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OUTLINE/Asian Pacific American Salute to the President

I. Introductory/Acknowledgements

A. Thank hosts, entertainers

1. Cohosts: David Kwan
Porntip Nahkirunkanok (PAWN tip NA
kee run kah nook)

2. Event organizers: Elizabeth Szu (SOO), Inder Singh (SING), Ky (KEE) Ngo, and John Tsu (SOO)

B. Jokes (one or two)

C. How the various ethnic groups represented stand as a testimony to the diversity as well as unity of the Asian/Pacific Community.

II. The Asian/Pacific American Success Story

A. Why they came: **Opportunity**

1. POTUS once said, "For more than 200 years, America has been the home of free markets and free people. There is no question: opportunity in America is the envy of the world."

B. What they achieved: **Excellence** (stress on prosperity)

1. In the past decade, the Asian/Pacific community has grown 105%; that's faster than any other segment of the population -- and the growth of this community's contributions has continued apace.

2. With an emphasis on learning, family and the work ethic, many Asian immigrants have achieved in one generation what used to take earlier European immigrants two or three generations. Indeed, according to Census data, Japanese Americans and Asian Indians now possess higher average family income than all other ethnic groups -- including whites.

3. The latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows Asian Americans way ahead of other ethnic groups (including whites) in subjects such as math. I'm getting specific stats.

4. Examples of Asian American excellence: An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories, Henry Tang, I.M. Pei, Seiji Ozawa, physicist Leo Esaki.

C. How they did it: **Competence not Color**

1. Reliance on self, not set aside preferences.
2. Asian and Pacific Americans have traditionally looked to self-help, education, hard work, and family rather than to government to solve problems and improve living standards.

III. Equality of Opportunity and Expansion of Opportunity as best guarantor of true civil rights.

A. "Some say..."

1. Straw man of liberal line on civil rights = set aside preferences, race-norming.

B. Refutation: "When an American knocks at opportunity's door, he shouldn't have to show color ID."

1. Those policies have failed

2. Those policies have reversely discriminated against Asian/Pacific Americans.

a) This Administration is committed to eliminating all racial preference oriented legislation that may be prohibiting rather than encouraging opportunity for the Asian and Pacific American community.

b) POTUS has appointed more Asians to top management and advisory roles in his Administration than any other President in history. He has appointed the first Asian American as an ambassador and as a deputy secretary of a Cabinet department -- the Administration has done this **not** with an aim to impose diversity, but with the goal of achieving excellence.

C. Our Answer: **Growth**

"If America is to be competitive, then every American -- male or female, black or white, young or old, handicapped or disadvantaged - - must have the opportunity to play a part"

(Pink)

1. Expanded opportunity not redistribution of rights

2. A rising tide lifts all boats.

3. The most noble goals without a realistic roadmap will get you lost on the way to utopia

a) "idealism about human potential...pragmatism about human nature."

(Pink)

b) "A vision without a task is but a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, a vision with a task is the hope of the world."

(Inscription on a church in Sussex, England, 1730)

IV. MFN

A. Segue

1. Another area where our best intentions may be foiled by counsel based on impassioned response rather than reasoned analysis.

a) moral foreign policy goals uniformed by political and economic realities=charting a ship's course by astrology rather than astronomy.

2. Another area where growth has and will continue to prove the best means toward progress.

a) POTUS at Yale: "East Asia is a case in point. Today, this dynamic region plays an important role in the world economy. As it has grown more prosperous, it has also grown more free. Driven forward by the engine of economic growth and trade, especially with the U.S., South Korea and Taiwan have shed their once authoritarian rule in favor of democracy and free trade. This same approach guides our policy towards the People's Republic of China, home to fully one-fifth of the world's people."

b) economics can be sometimes more important than politics because they can drive politics.

c) Testimony of Rep. Toby Roth (R-WI): "In southern China, there is a market economy that's flourishing, and the forces of change are all over. The cause of this transformation has increased trade, I believe, and we should apply this lesson. The best way to strengthen the forces of change and freedom in China is to provide them with the economic lifeblood of trade. And as trade produces changes in China, in their economy, change I believe will come to China's political leadership, or that leadership will not survive. Other nations in Europe and in Asia understand this reality. Denying MFN will not isolate China. It will isolate the United States."

