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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 5, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
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(Smith/Grossman)
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5 P.M.
MAGGIE MAY

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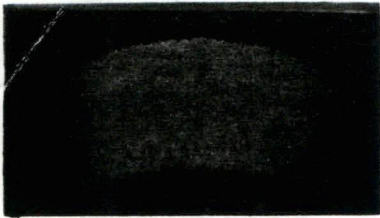
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

TO:

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phone conversation I had with
the P.M. In the early days of
the gulf Crisis, I called her to tell her
that though we fully intended to
interdict Iraqi shipping, we were going to
let a vessel heading for Oman go into
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explained to her why this decision had been
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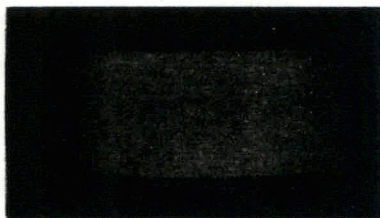
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agreed with the decision, but then added
these words of caution- words that guided
me throughout the gulf Crisis, words I will never
forget. Remember , George This is no time to
'go wobbly'.

That says it all. Never ever did Margaret
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Medal of Freedom Ceremony

We have reviewed the remarks for the Medal of Freedom ceremony and do not have any comments from a policy standpoint.

This is a fine set of remarks honoring a great leader.

c: Phillip D. Brady

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DATE: 3/4/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3/5/91 10:00 a.m.

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 5, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Assistant to the President
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(Smith/Grossman)
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MRS. THATCHER UNDERSTOOD THE TIES THAT BIND OUR NATIONS -- MORAL AND ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SPIRITUAL. SO SHE DEFENDED AMERICA -- AND HELPED INSPIRE IT. NO COUNTRY COULD HAVE HAD A MORE VALIANT COMRADE IN ARMS -- NO PRESIDENT, AS ANOTHER GREAT LEADER, RONALD REAGAN, COULD ATTEST, COULD ASK FOR A BETTER FRIEND. //

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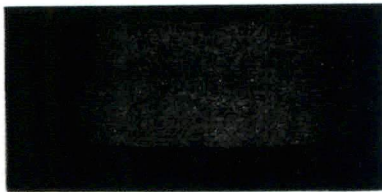


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~~BLESS AND KEEP YOU FOR ALL THE PEOPLES ON THIS EARTH. /~~

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→ *Thank you for all you've done.*



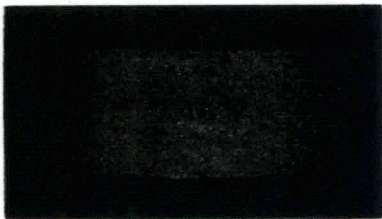
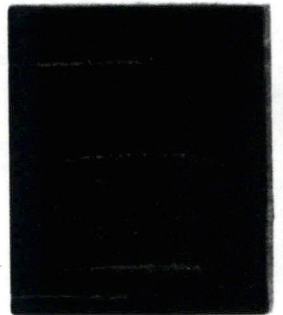


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RESPONSE:

March 7, 1991

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEDAL OF FREEDOM
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THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1991
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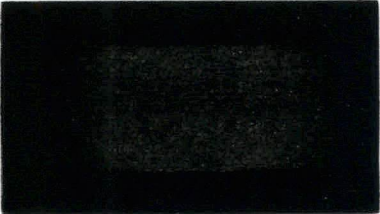
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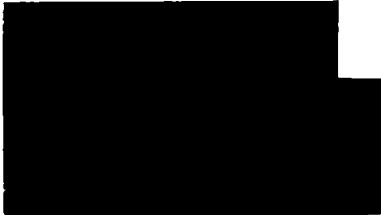


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that though we fully intended to
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *CW*
FROM: CURT SMITH *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

On Thursday, March 7th, at 5:30 p.m. you will deliver brief remarks (approximately ten minutes) before conferring the Medal of Freedom upon Margaret Thatcher. The event will take place in the State Room. Mrs. Thatcher's husband, Denis Thatcher, will attend, as will their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Diane Thatcher. Among the 130 guests in attendance: the British Ambassador, His Excellency Antony Acland and wife Lady Acland; Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney and wife, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities Lynne Cheney; General and Mrs. Colin Powell; Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Nicholas Brady; Chief Justice and Mrs. William Rehnquist; former Secretary of State and Mrs. George Shultz; and former Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Casper Weinberger.

