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STATE DINNER \ STATE DINING ROOM
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1991 \ 7:15 P.M.

YOUR MAJESTY, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. LET ME WELCOME YOU TO THE WHITE HOUSE -- TO A DINNER TO SALUTE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN WHICH HAS PERHAPS NEVER BEEN MORE SPECIAL. //

((OUR NATIONS SHARE MANY TIES. ONE IS AFFECTION FOR ANIMALS. / AMERICANS HAVE LONG LOVED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE QUEEN WITH HER CORGIS -- OF COURSE, THE BUSH FAMILY ALSO LOVES DOGS. //

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HOWEVER, UNLIKE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MILLIE AND ME, THE QUEEN'S DOGS ARE NOT MORE FAMOUS THAN SHE IS.))

((AMERICANS ALSO SHARE THE QUEEN'S LOVE OF HORSES. I OFTEN WONDER IF I'D BE STANDING HERE TODAY IF IT WEREN'T FOR A HORSE FANCIER NAMED PAUL REVERE. // ACTUALLY, BARBARA WOULD RATHER THAT I RIDE HORSES THAN JOG. SHE SAYS SHE'S NEVER HEARD OF A HORSE WITH ATRIAL FIBRILLATION.)) //

MOST OF ALL, WHAT LINKS OUR COUNTRIES IS LESS A PLACE THAN AN IDEA. THE IDEA THAT FOR NEARLY 400 YEARS HAS BEEN AMERICA'S INHERITANCE AND ENGLAND'S BEQUEST: THE LEGACY OF DEMOCRACY, THE RULE OF LAW, AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. //

RECENTLY, THIS LEGACY HELPED OUR NATIONS JOIN FORCES TO LIBERATE KUWAIT.

ALL AMERICANS INVOLVED IN THE CRISIS WILL REMEMBER AS LONG AS THEY LIVE THE RESOLVE OF MARGARET THATCHER AND JOHN MAJOR, THE GRITTY RESOLUTION OF YOUR MAJESTY'S SERVICES -- AND THROUGH IT ALL, THE STEADFAST SUPPORT OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE. // WE BELIEVED THAT THE HUMAN WILL COULD OUTLAST BAYONETS AND BARBED WIRE. SO WE TOLD THE WORLD: AGGRESSION WILL NOT STAND. //

OUR MILITARY COOPERATION IN THE GULF HARKENED BACK TO OUR JOINT MILITARY ENDEAVORS OF TWO WORLD WARS -- AND FOUR DECADES OF PEACETIME ALLIANCE. // YET IT FORMS JUST ONE PART OF THE REMARKABLE BRITISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. //

YOUR MAJESTY, FIFTEEN YEARS AGO YOU CELEBRATED THAT FRIENDSHIP DURING THE MOST IMPORTANT WEEK OF AMERICA'S BICENTENNIAL YEAR. HOW PROUD WE WERE TO HAVE YOU HERE.

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((INCIDENTALLY, AS IN YOUR LATER VISITS, YOU SHOWED THEN ANOTHER QUALITY WHICH LINKS US: A LOVE OF EXERCISE. // RAIN OR SHINE, YOUR LONG WALKS HAVE LEFT EVEN SECRET SERVICE AGENTS PANTING. I'M THINKING OF NAMING YOU HONORARY CHAIRWOMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS.)) //

WHEN YOU WERE IN PHILADELPHIA DURING YOUR 1976 VISIT, YOU INAUGURATED A NEW BICENTENNIAL BELL.

AS YOU REMEMBER, ON THE BICENTENNIAL BELL ARE INSCRIBED THE WORDS, "LET FREEDOM RING." FREEDOM HAS BEEN RINGING FAR AND WIDE IN RECENT YEARS. WHAT THAT MOVEMENT OWES TO THE EXAMPLE OF BRITAIN AND AMERICA CAN HARDLY BE OVERSTATED.