B. Economic Argument

1. Economically, extended MFN is in our best interest and the interest of the Chinese people. China buys about \$5 billion worth of American products -- from computers to cotton. Without that market, American jobs will be lost, and our competitors will benefit from that loss.

2. Trade actions on both sides could also adversely affect over \$4 billion of U.S. investment (1,200 US companies) in China. Without MFN, substantially higher costs of Chinese imports will translate into higher prices for our consumers (e.g. tariffs on some textiles -- China's most lucrative category of exports to the US -- would jump tenfold, from 6 percent to 60 percent)

3. Endangering MFN will deal a body blow to Hong Kong, the bastion of freedom and free trade in the Far East.

a) This is because Hong Kong handles much of the US-Chinese trade and Hong Kong businesses have invested heavily in south China's thriving export industries.

b) If Washington recinds China's MFN treatment, Hong Kong would see its trade in Chinese goods to the US fall 44 percent and its total trade shrink 7 percent, according to the territory's government.

C. Efficacy Argument: progress achieved with Administration's policy.

1. Mr. James Lilley, who has just ceased being the US Ambassador in Beijing, claims that, following US urging, emigration from China rose by 84% between 1988 and 1990; prominent dissidents like Mr. Fang Lizhi were released; and the regime has accounted for many of the casualties of Tianamen Square.

2. Testimony of ranking minority member of the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, Rep. Leach: "...the Chinese externally in the last year have moved towards normalizing relations with a number of countries such as Singapore and Indonesia that they haven't had normal relations with, also Saudi Arabia. They've worked towards a diplomatic solution in the Spratly Islands dispute, and that there are certain acts of the Chinese government externally that are consonant with the American position."

D. Moral Argument.

1. POTUS at Yale:

"Some argue that a nation as moral and just as ours should not taint itself by dealing with nations less moral, less just. But this counsel offers up self-righteousness draped in a false morality. You do not reform a world by ignoring it."

"It is wrong to isolate China if we hope to influence China...No nation on Earth has discovered a way to import the world's goods and services while stopping foreign ideas at the border."

"This nation's foreign policy has always been more than simply an expression of American interests; it's an extension of American ideals. This moral dimension of American policy requires us to remain active, engaged in the world."

"We cannot transform a world if we hide from its unpleasant realities...We want to advance

the cause of freedom, not just snub nations
that aren't yet wholly free."

V. Closing Remarks

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
IN ADDRESS TO ASIAN-PACIFIC COMMUNITY

Mile Square Park
Fountain Valley, California

12:38 P.M. PDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very, very much. Senator Seymour, first of all, thank you, sir. Senator Seymour, a brand-new Senator doing a first-class job for California and for the United States. I had the pleasure to support him, endorse him, and I'm glad to be introduced by him. (Applause.)

And let me single out other members of Congress -- Dana Rohrabacher is here with me. All of you know him, and you should if you don't. Bob Dornan, my steadfast supporter. (Applause.) And Congressman Cox -- Chris Cox -- and Congressman Mineta with us here today. This is a nonpartisan, bipartisan group, and I'm delighted to see him with us. Congressman Dreier I didn't see. Dave didn't make it, darn it; don't hold it against him. (Laughter.) Congressman Faleomavaega.

Elaine Chao, our Deputy Secretary of Transportation back here. (Applause.) And to the others -- Mr. Kwan, Miss Porntip, Elizabeth Szu -- what a job she's done on this marvelous day. (Applause.) Inder Singh, another leader of all of this. Ky Ngo; Johnny Tsu, my old friend from San Francisco; and most of all, my fellow Americans. I'm proud to be with you on this very special day. (Applause.)

It's wonderful to be here. I just toured some cultural exhibits. I hope all of you will have a chance to see them. And I've seen some that were fascinating, and I also have heard that the performers did a superb job. I'm sorry I didn't get to do that.