Your remarks will recognize the ex-Prime Minister for her strength of character and will; her contributions to world freedom -- economic and political; and the inspiration she provided to the American people and their leaders.

(Smith/Grossman)
March 5, 1991
5 P.M.
MAGGIE MAY

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEDAL OF FREEDOM
STATE ROOM
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1991
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Think, first, of what she meant to what Shakespeare called "this blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England." //

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She cherished human dignity. So Britain reclaimed the Falkland Islands. / She sought to decrease what government must do and increase what the individual may do. So she put private roofs over British heads -- and restored economic pride to British hearts. // Like her successor, John Major, she believed passionately in free enterprise. So she used it to renew British initiative and national pride. // Margaret Thatcher didn't merely make Britain a leader in the New World Order. She defined the essence of the United Kingdom. //

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Margaret Thatcher stood with America when others stood silent. / Her ideals stood tall with ours; she knew that character is not what we have -- but what we are. // Here is what she said to Americans: "You should have as much faith in America as I have." So we did, and will remain. // We will never forget her courage in helping forge a great coalition against the aggression which brutalized the Gulf. Nor will I forget her wise counsel last August, as we met in Aspen, Colorado, the day after Iraq invaded Kuwait, at a crucial hour of decision for both our countries. / Ask servicemen and women from the Desert Rats to the 82nd Airborne -- the finest sons and daughters any Nations could ever have. They knew that the Rockies would crumble before Margaret Thatcher did. //

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For more than a decade, I have worked with Margaret Thatcher as a colleague and friend. I have marveled at her humor, her grace under pressure, her honesty, her fearlessness. // Above all, I have admired -- and do today -- her fidelity to the highest ideals of public service. // Her resilience and dedication -- especially to the men and women in uniform -- set an example for all of us. I have never met a leader who cared more deeply about her responsibilities to the people she served. //

It is not surprising that there have been, literally, millions of words written about Margaret Thatcher. But let me close with a passage from Mrs. Thatcher herself. / It was her final week as Prime Minister -- as her mission changed from transforming Britain to evangelizing the world. // There she was, giving one of the most memorable speeches in the history of Parliament. Teaching. / Exhorting. / Defying. / Dreaming. // Like Churchill and Sadat and Dwight Eisenhower -- beloved Ike -- the very embodiment of her Nation. //

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Assistant to the President
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Medal of Freedom Ceremony

Pursuant to your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection to the proposed Presidential Remarks.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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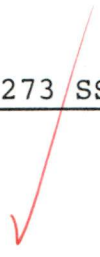
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 3/4/91

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RESPONSE:

NO COMMENTS. THANKS.

HOLLY WILLIAMSON
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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

March 4, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN
SUBJECT: MEDAL OF FREEDOM FACT-CHECK

- 1) page one, graph three, second sentence: "..11 of the most glorious years in British history.."

Considering the length and grandeur of British history (e.g. the Empire), are we justified in calling Maggie's 11 "the most glorious"?

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I know Curt disagrees with me, but I feel that this reference is inappropriate for two reasons. First, to my knowledge, the phrase "the sick man of Europe" has always been used to describe the turn-of-the-century Ottoman Empire. A brief NEXIS search appears to confirm this: the phrase with England calling up only one story, with Ottoman Empire calling up 19. Secondly, when I queried my contacts at the British Embassy about this phrase, they said that not only were they unfamiliar with the metaphor, they found it offensive.

- 3) page four, graph two, third sentence: Aquinas quote.