NOR CAN THE ROLE OF THOSE WHO PRESERVED THE CANONS OF LIBERTY -- AND WHO EMBODY THE EXTRAORDINARY TIES OF SYMPATHY AND FELLOW FEELING BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. //

LET ME CLOSE WITH ONE SUCH MAN. HIS NAME WAS ABRAHAM LINCOLN. / PERHAPS HIS MOST PERCEPTIVE BIOGRAPHY WAS WRITTEN EARLY IN THIS CENTURY BY AN ENGLISHMAN, LORD CHARNWOOD. / UPON LINCOLN'S DEATH DISRAELI SAID: "IT TOUCHES THE HEART OF NATIONS AND APPEALS TO THE DOMESTIC SENTIMENT OF MANKIND." //

YOUR MAJESTY, LIKE LINCOLN YOU HAVE TOUCHED THE HEART OF THIS NATION MANY TIMES. / IN OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR. / THEN, VISITING OUR SHORES IN 1983, THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF PARIS, AND AGAIN IN 1989. /

I KNOW I SPEAK FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHEN I EXPRESS THE BELIEF THAT THE BONDS WHICH CONNECT OUR NATION AND YOURS -- BONDS OF HISTORY, PRINCIPLE, INTEREST, AND AFFECTION -- WILL ENDURE TILL THE END OF TIME. //

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

91 MAY -7 PM 12:13

(Smith/Grossman)
May 7, 1991
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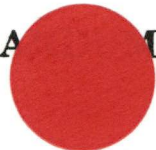
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RESPONSE:

May 18, 1991

The NSC Staff concurs with the changes indicated.

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

cc: Philip Brady

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(Smith/Grossman)
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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: John S. Gardner *JSG*
SUBJECT: Betty and Phil Windsor Road Show

This is a good set of remarks; I have only two general comments:

1. Joke: I think the President will strike the "English is my only foreign language" joke, as he has before. Instead -- in all seriousness -- I wonder if a dog joke might work. It would have to have some sort of lead in such as "Your Majesty, the entire Bush family welcomes you to the White House. And I want to tell you there's no need to be afraid of our gentle dog Millie." I think the audience would understand the reference to the corgi which bit the Queen. The President likes Millie jokes, and I think he would deliver it well.

2. England/Britain/UK: The speeches are not as precise on the distinctions between these three terms as I think they need to be. It is inaccurate -- and, from the British perspective, a little offensive -- to use locutions which imply that the United Kingdom is synonymous with England. For instance, in the second paragraph of the arrival, shifting from "Britain" to "England" makes no sense. Technically, "Great Britain" refers only to the island comprising England, Scotland, and Wales; the correct name for the nation as a whole is "United Kingdom." But I have seen "Britain" (no "Great") used as shorthand for "United Kingdom" in official publications. I think my suggestions should make this read correctly.

Thanks.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: QUEEN ELIZABETH ARRIVAL
SOUTH LAWN
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1991
10 A.M.

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, ladies and gentlemen,
friends of what is indeed our special relationship. // Your
Majesty, on behalf of the American people, it is an honor to
welcome you to the United States and to the White House. //

Half-a-century ago, your father -- King George VI -- visited
Washington. Presenting the singer Kate Smith to His Majesty,
President Roosevelt said, "This is America." // Today, I would
say of Queen Elizabeth II, "This is Great Britain. Here stands a
woman who embodies ^{Britain's} ~~England's~~ history, and its heart." //

You have been freedom's friend for as long as we remember -
- back to World War II, when at eighteen you joined the war
against fascism. // It was then that America first began to know
you as one of us -- came to love you as standing fast with us for
freedom. Summoning across the oceans our values, and our dreams.

