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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 12/1/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: --

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EMBASSY GREETING, CARACAS, VENEZUELA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1990

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

90 NOV 29 2:58  
PM 3:00

November 28, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*  
FROM: CURT SMITH *[Signature]*  
SUBJECT: CARACAS, VENEZUELA EMBASSY GREETING

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(Smith/Blymire)  
November 26, 1990  
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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 11/28, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

**RESPONSE:**

November 28, 1990

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC Staff concurs with annotated changes in text.

90 OCT 28 6:48

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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cc: James Cicconi

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

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