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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
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July 21, 1990

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT CHRISTENING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON

Newport News, Virginia

11:21 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. What a great day in Newport News. And to all of you out there, thank you for the warm welcome. And Dick Cheney, our able Secretary of Defense, thank you, sir, for those kind words.

You know, we're living in changing times, very exciting times for world peace. We're living in tough times in a lot of ways. But it is so important that we have an able Secretary of Defense leading for our country's best interests, our security interests. And I just want to say to this marvelous gathering today, I can think of no one better to be Secretary of Defense at this critical time than Dick Cheney. I am blessed to have him at my side. (Applause.)

And I'm very proud to have other strong supporters of defense with us today -- our distinguished Senator from Virginia, Chuck Robb, a long-time friend and a strong supporter of all that the Navy undertakes. And it's a pleasure to see the Tidewater contingent from Congress, Herb Bateman and Owen Pickett, Norm Siskey -- all who understand the Navy's mission, all who understand national defense. And, of course, I'll single out one other member of Congress I recognize, though he's known as B-1 Bob Dornan from California, he, too, a strong supporter -- Congressman Dornan.

I don't want to reminisce too long, but I see Senator Harry Byrd out here. Harry, stand up -- (applause) -- a great Virginian and another one who has stood for defense. (Applause.)

Ed Campbell, my thanks to you, sir -- President of Newport News Shipbuilding. And then my dear friend from Houston, Jim Kettleman, who is the CEO of Tenneco. Secretary Larry Garrett, doing a superb job for the Navy. And, of course, our new CNO, my friend, Admiral Kelso. All our other distinguished guests.

I am very pleased to be here this morning with my daughter, Dorothy. She's today's matron of honor. And I know that Barbara, the Silver Fox, we call her -- (laughter) -- is deeply honored that you've chosen her to christen this magnificent ship -- the George Washington.

Coming to the shipyards today put me in mind of my first government job that Dick referred to. I was commissioned at the age of 18, an ensign in the Navy and a carrier pilot. And things were quite different then. The planes were slower, the ships were smaller. And as I look around at these admirals and some of the enlisted men and women that I've been privileged to meet with, they all seem a lot younger today. Captain Nutwell looks too young to drive a great big ship like this. (Laughter.)

But what I think it sums up to is that I've been told by our Chief of Naval Operations, by General Powell, by the other Chiefs, that we have never had finer officers or men and women, enlisted men and women in the Armed Services than we have today. And they look young to me, but they're the best and we are very, very proud of them. (Applause.)

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I don't want to get too nostalgic here -- notice my Navy tie, however. (Laughter.) But on my ship, the San Jacinto -- it was one of those "fast carriers" built atop a cruiser hull in the early months of our entry into the war. The deck wasn't much wider than the wing span of the plane I flew, a TBF Grumman Avenger. Now, looking up at the Washington, I'm not sure that the San Jacinto itself wouldn't fit on a hangar deck of this behemoth.

For all of you -- and I now speak to those who are doing the work of building this magnificent vessel, who have put months and years of your best work into this aircraft carrier, this has got to be a very proud day for you, as it is for me. The George Washington joins a noble line that begins with the first aircraft carrier built here -- that was the Ranger, back in 1934.

Many of you out here are sons and daughters of shipbuilders -- in some families, four generations have worked here, turning steel into ships. Men like Edgar Davis -- 80 years old now -- who followed his father and four brothers into these yards -- and whose son and two grandsons work here today. When Edgar started work in 1926, there were no portable electric lights, so the steel workers went down into the hull holding candles. And yet, before he retired 48 years later, Edgar Davis and his fellow workers here at Newport News had helped launch the nuclear Navy.

Edgar said he'd be here today if the weather was good. We tried to oblige him. He said, "I've seen so many launchings, but I'll tell you, I'm just as enthused about this one as I was about my very first."

This magnificent ship is a tribute to your talents. Few realize the magnitude of your task -- what it means to build a state-of-the-art supercarrier: A warship, a floating city, an airport -- all rolled into one. But here she is -- about to be launched, one step closer to service -- one step closer to the sea.

The carrier came of age, I think, in the Second World War -- and the ships built in this yard helped us turn the tide in the Pacific. The Battle of Midway -- the greatest naval contest in history. At Leyte Gulf -- where our Navy captured control of the Western Pacific. When Jimmy Doolittle led his legendary raid on Tokyo, he took off from the deck of the Hornet -- built right here at Newport News. Today, the carrier remains an indispensable element in the American arsenal: Projecting power. Preserving the peace.