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It has been said that Britain and America are two countries
separated by a common language. / [[That's funny. // Some say
English is my only foreign language.]] // What is even more
valid is that we are joined by a common heritage and culture,
civilization and soul. //

On the occasion of your first state visit to the United
States, Dwight Eisenhower spoke of these bonds of friendship. He
said, "Those ties have been tested in the crucible of war when we

have fought side by side to defend the values we hold dear." /
That was true in 1957 -- and just as true today. //

For nearly 400 years, the histories of Britain and America
have been inseparably connected. // The first permanent English
settlement in America was created at Jamestown, Virginia, 384
years ago this week. // Thirteen years later, the Pilgrims
landed far to the north / at a place they called Plymouth Rock /
named after your great naval port from which they sailed. //

From those events sprang the American nation -- believing,
as you do, in the sanctity of the individual. / In our time,
this belief has led to ventures from technology to television to
tourism -- and to family ties that make our Nations one. Because
those ties have never been closer, today our alliance has perhaps
never been stronger. //

For evidence, look to the sands and seas of the Persian
Gulf. // Our countries have long sought the real peace which
means the triumph of freedom -- not merely the absence of war.
We know that you can't lock people behind walls forever -- when
moral conviction uplifts their souls. So like Monty / and
beloved Ike / and Churchill / and FDR -- we linked hands, and
hearts, in the Gulf to do what was right, and good. //

Years from now, men will speak of American and British
heroism in the Gulf -- as they do today of El Alamein and the
Burma Road and Monte Cassino and Utah Beach. / They will talk of
the 82nd Airborne and the Desert Rats -- and of the finest sons
and daughters any Nation could ever have. // They will praise

those who assured that naked aggression would not stand -- and in so doing, salute Britain's help in forging our great coalition. / The past year has reaffirmed our alliance of shared principles // our fidelity to democracy and basic human rights // the fact that ~~there will always be an England // and that England will always be our friend. //~~ *America and Britain stand shoulder to shoulder for what is right.*

In that spirit, let me close with your words from a 1947 radio broadcast, when in the aftermath of another war you issued both a pledge and a request. / You told the British people: "My whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our . . . family to which we all belong." Then, you concluded: "But I shall not have strength to carry out the resolution alone unless you join it with me."

Your Majesty, your example helped inspire a Nation -- and helped your Nation inspire the world. / Because of what you are -- because of what Great Britain means -- all freedom-loving peoples stand ready to carry out your resolution: To achieve what is just and honorable for the Nations of the globe. //

With great pleasure, then, on behalf of an American people which reveres their mother country -- I welcome you and Prince Philip to this country -- the United States of America.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TREE CEREMONY
SOUTH LAWN
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1991
1:30 P.M.

Your Majesty, Your Royal Highness, ladies and gentlemen.
Welcome to the White House. And to an event which commemorates -
- whether in America or Great Britain -- how trees can preserve
and protect our natural resources. //

Her Majesty and I have just come from the Map Room, where I
was honored to receive the Winston Churchill Award. / In one of
his famous witticisms, Sir Winston once said, "I am always ready
to learn, though I do not always enjoy being taught." / What
trees teach us is how a precious inheritance can be passed from
one generation to another. //

We see it in the forests of Nottingham -- and lush delta of
Mississippi. We marvel at the New Forest [it's in Western England] of Dover -- and evergreens of
the Pacific Northwest. // Trees form a great cathedral of the
outdoors. We must nurture them, replenish them -- as a family
would a best friend. //

Your Majesty, fifty-four years ago President Roosevelt did
exactly that -- celebrating the British-American family by
praising a friend. / FDR planted two little-leaf Linden trees in
honor of your father -- King George VI's -- coronation. For
decades they stood erect and proud -- like the ties that bind our
Nations. //

Then, last September, a storm swept through Washington --- destroying one of the lindens planted for your father. It served to remind all of us that trees are precious -- but fragile. They need our help -- as we need their beauty. //

Teddy Roosevelt once called trees "the property of unborn generations." // I can think of no better way to show our friendship -- nor salute the children of both our countries --- than to plant a new Linden tree. It is my honor now to dedicate it to a truly great and good man, King George VI.

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Just very good S.R.

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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WASHINGTON

May 8, 1991 91 MAY 8 1:40

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Queen Elizabeth Dinner,
State Dining Room

We have reviewed the attached draft presidential remarks and have no comments from a policy standpoint. We approve the draft in its current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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