell that from the warmth of his welcome. Mayor Gary Schaeffer, congratulations on this wonderful day and thank you very, very much, Craig.

So it's great to be here for this 94th Frontier Days, for the "granddaddy of them all." It reminds me of rodeo atmosphere in Texas. But I want to say a special thanks first to the Casper Troopers -- I've heard of them, but never heard them in action before. (Applause.) I haven't known him too long, but you ought to ride in a parade with Timber Jack and have Toughy at your feet when you're in that wagon out there.

TIMBER JACK: Yahoo.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Timber Jack.

I listened to that for three blocks. (Laughter.) You know, I really do feel at home here. It's wonderful, watching them get hurled about by bucking broncos, wrestling steers, struggling to ride wild horses, not to mention bull riding. Enough about trying

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to deal with Congress. (Laughter.)

I'm really disappointed, though. I was looking forward to taking place in the chuckwagon races until I discovered the menu: barbecue, beans and -- you guessed it -- broccoli. No thanks, I'm going on. (Laughter and applause.)

But on a more serious vein, I'm pleased to be here because there really is so much to celebrate about Wyoming. The exhilaration of the land, of course -- we talked about that. Crystal streams, some of the cleanest air in our entire country. And yours is land where the passage of time and man have had little impact.

And our Native Americans understand the meaning of land. A wonderful Native American poet, Peter Blue Cloud, writes of what land can tell to those who listen. And he says, "Each day a different story is told me by the rain and wind and snow, the sun and moon shadows, this wonderful Earth, this Creation."

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And the values I speak of reject temporary fashion. Instead, they are values which are always in fashion. For a century they've shaped Wyoming, uplifted it just as they mold it today. And they are as pertinent to 1990 as that year 1890 when Wyoming became a star in the American constellation.

To begin, Wyomingites believe in self-reliance and this drive, this insatiable rugged pioneer drive. And that's why, when it comes to our young people, you believe that the federal government doesn't have all the answers and doesn't know best, that families right here in Wyoming know what's best. (Applause.) You walk down any street here and ask about the kids, and you want to make the choice -- you want to make it -- about their care. You want to ensure that parents, not bureaucrats, decide how to care for America's children. And Wyomingites don't want to expand the budget of the bureaucracy, you want to expand the horizons of our kids.

And so you know that education is best which is closest to the people. Education -- it's not a Republican issue or it's not a Democratic issue. It's not liberal or it's not conservative. It is an American issue. And we must do better in the United States of America. (Applause.)

But here in Wyoming, your graduation rate is second in the entire nation. (Applause.) And you rank seventh in the entire nation of states who administer these ACT tests. You can ask Mike Sullivan here. He's of a different party from me, and I don't think he wants more red tape. And I know he doesn't want more mandated benefits out of Washington, D.C. And as long as I'm President we are going to resist saddling Wyoming people with mandated degrees from Washington. (Applause.)

Because these members of the Congress with me and the Governor agree that what we ought to do is award excellence and seeing that the federal dollars help those most in need. We've got to demand accountability. We've got to give parents and students greater flexibility. We've got to give them choice. And ideas, in short, based on the values of local trust and local autonomy. Values as revered in Wyoming as love of freedom and love of God.

you talk to Wyomingites and they'll tell you that political values without moral values simply cannot sustain a nation. So you want voluntary prayer restored to America's classrooms. And so do I. (Applause.) Together somehow we've got to put the Faith Of

Our Fathers back in our schools. And I think one of the reasons that Barbara's speech at Wellesley touched a chord is she was talking about these Wyoming values -- of family and faith. And the American people are crying out for just that.

So you go to any Wyoming county and see these values in action. And here, too, we agree with a noted preacher who said, "A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag only, but the nation itself." I have a funny feeling, in spite of some of the criticism that I took for my recent attempt, ably assisted by those right here, to protect our flag -- I have a funny feeling that Wyoming's sons and daughters might understand more than most why I feel so strongly about the flag of the United States. (Applause.) I have great respect for the Constitution and great respect for the Bill of Rights. But I'm determined to push through an amendment that protects that unique symbol of America -- I emphasize the word unique -- the American flag.

Finally, let me close with perhaps the greatest Wyoming value of all -- neighborhoods and hearts as big as the open sky. No one has had to tell to lend a hand. You've done it. You are doing it. Building homes from sod, and schools to be constructed so kids could learn. You've all heard me talk about a thousand points of light of community service, of one American helping another. In the last few months I've named two Wyoming groups as America's Daily Points of Light -- the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens and the Yellowstone Recovery Corps. (Applause.) The volunteers, the descendants of heroes who forded rivers and tilled your farms, fought off everything from claim-jumpers to grizzly bears. In Wyoming, "do unto others" is, indeed, a century-old creed.

