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NAME OF SPEECH & DATE OF SPEECH Fourth of July event / Grand Rapids

7/1/91

NAME OF WRITER : Hinchliffe

NAME OF RESEARCHER: Blymire

SPEECH SYNOPSIS: Potus opened by describing the 4th of July as a time of reunions and family gatherings. Equating the 4th of July with the victory in Desert Storm, Potus honored the men and women of desert storm. The 4th is a time to honor all Americans who have defended the U.S. in the name of liberty. Potus then told how many people in the Grand Rapids area were the first to fight in the war. Many of the high tech missiles were manufactured in the Grand Rapids area. Finally, Potus read a letter from a teacher to emphasize the American spirit.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 JUN 31 P2:48

DATE: 6/28/91

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 7/1/91 1:00 p.m.

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5 approvals lines*

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**RESPONSE:**

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

91 JUN 28 PM12:59

(Hinchliffe/Blymire)  
June 25, 1991 11 a.m.  
RAPIDS Draft One

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I bet when any of us hears "Fourth of July," we think of family -- our own family at reunions -- our hometown family at the parades down the main street -- and, above all, our American family, united in pride, in patriotism, in the joy of living in a great and prosperous land. This day calls up memories of picnics and parades, of high school bands playing the National Anthem, of families standing on the lawns of homes decked out with flags.

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A couple of months ago I asked every town to make this *what to be an* Fourth of July a day of special celebration for our troops -- a *America* holiday this country will never forget. That's why I'm here, to ~~help this country~~ honor our troops, their families, and every American who wore a yellow ribbon, wrote a letter, baked cookies, said a prayer -- and linked hands and hearts across this land.

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~~We're not glorifying war. War is the harshest of all human tragedies. We wish with all our hearts that it had never happened and that it will never happen again.~~ *This is a victory* And we're not celebrating.

*Victory provides little comfort to war bring.*  
~~of victory. We grieve for the suffering of every person, regardless of nationality, and victory provides no comfort for grief.~~

*Rather, today is a celebration of the American character.*

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I see it on the faces of the people of Grand Rapids. I know you helped each other through Desert Storm, and that in your experience really summarized this nation's experience in the war.

From the beginning, Grand Rapids felt the war up close.

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I'm proud to share this special day with you. Thank you. God bless you, and God Bless America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1991

91 JUN 31 P3:40

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Fourth of July Event --  
Grand Rapids

Pursuant to Phillip 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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RESPONSE:

See comments. Thanks.

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Paul Korfonta  
07/01/91

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

91 JUN 28 PM 12:59

(Hinchliffe/Blymire)  
June 25, 1991 11 a.m.  
RAPIDS Draft One

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**RESPONSE:**

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July 1, 1991

The NSC staff concurs with the presidential remarks as amended.

  
Brent Scowcroft

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER B. PORTER

THROUGH: TERESA GORMAN

FROM: WILLIAM L. EAGLE

SUBJECT: President naming a bald eagle on the 4th of July

I have received an invitation from Al Cecere, President of the National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles, for President Bush to name a baby eaglet to be released into the wild in Tennessee on July 19. The eaglet will be released along with two others already named "Hope," by Dolly Parton in honor of Bob Hope, and "Desert Storm," by the NFPAE in honor of our troops. These two birds were born and raised in captivity without human contact at the NFPAE breeding center. The unnamed eaglet was raised at the Grand Rapids Zoo, and this is what prompts this memo.

It strikes us that this may be an opportunity for the President to both honor our troops, as well as demonstrate his personal commitment to preserving the environment. We suggest that the President name this eaglet and pay tribute to organizations like NFPAE and the Grand Rapids Zoo for their contributions to bring back the symbol of America, and for, as the President mentions in his speech, "answering the call" to preserve America's heritage and environment.

Attached is a suggested speech insert for the President's remarks in Grand Rapids.

cc: Tony Snow

## Speech Insert for GRAND RAPIDS FOURTH OF JULY ADDRESS

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. . . You can feel it. You can be proud of it. I am.

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Not too long ago, right here in Grand Rapids, a baby eaglet was hatched. The proud symbol of our nation. Fostered in the Grand Rapids Zoo, it will soon be released into the wild -- to once again soar free over our great wilderness. The Grand Rapids Zoo and the National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles have "answered the call" to bring back our nation's bird, and they have asked me to name this baby eagle. On this Fourth of July, in honor of our troops and the people of Grand Rapids, I have chosen the name "Spirit." May he/she inspire us and remind us of the dedication and commitment to keeping America the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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I'm proud to share this special day with you. Thank you.  
God bless you, and God Bless America.

