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THE WHITE HOUSE

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February 1, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base
Goldsboro, North Carolina

11:55 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so very much. Cynthia, thank you for that introduction. This is the warmest picnic on a cold day I've ever attended, I'll tell you. (Applause.) And really, it's great to be here at Seymour Johnson, home of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing -- the "Rocketeers" and the "Chiefs" -- (applause) -- as well as these great refueling units, the 68th and the 916th. (Applause.) And let me just pay my respects and say what an unbelievable job Colonel "Jumbo" Wray is doing here on this base. We're very proud of him. (Applause.) While your Wing Commander, Colonel Hornburg, is deployed with Desert Storm, Jumbo is filling in, doing just great.

And I'm also glad to see a man that flew over with me from our last stop -- that's Governor Martin out here, the Governor of this state. Congressman Martin Lancaster, from this district, and I am very proud he is with us here today. And, of course, the Mayor, Mayor Plunk is with us, too. And I wanted to specifically thank the Military Affairs Committee of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce for hosting this fantastic picnic. I don't believe I've had so much fun in a long, long time. (Applause.)

And, of course, I do want to salute two others -- our very able Secretary of the Air Force, that you just met, Don Rice back there; as well as the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Tony McPeak -- both of them doing a fantastic job for our country. (Applause.)

This is a three-stop day for me. We just came here from the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point, and from here we head to Fort Stewart. But I want to tell you how very pleased I am to be able to spend some time meeting and talking to at least some of you -- especially the kids -- because I know in my heart how tough these days can be. There's a lot of waiting, a lot of uncertainty. The not knowing. But each of you do know this: The men and women from Seymour Johnson are doing a fantastic job for this country, and we are very, very grateful. (Applause.)

You've got the tactical fighters and the refuelers and the medical personnel -- (applause) -- the civil engineers and the security police. I just want you to know how grateful the nation is to this entire team -- and to you -- and to share with you here today just a few thoughts. I cast fear and horror into the heart of one guy I was having lunch with because I told him this was going to take 45 minutes -- it won't, believe me.

But let me just share some thoughts with you. I probably don't need to tell you that the brave servicemen and women of this base are part of the most motivated, the best educated, the best equipped armed forces in the history of this great country of ours -- bar none. (Applause.) Because they are, and you are, doing the hard work of freedom, the cause of freedom will prevail. I'm absolutely certain of that. (Applause.)

You know, we're now more than two weeks into Desert

Storm. And I'm happy to say and -- put it this way -- we are on course and we are on schedule. And as each day passes, Iraq's war machine, thanks to many of your loved ones, is being systematically destroyed by our allied military forces. Our investment, our training, and our planning are paying off. And, yes, sacrifices still lay ahead, but we will succeed. And when we do, we will have taught Saddam Hussein -- and all others like him -- that there is no place for lawless aggression in the region or in this new world order that we envision. (Applause.)

While I'm here, I would be remiss if I didn't salute what the U.S. and coalition airmen have accomplished. Air superiority is an established fact now. The Iraqi Air Force is no longer a factor. (Applause.) And I know that this base, as much as any base in the country -- this base is very proud of the way that we have used air superiority to go after Saddam's missiles of terror. (Applause.)

And, yes, our mission in the Gulf is demanding and it's difficult, but I can tell you that our troops will not be asked to accomplish their mission with one hand tied behind their back. We are not going to do that in this war. (Applause.) And let me say something else -- your husbands and wives, and your moms and dads will not be in that Gulf one day longer than is absolutely necessary. I want them home, and I want them all home. (Applause.)

And finally -- and I don't think I have to tell this particular group this point -- but I want each of you and all our troops -- this really is for the troops -- I want you to know that the American people stand with you. And I hope you had a chance to watch at least part of that -- the part of the State of the Union message that I want to mention to you because if you did, you would have seen a very moving scene: The entire Congress -- and Congressman Lancaster was there; he will tell you this is true -- the entire Congress, the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, the Joint Chiefs, the diplomatic corps, rose to their feet in a prolonged, heartfelt tribute to the troops. It was a moving thing. And if only you could have felt it as I did standing up there in front of the Congress -- felt the thunder of the applause and sensed the emotion that filled that chamber. And the cheering for our Armed Forces -- and it was strong, it was for them -- was followed by two more standing ovations for you, the courageous families of our servicemen and women. And it was for you and for our troops. And that's exactly the way it should have been.