I'm also glad to be with you on Father's Day. (Applause.) I don't know about your kids, but I know about mine, and they guided me through life by using those three magic words, "Ask your mother." (Laughter.) Let me also say, as someone who just had a birthday, it's a pleasure to be with people whose cultures revere old age. But I don't feel old. This great turnout -- Elizabeth says 60,000 people -- make me feel like a spring colt, young, indeed. And I'm proud to be with you all. (Applause.)

And I am proud to have had the chance to salute the various groups who form the Asian-Pacific American community. This community combines groups diverse in name but united by ideals: discipline, self-sacrifice, belief in hard work, and most fundamentally, devotion to freedom. These ideals brought your grandparents and parents, and also some of you -- many of you -- to this country. These ideals have always uplifted the United States of America.

You know, for more than 200 years, this nation has built free markets and protected free people. There is no question: opportunity in America is the envy of the world. You came in search of opportunity -- and you're finding it. You came to build a better America -- and you are building it in a myriad of thousands of ways. (Applause.) You've enhanced our schools, our professions, our small and large businesses. For America's Asian-Pacific community, growth is not a code word, it's a watchword that helped the entire American

community. And I congratulate you for that contribution to the greatest country on the face of the Earth. (Applause.)

As Senator Seymour just told us, Asian Americans have made the American Dream a reality. According to the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress, Asian Americans are excelling where we need to excel -- in subjects such as math. Your greatest contributions, I'm convinced, lie ahead. The Asian-Pacific community has increased in size over the last decade -- more than any other ethnic group. I look forward to more pioneers like Henry Tang, physicist Leo Esaki. They know how merit and opportunity beget growth and opportunity and brotherhood.

You know, we also must understand, though, that growth abroad can help the United States. We can find a perfect example in East Asia, a dynamic region that will spur America's growth. Already -- I think you all know this, but a lot of Americans don't -- already, our transpacific trade has surpassed our transatlantic trade. In 1990, we exported more to Singapore than we did to Spain or Italy; to Malaysia more than to the Soviet Union; to Indonesia more than to all of Central Europe. This is what you all are doing and this is what we believe in. (Applause.) The FAA estimates that by 1993 traffic on Pacific routes will surpass the Atlantic on a passenger-mile basis. Consider, too, that more than 1,000 U.S. companies have invested over \$4 billion in the People's Republic of China -- and that China buys about \$5 billion of American products -- from computers to cotton. You take away these exports and you take American jobs. (Applause.)

So let me just say a word about that. I acted three weeks ago to expand this growth by asking Congress to renew for another year China's Most Favored Nation status. I knew that ending MFN would increase the cost of Chinese imports. It would hurt Hong Kong -- a bastion of freedom and free trade, as well as investors in South China's export industries -- South China, the center of China's prodemocracy movement now. I know many of you have families and visited your families -- the students, some of whom I've just met with -- maybe some of whom I just see. You brought with you your American ideas -- democracy, human rights, free enterprise. We should not cut off this flow of hope, of goods, of ideas and ideals. (Applause.) Because, you see, these nourish the desire for freedom. Our policy relies on an obvious fact: to influence China, one simply cannot isolate China. And I do not want to be the President to isolate China, I want to be the President to facilitate change for human rights in China. (Applause.)

Let me give you one reminder of this and I'll get on to another -- I want to talk about these guys. You guys wait; I'm going to get to you because I agree with you. And when I ask you to hold that sign up, please do it. Now let me finish this one point here.

I have another example. In December of 1989, over strong objections from many in the Congress, I vetoed the so-called Pelosi bill. I don't mistrust her intentions, but she was wrong -- unnecessary legislation. If that bill had become law, I am convinced in my mind that Beijing would have used it as a pretext to stop permitting Chinese young people to study in the United States. Instead, I extended even greater protections than provided for in the Pelosi bill, first through a presidential memorandum, then through a far-reaching executive order. And you know, in the last year alone, we issued 11,500 visas to Chinese students and scholars to study in the United States. That would have been 11,500 opportunities lost if we had turned our back on China. (Applause.)

