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**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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And when they say, "You can't get there from here" -- you've proved that you can.

[And now I'd like to present...]

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~~This fall, the American people are going to understand that failure to govern.~~ And *W*hen the Congress comes back, let them

understand this: I will veto any and every spending bill that exceeds the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings baseline.

[[ Remember that little old lady who used to run around yelling, "Where's the beef?" Well, we need a Congress willing to ask, "Where's the Pork!" // And the courage to Just Say No. ]]

But we gathered here to pay our respects to Americans with the courage and creativity to find their own solutions, and not wait for the Federal Government.

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

August 2, 1990

NOTE TO CHRISS WINSTON  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS

FROM: BILL KRISTOL *WR*  
CHIEF OF STAFF

Here's suggested substitute material regarding the budget for the President's remarks Monday.

cc: Governor Sununu  
Dick Darman  
Jim Cicconi  
Andy Card  
Ed Rogers

Well, after the Congress has had its rest, here's what I expect:

First, I expect the Congress to endorse our proposal to cut the capital gains tax. This is key to continued economic growth. Last year's failure -- caused by the Democratic leadership in Congress -- to pass this tax cut has already cost America jobs, and has increased the federal deficit. 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.

Second, I expect the Congress to get serious about spending. In \_\_\_\_\_ I sent the Congress a budget which held spending at responsible levels. In the X months since then, the House has passed X appropriations bills which spend X billion more than my request -- and some of the pork they've added has to be seen to be beleived. (examples) And X months later, we haven't seen one word of any responsible spending proposal from the Democrats.

Ladies and gentlemen, I promise you this. I will veto any spending bill that exceeds the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings baseline. And I can also say that if the Democrats do not produce a budget proposal with real cuts in their pet programs by Labor Day -- then they're still not serious about cutting the deficit.

Finally, I expect the Congress to reform this zany budget process once and for all. Instead of voting against the Balanced Budget

Amendment, and then complaining about deficits, they ought to pass the Amendment and then give me a line item veto so we can get the job done.

Well, that's what I expect from the Democrats in Congress when they return. I don't think it's too much to ask for -- but I do think it's about time for them to join us in trying to govern responsibly. And if it doesn't happen soon, then the Democrats will have to take responsibility for the pain that will result when the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings axe falls in October.

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**RESPONSE:**

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**James W. Cicconi**  
Assistant to the President  
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July 30, 1990

5:30 P.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

THROUGH: DEBRA R. ANDERSON *EMK for*  
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of  
the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

FROM: WILLIAM J. CANARY, JR. *W. J. Canary*  
Special Assistant to the President for  
Intergovernmental Affairs

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS  
ALL AMERICAN CITIES EVENT / AUGUST 6

After reviewing the Presidential remarks for the All American Cities event, it is my belief that it would be inappropriate not to reference the ten cities that are receiving the awards. The remarks currently make reference to four of the ten cities - Sioux City, Iowa; Charlotte, North Carolina; South Gate, California; and South Saint Paul, Minnesota. The remaining six cities should be similarly referenced. If this cannot be accomplished, I would appreciate the opportunity for discussion.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Tampa, Florida  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
Sioux City, Iowa  
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Hamlet, North Carolina  
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**RESPONSE:**

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.  
HOLLY WILLIAMSON *Holly W.*  
8-1-90

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## CAROLYN'S COMMENTS

Janet

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-- The programs in North Carolina were administered by both the city & county, so it should read: "... people of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, North Carolina ..."

### p. 3, # 1

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-- "And the drop-out rate is now the lowest in the school district."

(The LA Unified School District does not cover the entire city.)

### p. 3, # 5

-- "For forty-one years, the National Civic League has recognized ..."


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July 31, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON 

SUBJECT: All-American Cities

We particularly like the reference to Teddy Roosevelt in the context of talking about empowerment (at pg. 1, para. 6, line 1). A nice conjunction of powerful themes: the reform Republican tradition and the kinder, gentler, yet tough-minded idea of empowerment. Well done.

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P.S. This is research at its best -- lots of details that build the overall point.

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Or they've responded to a natural disaster, the way the people of Charlotte, North Carolina did after Hurricane Hugo. All Americans were uplifted by stories of courage and compassion that emerged during those difficult times. It seemed no hand was idle -- and certainly no heart was untouched.

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The same vision for a better future has driven the city of South St. Paul, as they deal with change and new challenges. Rather than mourning the loss of a key industry, citizens began to plan a public walkway and trail system on old industrial land along the river.

Volunteers worked tirelessly at town meetings to convince their neighbors that urban renewal means an improved city, economic growth and new jobs. Stock certificates for "Mississippi Miles" were sold for a dollar each, enlisting even the kids.

And now, the center of South St. Paul is coming back to life. One high school senior even told a local historian, "I just have to thank you for giving me back my home town."

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We single out all ten of these cities, not because they claim to be the "best" cities in America -- I think they're too smart or modest for that -- but because they represent what's best about American cities.

Rather than looking for an outside solution or quick fix, they're looking **within** for the answers -- and they're finding them.

By recognizing and unleashing the power and potential of the people themselves, they're proving that big cities can meet enormous challenges -- and small towns can do big things.

So congratulations to you all. You've earned the admiration of a nation. Because when people say, "It's never been done" -- you're doing it.

When they ask, "Why bother?" -- you're asking "Why not?"

And when they say, "You can't get there from here" -- you've proved that you can.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ALL-AMERICAN CITIES AWARDS  
THE ROSE GARDEN  
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 1990  
10:00 A.M.

Welcome! It's an honor and a pleasure to have you here at the White House. [[ ]].

You know, too often it seems that the function of the Federal government is to make laws and set limits. That's one reason this event is so special. Because the cities and citizens we honor today are reminders that America's potential is truly unlimited.

**The All-American Cities are great American success stories.**  
In a time when so many mourn what's wrong with American cities, you have quietly gone to work to make them right.

You have refused to surrender to crime, to drug dealers, to despair, to natural disaster. You've refused to see the problems of the homeless, <sup>and</sup> the jobless, the ~~hopeless~~ as somehow impossible to solve.

Instead, you've set out to unleash the infinite range of what's possible, when Americans put their minds to it. And along the way, you've reaffirmed the American ideal of empowerment.

Empowerment sounds like a new idea -- but it's something President Teddy Roosevelt well understood, and wanted to promote, when he founded the National Civic League in 1894.

"There are many different ways," he once wrote, "in which a man or a woman can work for the higher life of American cities." Well, the men and women with us today are proving Teddy Roosevelt right.

So we've gathered to celebrate the spirit of empowerment, and <sup>the</sup> potential of partnerships -- perhaps unique to America -- that in an earlier time could have built a meeting house, or raised a barn on a windswept field.

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~~Getting to the White House may seem like an achievement, or an honor. But you understand that the real achievements are happening back at home.~~

~~And the real honor is to have you here today.~~

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