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NAME OF SPEECH & DATE OF SPEECH NSA Arrival Ceremony

5/1/91

NAME OF WRITER : McGoarty

NAME OF RESEARCHER: Dooley

SPEECH SYNOPSIS: POTUS "thanks" the
thousands of men; women, civilian;
military, of the U.S. SigInt System.
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their team efforts in
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WASHINGTON

April 29, 1991

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THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: NSA ARRIVAL CEREMONY

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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The NSC concurs with the remarks for the NSA arrival ceremony.

Brent Scowcroft
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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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MAY 1, 1991
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Thank you all for this warm welcome. [Introductory acknowledgements.] Admiral Studeman. Director Webster. To all the dedicated professionals of the NSA: it is my great pleasure to share with you this special day. //

I understand that this visit is a bit of a departure from the routine here at NSA. This is not the kind of place where you can pull off a surprise party. [[As I was saying just this morning in the Oval Office to General Scowcroft. . . . / Well, I guess you already know what I said.... //]]

In the past couple of months, I've had the privilege of meeting with many brave men and women who served in DESERT STORM -- who dedicated themselves to the cause of peace in the Persian Gulf. Today, I am here to express my deepest appreciation to you -- the thousands of men and women, civilian and military, of the United States Signals Intelligence system.

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