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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 10, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

CHRISS WINSTON

*DA for CW*

FROM:

EDWARD E. McNALLY

*EMW*

SUBJECT:

DROP-BY VETERANS BRIEFING

On Thursday, October 11, at 11:40 a.m., you will give brief remarks to leaders of veterans organizations in OEOB Room 450. You will be preceded by Secretary Derwinski, General Colin Powell, and Bob Gates. The remarks (6 minutes, on cards) thank the groups for their support of Operation Desert Shield.

McNally/Simon  
Oct. 10, 1990  
Draft Two (E:VETS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING OF VETERANS LEADERS  
ROOM 450, O.E.O.B.  
THURS., OCT. 11, 1990, 11:40 A.M.

Thank you. It's good to see Secretary Ed Derwinski, and I understand General Colin Powell was here earlier.

And I'm especially glad to see Bob Turner, Joe Andry, and Jim Kimery here again. And I want to recognize Orval Hooten, national commander of the Veterans of World War I. Born in October, 1895 -- Happy birthday, Orval! We're pleased to welcome all of you to the White House, and to tell you how much we appreciate your efforts, your organizations, and your support.

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VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I. BORN IN OCTOBER, 1895 --  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ORVAL!**

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**WE'RE PLEASED TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE,  
AND TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS,  
YOUR ORGANIZATIONS, AND YOUR SUPPORT.**

**DURING THE PAST 10 WEEKS, THE EVENTS IN THE PERSIAN  
GULF HAVE REMINDED US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A STRONG  
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**IN WORLD WAR II, THE WORLD PAID DEARLY FOR APPEASING AN AGGRESSOR WHO COULD HAVE BEEN STOPPED. WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE THAT MISTAKE AGAIN.**

**EXACTLY 50 YEARS AGO TODAY, AMERICA AWOKE TO HEADLINES OF ANOTHER MASSIVE AIR RAID ON LONDON. THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN WAS IN FULL RAGE. TRUE, THE DEMOCRACIES WERE BATTERED. BUT THEIR RESOLVE WAS NEVER MORE CLEAR. THEY STOOD UP TO TYRANNY.**

**AND A DAY LATER, ON OCTOBER 12, OPERATION SEA LION -- THE INVASION OF ENGLAND -- WAS CANCELLED.**

**AS CHURCHILL SAID, IT WAS TRULY BRITAIN'S FINEST HOUR. SUCH COURAGE INSPIRED AMERICA AND THE WORLD, WHICH RALLIED TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND DEFEATED THE DARK FORCES WHICH THREATENED TO ENGULF US ALL.**

**SINCE WORLD WAR II, ALLIED STRENGTH AND RESOLVE HAVE BEEN TESTED MANY TIMES.**

**BUT WHEN WE LOOK BACK ON THAT HISTORY OF VALOR AND SACRIFICE, IT'S CLEAR THAT THE STRENGTH OF OUR ARMS AND THE STRENGTH OF OUR WILL IS UP TO THE CHALLENGE IN THE GULF.**

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**THE IRAQI REGIME HAS YET TO FACE THE FACTS. BUT AS I'VE SAID: THE ANNEXATION OF KUWAIT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO STAND. THE REGIME IS UP AGAINST NOT ONLY THE LAW OF NATIONS -- BUT ALSO THE LAW OF MATHEMATICS. THE NUMBERS ARE AGAINST THEM.**

**TODAY, IT'S NOT IRAQ VERSUS KUWAIT -- BUT IRAQ AGAINST THE WORLD.**

BY WAGING A WAR OF AGGRESSION, PLUNDERING A PEACEFUL NEIGHBOR, AND HOLDING INNOCENTS HOSTAGE, IRAQ HAS VIOLATED EVERY STANDARD OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT INTERNATIONAL ETIQUETTE -- WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INTERNATIONAL LAW. AND OUTLAW NATIONS AND OUTLAW LEADERS HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

HERE AT HOME, THE EFFORTS OF YOU IN THIS ROOM TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF VETERANS HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN THE SUCCESS OF AMERICA'S ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCES. COLIN POWELL RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VISIT WITH OUR TROOPS IN THE GULF. AND YOUR SUPPORT IS EVIDENT IN THE PRIDE AND HIGH MORALE FOUND TODAY IN THE YOUNG AMERICAN HEROES SERVING OVERSEAS.

IT REMINDS ME OF ANOTHER HERO. IT WAS THIS VERY WEEK, IN 1918, THAT TENNESSEE'S SGT. YORK CAPTURED 132 ENEMY PRISONERS AND 35 MACHINE GUNS -- SINGLE-HANDEDLY. WHEN ASKED HOW HE DID IT, HE ANSWERED SIMPLY: "I SURROUNDED 'EM." \\\ NOW THAT'S ABOUT WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER. AND THAT KIND OF SPIRIT IS GOING TO CARRY US TO VICTORY IN WHATEVER CHALLENGES WE FACE. \\\

TONIGHT, AS EVENING FALLS ACROSS AMERICA, THERE'LL BE CANDLES IN OUR WINDOWS AND PRAYERS IN OUR HEARTS. THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WILL BE AWASH IN LIGHTS -- LIGHTS RED, WHITE AND BLUE -- LIGHTS TO HONOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM NOW STANDING WATCH IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

LIKE YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY -- LIKE YOUR GOOD WORKS EVERY DAY -- THESE GESTURES SHOW THAT THE FOLKS AT HOME HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THE SACRIFICE OF OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, OUR AIRMEN, OUR MARINES -- AND, I MIGHT ADD -- OUR COAST GUARD MEN AND WOMEN -- MANY ON DUTY TONIGHT, MANY MILES FROM HOME.

