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DATE: 02/25/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday 02/26

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RETIREMENT FOR GENERAL THURMAN
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*just received an update from Sec Cheney
displays Sec of Def briefing - can't tell you
how pleased we are w/ actions of coalition force.*

*As I stated earlier today, we are not only on the job -- we are
ahead of the job.*

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Don't stand away from the front lines in our
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*
FROM: MARK LANGE *ML*
SUBJECT: GENERAL THURMAN RETIREMENT CEREMONY

This afternoon, at 4:40 p.m., you will address approximately 300-500 attendees at the retirement ceremony of General Maxwell Thurman. Your remarks, at Ceremonial Hall at Fort Myer, are 3-5 minutes in length, and will be on cards.

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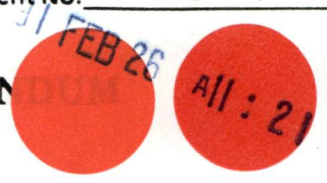
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The NSC staff concurs in the attached Presidential Remarks, subject to the changes noted.

B
Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Retirement for General
Thurman

Pursuant to Phil Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection, subject to the changes provided by the NSC, as well as the additional change on page two, second paragraph, substituting "Nunciature" (a building) for "Nuncio" (a person).

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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February 25, 1991
7:50 P.M.
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CEREMONIAL HALL, FORT MYER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1991
4:40 P.M.

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At home and abroad, America has been fortunate to have Maxwell Thurman in uniform. He has been the man who never shirked responsibility. I've been told, for instance, that General Thurman was standing outside the Papal ^{Nunciature} ~~Nuncio~~, when somebody asked who was responsible for the loud music. ✓

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