And I hope that that Saddam Hussein, in his bunker somewhere in Baghdad, saw every single minute of it. And if he had -- (applause) -- and if he did, maybe he now understands that we are a nation united in support of our troops. (Applause.)

I know it's been tough on a lot of you -- maybe all you -- here at at Seymour Johnson. And I know also what it is that you have offered this great nation of ours. I understand what it is that I have asked of you, what General McPeak has asked of you. Members of this fighting unit have voluntarily set aside their freedom to wage this battle. But while today some may be prisoners of war, and others may have made the ultimate sacrifice, a lifetime of democracy and faith in God keeps their spirit free. No foreign dictator can imprison the love of liberty that beats in the hearts of every American.

And before I finish, I'd like to say something to all of the kids here today. I want you to know that your parents, your loved ones, our troops in the Gulf, are enduring the hardships of war today so that you may know the blessings of peace tomorrow.

And seeing such strong, wonderful families here today, and knowing the support that you have received from this community is good for the soul and proves the strength of America's spirit. And I thank each and every one of you -- I thank each and every one of you. And when I climbed on Air Force One of this morning out there, I told them this over at Cherry Point, I heard on the television, President Bush is visiting the bases to help lift the moral. And it's been

exactly 180 degrees the other way around. My moral has been pretty darn good, frankly, but seeing those people over there and now all of you, my moral has never been more sky-high. (Applause.)

Thank you for this fantastic support for the troops. (Applause.) Because you see -- you see, I do draw strength and courage from your forbearance for the job that the Colonel and all the others are doing around here. And I ask God's blessing upon you all -- every one of you -- and upon every soldier and sailor, Marine, airman and Coast Guardsman -- every man and woman now serving in the Persian Gulf. What a wonderful country we have. And nothing could prove that more than the patriotism and the courage and the devotion of your loved ones, our beloved troops, halfway around the world.

May God bless the United States of America and each and every one of you. (Applause.) Thank you very, very much.

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12:06 P.M. EST

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 31, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*
FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*
SUBJECT: VISIT WITH FAMILIES AT SEYMOUR JOHNSON A.F.B.,
 GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your review are draft remarks during a picnic with the families of servicemen at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, North Carolina to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 1. Several thousand people will attend, and you will be accompanied by Secretary of the Air Force Don Rice and Air Force Chief of Staff General McPeak and their wives.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (6 minutes/cards) will be delivered at an outdoor picnic, from a toast lectern. After the picnic, you will be meeting with the families of two POWs and two MIAs from this base.

Seymour Johnson is the home of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, as well as two air refueling groups. This wing flies F-15E planes, which have recently destroyed Scud missile launchers.

Grant/Blymire
January 31, 1991
A:FAMILIES

**BRIEF REMARKS: VISIT WITH TROOP FAMILIES
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1991
11:30 A.M.**

It's great to be here at Seymour Johnson AFB, home of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing // the "Rocketeers" and the "Chiefs" // as well as your refueling units, the 68th and the 916th. // And let me say what an unbelievable job Colonel "Jumbo" Wray is doing here on base // while your Wing Commander, Colonel Hornburg, is deployed with Desert Storm.

I am proud to share this stage with the Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Don Rice and his wife; as well as the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Tony McPeak and his wife. ///

I've just arrived from the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point and we're heading to Fort Stewart next. I want to tell you how pleased I am to be able to spend some time meeting and talking with you -- especially the kids -- because I know how tough these times can be. The waiting. The uncertainty. **The not knowing.** But each of you do know this: the men and women from Seymour Johnson are doing a phenomenal job. // The tactical fighters, the refuelers, the medical personnel, the civil engineers, the security police. // I want you to know how grateful the nation is to all of them -- and to you -- and to share with you a few thoughts.

