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WASHINGTON

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October 5, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT: Welcoming New Republicans Draft Speech

pg. 1, para. 1 The Millie jokes in this graf are genuinely funny.

3,3,2 "...a quote from Teddy Roosevelt...."

The quote itself sounds a bit of downbeat at the speeches conclusion, suggesting that the "switchers" are going to suffer for their switch but that it will be worth it. Besides, this quote has, through no fault of its own, so to speak, been associated with the recent Dartmouth Review contretemps. Thus the "Safety First" rule argues as well for omitting it.

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RESPONSE:

No Comment 10/5/90

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RESPONSE:

*I think this is too long.
Andy*

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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.

HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*
10-5-90

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Switchers Day Event

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. The Teddy Roosevelt quote on page three is excellent.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/4/90

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10/5/90 1:00 PM

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SWITCHERS DAY EVENT

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VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		MCCLURE	<i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 1:00 PM, Friday, October 5, 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

(Hinchliffe/Grossman)
October 4, 1990 4 p.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WELCOMING NEW REPUBLICANS
October 9, 1990 3 p.m.
Roosevelt Room

Thank you very much, all of you, welcome to the Roosevelt Room -- and, of course, to the Republican Party. I felt so strongly about this event that I asked the best writer in the White House to help me put together my remarks. So Millie was up all night working on them. \\ You know, I thought I had loyalty from everyone in this administration -- who would have guessed my own dog would have written a "lick and tell" book. \\ \\

Of course, at least her perspective is that of a Republican insider. And that's something all of you now share -- a piece of the Republican party. The party of family, \\ faith \\ and the future. \\ \\

There's an old saying as to how you can tell a good country from a bad one. Have them both open their doors. People will stampede out of the bad country ... and people will rush into the good one. \\ As I see all the remarkable statistics on the numbers of people switching from the Democratic party and into the Republican party -- well, I guess that's a pretty good comment on exactly what's happening in politics today. \\

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