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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1990

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *CW*  
FROM:                BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*  
SUBJECT:             CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

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Merry Christmas!

(Hinchliffe/Grossman)  
December 12, 1990 1 p.m.  
LIGHTS

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**December 13, 1990 4:30 p.m.**  
**Ellipse**

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DECEMBER 13, 1990 \ 4:30 P. M.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU, JOE [RILEY], JANE [POWELL],  
WILLARD [SCOTT], <sup>90 DEC 13 2:22</sup> RICKY [VAN SHELTON], RUTH [BROWN], THE  
U.S. ARMY BAND, THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING CHORALE, OUR  
MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, THE CALIFORNIA RAISINS AND, OF  
COURSE, SANTA CLAUS.

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THANKS TO SECRETARY LUJAN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
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THIS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING IS ALWAYS A VERY SPECIAL MOMENT. PEOPLE TALK OF THE MAGIC OF THIS SEASON. WELL, WHAT IS MORE MAGICAL THAN THE WAY LIGHT DISPELS THE DARKNESS. \\\

I'VE READ THAT WHITE LIGHT IS ACTUALLY MADE UP OF ALL THE COLORS OF THE RAINBOW. SO THAT'S WHAT WE SEE IN THE GLOW OF THIS TREE -- RED AND BLUE AND YELLOW BULBS MIXING TOGETHER TO BECOME SOMETHING NEW -- ONE LIGHT THAT REPRESENTS BOTH UNITY AND DIVERSITY.

THAT'S HOW I LIKE TO LOOK AT AMERICA. ALL OF US, ALL DIFFERENT, ALL WORKING TOGETHER, GIVING THE BEST OF OURSELVES TO MAKE THIS COUNTRY THE STRONG, BEAUTIFUL LAND THAT IT IS. \\\

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FOR THEIR COURAGE IS THE TRUE ETERNAL FLAME WHICH WILL NEVER BE EXTINGUISHED. \ \

AND, HERE TOGETHER TONIGHT, WE ALSO FEEL DETERMINATION. THAT THE BRIGHT WARMTH OF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WILL STAY WITH US ALL YEAR. THAT WE WILL BE GUIDED BY OUR INNER NORTH STAR, MAKING FAMILY UNITY, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND NATIONAL PRIDE THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES.

WE'RE DETERMINED THAT OUR NATION WILL BECOME A CONSTELLATION OF HOPE: MADE UP OF THOUSANDS OF SEPARATE POINTS OF LIGHT -- PEOPLE HELPING THOSE IN NEED ACROSS OUR LAND.

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FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS PRESIDENTS HAVE TAKEN PART IN THIS TRADITION: FLIPPING A SWITCH TO SEND THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS SPARKLING INTO THE CHILL NIGHT SKY.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

90 DEC 13 P2:21

DATE: 12/11/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 1:00 p.m. 12/12

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(12/10 5:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Chriss Winston by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 12/12, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

December 13, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff has no objection to the Presidential Remarks: Tree Lighting Ceremony.

*B. Scowcroft*  
Brent Scowcroft

cc: James W. Cicconi

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

(Hinchliffe/Grossman)  
December 10, 1990 5 p.m.  
90 DEC 11 PM 4:35 LIGHTS

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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90 DEC 12 A10: 34  
Date: 12/12/90

TO:

Chriss Winston

FROM:

CLARK KENT ERVIN  
Office of National Service  
Room 100, OEOB  
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Several of the President's Daily  
Prints of Light will be present for  
this ceremony. We therefore request  
Presidential acknowledgment of their  
presence in these remarks.

(108 representatives will be in the  
audience)

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30 DEC 12 A10:34

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RESPONSE:  
*No Comments -*

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

(Hinchliffe/Grossman)  
December 10, 1990 5 p.m.  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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12/11/90

1:00 p.m. 12/12

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RESPONSE:

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*World like a paragraph on thousand pts. of Light. an overview of when it began... ~~how~~ how it works - a reminder - and how inspirational it is this holiday season.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Fitting and proper remarks for such an occasion. We have one comment. We suggest inserting "and careful stewardship" after the word "rebirth" in the second sentence of the first page.

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

cc: James W. Cicconi

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

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RESPONSE:

*See comments. Thanks,  
 Holly Williamson  
 12-12-90*

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*(Interior)*  
*Just wanted to clarify that it was the NCA funding the trees + not the state, territories or DOT.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM TO CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

JIM PINKERTON

SUBJECT:

Christmas Treelighting Ceremony

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Though we believe in using every pretext to sell the President's message, we would not suggest using such a ceremonial venue as this to point out detailed aspects of Administration policy. You don't talk about cutting the capital gains tax at a treelighting ceremony (though, come to think of it, there is a timber industry angle). But, as long as we are inserting some substance of policy in this speech ("family unity, community service"), and moreover, with regard to the disadvantaged, we suggest at least giving a nod to the word "empowerment." Thus:

"We're determined that our nation will become a constellation of hope: made up of thousands of individual Points of Light. We're determined to empower the poor so that they too will 'let their lights so shine.'"

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