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While I'm here, I would be remiss if I did not salute what U.S. and coalition airmen have accomplished. Air superiority is an established fact. The Iraqi Air Force is no longer a factor. And I know that this base is very proud of the way we have used that superiority to go after Saddam's missiles of terror.

Our mission in the Gulf is difficult and demanding, but I can tell you our troops will not be asked to accomplish their mission with one hand tied behind their back. And know something else -- your husbands and wives -- your moms and dads -- will not be in the Gulf one day longer than absolutely necessary. //

And finally, I want each of you and all our troops to know that the American people stand with them. I hope you had a chance to watch the State of the Union address, because you would have seen a very moving scene: the entire Congress, Cabinet,

Supreme Court, Joint Chiefs and diplomatic corps rose to their feet in a prolonged, heartfelt tribute to the troops. If only you could have felt the thunder of the applause, and sensed the emotion that filled that chamber. And the cheering was followed by two more standing ovations for you, the courageous families of our servicemen and women -- it was for you and for our troops. And that's the way it should have been.

I know it's been tough here at Seymour Johnson. I know what it is that you have offered the Nation. I understand what it is I have asked of you. Members of this fighting unit have voluntarily set aside their freedom to wage this battle. But while today some may be prisoners of war, a lifetime of democracy keeps their spirit free. No foreign dictator can imprison the love of liberty that beats in the heart of every American.

Before I finish, I'd like to say something to all the kids here today. I want you to know that your parents, our troops in the Gulf, are enduring the hardships of war today so that you may know the blessings of peace tomorrow.

Seeing such strong families here today -- knowing the support you have received from this community -- is good for the soul and proves the strength of America's spirit. I thank each and every one of you. I draw courage from your forbearance, and I ask God's blessing upon you all and upon every soldier and sailor, every Marine, airman and Coast Guardsman -- every man and woman now serving in the Persian Gulf.

Thank you and God bless the United States of America.

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DATE: 01/30/91

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VISIT WITH TROOP FAMILIES/SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB
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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than noon on Thursday, 01/31, with a copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

January 31, 1991

TO: CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff has reviewed and forwards the attached comments.

Brent Scowcroft
Brent Scowcroft

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

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January 30, 1991
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**BRIEF REMARKS: VISIT WITH TROOP FAMILIES
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1991
TIME?**

great group, (over a wing)
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knowing. But each of you do know this: what a phenomenal job the men and women serving ^{from Seymour Johnson} the 4th Tactical Wing are doing. // ^{The tactical} ~~One of the most decorated units in the Air Force,~~ // ~~with an outstanding combat record.~~ ^{fighter, the refuelers, medical personnel, ~~and other~~ civil engineers, records police.} // I want you to know how grateful the nation is ^{all of} to them -- and to you -- and to share with you a few thoughts.

I probably don't need to tell you that the brave servicemen and women of this ^{base} ~~unit~~ are part of the most **motivated,** most ^{best} **educated,** and **best equipped** armed forces in the history of this country -- bar none. // They are doing the hard work of freedom, and the cause of freedom will prevail. //

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Our mission in the Gulf is to secure peace, and I can tell you our troops will not be asked to accomplish their mission with one hand tied behind their back. And know something else -- your husbands and wives -- your moms and dads -- **will not be in the Gulf one day longer than absolutely necessary.** //

And finally, I want each of you and all our troops to know that **the American people are behind them.** I hope you had a chance to watch the State of the Union address, because you would have seen a very moving scene: the entire Congress, Cabinet, Joint Chiefs and diplomatic corps rose to their feet in a prolonged, roaring tribute to the troops. If only you could have felt the thunder of the applause, and sensed the emotion that filled that chamber. And the cheering was followed by two more standing ovations for you, the courageous families of our servicemen and women. ~~That applause wasn't for me -- it was~~ for you and for our troops. And that's the way it should have been.

I know it's been tough here at Seymour Johnson. Members of this fighting unit have ~~given~~ ^{voluntarily set aside} ~~their freedom and even, in some cases, their lives in~~ ^{to wage} this battle. But while the enemy has captured some members of our fighting force, a lifetime of democracy keeps their spirit free. No foreign dictator can imprison ~~the love of liberty~~ ^{that beats} deep in the heart of every American.