My friends, this stunning sculpture of "The Spirit of Wyoming," says so much about you and your state. And about the values I've talked about -- generosity, self reliance, love of country, love of God. Not only does it preserve a wonderful moment of Old West history for generations to appreciate, but also, by being located between the Capitol and your new Herschler building, it leads us all from the past to the future.

That is what the Centennial is all about. By recapturing our history and by renewing the bonds between past and present and between each other, we can discover the way to move ahead together to face the challenges of future frontiers.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are living in exciting times. We're seeing these dramatic changes in the world where totalitarian states are giving way to democracy and freedom. It is an exciting time to be a member of the United States of America family. And I came out here to salute you for keeping the underpinnings of America's greatness alive.

Thank you, and God bless each and every one of you. Thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

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1:29 P.M. MDT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 17, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT:

Wyoming Centennial Draft Speech

A fine draft. The "This is your gift to us" passages on page 4 are quite eloquent.

pg. 2, para. 3, line 1 "Our Native Americans understand the meaning of land."

We applaud the use of the term "Native American" here and hope to see it in future drafts when appropriate.

5,3,1 "[So I thought it would be a terrific to give a piece of this "first state" to our "first lady...."]

The idea of the President buying a symbolic parcel of land for the First Lady is a terrific gesture. We would favor retaining this graf, which we note is in brackets.

2,5,3 "And I started singing: "'Git along, little dogies,/For you know Wyoming will be your new home.'"

This is fine, but frankly, we've always had a soft spot for the theme to Rawhide, and would be interested to know if speechwriting research has tracked down the lyrics to that "driving" rhythm.

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: 07/16/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00 p.m. 07/17

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WYOMING CENTENNIAL  
(07/16 6:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 3:00 p.m. on 07/17, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

*Very good -  
S.R.*

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

(Hinchliffe/Dooley)  
July 16, 1990 6:00 p.m.  
CHEYENNE

1990 JUL 16 PM 6:50

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WYOMING CENTENNIAL  
STATE CAPITOL, CHEYENNE  
FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1990 1 p.m.

Thank you, Mike, for that introduction full of Wyoming warmth. And thanks most of all for arranging for me to arrive here in "Stagecoach One"! It's great to be back in Cheyenne, back under that great big open sky, back in the place where the pavement ends and the West begins.

There are some special friends here. Senator Malcolm Wallop -- a gentleman and ardent worker for so many issues near and dear to us. Senator Alan Simpson -- he takes on some tough fights and sticks with them, and always has his sense of humor -- something he's going to need a little later when he takes me fishing. I'm not sure if I'm up to your state's "cutthroat trout." I can't even manage the kinder, gentler rainbow kind.\\

And there's Congressman Craig Thomas -- we're glad to have you with us in Washington -- you're replacing a legend in Dick Cheney, and now you're forging your own brand of integrity and insight. And Mayor Gary Schaeffer -- congratulations on this wonderful day in your great city.

It's terrific to be here for your 94th Frontier Days -- for the "Daddy of 'em all!" Reminds me of rodeos I took my kids to in Texas. You know, I really feel at home here. Getting hurled about by bucking broncos...wrestling steers...struggling to ride wild horses...dealing with cattle rustlers...not to mention bull riding. But enough about trying to deal with Congress. \\

I'm really disappointed, though. I was looking forward to taking part in the chuckwagon races -- till I discovered that the cook put broccoli on today's menu. \\

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Our Native Americans understand the meaning of land. A wonderful Native American poet, Peter Blue Cloud, writes of what land can tell to those who listen. He says: "Each day a different story is told me by the rain and wind and snow, the sun and moon shadows, this wonderful earth, this Creation." \\

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You know, as I was getting ready to leave to come out here, I was thinking of the great Western movie, "Shane." And I started singing: "Git along, little doggies, / For you know Wyoming will be your new home." Well, poor Millie hightailed it. She was afraid that meant another move. \\

That song was about the legendary cattle drives, when, every year, 300,000 head of steer a year would make their way up the

dry, dusty trails from Texas to graze on your great open ranges. Well, that started me thinking. Maybe I can get a few drovers to come back with me to Washington. There's a herd up on Capitol Hill I'd like to get moving in the right direction. \\

When I think about cattle drives, and the Old West, so many images rush into my mind. Photos of the imagination, of a land of rich legends. Buffalo hunters on the last prairies. Pony Express riders pounding the cactus desert. Native Americans with their proud rituals of the spirit. Stagecoaches and gold miners along the Oregon Trail. Fur trappers and railroad builders and prospectors and cattlemen all coming upon nature's astonishing surprises, like Old Faithful.

