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**YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM / ROOM 450
MONDAY, JULY 30, 1990 / 1:50 P.M.**

**THANK YOU ALL -- IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE. [THOUGH MY AIDE LISA SAYS THAT WHEN SHE TOLD ONE OF YOU THAT THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN AMERICA WOULD BE STOPPING BY TO SAY HELLO, HE REPLIED, "TERRIFIC! WHEN DOES ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER GET HERE?"] **

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BUT IT REALLY IS GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL TODAY. TO SEE THE FACES OF AMERICA'S FUTURE LEADERS. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE.

YOU KNOW, A LOT OF PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT ENVY YOU --
BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE ENERGY; \\ THE OPTIMISM; \\ THE
VISION; \\ AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE OUR COUNTRY IN
THE 21ST CENTURY.

THAT'S A WONDERFUL CHALLENGE. BUT IT'S ALSO A
TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY. BECAUSE ONE OF OUR GREATEST
OBLIGATIONS IS TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE TO OUR
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

AND IT WAS WITH EXACTLY THAT IN MIND THAT I MADE MY
DECISION TO NOMINATE JUDGE DAVID SOUTER TO THE SUPREME
COURT. \\

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST CRUCIAL DECISIONS A
PRESIDENT CAN EVER MAKE. AND I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WAS ON
MY MIND. IT WAS THIS NATION'S ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL
DEMAND FOR DEDICATION, INTELLIGENCE AND INTEGRITY IN
ITS LEADERS. \\

YOU KNOW, NOMINATING A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE IS AN IMPRESSIVE RESPONSIBILITY. I FELT THAT TO LIVE UP TO THAT RESPONSIBILITY -- THAT TRUST THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE PLACED IN ME -- I HAD TO ENSURE THAT MY NOMINEE WOULD BRING EXACTLY THESE VALUES OF COMMITMENT TO THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY. \ \ AND I AM CONVINCED THAT JUDGE DAVID SOUTER IS THE MAN WHO WILL. \ \

AMERICA WILL CHANGE TREMENDOUSLY OVER THE COMING DECADES. TECHNOLOGY MAY MAKE OUR WORLD ALMOST UNRECOGNIZABLE. SO WE CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THE VARIETY AND COMPLEXITY OF THE DECISIONS THE NEXT SUPREME COURT WILL BE CALLED ON TO MAKE. THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T CHOOSE A JUSTICE BASED ON A SIMPLISTIC, ONE-ISSUE LITMUS TEST. \ \ \ WE HAVE TO CHOOSE THE NEXT SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ON THE BASIS OF HIS INNER CORE AS A HUMAN BEING. \ \ ON THE STRENGTH OF CHARACTER THAT INFORMS HIS DECISIONS. \ \

THE DEPTH OF HIS INTELLECT AND HIS CARING. \\ HIS
THOUGHTFULNESS AND FAIRNESS. \\ AND HIS FAITHFULNESS TO
THE CONSTITUTION. \\

YOU KNOW, YOU'RE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE
INHERITING THIS COUNTRY. SO I WANT TO MAKE YOU A
PROMISE AND PLEDGE. AND I DO THIS WITH ABSOLUTE
CONFIDENCE AND CANDOR. JUDGE DAVID SOUTER WILL SERVE
US ALL FAIRLY AND WISELY AND WELL, AS OUR GENERATION
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**GOOD LUCK IN WHATEVER PATHS YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE. I KNOW
YOU'LL HAVE A GREAT FUTURE -- BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY WILL
HAVE A GREAT FUTURE. \\
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THANK YOU; AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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Not nice to
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *aw*
FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*
SUBJECT: YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

I. SUMMARY

This afternoon, you will address approximately 200 young people (average age: 20) in Room 450, OEOB. The students, who have come from across the country, were selected by their sponsoring organizations as outstanding young leaders. They will be here for a day of briefings.

II. DISCUSSION

These remarks (4 minutes, cards) focus on Judge Souter. Because of the youth of the audience, this draft concentrates on this appointment as a legacy for the future.

(Hinchliffe)
July 27, 1990 1 p.m.
MONDAY

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM
Monday, July 30
Room 450

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[Actually, it's good that Arnold -- I call him "Conan the Republican" -- went into acting, not politics. Imagine being in Congress and having to debate an opponent with "Total Recall".\\]

But it really is good to see you all today. To see the faces of America's future leaders. And that's what you are. You know, a lot of people in government envy you -- because you have the energy; \\ the optimism; \\ the vision; \\ and the opportunity to shape our country in the 21st century.

That's a wonderful challenge. But it's also a tremendous responsibility. Because one of our greatest obligations is to leave a legacy of excellence to our children and grandchildren. And it was with exactly that in mind that I made my decision to nominate Judge David Souter to the Supreme Court. \\

This is one of the most crucial decisions a President can ever make. And I'll tell you what was on my mind. It was this nation's absolutely crucial demand for dedication, intelligence and integrity in its leaders. \\

You know, nominating a Supreme Court justice is an

impressive responsibility. I felt that to live up to that responsibility -- that trust that the American people placed in me -- I had to ensure that my nominee would bring exactly these values of commitment to the service of our country. \\ And I am convinced that Judge David Souter is the man who will.\\

America will change tremendously over the coming decades. Technology may make our world almost unrecognizable. So we can't even imagine the variety and complexity of the decisions the next Supreme Court will be called on to make. That's why we can't choose a Justice based on a simplistic, one-issue litmus test.\\

We have to choose the next Supreme Court Justice on the basis of his inner core as a human being. \\ On the strength of character that informs his decisions. \\ The depth of his intellect and his caring. \\ His thoughtfulness and fairness. \\ And his faithfulness to the Constitution.\\

You know, you're the people who are going to be inheriting this country. So I want to make you a promise and pledge. And I do this with absolute confidence and candor. Judge David Souter will serve us all fairly and wisely and well, as our generation turns the reins of administration over to yours.

He will bring to this country: experience; \\ informed impartiality; \\ and an admirable moral compass that will guide us through the changes and crises that lay ahead. \\

I am proud of my choice - \\ I am proud of this man - \\ and I know America will be proud too. \\

It's been great getting to see you all today -- I wish I

could stay with you longer, but I know you're going to enjoy the rest of the briefings. Good luck in whatever paths you choose to take. I know you'll have a great future -- because this country will have a great future. \\

Thank you; and God bless you all.

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RESPONSE:

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

(Hinchliffe)
July 27, 1990 1 p.m.
MONDAY
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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENT. THANKS.

HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*
7-30-90

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RB*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Youth Leadership Forum

yes
We have reviewed the attached draft and have several comments. The joke about Roseanne Barr and the National Anthem is inappropriate. The President has had his say on the subject, the focus of today's speech should be on the Souter nomination.

no
In the fifth paragraph of page one, the phrase, "you're the caretakers for a generation that hasn't yet been born" may be taken out of context and linked to the abortion issue. We recommend this phrase be deleted.

We also suggest the reference to Justice Brennan on page two be deleted. In addition, noting that Judge Souter may serve the court until 2025 may add excessive drama to the Senate confirmation process. The President should merely emphasize the importance of the appointment.

If you have any questions or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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