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Trophy Remarks
4/19/91

NAME OF WRITER :

Smith

NAME OF RESEARCHER:

Grossman

SPEECH SYNOPSIS:

POTUS gives the Air Force Academy the Commander in Chief's Trophy for football excellence among the military academies. POTUS reflects on the Academy's past season, recounting important games. POTUS also tells the story of Scott Thomas a former All-American from the Academy who served in the Persian Gulf. In the Gulf he was trapped in enemy territory. This experience was trying, but the values he learned at the Academy pulled him through.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TROPHY PRESENTATION
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SUBJECT: FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1991

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 17, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Trophy Remarks

We have reviewed the attached Presidential remarks and have no comments from a policy standpoint.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/15/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4/17/91 2:00 p.m.

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S TROPHY PRESENTATION

On Friday, April 19th, at 1:15 p.m in the Roosevelt Room, you will deliver brief remarks (approximately four minutes, on cards) before presenting the Commander in Chief's trophy to the Air Force Academy Falcons. The trophy embodies football supremacy among the Air Force Academy, West Point, and the Naval Academy. Your remarks recognize Coach DeBerry and various players for their contributions to a successful season. You also touch upon the story of Academy graduate and Desert Storm hero Scott Thomas, who was rescued from inside Iraqi territory.

Acknowledged are Lieutenant General Hamm, Coach DeBerry, Colonel Schweitzer, Colonel Clune, Secretary of Air Force Don Rice, and Air Force Chief of Staff Tony McPeak.

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Brent Scowcroft
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cc: Phillip Brady

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Col Clune, who has cancer, may be with the team. USAFA will arrive on Thursday evening.

Norman strongly objects to any comments about him during events to honor cadets.

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN

SUBJECT: TROPHY FACT-CHECK

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Note: some politicians and Air Force brass have been invited, we are waiting for confirmation.

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RESPONSE:

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RESPONSE:

*One Δ p.2 re: Chris Howard
~~NO COMMENTS~~ THANKS.
 Holly Williamson
 4-15-91*

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
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Affairs
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

91 APR 17 P2:58
April 17, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Trophy Remarks

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 APR 17 P3:09

DATE: 4/15/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4/17/91 2:00 p.m.

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RESPONSE:

Thanks. Comments written and highlighted. -mg

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

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TROPHY REMARKS
ROSE GARDEN
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1991

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