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July 3, 1991

George Herbert Walker Bush,  
President Of The United States  
WHITE HOUSE  
Washington, D.C. 20200

Dear Mr. President:

Our organization, in cooperation with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, conducts a bald eagle "hacking" (reintroduction) project on the outskirts of Nashville, Tennessee. On June 14, 1991 (Flag Day), three eight week old eaglets were placed in the "hack tower" (nesting/release cage) at the above location, and are scheduled to be released into the wild on July 19, 1991 at 7 a.m.

Two of the eaglets hatched from eggs laid at our Smoky Mountain eagle education, breeding and rehabilitation facility. The third eaglet was hatched at the Grand Rapids Zoo in Michigan. To pay special tribute to all the men and women who served so greatly in the Middle East, our organization has named one of the eaglets "Desert Storm". Another eaglet was named "Hope" by Dolly Parton in honor of American patriot Bob Hope. The two eaglets that hatched at our facility are Tennessee's first captive born, and are offspring of parents ("Mr. President" & "The First Lady") that have been deemed non-releasable by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

We would be very honored if you would name one of these bald eaglets prior to their release. We also extend an invitation to you and Mrs. Bush to attend the release ceremonies.

Thank you, and may God bless you, your administration and family.

Sincerely,

Al Louis Cecere  
President & CEO  
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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1991

## Opticism rules Woodbine tax forum

### Officials defend reform plan

Roger posed the question to state Rep. John Arriola, a Democrat who was holding the fourth of five scheduled community meetings to discuss Gov. Ned McWherter's proposals to reform education with money gained from a state income tax.

tax was started, it was for schools," said Harold L. ... for schools then, ... crap, we'd be a lot better off where the money is?"

Arriola said the lack of trust is common among his constituents. In the past, funds from the sales tax have been used to build bridges and meet federal program mandates, he said.

Tommye Keneau of 2218 Winford Ave. asked how long funds raised through the income tax would remain in the proposed ed-



Taxing Dilemma

ucation trust fund. Arriola said the legislature has the ability to take the funds out of the trust, but it has "not dipped into other trust funds."

Others of the 22 citizens attending questioned the legislature's willingness to cap the state sales tax at 4 cents on the dollar and the local rate at 2 cents as proposed by McWherter. The governor has said he would go along with a local cap of 2 1/4 cents.

"I don't trust him and his partners (legislators) to take the sales tax off and keep it off," said John Duke of 2228 Foster Ave.

The tax measure would cap the state portion of the sales tax at 4%, but "the law could be changed," Arriola responded.

McWherter's proposed 4% income tax, which the governor has said he is willing to cap with a constitutional amendment, would keep the income tax from rising without voter approval, but no such assurance exists for the sales tax, Arriola said.

A few members of the audience expressed their support for the tax plan. Many who gave their opinions, however, had sympathy for education and tax reform but doubted whether politicians would live up to their promises.

"The public feeling to date is one of caution," Arriola said, adding that constituent opinion "is running in the negative."

Many of the questions were directed at Charles Frazier, Metro schools director.

When Frazier said 400 school jobs would be lost under further state cut, Duke asked: "Well, how many of those would be in administration?"

Frazier said administration has been cut by 25% since he became director in 1980.

David Lane of 220 Dodge Drive questioned whether money would solve education problems: "We've put money into the school system for years, and they haven't gotten better. How is putting all this more money in going to help?"

Schools need more money today than in the past because problems like dropouts and technological inadequacy were ignored 25 years ago, Frazier said.

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Hope, an immature bald eagle, gets a leg banding before being placed in an eight-foot square cage 25 feet above the ground in a remote area in Bells Bend. Al Louis Cecere holds Desert Storm before hoisting him to the hawk tower, where the eaglets will learn to fly within four weeks.

## Eagles land in local nest

By LAVINIA BAYLLE  
Staff Writer

The population of perhaps America's most majestic symbol — the bald eagle — may increase with the help of some local and state wildlife officials.

The first two captive-bred bald eagles in Tennessee history were brought to Davidson County yesterday as part of an effort to restore America's living symbol of freedom. They were placed in a 25-foot high nesting cage in the Scottsboro section of the city.

The 8-week-old eagles, named Hope and Desert Storm, were hatched in late April at the new National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles education breeding and rehabilitation center at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

The eaglets are too young for officials to determine their gender.

The pair are offspring of Mr. President and The First Lady, eagles who U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

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## Teachers learning how to make math easier

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students: living hell.

to recognize the problem and work to try to correct it." Phillips is dean of a 10-day mathematics

involved in the process of mathematics — what is the process of solving problems instead of just what is the answer," he said.

