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**RADIO-TV CORRESPONDENTS' DINNER \ WASHINGTON HILTON  
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1991 \ 9:35 P.M.**

**THANK YOU, BRIAN, FOR THAT WONDERFUL TOAST. IT'S A  
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IS: I HAVE THE BEST SADDAM HUSSEIN JOKE YOU'VE EVER  
HEARD. // THE BAD NEWS IS, DICK CHENEY WON'T LET ME  
TELL IT.))**

((LET ME LET YOU IN ON ONE CLOSELY-HELD SECRET. A LOT OF PEOPLE WANTED US TO GO ALL THE WAY TO BAGHDAD -- AND TAKE OUT THE MAN WHO CAUSED SO MUCH GRIEF AND ANGER. /// I SAID NO, WE DON'T DO THINGS LIKE THAT. // BESIDES, I DIDN'T THINK PETER ARNETT WAS THAT BAD. ))

((I KNOW THE WAR CREATED MANY NEW T.V. STARS. I HEAR THAT ONE MAN INVOLVED IN THE WAR COVERAGE HAS BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL SEX SYMBOL. WOMEN CALL HIM THE "SCUD STUD." // OF COURSE, I'M TALKING ABOUT GENERAL NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF. ///))

ASIDE FROM THE GENERAL, I KNOW THAT SECRETARY CHENEY, CHAIRMAN POWELL, BRENT SCOWCROFT AND MANY OTHERS ARE HERE TONIGHT WHO HELPED SECURE THE LIBERATION OF KUWAIT. BUT I BELIEVE THAT MOST EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM WAS INVOLVED IN SOME ASPECT OF THE WAR, AND ONE THING WAS CLEAR TO ALL OF US: SUPPORT FOR OUR TROOPS WAS OVERWHELMING. AND I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHOSE DEDICATION AND LOVE KEPT OUR COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN GOING STRONG -- THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ///

THE COVERAGE OF THE WAR HAS SHOWN US ALL SO MANY MOVING SCENES. THERE WERE FUNNY ONES, LIKE THE SIGN PUT UP AT A BASE IN RIYADH: "IRAQ HAS WON THE TOSS AND HAS ELECTED TO RECEIVE." ///

THERE WERE TOUCHING ONES, LIKE THE SHOTS OF A SOLDIER PLAYING SAXOPHONE IN THE DESERT. AND THERE WERE POIGNANT MOMENTS. WHO CAN FORGET THE IRAQI TROOPS SURRENDERING TO THE GI, WHO ASSURED THEM THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALRIGHT.

THIS WAR HAS ALSO TAUGHT US MUCH -- ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF OUR NATION, THE BRAVERY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF STANDING UP TO AGGRESSION.

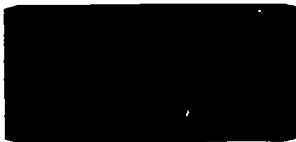
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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THROUGH: TONY SNOW

FROM: MARY KATE GRANT

SUBJECT: RADIO-TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS' DINNER

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

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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cc: Phillip D. Brady

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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