And I might say, I met with some of the student leaders -- the real student leaders -- just a minute ago. Chinese people studying in the United States, four of them having stood in Tiananmen Square. And these signs say it: Renew MFN for China without condition because we want to be able to effect change for human rights in China. (Applause.)

So we'll be continuing to reform -- urge China to reform

internally and to rejoin the community of nations. We can't be sure of success, but we can be sure that without American dialogue, without your commitment to freedom being understood in China, the movement for reform in China would be set back. And I don't want to be here as President when we set back the chance for human rights in any country. (Applause.)

Now, here's my signs back here. Get them up high so the press can see them. Where's the one with "SADAM"? Where is it? Well, I don't see it. But let me tell you, they are right. They are absolutely correct. We will not remove sanctions from Iraq as long as the brutal Saddam Hussein remains in power. (Applause.)

And I might say peripherally how proud I am -- I was in there a minute ago, and an Asian lieutenant, an Asian American lieutenant in the Air Force came up to me, and she said, "Thank you for Desert Storm." And I turned to her and I said, "Don't thank me, you thank your colleagues in the Air Force, the Army, the Navy, the Coast Guard, and the Marines that made our country proud again." (Applause.)

So you guys are right. And we'll do everything we can to see that we have a reasoned administration there with whom we can deal with respect, integrity and honor. But it isn't going to be there as long as it's the brutalization of the Kurds in the north, the Shiites in the south, and as long as there's this environmental degradation that Saddam has wreaked upon the entire world. So we were right in kicking him out of Kuwait. (Applause.)

And let me say another point -- human rights; you got it. Let me make another point. We've got to brush away arbitrary discrimination. And if that means fighting quotas that harm talented Americans like the thousands of Asian students in our universities, then we're going to fight all the way. You know the awful tolls -- quotas penalize achievers. They slam shut opportunity's door. Here in California, in this great largest state, and across the nation, we have seen the conflicts that quotas can incite -- and we have come to appreciate more than ever before the importance of excellence and opportunity.

You know, our administration does believe in affirmative action -- in offering a hand, in opening the door of opportunity. But we don't believe in an America by the numbers. We do not believe in discriminating by quotas or by the numbers. (Applause.)

And very candidly -- and I hope this doesn't sound egotistical, but I take pride in the fact that we have a good record on civil rights. We've nurtured equality of opportunity and equality under the law. We've promoted a civil rights bill that would strengthen our laws against discrimination and we've tried to build a spirit of cooperation, not litigation.

I've put forward a major piece of civil rights legislation to fight against discrimination in the workplace. Congress should pass my bill. Let me be clear: I will not sign any civil rights bill that allows quotas -- directly or indirectly; explicitly or implicitly. (Applause.)

And if I might just say a word -- take a word of pride in what our administration has done. We've practiced the kind of affirmative action I'm talking about. I'm proud to have named more Asian-Pacific Americans to top management and advisory roles than any President in history. And I'm going to keep on finding good men and women from the Asian community to serve this great country. (Applause.) This may be hard for some of you to understand -- successful in business, leaders and students -- but I was the first to appoint a government agency head, Pat Saiki -- Pat Saiki, leading now the SEA. The first as a deputy secretary of a Cabinet department, the second highest level, right there next to the Secretary -- and, of course, you know her -- Elaine Chao, in whom I take such great pride once again. (Applause.) The first as an ambassador -- I found this hard to believe, but the first, Ambassador

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Julia Chang-Bloch. And, of course, I can't tell you how proud I am to have at my side a guy that many of you know, Sichan Siv, who's working in the White House. What a job he's done for us. (Applause.)

You know why they were picked? They weren't picked because they were Asian Americans; they were picked because they were the best men and women for the job. And that's the American way. (Applause.)

I mentioned the ideals that enrich the Asian-Pacific community. Let me close with a passage from a Chinese author -- Lin Yutang. "Today," he said, "some are afraid of simple words like goodness and mercy and kindness. They don't believe in the good old words because they don't believe in the good old values."

Well, Asian-Pacific Americans have always believed in these good old-fashioned values -- mercy, goodness, kindness, and I would add, family -- the strength of the American family. Asian-Pacific Americans have always believed in these values -- respect for dignity, yes, belief in family, hard work, free enterprise, belief in ideals and causes larger than ourselves.