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But while freedom has made great gains, we have not entered an era of perpetual peace. What George Washington said in the 18th century is truer today than it ever was: "To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving the peace." American power is still the world's paramount force for freedom. And as in time of war, when America waged the fight for freedom far from our shores -- so today, we must maintain a policy of peacetime engagement and armed forces sufficient to sustain our national interest. We are inescapably the leader of free world defense, the connecting link in a global alliance of democracies, the pivotal factor of stability. We will not shrink from this responsibility. Let the George Washington proclaim America's commitment to remain forever free.

Once again, Barbara, Dorothy and I thank you for this warm welcome. We are pleased and honored to be a part of these proceedings. May God bless the George Washington and all who sail in her and all who fly from her deck. Thank you very, very much. (Applause.)

Sen. Robb
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DM*
SUBJECT: CHRISTENING CEREMONY FOR THE GEORGE WASHINGTON

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11:25 a.m.
[WASH]

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JULY 21, 1990
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DATE: 07/12/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 p.m. Friday 07/13

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHRISTENING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON NEWPORT NEWS, VA (07/12 5:15 pm draft)

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RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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McGroarty/Dooley
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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

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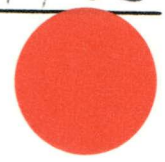
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The NSC staff has reviewed the remarks and proposes the two changes at Tab A.

08:06 21 Jul 90
Brent Scowcroft
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James W. Cicconi
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cc: James Cicconi

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Christening of the George Washington Newport News, VA

The remarks for the christening of the George Washington are well written and appropriate for the occasion.

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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TO: Chriss Winston

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Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 07/13, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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McGroarty/Dooley
July 12, 1990
5:15 pm
[WASH]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHRISTENING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA
JULY 21, 1990
11:00 A.M.

Thank you, Dick [Sec. Cheney]. [Introductory
acknowledgements: Edward Campbell, President, Newport News
Shipbuilding, U.S. Navy officials.] I am delighted to be here
this morning, and I know Barbara is deeply honored that you have
chosen her to christen this magnificent ship -- the GEORGE
WASHINGTON. //

Flying in today, looking down as we came in over the
shipyards, put me in mind of my first government job. / I was
18, an ensign in the U.S. Navy -- and after a ten-month training
program, a carrier pilot. Of course, things were different then.
The planes were slower, the ships were smaller. In fact, on my
ship, the SAN JACINTO -- one of the "fast carriers" built atop
cruiser hulls in the early months of our entry into the war --
the deck wasn't much wider than the wing span of the plane I
flew. // Now, looking up at the WASHINGTON, I wonder whether
the SAN JACINTO itself wouldn't fit on her deck. //

For all of you who have put months and years of your best
work into this great tower of steel, this is a proud day in the
long history of the Newport News Shipyards. The GEORGE

WASHINGTON joins a noble line that begins with the first aircraft carrier, the USS RANGER, built here back in 1934.

Many of you are sons and daughters of shipbuilders -- in some families, four generations have worked here, turning steel into ships. Men like Edgar Davis -- 80 years old now -- who followed his father and five brothers into these yards -- and whose son and two grandsons work here today. / When Edgar started work in 1926, there were no portable electric lights -- so the steel workers went down into the hull holding candles. // And yet, before he retired 48 years later, Edgar Davis and his fellow workers here at Newport News had **helped launch the nuclear Navy.** //

[[Edgar said he'd be here today -- if the weather was good. // He said, "I've seen so many launchings.... But I'll tell you, I'm just as enthused about this one as I was about my first."]]

This magnificent ship is a tribute to the talents of each and every individual who works here. Few realize the magnitude of your task -- what it means to build a **state-of-the-art supercarrier: A warship, a floating city, and an airport** -- all rolled into one. // But here she is -- about to be launched, one step closer to service -- one step closer to the sea. //

The carrier came of age in the Second World War -- and the ships built in this yard helped us turn the tide in the Pacific. At the Battle of Midway -- the greatest naval contest in history. At Leyte Gulf -- where our Navy broke the back of the Japanese

fleet. ~~When~~ Jimmy Doolittle led his legendary raid on Tokyo, he took off from the deck of the USS HORNET -- built right here at Newport News. // Today, the carrier remains an indispensable element in the American arsenal: **Projecting power. / Preserving the peace. //**

Today, fortunately, is not a time of war. / A new chapter is opening -- a day of great promise, a time of triumph for the ideals all Americans hold dear.

But while freedom has made great gains, we have not entered an era of perpetual peace. / American power is still the world's paramount force for freedom. And, as in time of war, when America waged the fight for freedom far from our shores -- so today, we must maintain a policy of peacetime engagement -- and an Armed Forces sufficient to sustain our national interest. // **Let the GEORGE WASHINGTON proclaim America's commitment to remain forever free. //**

Once again, Barbara and I thank you for your warm welcome. // May God bless the GEORGE WASHINGTON, all who sail in her, and all who fly from her deck.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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July 16, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

SUBJECT: CHRISTENING CEREMONY FOR THE GEORGE WASHINGTON

I. SUMMARY

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 21, you will speak at the christening ceremony for the aircraft carrier GEORGE WASHINGTON. Mrs. Bush is the sponsor of the ship.

