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NAME OF SPEECH & DATE OF SPEECH NSA Awards Ceremony
5/1/91

NAME OF WRITER : McGearty

NAME OF RESEARCHER: Deeley

SPEECH SYNOPSIS: POTUS thanks the U.S.

Intelligence Community for going
"well beyond the limit in Desert
Storm". POTUS noted the
other notable related efforts made
by the organization. POTUS
also singled out the contributors
of COMSEC. POTUS also thanked
the ~~good~~ expertise of this Department
in helping win the war
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NSA AWARDS CEREMONY \ FORT MEADE, MARYLAND
MAY 1, 1991 \ 10:30 A.M.

THANK YOU, {ADMIRAL} BILL {STUDEMAN, NSA DIRECTOR}.
DIRECTOR WEBSTER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN:

I COME HERE TODAY NOT AS A STRANGER TO YOUR CRAFT
BUT AS SOMEONE WHO HAS A PRETTY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF
INTELLIGENCE -- AND ABOVE ALL, AN APPRECIATION OF THE
PEOPLE WHO ARE THE HEART OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE
CAPABILITIES.

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I UNDERSTAND THE EFFORT AND THE SACRIFICES YOU MAKE TO
SERVE OUR NATION WITH THE BEST INTELLIGENCE IN THE
WORLD. THERE IS NO DOUBT: YOU PERFORMED WELL BEYOND
THE CALL OF DUTY IN DESERT STORM.

AND DESERT STORM IS ONLY PART OF THE PICTURE. THE
WORLD DID NOT STAND STILL WHILE WE FOUGHT IN THE GULF.

WE HAD DANGEROUS AND TROUBLING EVENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE BALTICS, A TRAGIC INCIDENT IN CENTRAL AMERICA WHEN OUR FLYERS WERE KILLED BY THE REBELS IN EL SALVADOR, AMERICAN CITIZENS AT RISK IN AFRICAN CIVIL WARS, AND NUMEROUS OTHER CRISES WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN ON THE FRONT PAGE IF DESERT STORM HAD NOT OVERSHADOWED THEM. YOU WERE THERE, TOO. YOU STRETCHED. YOU STRAINED. BUT YOU DIDN'T BREAK. YOU PROVIDED THE FIRST-RATE SUPPORT THAT'S LONG BEEN THE HALLMARK OF THE NSA. //

AND LET ME SINGLE OUT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE COMSEC, THE COMPUTER SECURITY AND OPERATIONS SECURITY ELEMENTS OF NSA. THEY TOO RESPONDED WITH GREAT ENERGY AND EFFORT TO MAKE SURE WE WERE SECURE WHILE WE CONDUCTED THESE MOST SENSITIVE OPERATIONS.

SUCCESS IN DESERT SHIELD -- VICTORY IN DESERT STORM -- WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR KEY CONTRIBUTIONS.

I COME HERE TODAY TO UNDERSCORE THAT FACT -- AND TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WHO PROVIDED CRUCIAL INTELLIGENCE IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY, DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES. WHETHER YOU SERVED IN THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS, HERE IN THE STATES, OR IN OTHER POSTS OVERSEAS, MANY OF OUR SUCCESSES CAN BE SQUARELY ATTRIBUTED TO SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE.

CRITICISMS YOU MAY HAVE READ HAVE THE RING OF MONDAY-MORNING-QUARTERBACKS -- AND NOT VERY WELL INFORMED MONDAY-MORNING-QUARTERBACKS AT THAT. PERFECT HINDSIGHT DOESN'T HELP WHEN YOUR CHALLENGE IS PROVIDING REAL-TIME INTELLIGENCE. FROM WHERE I SAT, I SAW EXTREMELY DIFFICULT INTELLIGENCE TASKS PERFORMED WITH CREATIVITY, DETERMINATION, SACRIFICE AND DEDICATION. THE TRUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE WELL KNOWN AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY THOSE OF US WHO KNOW THE FACTS.

