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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON CW
FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE BH
SUBJECT: FORD THEATER GALA

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At the conclusion of the performances (approximately 10 p.m.), Sally Field will call you onstage. As you speak, the cast members will be standing behind you. Your remarks (3 minutes, cards) link this celebration -- and the themes of country music -- with the current resurgence of patriotism.

(Hinchliffe/Sainz)
March 8, 1991 3p.m.
FORD

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FORD'S THEATRE GALA
March 10, 1991 7:30 p.m.

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The incredible feeling here in this theatre tonight shows what I love best about country music. It hits all the right chords -- like caring for your family; having faith in God; and loving America. I remember Crystal Gayle travelling through the heartlands with us during the campaign. On our bus, she sang songs about how America stands for goodness, for commitment, for courage. Songs about people who care for each other -- with the biggest hearts on earth.

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We know who made this exhilarating moment possible. Our real American heroes. The men and women of Desert Storm.

As they come home, we're going to take all the pride and excitement the country feels and give them the biggest welcome-home party this country has ever seen.

They've shown us once again that America wouldn't be the land of the free if it wasn't the home of the brave.

So thank you for reminding us that we can dream and achieve together. That we can make America's beacon of hope shine even more brilliantly -- as the wise and impassioned President whose spirit lives in this theatre forever, envisioned that it would.

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FORD'S THEATRE GALA \ MARCH 10, 1991 \ 7:30 P.M.

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AND TONIGHT AMERICA'S FAMILY HAS GATHERED IN AMERICA'S THEATRE.

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YOU KNOW, FOR OVER 100 YEARS AFTER LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION, FORD'S THEATRE WAS CLOSED -- A DARK REMINDER OF AMERICAN TRAGEDY. BUT TONIGHT SHOWS HOW THIS PLACE CAME BACK TO LIFE -- AS A LIVING SYMBOL OF AMERICAN SPIRIT. AND I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER THEME THAN "A CELEBRATION OF COUNTRY" -- BECAUSE IT MEANS NOT JUST COUNTRY MUSIC, BUT ALSO OUR COUNTRY -- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM
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(03/06 2:00 p.m. draft)

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RESPONSE: March 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

The NSC staff concurs with the draft presidential remarks as amended.

Brent Scowcroft
Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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

91 MAR -6 PM 8:14

(Hinchliffe/Sainz)
March 6, 1991 2 p.m.
FORD

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FORD THEATER GALA
March 9, 1991 7:30 p.m.

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RESPONSE:

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

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(Hinchliffe/Sainz)
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RESPONSE:

 NO COMMENTS. THANKS.
 HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*
 3-7-91

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 Please forward your comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, 03/07, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:
 MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON
 The NSC staff concurs with the draft presidential remarks as amended.

Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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March 6, 1991 2 p.m.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1991

Dear Beth:

This is a brief note to let you know how much I enjoyed the video message you wrote for the Convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. I particularly like the quotation from "A Man for All Seasons." I remember that line well, and indeed it is one of those things that helped propel me toward a career in teaching.

Once again, you have produced a winner. It is great to be working together on the President's team.

Warmest regards,



Roger E. Porter
Assistant to the President
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Ms. Beth Hinchliffe
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