So I wanted to say I am very proud to have been here today. I see the signs from the various countries, and thank heavens, I've had -- I've been enriched by being in almost every one of them. I think of the tragedies in Bangladesh, and then I think of our helicopter pilots that went in on their way home -- gave up coming home to save lives there. I think of Iraq and what our young men and women did. And, yes, I think of those who lost their lives in Iraq. And it would never have happened if the brutality of Saddam Hussein hadn't overcome reason and rationality. I think of Cambodia and India and Pakistan. (Applause.) And I think of all of these -- and Vietnam -- you are right, you are right, Vietnam -- look at what -- the contribution Vietnamese have made to our great country. And we're never going to forget that Vietnam is not free and democratic, as some of our critics would have you believe.

So I know I'm going to get in trouble for forgetting them -- Iran -- Iran. I want to see a free Iran full of human rights, where we can have better relations again. And thank God, relations are getting a little better, but I want to see them good, the way you people want them right here.

Now, thank you all -- hey, listen, I'm going to get in trouble. (Laughter.) But I came out here, Barbara and I did, to say thank you for the contribution to this great country. Thank you for what you are doing. And I look forward to working with each and every one of the 60,000 of you to make things better for our great country, America, and for the countries from which you came. Many thanks. And may God bless you all. But most of all, may God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much. Thank you. (Applause.)

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIA/PACIFIC RALLY
FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1991
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Senator Seymour/ Congressman Cox, thank you for that

introduction. / Congressman Rohrabacher, Congressman Dornan,

add Deputy Sec of Transportation

Elaine Chao, Mr. Kwan, Miss Porntip (PAWN tip), Elizabeth Szu
(SOO), Inder Singh (SING), Ky (KEE) Ngo (Nn-GO), John Tsu (SOO),
my fellow Americans. //

An Asian proverb says, "The two words, 'peace' and
'tranquility,' are worth a thousand pieces of gold." My pleasure
in being here is worth a thousand times that total. // The
cultural exhibits I've just seen were fascinating, and although I
couldn't make it, I know the performers did a superb job. //

((This is one of the largest crowds I've spoken to since my
election to the Presidency. // Actually, since we are on a golf
course, I'm used to crowds this size. Last time I played, it
took this many people to help find my ball.)) //

((I'm also glad to be with you on Father's Day. / I'm like
many dads. My kids know me as a Father who guided them through
life by using those three magic words, "Ask your mother." // Let
me say, too, that as someone who's just had a birthday, it's a
pleasure to be with people whose cultures revere old age.)) //

Most of all, I am proud to have the chance to salute the
various ethnic groups who form the Asian/Pacific-American

community. This community combines groups diverse in name but united by ideals: discipline / self-sacrifice / belief in hard work / and devotion to freedom. / These ideals brought your grand-parents, parents, and some of you to America. These ideals always have uplifted America. //

For more than 200 years, this Nation has built free markets and protected free people. There is no question: Opportunity in America is the envy of the world. // You came in search of opportunity -- and you're finding it. You came to build a better America -- and you're building it. // You've enhanced our schools, our professions, our small and large businesses. For America's Asian/Pacific community, growth is not a codeword. It is a watchword that has helped enrich the American community. //

Consider how according to Census data on average family incomes, Asian-Americans have made the American Dream reality. // Or how the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows Asian-Americans excelling in subjects such as math. // Your greatest contributions lie ahead. Over the past decade, the Asian/Pacific community has increased in size by 95 percent -- more any other ethnic group. I look forward to more pioneers like Henry Tang and physicist Leo Esaki. They know how merit and opportunity beget growth, opportunity, brotherhood. //

But we also must understand that growth abroad can help the United States. We can find a perfect example in East Asia, a dynamic region that will spur America's growth. //