Secretary Cheney will introduce you. Also at the ceremony will be Secretary of the Navy H. Lawrence Garrett; Admiral Frank Kelso, Chief of Naval Operations; Edward J. Campbell, President and CEO of Newport News Shipbuilding; James Ketelsen, CEO of Tenneco, Newport News's parent company; Senator Warner; and several Virginia Congressmen.

The event is open to the public, and the audience will include primarily Newport News shipyard workers and their families.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks discuss the proud history of both the Newport News shipbuilding yards and the Navy's aircraft carriers, and the important roles they have played in our nation's defense.

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McGroarty/Dooley
July 17, 1990
11:25 a.m.
[WASH]

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NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA
JULY 21, 1990
11:00 A.M.

Thank you, ~~Dick~~ [Sec. Cheney]. It's always a pleasure to see ~~my friend~~ Senator John Warner. ~~And~~ And Congressman Herb Bateman. Edward Campbell, President, Newport News Shipbuilding, U.S. Navy officials.] I am delighted to be here this morning, and I know Barbara is deeply honored that you have chosen her to christen this magnificent ship -- the GEORGE WASHINGTON. //

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WASHINGTON joins a noble line that begins with the first aircraft carrier, the RANGER, built here back in 1934.

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Pacific. When Jimmy Doolittle led his legendary raid on Tokyo, he took off from the deck of the HORNET -- built right here at Newport News. // Today, the carrier remains an indispensable element in the American arsenal: **Projecting power.** / **Preserving the peace.** //

Today, fortunately, is not a time of war. / A new chapter is opening -- a day of great promise, a time of triumph for the ideals all Americans hold dear.

But while freedom has made great gains, we have not entered an era of perpetual peace. / What George Washington said in the eighteenth century is truer today than it ever was, "To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving the peace." American power is still the world's paramount force for freedom. And, as in time of war, when America waged the fight for freedom far from our shores -- so today, we must maintain a policy of peacetime engagement --and an ^e Armed Forces sufficient to sustain our national interest. // We are inescapably ^{the} ~~a~~ ^{of free world} ~~for~~ ^{defense,} leader, the connecting link in a global alliance of democracies, the pivotal factor of stability. We will not shrink from this responsibility. ^{and} Let the GEORGE WASHINGTON proclaim **America's commitment to remain forever free.** //

Once again, Barbara and I thank you for your warm welcome. // May God bless the GEORGE WASHINGTON, all who sail in her, and all who fly from her deck.

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**CHRISTENING OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA \ JULY 21, 1990 \ 11:00 A.M.**

**THANK YOU, SECRETARY CHENEY, FOR THOSE KIND WORDS -
- AND FOR YOUR FIRST-RATE WORK AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
/ WE'RE JOINED TODAY BY SENATOR ROBB. / AND IT'S
ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SEE THE TIDEWATER CONTINGENT FROM
CONGRESS: HERB BATEMAN, OWEN PICKETT, NORMAN SISISKY.
/ EDWARD CAMPBELL, PRESIDENT OF NEWPORT NEWS
SHIPBUILDING. AND JIM KETELSEN, ~~CHIEF~~ CEO OF
TENNECO.**

SECRETARY GARRETT, ADMIRAL KELSO -- AND ALL OUR OTHER
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE THIS
MORNING ^{WITH MY DAUGHTER DORO, MARON OF HONOR} AND I KNOW BARBARA IS DEEPLY HONORED THAT YOU
HAVE CHOSEN HER TO CHRISTEN THIS MAGNIFICENT SHIP --
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON. ^{DOWN TO}
~~FLYING IN TODAY, LOOKING DOWN AS WE CAME IN OVER~~ ^{COMING INTO THE SHIPYARDS TODAY}
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JOB. / I WAS 18, AN ENSIGN IN THE U.S. NAVY -- AND
AFTER A TEN-MONTH TRAINING PROGRAM, A CARRIER PILOT.