Before I finish, I'd like to say something to all the kids here today. I want you to know that your dads and moms, our troops in the Gulf, are enduring the hardships of war **today** so

I know what it is that you have offered the Nation. I understand what it is I have asked of you.

While I'm here, I would be remiss if I did not salute what U.S. and coalition airmen have accomplished. Air superiority is an established fact. The Iraqi air force is no longer a factor. And I know that this base is very proud of the way we have used that superiority to go after Saddam's missiles of terror.

(no confirmed KIA)

-- Knowing the support you have received from the local community --

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that you may know the blessings of peace tomorrow. Each one of you can be proud to say, "My dad or my mom is serving America."

Seeing such strong families here today is good for the soul -- and proves the strength of America's spirit. I thank each and every one of you for your tremendous support. I draw courage from your forbearance, and I ask God's blessing upon you all and upon every soldier and sailor, every Marine, airman and Coast Guardsman -- every man and woman now serving in the Persian Gulf.

Thank you and God bless the United States of America.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM
 91 JAN 31 A8:15

DATE: 01/30/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00 a.m. 01/31/91

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MARINES & FAMILIES/CHERRY POINT, NC
(01/30 5:00 p.m. draft)

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RESPONSE:

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

Colonel McDyre, Mrs. Krolak,
Mrs. Sutton

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January 30, 1991
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~~General Mundy,~~

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MARINES & FAMILIES
CHERRY POINT, N.C.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1991
8:35-8:50 A.M.

Thank you, ~~General Gray.~~ ^{Mrs. Hearney.} Secretary of the Navy Garrett.

~~Gen. Mundy's~~ ^{Gen. Mundy's} Families, friends, and members of "The few.
The proud. The Marines." // There is a song which speaks of
"Carolina in the Morning." Well, I'm pleased to be here this
morning to salute all of you who form the magnificent "Carolina
MAGTF" [[mag-taf]]. //

Admiral Bull Halsey -- forgive me, a Navy man -- once called
you "not merely the elite Corps of this country but the elite
Corps of the world." // I agree. // Let me tell you, it is a
real privilege to be at a home base of the United States Marine
Corps. //

For 216 years, the Marine Corps has helped write the story
of America. And today -- in wartime, as in peacetime -- you write
that story still. / It is the story of "Semper Fidelis" -- Always
Faithful -- to the liberty which sets men free. Think of Marines
storming the beaches of Iwo Jima. / Taking the shell-torn ridges
^{CHOSIN [CHO-SAHN] Guadal Canal.}
of ~~Mont Blanc and Hamburger Hill.~~ / Patrolling the skies from
Okinawa to Korea and now to Saudi Arabia. /

As I said Tuesday night in my State of the Union Address, to
be an American means writing new chapters in this story. It
means enlisting in the cause of liberty and undertaking the hard

It comes as no surprise that the first ground engagement of the Gulf war involved Marines. ^{It} comes as no surprise that the Marines fought ^{bravely and} with distinction.

work of freedom -- a cause which today in the Persian Gulf, your colleagues -- friends -- above all, families -- have bravely and willingly borne as Marines have always done. //

Their ^{professionalism and} sacrifice will end the nightmare of Iraq's brutal occupation -- and ensure that Kuwait once again is free. //

Their courage and commitment will help punish -- not reward -- aggression and protect our new world order from the tyranny of ruthless dictators with no concern for human life.

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Every day, I think of our brave servicemen and women like the 2nd Marine Aircraft ^{AWing} Wing -- eleven squadrons and two battalions deployed in the Gulf. // And the 2nd Marine Division of Camp Lejeune. Ninety percent of its members are deployed in the Gulf. They, too, believe in a cause larger than themselves.

and the
2nd Force
Service
Support
Group.

