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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1991

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
FROM: ROBERT SIMON
SUBJECT: EL SALVADOR DEPARTURE STATEMENT

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The remarks (6 minutes, on cards) praise President Cristiani's efforts to improve political and economic freedom and the rule of law, as well as offering our full support for peace negotiations.

Simon
June 11, 1991
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CRISTIANI DEPARTURE STATEMENT
SOUTH LAWN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1991
1:15 P.M.

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THEY ARE MEASURED BY THEIR ... DEDICATION TO THEIR
FRIENDS, TO COMMON VALUES, PRICELESS VALUES THAT FREE
MEN POSSESS -- ABOVE EVEN LIFE ITSELF."**

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**THIRTY YEARS LATER, THOSE WORDS STILL RING TRUE.
THROUGH TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES, EL SALVADOR HOLDS FAST TO
ITS DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS. SEVEN TIMES IN TEN YEARS,
YOUR COURAGEOUS COUNTRYMEN HAVE VOTED IN FREE AND FAIR
ELECTIONS, PROVING TO THE WORLD THAT, IN LINCOLN'S
WORDS, "THE BALLOT IS STRONGER THAN THE BULLET."**

**MR. PRESIDENT, TIME AND AGAIN, YOU AND THE PEOPLE
OF EL SALVADOR HAVE PROVED YOUR DOUBTERS WRONG.
POLITICAL RIGHTS HAVE FLOURISHED DESPITE HARDSHIP AND
WAR.**

YOUR PEOPLE ENJOY FREEDOM OF SPEECH LIKE NEVER BEFORE. EXILES WHO ONCE FEARED FOR THEIR LIVES HAVE RETURNED HOME TO CAMPAIGN FOR OFFICE AND BUILD PARTIES.

YOU ALSO HAVE BEGUN TO LAY LIBERTY'S CORNERSTONE -- THE RULE OF LAW. YOU HAVE STRENGTHENED THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. YOU HAVE EXPANDED CIVILIAN AUTHORITY OVER THE POLICE AND MILITARY, AND COMMITTED YOURSELF TO DRAMATIC REDUCTIONS IN THE ARMED FORCES. YOU HAVE STRENGTHENED PROTECTIONS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

SOON, THE TRIAL OF THOSE ACCUSED IN THE 1989 JESUIT MURDERS WILL BEGIN. AND WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL PRESS TO SEE JUSTICE DONE IN THE CASE OF THIS DESPICABLE CRIME.

BUT AS NEWLY FREED PEOPLE AROUND THE GLOBE ARE LEARNING, POLITICAL FREEDOM IS CONNECTED TO ECONOMIC FREEDOM. HERE, TOO, YOUR NATION HAS TAKEN DRAMATIC STRIDES. WHEN YOU FREED EXCHANGE RATES, WIPED OUT PRICE CONTROLS, AND CLAMPED DOWN ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING, YOUR FARMERS, WORKERS, AND INVESTORS RESPONDED WITH A BURST OF CREATIVITY AND GROWTH.

INFLATION FELL LAST YEAR AND EXPORTS ROSE BY 17 PERCENT. AND IN SPITE OF GUERRILLA ATTACKS ON ECONOMIC TARGETS, YOUR ECONOMY GREW FASTER THAN IT HAS SINCE 1978 -- UP 3.4 PERCENT.

THIS PROGRESS CANNOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY, HOWEVER, UNLESS PEACE FINALLY COMES TO EL SALVADOR. FORTUNATELY, YOU HAVE LED YOUR PEOPLE TOWARD PEACE AND RECONCILIATION.

YOU EXTENDED THE HAND OF FORGIVENESS IN YOUR INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

YOU TOLD YOUR COUNTRYMEN THAT THE TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS HAD COME. YOU OFFERED TO NEGOTIATE WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS.