And, mostly, I think of cowboys. Cowboys singing their melancholy songs around campfires -- these "partners of the wind and sun" who were courageous and independent and free, gifted with fierce individualism.

These scenes from our past -- of strong integrity and rugged pioneer drive and hearts as generous as the big open sky -- these are more than just memories. The entire country is celebrating your Centennial along with you. And that's because of your remarkable dedication to keeping the visions and values of our past alive.\\

"Lonesome Dove," one of my favorite books, begins with this passage from T.K. Whipple: "Our forefathers had civilization inside themselves -- the wild outside. We live in the civilization they created, but within us the wilderness still lingers. What they dreamed -- we live. And what they lived -- we dream."

Your Frontier Days and your Centennial are resurrecting that magnificent spirit of the Old West -- the most uniquely American spirit there is. This is your gift to us. \\

And that is why we are here today. To say thank you. You haven't let it die; that wonderful, proud spirit of Wild West independence. That early frontier vision of endless horizons and challenges. That feeling that we can do anything -- can do it together -- and can do it with honor and morality and pride. That feeling was, and is, everything that's best about America. \\

Yours is a brilliant legacy to the future. It is also a wonderful lesson of inclusion. Your ancestors knew the essential importance of banding together in their struggle to survive on those tumbleweed-tossed plains of history. You are living that same way today. More than 2,000 of you came together to make this rodeo possible -- that makes it one of the largest volunteer groups in the nation. And thousands more, from children to senior citizens, planned more than 500 Centennial events.

As we commemorate the year Wyoming became a new star in the American constellation, we're also celebrating your becoming part of yet another constellation, one we've called "the thousand points of light" of community service. Your volunteer effort is a legacy from people like Calamity Jane, who may have received her nickname because of her willingness to help victims of disaster, like those she nursed in the 1878 smallpox epidemic. \\

And that wonderful volunteer spirit lives on. In the last few months I have named two local groups as America's "Daily Points of Light" -- the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens and the

Yellowstone Recovery Corps. And this spirit stretches across the nation. Today we're saluting Alabama youth activist Mitchell Baldwin as our 200th Daily Point of Light. \\\

I'm delighted to be part of your year-long people's centennial. And when I heard about your theme -- "A Lasting Legacy" -- and the chance to buy a square foot of land at the Centennial Acre, I had a great idea. You see, Barbara loves it when I come to Wyoming. Keeps reminding me that this is the "Equality State." And it is astounding that at the very first session of your territorial legislature -- 121 years ago -- your ancestors did something no American or European government had ever done. They gave women equal rights to vote and hold office. \\\

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God bless all of you, and the magnificent Cowboy State of Wyoming.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *WJ*  
FROM:                BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*  
SUBJECT:             WYOMING CENTENNIAL ADDRESS

I. SUMMARY

In Cheyenne, Wyoming, on Friday, July 20, 1990, you will address citizens during their 94th annual Frontier Days rodeo (the biggest and oldest). You will take part in their parade for two blocks, eventually arriving at the state Capitol where you will make your remarks.

In addition to the spectators (estimated to be in the thousands), also present will be Senators Malcolm Wallop and Alan Simpson, Representative Craig Thomas, and Cheyenne Mayor Gary Schaeffer.

II. DISCUSSION

This is your Centennial address for Wyoming, which celebrates its 100th birthday this month. After some mention of the rodeo, your remarks concentrate on the spirit of the state: in particular, they focus on how residents are committing to recognizing and perpetuating the values of the Old West.

At the end, if you choose, you have the opportunity to take part in their major Centennial event, called "The Lasting Legacy": purchasing a square foot of land in "Centennial Acre".

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi  
Assistant to the President  
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WASHINGTON

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *CW*  
FROM:                BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*  
SUBJECT:            WYOMING CENTENNIAL ADDRESS

I. SUMMARY

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In addition to the spectators (estimated to be in the thousands), also present will be Senators Malcolm Wallop and Alan Simpson, Representative Craig Thomas, and Cheyenne Mayor Gary Schaeffer.

II. DISCUSSION

This is your Centennial address for Wyoming, which celebrates its 100th birthday this month. After some mention of the rodeo, your remarks concentrate on the spirit of the state: in particular, they focus on how residents are committing to recognizing and perpetuating the values of the Old West.

