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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 23, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST (initials)
 CHRISS WINSTON (initials)

FROM: KRISTIN CLARK TAYLOR/JEFF RILEY (initials)
 OFFICE OF MEDIA RELATIONS

SUBJECT: LADIES HOME JOURNAL CHRISTMAS ARTICLE

I. SUMMARY

Ladies Home Journal would like to publish a holiday greeting from you, focusing on peace in Central and Eastern Europe, for their Christmas issue. The magazine's circulation is 5.1 million.

II. DISCUSSION

Attached, please find a draft of the article for the Christmas issue of Ladies Home Journal. The article as it stands has no reference to the situation in the Middle East. Over the next four weeks, we have the option of adding an Iraq reference if you feel it is appropriate.

In order to meet their deadline, we would like to have your approval or revisions by Friday, August 31.

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Happy holidays, and God bless you and your families.

*Xmas
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In the next few weeks, Americans will begin ^{their} our traditional holiday celebration. It is a time of rest and reflection and, most of all, of warm moments spent with family and friends. Barbara and I always look forward to spending this special time of year with our children and grandchildren. There is a growing sense of excitement as we prepare for the holiday festivities. The goodness and generosity of the season create a warm feeling of wonder, gratitude, and joy that we ^{all} share, ~~with all Americans.~~

We stand today at the threshold of a new century and a new era. We have witnessed many dramatic events on the world stage in 1989, and are looking forward with great anticipation to what the 1990's will bring. Many dreams have become reality and progress is continuing towards a freer and more democratic ^{world} society.

Although much work remains to be done, I am confident that we are heading in the right direction. Strong foundations of trust have been built on the ruins of oppression. Windows of understanding have been opened throughout the world and are today shared by more nations than ever before.

Many families will experience, for the first time, the joy of freedom in their celebration of holiday traditions. Americans received this marvelous gift well over two centuries ago and have

*Berlin Wall -
NY Eve*

cherished it ever since. It is comforting to know that people in every corner of the world will share in our heritage of liberty.

In the United States, we believe that lasting peace comes from a respect for human rights and the sharing of democratic values that reflect the human spirit. However, these inalienable rights are not exclusively American. They belong to all men and women, in all places. Now, people everywhere are making this belief a reality.

Throughout 1990 I had the opportunity to meet with many of the world's leaders. The most historic and touching meetings were with those men and women leading their nations through the first days of fledgling ^{democracy} ~~democracies~~. Together we held productive discussions that I feel have contributed towards continued positive change.

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In the coming year, we will continue to face challenges and opportunities. But too many still face the ugliness of oppression. The cruelty of apartheid. The despair of Communism.

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We have worked hard this year, all of us, to help build a better world. During this holiday season, reach out to someone right where you live and share your thoughts and ideas on what you can do to advance peace.

As you gather with family and friends this season, remember those less fortunate than you, who are waging a personal struggle with drugs or entrapped in the vicious cycle of poverty and despair. Remember them and reach out to make a difference -- through volunteer work in your community or a simple word of encouragement to those in need. Share the joy of that which gives greater meaning to the holidays and to every moment of life -- the joy of freedom.

In this season of peace on earth, let us renew our commitment to the principle of liberty in other parts of the world. We speak different languages and we attend different places of worship. But the universal role of faith, hope, and freedom must be the common bond that unites us all.

Happy Holidays, and god bless you.

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Barrie McBee

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Ladies Home Journal 8/21

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about the Middle
East.

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how POTUS had to
make difficult decision
to send troops away
from families.

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RESPONSE:

No comment.

^{HW}
Holly Williamson
08/21/90

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TO: CHRISS WINSTON

NSC concurs, with changes and suggestions marked.


Brent Scowcroft

James W. Cicconi
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FROM:

JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT:

Draft Article For Ladies Home Journal

Nicely done. Two points, the acknowledgement that the rights of Americans are not exclusive to Americans but are everyone's; and the mention of the Polish national hymn's opening line, "...a free fatherland...", which we've suggested for other speeches, are both deft touches.

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Article for the Ladies Home Journal

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cc: James W. Cicconi

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Soon, Americans will begin their traditional holiday celebrations. It is a time of rest and reflection and, most of all, of warm moments spent with family and friends. Barbara and I always look forward to spending this special time of year with our children and grandchildren. There is always a growing sense of excitement as we prepare for the holiday festivities, especially here in "America's House". When the Christmas greenery, poinsettias, snowy evergreen trees, and historic ornaments are in place at the White House, we will welcome nearly 90,000 visitors to enjoy the spirit of the season with us -- the spirit of "peace on earth and goodwill toward men".

In the United States, we believe that lasting peace comes from a respect for human rights and the sharing of democratic values that reflect the human spirit. However, these inalienable rights are not exclusively American. They belong to all men and women, in all places. We received the marvelous gifts of freedom and democracy well over two centuries ago and have cherished them ever since. Now, peoples around the world are enjoying their own new-found freedom. More nations than ever before are sharing in a common goal of opportunity, understanding, and peace.

Throughout 1990, I met with many of the world's leaders. Some of the most historic and touching meetings were with those men and women leading their nations through the first days of fledgling democracy. Together, we talked of their hopes and dreams and the challenges facing their nations.

I was especially moved by President Havel of Czechoslovakia when he visited the White House in late February. As we talked openly about the powerful current of change that is shaping the world, I saw a man whose life has been one of miraculous transformation. A playwright by profession, he endured years of hardship before leading millions to freedom. From prisoner to President, his heroic efforts moved a part of the world one step closer to a peaceful, stable democracy.

The changing course of history has shown that we are bringing hope to those parts of the world dwelling in the darkness of oppression. The Revolution of 1989 proved an overwhelming victory for the rights of mankind. Throughout Eastern Europe, Christmas songs will trumpet from radios again this year. In Poland, people can proudly sing a verse to an ancient hymn that has been silent since 1946: "Our free fatherland protect, O God." In Berlin, there are no walls to stop carolers from sharing holiday joy. For thousands of Jews exiting the Soviet Union this year, Hanukkah will have a special meaning. And, in our hearts, we can rejoice that peace and freedom has been firmly restored to nations we once regarded as hostile and unfriendly.

Peace and stability, however, will continue to be a challenge in the coming year. With this challenge comes opportunity for change, especially for the those who still face the ugliness of oppression; the cruelty of apartheid; the despair of Communism. Our aim must be to ensure democracy's advance. As a nation or as individuals, every kind of selfless deed we

perform for others can help rekindle the light of goodwill towards all mankind.

We have worked hard this year, all of us, to help build a better world. But much can be done to help others here at home, too. As you gather with family and friends this season, remember those less fortunate than you. Reach out and make a difference in someone else's life through volunteer work in your community or through a simple word of encouragement to those in need.

The goodness and generosity of this holiday season can create a warm feeling of wonder, gratitude, and joy for all Americans to share -- for all the world to share. It is up to each of us.

We may speak different languages and attend different places of worship, but our hope and our faith in the universal dream of peace and freedom is the common bond that unites us all.

Happy holidays, and God bless you and your families.