THROUGHOUT YOUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, PEOPLE OF GOODWILL AGREE: THE TIME FOR PEACE HAS COME. NOW, THE F.M.L.N. GUERRILLAS MUST SHOW IN WORD AND DEED THAT THEY WANT PEACE AND ITS NATURAL COUNTERPART, DEMOCRACY.

THE GUERRILLAS AGREED TO NEGOTIATE A CEASE FIRE FOR SEPTEMBER OF 1989. THEY SHOWED NO EAGERNESS TO MEET THAT DEADLINE.

THEY THEN PROMISED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION A CEASE FIRE BY MAY 30. BUT THEY WERE NOT TRULY COMMITTED TO THAT DEADLINE EITHER, AND THE KILLING AND DESTRUCTION CONTINUES. SO THE WORLD MUST ASK: HOW MANY MORE SALVADORANS MUST DIE BEFORE THE GUERRILLAS UNDERSTAND THAT SALVADORANS WANT PEACE AND FREEDOM -- NOT VIOLENCE AND WAR? I URGE THE GUERRILLAS TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND STAY THERE UNTIL A CEASE-FIRE IS REACHED.

MR. PRESIDENT, DIFFICULT STEPS LIE AHEAD, BUT THE WORLD UNDERSTANDS YOUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND DEMOCRACY. THE UNITED STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FULLY SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS FOR PEACE -- AND WE WILL SUPPORT SOUND PEACE ACCORDS IN YOUR BRAVE LAND.

WE BOTH SERVE AT A TIME WHEN FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY ARE SWEEPING THE GLOBE. HERE IN THE AMERICAS WE ARE BUILDING SOMETHING UNPRECEDENTED IN HUMAN HISTORY: THE WORLD'S FIRST COMPLETELY DEMOCRATIC HEMISPHERE.

UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, EL SALVADOR HAS TAKEN A PLACE IN THAT DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY. AND WITHIN YOUR BORDERS, HOPE FLOURISHES. PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN INTO THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. THEY NOW TOLERATE OPPOSING VIEWS. THEY SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THEY HAVE DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO PRESERVING HUMAN RIGHTS.

THESE INGREDIENTS CANNOT HELP BUT PRODUCE PEACE. WHEN THEY DO, YOUR PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER THAT YOUR LEADERSHIP MADE PEACE POSSIBLE.

MR. PRESIDENT, I SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP. YOU HAVE MY FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT. GODSPEED AND GOD BLESS YOUR WORK ON THE ROAD TO PEACE FOR EL SALVADOR.

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SOUTH LAWNSUBJECT: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1991

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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June 7, 1991
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~~Even though violence marred your own election -- as~~ ^(NSC) ~~guerrillas gunned down citizens waiting in line to vote --~~ ^{you} extended the hand of forgiveness in your inaugural address. You told your countrymen that the time for negotiations had come. You offered to negotiate without preconditions.

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Bob Zimm
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United States Department of State

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DATE 7 June 1991

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NAME Bill Brownfield
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COMMENTS:

DD:

Pursuant to your harassing telephone call, attached is the
State Department's proposed departure for the President's use
with Cristiani as rewritten by Bernie. This is the version
that we will be sending over officially later today.

Bill

Mr. President it has been a special personal pleasure to welcome you and your colleagues to the White House. Here in the Americas we are building together something never witnessed before in human history: the world's first completely democratic hemisphere. Under your leadership President Cristiani, El Salvador is taking its rightful place in that democratic community.

Mr. President two years ago you assumed office after a stunning first ballot victory in a country besieged by war. Indeed, FMLN guerrillas violently attacked the citizens of your country as they stood in the lines to vote for your election. Nevertheless, in your inaugural address you said now was the time to negotiate peace in El Salvador. And you offered to open negotiations without preconditions with the FMLN.

Today, Mr. President, largely because of your leadership, El Salvador is moving toward peace. In that endeavor to negotiate peace for your country, you have the full support of the United States.