Metro schools and the Tennessee Board of Regents are collaborating on the effort. Nashville is the only site that involves a

problem solvers, and raise everyone's expectations of what students are capable of learning.

...d let you have it," said Gwight Branford to try to enjoy myself a little. ... (the tax rate) up every year, every year

...officials are building," said Ednes. "When y'all need more money, use taxes. Where's the property owner t money to pay his taxes?" sioners said they sympathize with

...for roads and bridges.

"We tried to hold the line and keep what we had last year," Oxsher said.

Residents questioned the impact of Gov. Ned McWherter's proposed 4% state income tax on the county's property tax rate. Passage of the plan would ultimately result in a drop in the property tax, said budget director Randall Matlock.

The county would be able to reduce the local

...severe cuts have been recommended in school transportation.

Budget Committee members also eliminated 5% pay increases for county employees, which County Executive John Mankin had recommended.

"Nobody on this commission wants to raise your taxes," said Commissioner Bob Bullen. "We cut this from \$1.46 to 20 cents and don't really feel good about it." ■

# Tennessee eagles find home; will be released in mid-July

FROM PAGE 1B

officials say cannot be released because of permanent injuries.

The Tennessee-bred eaglets were placed in the hack tower yesterday with a third bald eaglet from Grand Rapids Zoo in Michigan. Hacks are restraining cages for birds of prey.

The three birds will be released in mid-July, when they are about 12 weeks old and after they have learned how to fly, said Al Louis Cecere, president of the national eagle group.

The birds will be monitored by the foundation.

"They will never hear people's voices; they'll never see humans feeding them," said Cecere. "We're trying to make them as wild as we can make them. We want them to be afraid of people. We want them to survive."

The foundation keeps 22 non-releasable eagles at its Dollywood location.

"All non-releaseable eagles have a permanent injury and cannot survive in the wild. Some are victims of gunshot wounds, power lines, traps and contaminants. All are manmade causes," Cecere said. "Most of the ones we have are victims of gunshot wounds."

The principle of the hack project is that adult eagles, when they are about 5 years old, tend to return to nest within about 75 miles of where they learned to fly.

Exxon has sponsored the Davidson County project for the past three years. This concept hopes to initiate natural breeding among bald eagles in Tennessee.

The bald eagle was declared the national symbol by the U.S. Congress in 1782. In 1789, there were at least 100,000 bald eagles in the territory occupying the lower 48 states. By 1989, there were fewer than 2,500.

Officials said the most critical battlefield the eagle faces is habitat loss.

For more information on how to contribute to saving the bald eagle, call 1-800-2EAGLES. ■

# Stringbean's killer gets new hearing

By DUREN CHEEK  
Staff Correspondent

John A. Brown, serving two 99-year sentences for the murders of Grand Ole Opry star David (Stringbean) Akeman and his wife, Estelle, is entitled to a new hearing on his appeal for an new trial, an appeals court says.

Brown and his cousin, Marvin Douglas Brown, were convicted in the 1973 slayings. The Akemans were killed by burglars they surprised their Ridgeway home.

The state Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled that Brown was entitled to have a judge other than the trial judge in the case hear his appeal in 1989.

The presiding judge at the 1974 trial was then Criminal Court Judge Allen R. Cornelius Jr., who was ap-

pointed to the state Court of Criminal Appeals in 1978.

The cousins were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to consecutive 99-year prison terms.

John Brown filed a petition in June of 1989 asking the Supreme Court to set aside his conviction and sentences.

The state Criminal Appeals Court said it appears that the chief justice assigned Cornelius, who had resigned from the court in February of 1988, to hear the petition as a special judge.

Cornelius conducted a hearing on Dec. 18, 1989, on a motion by Brown asking Cornelius to recuse himself because he had been the trial judge.

On May 8, 1990, Cornelius refused the motion to recuse himself and dismissed Brown's appeal. ■

# TBI studies charge of abuse by nurse

By SAMANTHA MOORE  
Staff Writer

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation is looking into charges of abuse by a former nurse at a Smyrna health care center.

Officials at Smyrna Nursing Center said yesterday the TBI began its investigation after they called state

officials last month.

Juanita Ward, a former nurse at the facility, was dismissed after she yelled at an uncooperative resident, administrator Bobby Key said.

The patient — whom Key declined to name but who has reportedly been identified as John Emery, the father of television personality

Ralph Emery — needed a bath but did not want to take one, Key said.

