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FORT STEWART ADDRESS \ FORT STEWART, GEORGIA  
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YOU -- ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL NATION -- FOR YOUR  
STEADFAST SERVICE AND SACRIFICE. // BECAUSE WHEN THE  
PROUD MEN AND WOMEN OF FORT STEWART AND HUNTER FIELD  
PUT IT ALL ON THE LINE -- EVERY ONE OF YOU IS RIGHT  
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IN TIMES OF TRIAL, WE FALL BACK ON FAITH -- AND ON FAMILY: WHAT A WISE MAN ONCE CALLED THE "LITTLE PLATOONS" TO WHICH WE ALL BELONG -- THE LITTLE PLATOONS THAT PROVIDE THE 24TH INFANTRY DIVISION WITH ITS FIGHTING SPIRIT AND STAYING POWER. //

RIGHT NOW, IT'S NIGHT IN SAUDI ARABIA -- THE SOLDIERS FROM FORT STEWART ARE ON DUTY, ONE MORE DAY IN MORE THAN FIVE LONG MONTHS AWAY FROM HOME. // OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THEM -- DAY AND NIGHT.



AMERICA'S FINEST: STANDING AGAINST AN AGGRESSOR WHO MUST BE STOPPED -- STANDING UP FOR ALL THAT IS BEST IN US. // BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW THAT WHEN THE FORCES OF AGGRESSION TAKE UP ARMS -- AMERICA CANNOT LOOK THE OTHER WAY. //

IT BEGAN WITH KUWAIT -- BUT THAT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE END. WHAT WE'VE WITNESSED THESE LAST FEW WEEKS REMOVED ANY LAST SHRED OF DOUBT ABOUT THE ADVERSARY WE FACE. // THE TERROR BOMBING OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

THE BRUTAL TREATMENT OF OUR POWs. THE ENDLESS APPETITE FOR EVIL THAT WOULD LEAD A MAN TO MAKE WAR ON THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENT. // ALL OF US KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST. ALL OF US KNOW WHY WE'RE THERE. //

WE ARE THERE BECAUSE WE ARE AMERICANS -- PART OF SOMETHING LARGER THAN OURSELVES. //

OUR CAUSE IS RIGHT. OUR CAUSE IS JUST. // AND BECAUSE IT IS JUST, OUR CAUSE -- THE WORLD'S CAUSE -- WILL PREVAIL. //

AND WHEN WE DO, WE WILL HAVE TAUGHT A DANGEROUS DICTATOR -- AND ANY TYRANT TEMPTED TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS -- THAT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR LAWLESS AGGRESSION IN THE PERSIAN GULF, AND IN THIS NEW WORLD ORDER WE SEEK TO CREATE. //

I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW IF AND WHEN A GROUND OPERATION MIGHT BEGIN. LET ME TELL YOU NOW: IT WILL ONLY BEGIN IF NECESSARY -- AND WHEN WE DECIDE THE TIME IS RIGHT.

WE WILL CONDUCT THIS CONFLICT ON OUR TERMS -- NOT SADDAM HUSSEIN'S. DESERT STORM IS RIGHT ON COURSE. OUR TRAINING, OUR INVESTMENT, OUR PLANNING ARE ALL PAYING OFF. AMERICAN AND ALLIED FORCES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYING IRAQ'S CAPACITY TO WAGE WAR.

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BACK IN NOVEMBER, WHEN I MET WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 24TH, I TOLD THEM ABOUT THE LAST THANKSGIVING I HAD SPENT SO FAR AWAY FROM HOME -- ON A SHIP OFF THE PHILIPPINE COAST BACK IN 1944. THE 24TH WAS THERE -- FIGHTING TO TAKE RED BEACH ON LEYTE ISLAND -- IN THE CAMPAIGN THAT EARNED THE 24TH THE NICKNAME IT SO PROUDLY BEARS TODAY: "VICTORY" DIVISION. //

ON THAT OCCASION, FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT SENT A CABLE OUT TO GENERAL MACARTHUR AND THE 24TH DIVISION - A MESSAGE I'D LIKE TO READ TO YOU TODAY. FDR WROTE: "YOU HAVE THE NATION'S GRATITUDE -- AND THE NATION'S PRAYERS FOR SUCCESS -- AS YOU AND YOUR MEN FIGHT YOUR WAY BACK." //

ONCE MORE, THE 24TH IS ON THE FRONT LINES, FAR FROM HOME. ONCE MORE, THE NATION'S PRAYERS -- AND THE NATION'S PRIDE -- ARE WITH THE 24TH, AND ALL THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF DESERT STORM.