// Most of all, I think of those who have already given the last full measure of devotion. I will never let the memory and the families of these American heroes down. //

^{always carry} ^{Keep a place in my heart} ^{for}

Not far from here yellow ribbons stretch as far as the eye can see. They show what Dwight Eisenhower meant when he said, "Morale is the greatest single factor in successful wars." //

The communities of Jacksonville and Havelock [HAV-lock] care. So like communities all across America, they have joined hands to support military troops and their families. I think of your schools -- touching troops with their letters and their love. And the "Key Wives Program" -- linking families, and hearts. //

If there's anyone who wonders what we're fighting for, they need look no further than this room. //

Unfortunately, there are no medals of valor for military families. If there were, there would be as much decoration upon your chests as there is pride within them. / Two weeks ago, a monument was dedicated a mile from here. It has five service seals and this inscription: "Operation Desert Storm: This beacon burning bright is a constant reminder of Havelock's home fires burning in support of our military men and women and their families." // To all of you -- spouses, children, parents, *loved ones,* Marines -- you're doing more than just keeping the home fires burning. Your dedication and bravery is lighting the heart of every American. / You are hastening the day when your men and women will come home. Let me repeat: We will stay in the Gulf *as necessary* for as long -- but not one day longer ~~HA~~ than it takes us to complete our mission. //

~~There is~~
~~Let me close with a verse that always reminds me of the~~
 Marines. "Not gold but only men can make a people great and strong," it begins. "Men who for truth and honor's sake stand fast and suffer long. / Brave men who work while others sleep, who dare while others fly." It concludes: "They build a nation's pillars deep and lift them to the sky." //

Today, in the Gulf,
~~The Marines abroad -- the Marines at home -- their families~~
~~and their friends --~~ all of you are enduring much to keep America strong and great. // ~~Thank you -- and~~ let me leave you with words written more than a century ago. *Back then,* The Marines had just *landed on another distant shore* entered Panama, and a reporter wrote: "The Marines have landed

and the situation is well in hand." // Nothing has changed --
and nothing will. //

Thank you for your support. God bless you and this great
country. But most of all, God bless the finest Marines,
soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Coast Guardsmen any Nation has
ever had.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 1/31/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VISIT WITH TROOP FAMILIES - GOLDSBORO, N.C.

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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**BRIEF REMARKS: VISIT WITH TROOP FAMILIES
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1991
11:30 A.M.**

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I am proud to share this stage with the Secretary of the Air Force, Dr. Don Rice and his wife; as well as the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Tony McPeak and his wife. ///

I've just arrived from the Marine Air Station at Cherry Point and we're heading to Fort Stewart next. I want to tell you how pleased I am to be able to spend some time meeting and talking with you -- especially the kids -- because I know how tough these times can be. The waiting. The uncertainty. The not knowing. But each of you do know this: the men and women from Seymour Johnson are doing a phenomenal job. // The tactical fighters, the refuelers, the medical personnel, the civil engineers, the security police. // I want you to know how grateful the nation is to all of them -- and to you -- and to share with you a few thoughts.

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We are now more than two weeks into Operation Desert Storm. And I am happy to say, we are on course and on schedule. As each day passes, Iraq's war machine is being systematically destroyed by our allied military forces. Our investment, our training, and our planning are paying off. Sacrifices still lay ahead, but we will succeed. // And when we do, we will have taught Saddam Hussein -- and all others like him -- that there is no place for lawless aggression in the region or in the new world order that we envision.

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Thank you and God bless the United States of America.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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January 31, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Visit with Troop
Families/Seymour Johnson AFB

Fine set of remarks that should resonate very well with this audience. We have no comments from a policy standpoint.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

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

91 JAN 30 PM 7:55

Grant/Blymire
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

30 January 1991

To: Bob Simon (456-7750)

FM: Ellen Piazza (703 695-1323)

A package of the material given to Mary Kate was faxed to you last night. A revised POW/MIA insert (revised as of 31 Jan, 0800) is attached. It and other discussion of the POWs/MIAs (other than name, age, rank and service) is not releasable in a public speech. It's for private discussions between the President and families. Pls call with questions.

Ellen

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TO 92024566218

FROM 1 202 697 7376

01-31-1991 08:12AM

POW/MIA Insert

Col Dave Eberly and Maj Tom Griffith are Prisoners of War. Maj Tom Koritz and Maj Donnie Holland are Missing in Action. We can take comfort in the fact that all are superstars trained and ready for combat.