Already, we conduct more than twice as much trade with our Pacific allies than we do with Europe. In 1990, we exported more to Singapore than to Spain or Italy / to Malaysia more than to the Soviet Union / to Indonesia more than to all of Central Europe. // The FAA estimates that by 1993 traffic on Pacific routes will surpass the Atlantic on a passenger-mile basis. // Consider, too, that more than 1,000 U.S. companies have invested over \$4 billion in the People's Republic of China -- and that China buys about \$5 billion worth of American products -- from computers to cotton. Take away these products -- and you take American jobs. //

Three weeks ago, I acted to expand this growth by asking Congress to renew for another year China's Most Favored Nation trade status. I knew that ending MFN would increase the cost of Chinese imports. It would cripple Hong Kong -- a bastion of freedom and free trade and investor in South China's export industries. // It would cripple Southern China, the center of China's pro-democracy movement. I know many of you have visited your families in China. You have spread American ideas -- democracy, human rights, free enterprise. We should not cut off this flow of hope, of goods, of ideas and ideals. These, after all, nourish the desire for freedom. Our policy relies on an obvious fact: To influence China, one cannot isolate China. //

This Nation's foreign policy has always been more than an expression of American interests. It is an extension of American principles. Through engagement with China -- and in response to

my extending MFN last year -- Professor Fang Lizhi enjoys freedom today in this country. He even enjoys that precious freedom -- the freedom to differ publicly with this country's policies, as he has done before the Congress. //

I have another example of engagement's advantage over righteous isolationism. In December of 1989, over strong objections in the Congress and in the Nation, I vetoed the Pelosi bill -- legislation intended to protect students in this country. / If that bill had become law, I am convinced Beijing would have used it as a pretext to stop permitting Chinese young people to study in the United States. Instead, I extended even greater protections than provided for in the Pelosi bill, first through a Presidential Memorandum and then through an Executive Order. The results of continued engagement are clear: In the last year alone, we issued 11,500 visas to Chinese students and scholars to study in the United States. We offered 11,500 opportunities that might not have existed if we had turned our back on China.

We will continue urging China to reform internally and to rejoin the community of nations. We cannot be sure of success. We can be sure that without American dialogue, the movement for reform in China will be set back, not advanced. //

Notice what I'm talking about here: results -- not empty hot rhetoric; engagement, not isolationism.

If the world has learned anything in recent years, it is that you cannot separate growth and freedom -- and that when it comes to securing full lives for people freedom works.

Asian-Americans understand freedom's importance. You understand freedom's demands. The American Dream calls upon the human heart and will. But it also calls upon a government that respects good deeds -- that refuses to accept discrimination on the basis of sex or creed or national origin. //

Historically, Americans have thought of themselves not as special interest groups -- one pitted against the other -- but as individuals judged by their deeds. Now, as always, we must commit ourselves to promoting equal rights for all Americans -- not preferential treatment for some. //

That means brushing away arbitrary discrimination. It means fighting quotas that harm talented Americans like the thousands of Asian students in our universities. // You know the awful toll: Quotas penalize achievers. They slam shut opportunity's door. Here in California and across the nation, we have seen the conflicts that quotas can incite -- and we have come to appreciate more than ever before the importance of excellence and opportunity. //

Our Administration believes in affirmative action -- but only if that term means offering a hand in opening the door of opportunity. We don't believe in an America by the numbers. We believe in an America of the people.

Our Administration has a splendid record on civil rights. We have nurtured equality of opportunity and equality under the law. We have promoted a civil rights bill that would punish

those who discriminate against qualified men and women. We have tried to build a spirit of cooperation, not litigation.

That's why I will not sign any Civil Rights bill that allows quotas -- explicitly, or implicitly. /

We have practiced the kind of affirmative action I have discussed. I am proud to have named more Asian/Pacific-Americans to top management and advisory roles than any President in

changed [history. / The first as an ambassador, Julia Chang-Bloch. / Pat Saiki, Administrator of the Small Business Administration. / Elaine Chao, Deputy Secretary of Transportation. / And of course, Sichan Siv on our White House staff. // I am proud not because they were Asian -- but because they were the best men and women for the jobs. //

I spoke earlier of the ideals that enrich the Asian/Pacific community. Let me close with a passage from a Chinese author -- Lin Yutang. // "Today," he said, "[some] are afraid of simple words like goodness and mercy and kindness. [They] don't believe in the good old words because [they] don't believe in the good old values..." //