OF COURSE, THINGS WERE DIFFERENT THEN. THE PLANES WERE SLOWER, THE SHIPS WERE SMALLER. IN FACT, ON MY SHIP, THE SAN JACINTO -- ONE OF THE "FAST CARRIERS" BUILT ATOP CRUISER HULLS IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF OUR ENTRY INTO THE WAR -- THE DECK WASN'T MUCH WIDER THAN THE WING SPAN OF THE PLANE I FLEW. // NOW, LOOKING UP AT THE WASHINGTON, I WONDER WHETHER THE SAN JACINTO ITSELF WOULDN'T FIT ON HER DECK. //

FOR ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE PUT MONTHS AND YEARS OF YOUR BEST WORK INTO THIS GREAT AIRCRAFT CARRIER, THIS IS A PROUD DAY IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE NEWPORT NEWS SHIPYARDS. THE GEORGE WASHINGTON JOINS A NOBLE LINE THAT BEGINS WITH THE FIRST AIRCRAFT CARRIER, ^{built here} THE RANGER, ~~BUILT HERE~~ BACK IN 1934.

MANY OF YOU ARE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF SHIPBUILDERS -- IN SOME FAMILIES, FOUR GENERATIONS HAVE WORKED HERE, TURNING STEEL INTO SHIPS.

MEN LIKE EDGAR DAVIS -- 80 YEARS OLD NOW -- WHO FOLLOWED HIS FATHER AND FOUR BROTHERS INTO THESE YARDS -- AND WHOSE SON AND TWO GRANDSONS WORK HERE TODAY. / WHEN EDGAR STARTED WORK IN 1926, THERE WERE NO PORTABLE ELECTRIC LIGHTS -- SO THE STEEL WORKERS WENT DOWN INTO THE HULL HOLDING CANDLES. // AND YET, BEFORE HE RETIRED 48 YEARS LATER, EDGAR DAVIS AND HIS FELLOW WORKERS HERE AT NEWPORT NEWS HAD HELPED LAUNCH THE NUCLEAR NAVY. //

[[EDGAR SAID HE'D BE HERE TODAY -- IF THE WEATHER WAS GOOD. // HE SAID, "I'VE SEEN SO MANY LAUNCHINGS.... BUT I'LL TELL YOU, I'M JUST AS ENTHUSED ABOUT THIS ONE AS I WAS ABOUT MY FIRST."]]

THIS MAGNIFICENT SHIP IS A TRIBUTE TO THE TALENTS OF EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO WORKS HERE. FEW REALIZE THE MAGNITUDE OF YOUR TASK -- WHAT IT MEANS TO BUILD A STATE-OF-THE-ART SUPERCARRIER: A WARSHIP, A FLOATING CITY, AND AN AIRPORT -- ALL ROLLED INTO ONE.

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BUT HERE SHE IS -- ABOUT TO BE LAUNCHED, ONE STEP
CLOSER TO SERVICE -- ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE SEA. //

THE CARRIER CAME OF AGE IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR --
AND THE SHIPS BUILT IN THIS YARD HELPED US TURN THE
TIDE IN THE PACIFIC. AT THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY -- THE
GREATEST NAVAL CONTEST IN HISTORY. AT LEYTE GULF --
WHERE OUR NAVY CAPTURED CONTROL OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC.

WHEN JIMMY DOOLITTLE LED HIS LEGENDARY RAID ON TOKYO,
HE TOOK OFF FROM THE DECK OF THE HORNET -- BUILT RIGHT
HERE AT NEWPORT NEWS. // TODAY, THE CARRIER REMAINS
AN INDISPENSIBLE ELEMENT IN THE AMERICAN ARSENAL:
PROJECTING POWER. / PRESERVING THE PEACE. //

TODAY, FORTUNATELY, IS NOT A TIME OF WAR. / A NEW
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TRIUMPH FOR THE IDEALS ALL AMERICANS HOLD DEAR.

BUT WHILE FREEDOM HAS MADE GREAT GAINS, WE HAVE NOT ENTERED AN ERA OF PERPETUAL PEACE. / WHAT GEORGE WASHINGTON SAID IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY IS TRUER TODAY THAN IT EVER WAS, "TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PRESERVING THE PEACE." AMERICAN POWER IS STILL THE WORLD'S PARAMOUNT FORCE FOR FREEDOM.

AND, AS IN TIME OF WAR, WHEN AMERICA WAGED THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM FAR FROM OUR SHORES -- SO TODAY, WE MUST MAINTAIN A POLICY OF PEACETIME ENGAGEMENT --AND ARMED FORCES SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST. //

WE ARE INESCAPABLY THE LEADER OF FREE WORLD DEFENSE, THE CONNECTING LINK IN A GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF DEMOCRACIES, THE PIVOTAL FACTOR OF STABILITY. WE WILL NOT SHRINK FROM THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

**AND LET THE GEORGE WASHINGTON PROCLAIM AMERICA'S
COMMITMENT TO REMAIN FOREVER FREE. //**

**ONCE AGAIN, BARBARA AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR WARM
WELCOME. // MAY GOD BLESS THE GEORGE WASHINGTON, ALL
WHO SAIL IN HER, AND ALL WHO FLY FROM HER DECK.**

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