Tom Koritz is one of five pilots in the Air Force who is also a flight surgeon. It's tough to be a fighter pilot *and* a physician, but Tom's love of flying is rivaled by his love of healing. He excels at both.

Donnie Holland and Tom Griffith rank among the few Weapon System Officers to fly the F-15E. Only the very best from a selection of highly qualified officers are chosen for this job.

Dave Eberly, as Director of Operations for the 4th, was out in front as always when his people flew into combat. He's a born leader and warrior.

These four of Seymour's finest rank among American's most heroic and resourceful military officers. That doesn't keep us from hurting for them and for Julie Koritz, Cindy Holland, Liz Griffith, Barb Eberly, and all the children. But it offers us confidence and hope for their futures.

Transition into section on how Saddam will be accountable.

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NO COMMENTS. THANKS.

HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*
1-31-91

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-- Knowing the support you have
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: RONALD E. VONLEMBKE 
ASSISTANT COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Visit with Troop
Families/Seymour Johnson AFB


Pursuant to your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection to the draft presidential remarks.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

VISIT WITH TROOP FAMILIES \ SEYMOUR JOHNSON A.F.B.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1991 \ 11:30 A.M.

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I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR HOSTING THIS FINE PICNIC.

I AM PROUD TO SHARE THIS STAGE WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, DR. DON RICE AND HIS WIFE; AS WELL AS THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL TONY McPEAK AND HIS WIFE. ///

I'VE JUST ARRIVED FROM THE MARINE AIR STATION AT CHERRY POINT AND WE'RE HEADING TO FORT STEWART NEXT.

I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW PLEASED I AM TO BE ABLE TO SPEND SOME TIME MEETING AND TALKING WITH YOU -- ESPECIALLY THE KIDS -- BECAUSE I KNOW HOW TOUGH THESE TIMES CAN BE. THE WAITING. THE UNCERTAINTY. THE NOT KNOWING. BUT EACH OF YOU DO KNOW THIS: THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM SEYMOUR JOHNSON ARE DOING A PHENOMENAL JOB. // THE TACTICAL FIGHTERS, THE REFUELERS, THE MEDICAL PERSONNEL, THE CIVIL ENGINEERS, THE SECURITY POLICE. //



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WE ARE NOW MORE THAN TWO WEEKS INTO OPERATION DESERT STORM. AND I AM HAPPY TO SAY, WE ARE ON COURSE AND ON SCHEDULE. AS EACH DAY PASSES, IRAQ'S WAR MACHINE IS BEING SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYED BY OUR ALLIED MILITARY FORCES. OUR INVESTMENT, OUR TRAINING, AND OUR PLANNING ARE PAYING OFF. SACRIFICES STILL LAY AHEAD, BUT WE WILL SUCCEED. //

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WHILE I'M HERE, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT SALUTE WHAT U.S. AND COALITION AIRMEN HAVE ACCOMPLISHED. AIR SUPERIORITY IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT. THE IRAQI AIR FORCE IS NO LONGER A FACTOR.

AND I KNOW THAT THIS BASE IS VERY PROUD OF THE WAY WE HAVE USED THAT SUPERIORITY TO GO AFTER SADDAM'S MISSILES OF TERROR.

OUR MISSION IN THE GULF IS DIFFICULT AND DEMANDING, BUT I CAN TELL YOU OUR TROOPS WILL NOT BE ASKED TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR MISSION WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND THEIR BACK. AND KNOW SOMETHING ELSE -- YOUR HUSBANDS AND WIVES -- YOUR MOMS AND DADS -- WILL NOT BE IN THE GULF ONE DAY LONGER THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. //



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BUT WHILE TODAY SOME MAY BE PRISONERS OF WAR, A LIFETIME OF DEMOCRACY KEEPS THEIR SPIRIT FREE. No FOREIGN DICTATOR CAN IMPRISON THE LOVE OF LIBERTY THAT BEATS IN THE HEART OF EVERY AMERICAN.

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