Asian/Pacific-Americans have always believed in these values. Respect for dignity / belief in family, hard work, and free enterprise // belief in ideals and causes larger than ourselves. God bless what you done for our country, and thank you for this occasion. And God bless the Nation you love and enrich -- the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*
SUBJECT: ASIAN/PACIFIC SALUTE TO THE PRESIDENT

On Tuesday, June 16th, at 12:00 p.m., in the Mile Square Regional Park of Fountain Valley, California, you will deliver remarks (approximately 11 minutes) to a crowd of 50,000. Attendees consist of various members of the area's Asian/Pacific American community. You will be introduced by Yee Chang Hang, the first Hmong-American to graduate from the United States Military Academy.

The speech begins by praising the achievements of the Asian/Pacific community. The body of your remarks highlight two areas of interest to that community: racial preferences, and the extension of China's Most Favored Nation status. You argue that economic growth is one of the best means to both a) expand opportunities for minorities; and b) promote progress toward democracy and a free market economy in China.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIA/PACIFIC RALLY
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Senator Seymour/ Congressman Cox, thank you for that introduction. / Congressman Rohrabacher, Congressman Dornan, Mr. Kwan, Miss Porntip (PAWN tip), Elizabeth Szu (SOO), Inder Singh (SING), Ky (KEE) Ngo (Nn-GO), John Tsu (SOO), my fellow Americans. //

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Asia/Pacific Rally

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Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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In short, we need to reward those -- both home and abroad -
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You know what I'm talking about: Quotas that harm talented Americans like the thousands of Asian students in our universities. // [Quotas penalize achievers. They divide Americans -- not unite them. Here in California and across America, we have seen the injury quotas can inflict. Too often,

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Asian-Americans have always believed in these values.

Respect for dignity / belief in family, hard work, and the free enterprise system / belief in patriotism and a cause larger than

ourselves. These values are my values -- and I will always

uphold them. God bless what you done for our country, and

thank you for this occasion. And God bless the Nation you so

richly love -- the United States of America.

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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

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(Smith/Grossman)
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PACIFIC

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DOL
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* Should we differentiate nationalities w/in one ethnic group? P.3 refers to being seen as "individuals" not part of a group.

DOL
X

Smith
DOL
X
OVP
Asia-Americans

✓
✓

Isn't he dead?
(DOL)
✓

Porter doesn't like joke
Used joke?
(Gardner)

OVP

accept X

Smith

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Not that funny.

X Chieu

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↑ study more than science + engineering (Porter)

Smith

* Must understand that Labor still practices "race norming" w/ AA GAT test - could get nailed on this!

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Chiew X

Is this having it both ways? (Smith)

D2

Elaine Chao & Pat Saiki should also be named. (CEA)

USTR

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RESPONSE:

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TO: TONY SNOW

NSC concurs with noted changes.

Brent Scowcroft

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

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Through engagement with China -- and in response to my extending MFN last year -- Professor Fang Lizhi is free today in this country. He even enjoys that precious freedom-moral ambiguity. Some argue that a nation as moral and just as ours should not taint itself by dealing with nations less moral and just. But this counsel offers up self-righteousness draped in a false morality. You do not reform a world by ignoring it.

before the Congress.

I have another example of the benefit of engagement, and just. But this counsel offers up self-righteousness draped no matter how distasteful we may find dealing with those who violate human rights.

Last year, over strong objections in the Congress and in the nation at large, I vetoed the Pelosi Bill, legislation intended to protect students in this country. If that bill had become law, I am convinced Beijing would have seized on it as a pretext to end the practice of permitting Chinese young people

Is it enough? Not nearly -- and we will continue to urge China to internally reform and externally rejoin the community of nations. We cannot be sure of success. We can be sure that through an Executive Order. The results of continued engagement are clear: in the last year alone, the number of visas issued to Chinese students and scholars to study in the United States was 11,500. That's 11,500 opportunities fulfilled that might have been forgone if we did not stay engaged.

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