Mr. President, you understand that peace and democracy go hand-in-hand. Already, in the negotiations, you have negotiated far-reaching reforms. You have vastly expanded your country's ability to defend human rights. You have opened up your electoral system to all who wish to peacefully compete for political power. You have strengthened the Salvadoran judicial system's capacity to defend the rule of law. You have expanded civilian authority over the armed forces and the police, you have committed to dramatic reductions in the size of the armed forces, and put in place new mechanisms to ensure that its ranks are led by dedicated professionals respectful of the rights of your citizens. You have made those commitments and far-reaching reforms even though your country remains racked by war and the enemy with whom you negotiate continues to destroy your economic infrastructure and fire rockets that kill and maim innocent civilians.

The people of El Salvador, from all political perspectives are ready for peace. It is long past time for the FMLN guerrillas to join that consensus for peace in El Salvador.

The guerrillas promised a cease fire by September of 1989 in the document they signed in Caracas. When they failed to reach that deadline, they promised the foreign ministers of the European Commission that they would agree to a cease fire by May 30th of this year. But they broke that promise also.

How many more Salvadorans have to die in this war before the guerrillas understand that El Salvador has had it ~~fill~~ with violence and war. I hope the guerrillas will return to the negotiating table, put all the issues on the table, and stay there until a cease fire is reached. I know you are committed to such a global negotiation. The international community is ready to do its part in support of any peace agreement that is reached.

Mr. President, you and the people of El Salvador have proved the critics and doubters wrong. In the past decade, your country has been transformed profoundly. It has held

seven elections overseen by the international community and every one has been judged free and fare. You have expanded your electoral system so that even parties allied with the FMLN were able to campaign in the last election and win seats in your national assembly. Freedom of speech has never been so broad nor so freely exercised as it is in El Salvador despite a guerrilla war. Exiles who once feared for their lives have returned home to help build political parties and compete in elections.

Just as you have expanded freedom in the political market place, you have also expanded freedom in the economic market place. When you freed exchange rates, wiped out price controls, controlled the government budget, your farmers, workers, and investors responded with a burst of new production. Last year inflation was down and exports rose by 17 percent. In spite of constant guerrilla attacks against civilians and farms and factories, your economy grew 3.4 percent last year--more than at any time since 1978.

Mr. President, you have had the courage to look beyond today's crises to embrace a vision of democracy and peace. Realizing that vision has not been easy. And I know difficult steps lie ahead.

I want you and the people of El Salvador to know that you have the full support of the United States.

Your people have suffered and sacrificed to defend democracy. Through seven elections, they have overwhelmingly chosen peaceful change. We have stood with the brave people of El Salvador through all of these years. We will stand with them until their hopes for peace are finally realized at the bargaining table.

At the same time, Mr. President, we know that you will not allow Salvador's hard-won democracy to be put at risk by those who would violate human rights and the rule of law. The trial of those accused in the 1989 Jesuit murders will begin soon. We know that you have worked to strengthen the rule of law and to expand human rights. And we know that you will press to the end to see that justice is done in the case of this abominable crime.

Mr. President, you and I have served in office at a time of political miracles around the world. The Berlin wall has fallen. Communism has been defeated throughout Eastern Europe. The Soviet Union is undergoing profound political and economical reforms and in South Africa apartheid is being dismantled.

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We have witnessed changes equally profound in El Salvador. A new spirit exists in your country today--a spirit of hope, of growing national reconciliation, of expanded tolerance, a firm commitment to strengthen democratic institutions and expand the scope of human rights. And soon also I believe profoundly peace will come to El Salvador.

And when it does, the people of your country will long thank you for your leadership that helped make peace possible. Mr. President, I salute you for your leadership. You have my ^{Full} confidence and support. Godspeed and God bless in your important work ahead on the road to peace for El Salvador.

