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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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(11/27 7:45 p.m.)

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

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WASHINGTON

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NOVEMBER 27, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*
FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*
SUBJECT: FARM BILL SIGNING CEREMONY

Attached are brief remarks (5-7 minutes, cards) for a Farm Bill signing ceremony on the steps of the Rose Garden tomorrow, Wednesday, November 28, at 11:00 a.m. About 100 will attend.

Your remarks emphasize the importance of strong agriculture, outline highlights of the bill, and close with detailed kudos to those responsible for its passage.

(Lange/Cawley)
November 27, 1990
7:45 p.m.
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FARM BILL SIGNING
THE ROSE GARDEN
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1990
11:00 A.M.

[[Secretary Yeutter, Senators Dole, Leahy and Lugar;
Congressmen Madigan and de la Garza; leaders from the agriculture
community; professionals from the Department of Agriculture.
Welcome, all, to the White House.

There's no question, here or anywhere in America, about
how crucial a strong agricultural sector is to the future of
this country. From the fields to the supermarkets, agriculture
creates one out of every seven jobs in this country -- eight out
of ten of them off the farm -- spreading the seeds of economic
growth across this great nation. America grew to greatness on
the strength of our agriculture -- and for that, I know that all
of us will always be proud of, and thankful for, America's
farmers. \\\

Our farmers are the best. Period. They out-produce every
other nation in the world by far, and even out-produce some
continents. They're world-champion providers.

We're in the Uruguay Round negotiations, making every effort
to achieve substantial agriculture reform -- which will include
major reductions in trade-distorting barriers. We want to bring
home a fair deal for American farmers. ///

And here at home, the legislation I'm about to sign will help our farmers continue to be leaders in global agricultural trade.

We've been working closely with the leadership in Congress to get a farm bill that ~~is~~ keeps our farmers competitive, keeps our rural areas environmentally sound, and places a floor under farm income.

I think this bill meets that standard. It's a market oriented bill that lets farmers make more of their own production decisions, based on the market rather than on government support prices. It also encourages the research so crucial to helping our farmers maintain their global lead in agriculture.

Because farmers have always been important stewards of the earth, this farm bill will help farmers protect water quality and wildlife habitat -- and its greater flexibility will boost crop rotation, in turn helping to control weeds, pests, and erosion.

And there's more in this legislation to protect our environment. In fact, this is the most environmentally progressive Farm Bill ever signed. It creates a wetlands reserve; improves the Conservation Reserve Program; and encourages urban forestry activities -- including funding for our America the Beautiful initiative, toward our goal of planting a billion trees across America.

For the sake of low-income Americans, I'm particularly pleased with the five-year continuation of the Food Stamp Program -- the foundation for food assistance, for Americans in need.

Congress and this administration worked closely together, to develop a program that is easier for recipients to use, and reauthorizes the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

So, to the members of Congress who worked so hard to get this bill passed -- to Senators Patrick Leahy and Richard Lugar, of the Senate Agriculture Committee; to Congressmen Kika de la Garza and Ed Madigan of the House Agriculture Committee, who couldn't be with us today -- to all involved, I say, "Well done."

And to Secretary Yeutter and the dedicated people at the Department of Agriculture who worked so tirelessly with Congress to get this farm bill written and passed -- you've given this administration a farm bill of which we can all be very proud.

And to all of you here today from the state A.S.C.S. offices, who will be working so hard to implement this bill in the coming years -- thank you for taking on a crucial task. You're helping assure a bright future for farming in America.

And now, let me sign this legislation into law.

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RESPONSE:

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(Lange/Cawley)
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2:15 p.m.
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Farm Bill Signing

We have only one concern with this draft. We recommend the statistics pertaining to jobs created by agriculture be carefully checked out. 1988 Census Bureau data suggests that one in seven jobs are related to agriculture in this country.

