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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Hickam AFB, Hawaii

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RESPONSE:

*See Comments. Thanks.
Holly Williamson
10-26-90*

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

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Oct. 25, 1990
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(V.A. + OCA)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
October 26, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: EDWARD E. McNALLY *emw*
SUBJECT: REMARKS AT HICKAM AFB

I. SUMMARY

On Sunday, October 28, at 1:30 p.m., you will address approximately 10,000 military personnel and families on the tarmac at Hickam Air Force Base just prior to your departure from Hawaii.

II. DISCUSSION

Hickam Field -- adjacent to Pearl Harbor -- was severely damaged during the Japanese raid on December 7, 1941. The remarks (9 minutes, on cards) apply some of the lessons learned during World War II to the world's response to Iraq's aggression.

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Oct. 26, 1990
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RESPONSE:

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 Ext. 2702

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The NSC staff has reviewed and recommends the attached changes.


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cc: James Cicconi

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Hickam is Pearl
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Wrong. This is
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He's not at Pearl Harbor

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nothing wrong with this for me but it doesn't work well for an AF crowd at an AF base

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This nets up the troubling questions: which war? vs or Iraq? Past or future?

Need to give some mention of our effort in the Pacific!

Here in the Pacific Command you recognize what American engagement means in a region that stretches from the ~~the~~ chill waters of the Bering Sea and the Arctic to the warm climes of the Pacific and the Indian Ocean. Your comrades in arms today stand shoulder to shoulder with our Allies in Korea, support our alliances in Japan and the Philippines, and provide a presence for stability that is welcomed by all in the region. [^] And...

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