At the end, if you choose, you have the opportunity to take part in their major Centennial event, called "The Lasting Legacy": purchasing a square foot of land in "Centennial Acre".

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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.  
HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*  
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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Wyoming Centennial

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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(Hinchliffe/Dooley)  
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1990 JUL 16 PM 6:59

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When I think about cattle drives, and the Old West, so many images rush into my mind. Photos of the imagination, of a land of rich legends. Buffalo hunters on the last prairies. Pony Express riders pounding the cactus desert. Native Americans with their proud rituals of the spirit. Stagecoaches and gold miners along the Oregon Trail. Fur trappers and railroad builders and prospectors and cattlemen all coming upon nature's astonishing surprises, like Old Faithful.

And, mostly, I think of cowboys. Cowboys singing their melancholy songs around campfires -- these "partners of the wind and sun" who were courageous and independent and free, gifted with fierce individualism.

These scenes from our past -- of strong integrity and rugged pioneer drive and hearts as generous as the big open sky -- these are more than just memories. The entire country is celebrating your Centennial along with you. And that's because of your remarkable dedication to keeping the visions and values of our past alive.\\

"Lonesome Dove," one of my favorite books, begins with this passage from T.K. Whipple: "Our forefathers had civilization inside themselves -- the wild outside. We live in the civilization they created, but within us the wilderness still lingers. What they dreamed -- we live. And what they lived -- we dream."

Your Frontier Days and your Centennial are resurrecting that magnificent spirit of the Old West -- the most uniquely American spirit there is. This is your gift to us. \\

And that is why we are here today. To say thank you. You haven't let it die; that wonderful, proud spirit of Wild West independence. That early frontier vision of endless horizons and challenges. That feeling that we can do anything -- can do it together -- and can do it with honor and morality and pride. That feeling was, and is, everything that's best about America. \\

Yours is a brilliant legacy to the future. It is also a wonderful lesson of inclusion. Your ancestors knew the essential importance of banding together in their struggle to survive on those tumbleweed-tossed plains of history. You are living that same way today. More than 2,000 of you came together to make this rodeo possible -- that makes it one of the largest volunteer groups in the nation. And thousands more, from children to senior citizens, planned more than 500 Centennial events.

As we commemorate the year Wyoming became a new star in the American constellation, we're also celebrating your becoming part of yet another constellation, one we've called "the thousand points of light" of community service. Your volunteer effort is a legacy from people like Calamity Jane, who may have received her nickname because of her willingness to help victims of disaster, like those she nursed in the 1878 smallpox epidemic. \\

And that wonderful volunteer spirit lives on. In the last few months I have named two <sup>state Wyoming</sup> local groups as America's "Daily Points of Light" -- the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens and the

Yellowstone Recovery Corps. And this spirit stretches across the nation. Today we're saluting <sup>a young man from</sup> Alabama, youth activist Mitchell Baldwin, as our 200th Daily Point of Light. \\\ /

*Mitch was born into a poor family but now serves as a mentor for young people teaching them that everyone has a gift to give.*

I'm delighted to be part of your year-long people's centennial. And when I heard about your theme -- "A Lasting Legacy" -- and the chance to buy a square foot of land at the Centennial Acre, I had a great idea. You see, Barbara loves it when I come to Wyoming. Keeps reminding me that this is the "Equality State." And it is astounding that at the very first session of your territorial legislature -- 121 years ago -- your ancestors did something no American or European government had ever done. They gave women equal rights to vote and hold office. \\\

[So I thought it would be terrific to give a piece of this "first state" to our "first lady." Governor Sullivan, I have \$10 in my pocket and I want you to reserve a piece of Wyoming's rich heritage as a gift for Barbara. \\\ ]

My friends, your stunning sculpture over there, Edward Fraughton's "The Spirit of Wyoming," says so much about you and your state. Not only does it preserve a wonderful moment of Old West history for generations to appreciate: but also, by being located between your old Capitol and your new Herschler building, it leads us all from the past to the future.

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(Hinchliffe/Dooley)  
July 19, 1990 6:00 p.m.  
CHEYENNE

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WYOMING CENTENNIAL  
STATE CAPITOL, CHEYENNE  
FRIDAY, JULY 20, 1990 1 p.m.

Gov. Sullivan

Thank you, Jerry [General Chairman of Frontier days], for that introduction full of Wyoming warmth. [And thanks most of all for arranging for me to arrive here in ~~"Stagecoach One"~~]

Antique Pick-up Truck

It's great to be back in Cheyenne, back under that great big open sky, back in the place where the pavement ends and the West begins.

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