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**NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK \ ROSE GARDEN  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1990 \ 2:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS OF THE FIRE SERVICE COMMUNITY, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, D.C. FIRE MARSHALL BERNARD JOHNSON, FIRE CHIEF RAYFIELD ALFRED AND MY PERSONAL FIREFIGHTERS FROM ENGINE COMPANY 13 AND TOWER 10 -- WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE.**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

CHRISS WINSTON *DA for CW*

FROM:

MARK DAVIS *MD*

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

On Thursday, October 11, at 2:30 p.m., you will address members of the firefighting community at a Rose Garden ceremony to sign a proclamation declaring National Fire Prevention Week. Your remarks, approximately six minutes in length, will be on cards.

Davis/Blymire  
Title: Fire  
Date: Oct. 10, 1990  
Draft: Two

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, ROSE GARDEN  
2:30 p.m., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1990**

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At the federal level, the United States Fire Administration, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is the national leader in firefighting and emergency response. These men and women from the Fire Administration are dedicated to the development of effective programs to help fire departments, state and local governments, private business and organizations, and educators promote fire safety and awareness in communities across the country.

At the state level, many dedicated agencies labor to provide training courses for firefighters and emergency medical technicians, arson investigation services and research.

And, of course, in virtually every community across this great country are the men and women who make up the front lines in the battle -- the firefighters -- both career and volunteers, who continue a long and distinguished tradition of fire fighting that goes back all the way to the first volunteer fire company founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1736. ((I guess if one of old Ben's kites caught fire, he was ready to put it out.))\\

Congress is also doing its part through the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, whose co-chairmen are Senator John McCain and Congressman Curt Weldon. The caucus boasts 370 congressmen and senators, making it the largest on Capitol Hill. Most of all, Congress recently updated our safety laws in the Hotel-Motel Fire Safety Act, authored by Congressman Sherry Boehlert.

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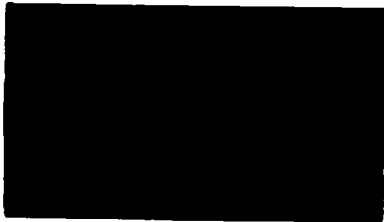
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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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

90 OCT 10 PM 3:17

Davis/Blymire  
Title: Fire  
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RESPONSE:

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*Send to Mark Davis in speechwriting  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Date:

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TO:

Charles Winston

FROM:

CLARK KENT ERVIN  
Office of National Service  
Room 100, OEOB  
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Attached are our comments on the  
Fire Prevention week speech.

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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Fire Prevention  
Week, Rose Garden

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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Ext. 2702

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Davis/Blymire  
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Date: Oct. 10, 1990  
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