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, GENERAL SCHWARZKOPF -- HALF A WORLD AWAY -- DISCUSSED AND COORDINATED WITH US MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS TO THE DEPLOYMENT OF OUR FORCES, TEMPO, AND TARGET PRIORITIES. THESE DECISIONS WERE OFTEN BASED ON TIMELY SIGINT DATA. CLEARLY, THAT INTELLIGENCE -- YOUR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE -- HELPED US WIN THE WAR IN RECORD TIME AND WITH VERY LIMITED CASUALTIES.

LET ME ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLIMENT THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY'S LEADERS.

MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE COMMUNITY GOES TO THEM: BILL WEBSTER, WILLIAM SESSIONS, DICK KERR, ED SOYSTER OF DIA AND DOUG MULHOLLAND FROM STATE. AND I THINK BILL STUDEMAN DESERVES SPECIAL THANKS FOR HIS ROLE IN ALL OF THIS.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO RECEIVE AWARDS TODAY: YOU ARE STANDOUTS AMONG THE OUTSTANDING: STANDARD BEARERS FOR A TRULY MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE HERE AT NSA, AND THROUGHOUT THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

**NOW LET ME TURN THE PROGRAM BACK TO BILL STUDEMAN
FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THESE WELL-DESERVED AWARDS.**

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *Dmg*

SUBJECT: REMARKS AT THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY AWARDS CEREMONY

SUMMARY:

On Wednesday, May 1 you will attend the annual National Security Agency Awards Ceremony at the NSA, Fort Meade, MD. Your remarks will precede the presentation of the awards by Admiral Bill Studeman, Director of the NSA. The awards ceremony is closed to the press.

DISCUSSION:

Your remarks focus on the critical contribution of the Signal Intelligence to the success of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Your remarks will include a short classified section which has been left out of this staffed draft.

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McGroarty/Dooley
April 24, 1991
4:45 pm
[NSA]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NSA AWARDS CEREMONY
FORT MEADE, MARYLAND
MAY 1, 1991
TIME: TBD

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And Desert Storm is only part of the picture. The world did not stand still while we fought in the Gulf. We had dangerous and troubling events in the Soviet Union and the Baltics, a tragic incident in Central America when our flyers were killed by the rebels in El Salvador, American citizens at risk in African civil wars, and numerous other crises which would have been on the front page if Desert Storm had not overshadowed them. You were there, too. You stretched. You strained. But you didn't break. You provided the first-rate support that's long been the hallmark of the NSA. //

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(04/24 4:45 p.m. draft)

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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
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91 APR 25 PM 12:49

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

91 APR 23 PM 3:45

McGroarty/Dooley
April 23, 1991
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[NSA]

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The NSC concurs with changes as noted.

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cc: Philip Brady

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Thank you, {Admiral} Bill {Studeman, NSA Director}.
Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

I come here today not as a stranger to your craft but as someone who has a pretty fair understanding of intelligence systems -- and above all, an appreciation of the people who are the heart of U.S. intelligence capabilities. I understand the effort and the sacrifices you make to serve our nation with the best intelligence in the world. I also understand that there are limits to our capabilities, and times when you're asked to go beyond the limits. There is no doubt: you went well beyond the limit in Desert Storm.

And Desert Storm is only part of the picture. The world did not stand still while we fought in the Gulf. We had dangerous and troubling events in the Soviet Union and the Baltics, a tragic incident in Central America when our flyers were killed by the rebels in El Salvador, American citizens at risk in African revolutions, and numerous other crises which would have been on the front page if Desert Storm had not overshadowed them. You were there, too. You stretched. You strained. But you didn't break. You provided the first-rate support that's long been the hallmark of the NSA. //

And let me single out the contributions of the COMSEC, the computer security and operations security elements of NSA. They too responded with great energy and effort to make sure we were secure while we conducted these most sensitive operations.

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