If you have any questions or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

cc: James W. Cicconi

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The 1985 farm bill was a success. Farm income has been at record high levels for the last three years. This bill, and the reconciliation bill that accompanied it, continue and expand the market-orientation of that law. Farmers will have greater flexibility to enhance their income by having the choice to make their own production decisions in response to market signals. Moreover, for every percentage point that is shaved from interest rates and inflation due to deficit reduction, farm income benefits by over a billion dollars.

**FARM BILL SIGNING \ THE ROSE GARDEN
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1990 \ 11:00 A.M.**

**SECRETARY YEUTTER, SENATORS DOLE, COCHRAN, LEAHY
AND LUGAR; LEADERS FROM THE AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY;
PROFESSIONALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
WELCOME, ALL, TO THE WHITE HOUSE.**

**THERE'S NO QUESTION, HERE OR ANYWHERE IN AMERICA,
ABOUT HOW CRUCIAL A STRONG AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IS TO
THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY.**

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BECAUSE FARMERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IMPORTANT STEWARDS OF THE EARTH, THIS FARM BILL WILL HELP FARMERS PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND WILDLIFE HABITAT -- AND ITS GREATER FLEXIBILITY WILL BOOST CROP ROTATION, IN TURN HELPING TO CONTROL WEEDS, PESTS, AND EROSION.

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IT CREATES A WETLANDS RESERVE; IMPROVES THE CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM; AND ENCOURAGES URBAN FORESTRY ACTIVITIES -- INCLUDING FUNDING FOR OUR AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE, TOWARD OUR GOAL OF PLANTING A BILLION TREES ACROSS AMERICA.

FOR THE SAKE OF LOW-INCOME AMERICANS, I'M PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE FIVE-YEAR CONTINUATION OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM -- THE FOUNDATION FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE, FOR AMERICANS IN NEED.

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CONGRESS AND THIS ADMINISTRATION WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER, TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM THAT IS EASIER FOR RECIPIENTS TO USE, AND REAUTHORIZES THE COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM AND THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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TO: Jim Cicconi / Chriss Winston

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re: Farm Bill

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FROM: CAROLYN CAWLEY
RE: COMMENTS -- FARM BILL SIGNING REMARKS

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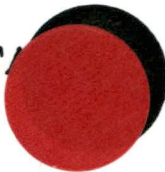


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RESPONSE:

*See comments. Mrs.
HW 11-27-90*

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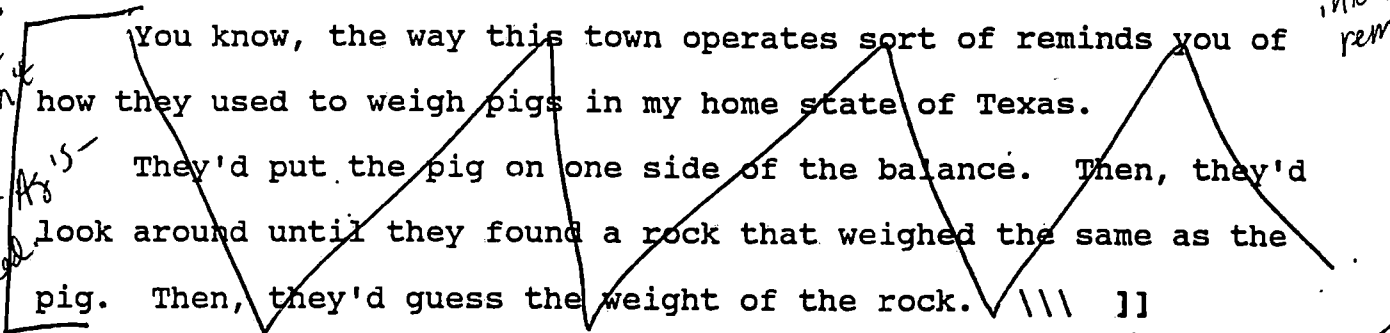
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Wagar, Leahy ...
See last page & how the ASCS is incorporated into the remarks

Sorry... but the joke didn't cut it! How about AK's - see attached



✓(COA) → major reduction in trade as
distorting barriers. I'm committed
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in the Uruguay Round negotiations farmers are making way

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