Nixon uses this quote in In the Arena. I'm still searching, but as of yet, I haven't been able to source it anywhere but in this book. I don't know how comfortable you feel with that.

*P.S. Nixon's office tells me this quote is a paraphrase --
we're still working on getting primary document.*

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(Smith/Grossman)
March 4, 1991
8 A.M.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 3/4

TO: CHRISS/CURT

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Special Assistant to the President
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**MEDAL OF FREEDOM \ STATE ROOM
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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March 5, 1991
5 P.M.
MAGGIE MAY

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEDAL OF FREEDOM
STATE ROOM
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1991
5:30 P.M.

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It has been said that great leaders reflect their time. Margaret Thatcher did. She also transformed her time as few leaders ever have. // Consider the 1980s and early '90s -- a golden age of liberty. Remember what she meant, and how she

mattered. Hers was not merely among Britain's finest hours. She helped mold perhaps democracy's finest era. //

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She cherished human dignity and self-determination. So when an anti-democratic military moved against the Falkland Islands, Britain met the challenge. / She sought to decrease what government must do and increase what the individual may do. So she put private roofs over British heads -- and restored economic pride to British hearts. // Like her successor, John Major, she believed passionately in free enterprise. So she used it to renew British initiative and national pride. // Margaret Thatcher didn't merely make Britain a leader in the New World Order. She defined the essence of the United Kingdom. //

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Half a century ago, King George VI of England visited Washington. Presenting the singer Kate Smith to His Majesty, President Roosevelt said, "This is America." // Tonight, I would say of the woman to my right, "This is Great Britain. / Here stands democracy -- righteous / and honorable / and free." //

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She believed in the bequest of human dignity. So Britain reclaimed the Falkland Islands. / She sought to decrease what government must do and increase what the individual may do. So she put private roofs over British heads -- and restored economic pride to British hearts. // Like her successor, John Major, she believed passionately in free enterprise. So she used it to change Britain from "sick man of Europe" to a leader of strength in the New World Order. // Under her, #10 Downing wasn't just an address. It defined the essence of the United Kingdom. //

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Here is what she said to Americans: "You should have as much faith in America as I have. Cheer up, cheer up. Be more upbeat." So we did, and will remain. // We will never forget her courage in forging a great coalition against the aggression which brutalized the Gulf. Nor will I forget her wise counsel last August, as we met in Aspen, Colorado, the day after Iraq invaded Kuwait. / Ask servicemen and women from the Desert Rats to the 82nd Airborne -- the finest sons and daughters any Nations could ever have. They knew that the Rockies would crumble before Margaret Thatcher did. //

Finally, and most importantly, think of what Margaret Thatcher meant not only to America but the world. Let me repeat a quote of hers which Barbara especially likes. "If you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman." // Mrs. Thatcher sought the real peace which means the triumph of freedom -- not just the absence of war. // She not only put the "great" back in Great Britain. She showed how you can't lock people behind walls forever -- when moral conviction uplifts their souls. // Go to Budapest or Gdansk. You will find

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There have been, literally, millions of words written about
 Margaret Thatcher. But let me close with a passage from Mrs.
 Thatcher herself. / It was her final week as Prime Minister --
 as her mission changed from transforming Britain to evangelizing
 the world. // There she was, giving one of the greatest speeches
 in the history of Parliament. // Like DeGaulle and Churchill and
 Dwight Eisenhower -- beloved Ike -- teaching. / Exhorting. /
Defying. / Dreaming. //

Toward the end of her address, she talked of policies "in
 tune with the deepest instincts of the British" -- and I would
 add, American -- "people," and of the global triumph of
 "democracy, the rule of law and human rights." / Then, she said:
 "These immense changes did not come about by chance. They have

been achieved by strength and resolution in defense, and by a refusal to be intimidated."//

It was a remarkable moment -- the audience was caught between tears and applause -- and as she spoke, the echo of another great leader must have resounded in that historic room. / "Here he stands," said Edmund Burke, "at the summit. / He may live long. / He may do much. / But he can never exceed what he does this day." //

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