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THE ROSE GARDEN

SUBJECT: MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 1990
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 3, 1990

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INFORMATION FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*
FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE ALL-AMERICAN CITIES AWARDS

I. SUMMARY

The annual All-American Cities Awards ceremony will be held on Monday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rose Garden. Approximately 125 guests are expected. The attached remarks are approximately eight minutes in length and will be on speechcards. You will be joined on stage by National Civic League Chair Henry Cisneros and Allstate CEO Wayne Hedien [heh-DEEN].

II. DISCUSSION

The National Civic League, which was established by Theodore Roosevelt, has presented the All-American Cities Awards for 41 years. This year, the League received more applicants than ever before.

This award honors cities which exemplify a true volunteer spirit and have really pulled together to address problems and issues in their communities. The winners are a diverse group with equally diverse programs: they range from large cities combatting drugs and gangs, to medium-sized towns lending a hand to the elderly, to very small towns struggling to rebuild a sense of community.

The attached remarks briefly highlight the work of these winning cities and praise them all for rising to meet the challenges in their communities.

The remarks begin with a serious note on the budget summit.

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August 3, 1990
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When you take the initiative, you've got to take the heat. And yes, I took my share this summer, for agreeing to put everything on the table in those negotiations -- including tax revenue increases -- and we all watched as some took the opportunity to make political hay, instead of progress.

Well, in spite of that summit, the House has passed ten appropriations bills, eight of which exceed my request. In total, the ten bills exceed my request by \$14 billion.

And in spite of our calls for budget reform, the Senate Budget Committee voted on a bill that weakened the budget process.

Now Congress has gone on recess. Vacation. And 86 days after I called on the Democrat leaders in the Congress to work with me toward a bipartisan budget solution, -- after nearly three months -- the Democrats have yet to offer one single proposal.

I took the initiative -- I took the heat -- and now I'm taking my case to the American public. So I'm laying my cards on the table. When the Congress comes back, let them understand this: I will veto any and every spending bill that busts the budget.

One more thing. If the Congress really wants economic growth and increased government revenues, the place to start is not with tax increases -- it's with a capital gains tax cut.

[PAUSE] /// I feel better already. Now that we've cleared that up, on to the business at hand.]]

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REMARKS:

Please provide comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to my office by 2:00 PM TODAY. Thank you.

RESPONSE: MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

August 4, 1990

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The NSC staff concurs with the attached.

Brent Scowcroft

James W. Cicconi
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 3, 1990

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INFORMATION FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*
FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE ALL-AMERICAN CITIES AWARDS

I. SUMMARY

The annual All-American Cities Awards ceremony will be held on Monday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rose Garden. Approximately 125 guests are expected. The attached remarks are approximately eight minutes in length and will be on speechcards. You will be joined on stage by National Civic League Chair Henry Cisneros and Allstate CEO Wayne Hedien [heh-DEEN].

II. DISCUSSION

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The attached remarks briefly highlight the work of these winning cities and praise them all for rising to meet the challenges in their communities.

The remarks begin with a serious note on the budget summit.

CAMP DAVID

Remarks on Cities O.K. without

Budget stuff. Decided to

postpone budget til Tuesday.

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August 3, 1990
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August 1, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: All-American Cities

Solid remarks with an excellent message. We have no comments from a policy standpoint and approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/30/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 8/1/90 NOON

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ALL-AMERICAN CITIES

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REMARKS:
 Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, Wednesday, August 1, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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

(Lange/Cawley)
July 30, 1990
5:30 P.M.
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WHITE HOUSE ~~SECRET~~ MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ALL-AMERICAN CITIES AWARDS
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SUBJECT: MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 1990, 10:00 AM
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