AND SO I'M HERE TO THANK YOU FOR THE IMPORTANT WORK YOU DO IN DEFENDING OUR NATION'S FREEDOM, IN KEEPING OUR NATION STRONG. THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE WHITE HOUSE. AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS: Please provide your comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston's office with a copy to my office by 5:00pm TODAY, Wednesday, October 10. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*Cicconi & AA comments*

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

McNally/Simon

Oct. 10, 1990

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RESPONSE:

*See Comments. Thanks.  
Holly Williamson  
10-10-90*

**James W. Cicconi**  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

McNally/Simon

Oct. 10, 1990

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING OF VETERANS LEADERS  
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WASHINGTON

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Meeting of Veterans  
Leaders

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cc: James W. Cicconi

90 OCT 10 P5:31

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**90 OCT 10 8:12 AM** **WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

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RESPONSE:

*No Comment*  
*10/10/90*

*Note that Veterans benefit legislation to ~~authorize~~ authorize COLA's for FY91 is on the Senate floor and we will advise.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Chris -

Attached please find Jim's comments on the veterans' speech. He feels that the other Churchill quote is inappropriate because it highlights the actions of a few, rather than the ~~more~~ many. Further, the "finest hour" quote also indirectly raises the notion that this could be the world's "finest hour."

Thanks

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90 OCT 10 10:42 AM (E:VETS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING OF VETERANS LEADERS  
ROOM 450, O.E.O.B.  
THURS., OCT. 11, 1990, 11:40 A.M.

Thank you. It's good to see Secretary Ed Derwinski,  
~~Ambassador Tom Pickering~~ and General Colin Powell -- ~~three~~  
pillars of national leadership -- representing ~~three~~ pillars of  
national unity: America's veterans, America's diplomats, and  
America's fighting men and women.

And I'm especially glad to see Bob Turner, Joe Andry, and  
Jim Kimery here again. And I want to recognize Orval Hooten,  
national commander of the Veterans of World War I. Born in  
October, 1895 -- Happy birthday, Orval! We're pleased to welcome  
all of you to the White House, and to tell you how much we  
appreciate your efforts, your organizations, and your support.

During the past 10 weeks, the events in the Persian Gulf  
have reminded us of the importance of a strong America. The  
world is still a dangerous place, and America must be ready.

In World War II, the world paid dearly for appeasing an  
aggressor who could have been stopped. We're not going to make  
that mistake again.

Exactly 50 years ago today, America awoke to headlines of  
another massive air raid on London. The Battle of Britain was in  
full rage. True, the democracies were battered. But their  
resolve was never more clear. They stood up to tyranny. And two  
days later, on October 12, Operation Sea Lion -- the invasion of  
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OK DP  
As Churchill said, it was truly ~~the~~ Britain's "finest hour".  
Such courage inspired ~~the world~~ America and the world, which rallied  
to the cause of freedom and defeated the dark forces which threatened to  
engulf us all.

And you know the famous Churchill quote: "Never, in the  
field of human conflict, was so much owed by so many to so few."

Since World War II, Allied strength and resolve have been  
tested many times. But when we look back on that history of  
valor and sacrifice, it's clear that the strength of our arms and  
the strength of our will is up to the challenge in the Gulf.

And we're not alone. Thanks to the efforts of Ambassador  
Pickering and others, the U.N. Security Council has now passed  
eight major resolutions setting the terms for solving the crisis.

The Iraqi regime has yet to face the facts. But as I've  
said: The annexation of Kuwait will not be permitted to stand.  
The regime is up against not only the law of nations -- but also  
the law of mathematics. The numbers are against them.

Today, it's not Iraq versus Kuwait -- but Iraq against the  
world. (~~And you know what they say: When it's you against the  
world -- bet on the world.~~)

By waging a war of aggression, plundering a peaceful  
neighbor, holding innocents hostage, and gassing its own people,  
Iraq has violated every standard of international behavior.  
We're not talking about international etiquette -- we're talking  
about international law. And outlaw nations and outlaw leaders  
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Here at home, your efforts <sup>the</sup> to improve the lot of veterans  
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with our troops in the Gulf. And your support is evident in the pride and high morale found today in the young American heroes serving overseas.

It reminds me of another hero. It was this very week, in 1918, that Tennessee's Sgt. York captured 132 enemy prisoners and 32 machine guns -- single-handedly. When asked how he did it, he answered simply: "I surrounded 'em." \\\ Now that's about what I'd expect from an American soldier. And that kind of spirit is going to carry us to victory in whatever challenges we face. \\\

Tonight, as evening falls across America, there'll be candles in our windows and prayers in our hearts. The Empire State Building will be awash in lights -- lights red, white and blue -- lights to honor the men and women in uniform now standing watch in the Persian Gulf.

Like your presence here today -- like your good works every day -- these gestures show that the folks at home haven't forgotten the sacrifice of our soldiers and sailors, our airmen *and I might add - our coast guard men & women* *and* *many are on duty* *and* *our* *and* *marines,* tonight, many miles from home.

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