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President Cristiani, you have had the courage to look beyond today's crises to embrace a vision of democracy and peace. Realizing that vision has not been easy. I know that difficult steps lie ahead. But I want you to know that the United States stands with you and the people of El Salvador, and we fully support your efforts for peace.

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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Cristiani Departure
Statement

Pursuant to Phil 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

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President Cristiani, you have had the courage to look beyond today's crises to embrace a vision of democracy and peace. Realizing that vision has not been easy. I know that difficult steps lie ahead. But I want you to know that the United States stands with you and the people of El Salvador, and we fully support your efforts for peace.

We both serve at a time when freedom and democracy are sweeping the globe. Here in the Americas we are building something unprecedented in human history: the world's first completely democratic hemisphere. Under your leadership, President Cristiani, El Salvador is taking its rightful place in that democratic community. A new spirit exists in your country today -- a spirit of hope, of growing national reconciliation, of

expanded tolerance, with a firm commitment to strengthen democratic institutions and expand the scope of human rights. And soon I believe peace will come to El Salvador.

And when it does, the people of your country will long remember you for your leadership that helped make peace possible. Mr. President, I salute you for your courage and your leadership. You have my full confidence and support. Godspeed and God bless your work on the road to peace for El Salvador.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CRISTIANI DEPARTURE STATEMENT
SOUTH LAWN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1991
1:15 P.M.

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Thirty years later, those words still ring true. Through trying circumstances, El Salvador holds fast to its democratic traditions. Seven times in ten years, your courageous countrymen have voted in free and fair elections, proving to the world that, in Lincoln's words, "The ballot is stronger than the bullet."

Mr. President, time and again, you and the people of El Salvador have proved your doubters wrong. Political and human rights have flourished despite hardship and war. Your people enjoy freedom of speech like never before. Exiles who once feared for their lives have returned home to campaign for office and build parties.

You also have begun to lay liberty's cornerstone -- the rule of law. You have build^d a strong and independent judiciary. You

have expanded civilian authority over the police and committed yourself to dramatic reductions in the armed forces. You have strengthened protections for human rights. Soon, the trial of those accused in the 1989 Jesuit murders will begin. And we know that you will press to see justice done.

But as newly freed people^{5?} around the globe are learning, political freedom depends upon economic freedom. Here, too, your nation has taken dramatic strides. When you freed exchange rates, wiped out price controls, and clamped down on government spending, your farmers, workers, and investors responded with a burst of creativity and growth. Inflation fell last year and exports rose by 17 percent. And in spite of guerrilla attacks on economic targets, your economy grew faster than it has since 1978 -- up 3.4 percent.

This progress cannot continue indefinitely, however, unless peace finally comes to El Salvador. Fortunately, you have led your people toward peace and reconciliation.

Even though violence marred your own election -- as guerrillas gunned down citizens waiting in line to vote -- you extended the hand of forgiveness in your inaugural address. You told your countrymen that the time for negotiations had come. You offered to negotiate without preconditions.

Throughout your country and the world, people of goodwill agree: The time for peace has come. Now, the FMLN guerrillas must show in word and deed that they want peace and its natural counterpart, democracy.

The guerrillas promised a cease fire in September of 1989. They broke that promise. They promised the foreign ministers of the European Commission a cease fire by May 30. They broke that promise, too. So the world must ask: How many more Salvadorans must die before the guerrillas understand that Salvadorans want peace and freedom -- not violence and war?

Difficult steps lie ahead, but the world understands your commitment to peace and democracy. The United States and the international community fully support your efforts for peace -- and we will support sound peace accords in your brave land.

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DATE: 6/10/91

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: COB MONDAY JUNE 10

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SOUTH LAWN

SUBJECT: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1991

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REMARKS:

Please provide comments on the attached directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office BY COB TODAY, MONDAY, JUNE 10. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

June 10, 1991

MEMO TO: TONY SNOW

The NSC Staff concurs with changes recommended in text.


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