I HEARD ABOUT THE SEND-OFF BACK IN AUGUST, WHEN THE 24TH WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO DEPLOY TO THE SAUDI DESERT -- THE WAY THE PEOPLE OF HINESVILLE AND THE OTHER TOWNS NEAR HERE LINED NOT JUST THE STREETS AROUND FORT STEWART -- BUT LINED THE INTERSTATE ALL THE WAY UP I-95 TO HUNTER FIELD AND SAVANNAH. // WHAT A SIGHT THAT MUST HAVE BEEN TO THE PROUD SOLDIERS OF FORT STEWART. //

AND LET ME SAY TO ALL THE CHILDREN HERE WITH PARENTS SERVING IN SAUDI ARABIA: KEEP IN MIND THAT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DEPEND ON YOUR PARENTS -- YOUR COUNTRY DEPENDS ON THEM, TOO. YOU'VE READ AT SCHOOL ABOUT THE GREAT GENERALS AND PRESIDENTS -- ALL ABOUT AMERICAN HISTORY AND AMERICAN HEROES. WELL, THAT'S JUST PART OF THE STORY. BECAUSE YOUR MOMS AND DADS ARE HEROES TOO --DOING THE HARD WORK OF FREEDOM, RIGHT NOW, HALF A WORLD AWAY. //

I KNOW IT'S BEEN TOUGH. WE'VE GOT THREE OF THE WALKER KIDS HERE: MICHAEL, SIOBAN [SHA-VON] AND THEIR LITTLE BROTHER MARTIN. THEIR MOM AND DAD ARE BOTH SERVING NOW IN SAUDI ARABIA -- AND THEY'VE BEEN LIVING WITH THEIR BABYSITTER, IDA SANDERS. // EDDIE AND BRANDON BOWMAN ARE HERE -- THEIR DAD WENT OVER IN AUGUST, AND THEIR MOM IN NOVEMBER. EDDIE AND BRANDON ARE STAYING WITH A FRIEND OF THEIR FAMILY -- REGGIE BRAY -- WHOSE WIFE WAS CALLED UP IN THE RESERVES. //

I KNOW AT TIMES LIKE THIS THE FORT STEWART FAMILY JUST GETS TIGHTER -- EVERYONE PULLS TOGETHER, THE WAY A FAMILY ALWAYS DOES. //

SO TO ALL YOU KIDS, LET ME SAY: BE PROUD -- AND STAY STRONG. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FAMILY FRIENDS, OR YOUR TEACHERS AT SCHOOL, TO HELP YOU WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH.

AND KNOW THAT WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE YOUR PARENTS HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT -- TO GET THE JOB DONE -- AND GET EVERY MAN AND WOMAN OF THE FIGHTING 24TH BACK HOME, SAFE AND SOUND. //

WITH THOSE BRAVE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN IN MIND, LET ME CLOSE WITH A PRAYER: FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERY AMERICAN AND ALLIED SERVICEMAN AND SERVICEWOMAN -- FOR EVERY INNOCENT, CAUGHT UP IN THIS TERRIBLE CONFLICT.

MAY ALL OF THEM BE SAFE AND SOUND -- UNTIL THE FAMILIES  
OF FORT STEWART ARE UNITED ONCE AGAIN. //

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THIS WARM WELCOME -- FOR  
ALL YOUR SUPPORT -- AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
January 31, 1991

91 JAN 31 PM 2:37

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*

FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

SUBJECT: REMARKS TO ARMY FAMILIES AT FT. STEWART, GEORGIA

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McGroarty/Simon  
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TO: CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff has reviewed and forwards the attached comments.

Brent Scowcroft

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
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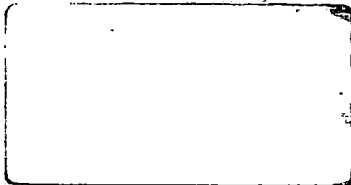
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91 JAN 31 A 9: 43

DATE: 1/30/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00am 1/30/91

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FORT STEWART ADDRESS

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00am, Thursday, January 31, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*OK S.R*

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
and Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

McGroarty/Dooley  
January 30, 1991  
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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Fort Stewart Address

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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