"[Ward] got a little more than loud with him," Key said.

The incident reportedly occurred around May 27, and TBI agents hope to complete their investigation in the next couple of weeks, said Jim Taylor, special agent in charge.

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Patrick Murphy-Recey/News-Sentinel staff

## Eager eaters

Baby bald eagles Hope and Desert Storm are puppet fed Friday to avoid being imprinted by humans. The pair are the offspring of eagles cared for by the National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles in a \$1 million complex at Dollywood.

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# Dolly... "An Eagle When She Flies"!

Dolly Parton welcomed Bob Hope, Tennessee State Senator, Jim Sasser, The Oak Ridge Boys, Alabama plus a host of around 25,000 fans to Dollywood's 6th Annual Grand Opening Weekend, April 27 & 28, 1991.

Dolly's weekend officially began as Grand Marshal of the 6th Annual "All-American" Parade in Pigeon Forge on Friday night, April 26.

Dolly was joined by Tennessee State Senator Jim Sasser at 9:00 a.m. as she officially opened Dollywood for the 1991 season, Saturday.

## Eagle Mountain Sanctuary

The "All-American" theme for 1991 was selected to highlight Dollywood's newest attraction, "Eagle Mountain Sanctuary," which was dedicated shortly after the opening.

The Eagle Complex is both upfront and behind the scenes. The four part complex, including "Eagle Mountain Sanctuary" to living showcase of American Bald Eagles, the "Wings of America" Theatre (birds of prey show), an eagle breeding and rehabilitation facility (which includes an eagle medical clinic and nursery), is now a reality. The Eagle Complex is a cooperative effort between Dollywood and the National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles, (NEPAE), a non-profit organization with permits from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to possess, care for, exhibit, rehabilitate and breed birds of prey. While Dollywood guests

are located away from the Dollywood Park, and for good reason. Baby eaglets born at Dollywood will

become part of the NEPAE's re-population efforts. If eaglets are exposed to people they begin to

think they're people instead of Eagles and they cannot survive in the wild. The complex is also designed to

rehabilitate injured birds and nurse them back to health as quickly as possible for placement back into the wild. The Rehabilitation Flight Enclosure (150 feet long by 20 feet high) will allow birds to exercise in order to regain full flight strength.

## "Homespun" Beauty

Quilts represent family traditions, American heritage, old-fashioned comfort and a thriving form of art. The second annual "American Quilt Showcase" at Dollywood will feature an array of homespun beauty with more than 700 quilts on display.

An exclusive feature of this year's event will be a display of over 20 quilts selected from the book "Great American Quilts - 1991." These quilts are selected from across the nation to be featured in this prestigious publication from Oxmoor House, the publishing division of Southern Living.

The centerpiece of the American Quilt Showcase will be Dollywood's Valley Exhibition Hall, a 4,000 square-foot building which was specially constructed to house and protect these heirloom quilts. The event begins May 4 and is open through May 27.

## Dollywood Foundation

On Saturday and Sunday concerts featured Dolly Parton with the Oak Ridge Boys and Alabama along with special appearances by Bob Hope.

The proceeds from the concerts will benefit the Dollywood Foundation, a non-profit organization founded by Parton to sup-



DOLLY was accompanied by her father on the Grand Marshal's float of Dolly's 6th Annual "All-American" Parade Friday night, April 26 in Pigeon Forge.



DOLLY presented Bob Hope with a beautiful quilt made especially for him at Dollywood.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Fourth of July Event --  
Grand Rapids

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/28/91

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 7/1/91 1:00 P

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FOURTH OF JULY EVENT - GRAND RAPIDS

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 1, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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

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(Hinchliffe/Blymire)  
June 25, 1991 11 a.m.  
RAPIDS Draft One

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FOURTH OF JULY EVENT  
Grand Rapids, Michigan**

Thank you all for welcoming Barbara and me to this wonderful celebration -- and for showing the whole country the right way to throw a welcome home party. The Great Lakes State is also the state of great heart -- and when it comes to hearts, believe me, I'm now an expert.

I bet when any of us hears "Fourth of July," we think of family -- our own family at reunions -- our hometown family at the parades down the main street -- and, above all, our American family, united in pride, in patriotism, in the joy of living in a great and prosperous land. This day calls up memories of picnics and parades, of high school bands playing the National Anthem, of families standing on the lawns of homes decked out with flags.

That good, old-fashioned kind of patriotism -- that's what I thought of when I read about what was happening in the heartlands of America during Desert Storm. That terrific spirit was reborn all across this country. We were proud again. We were part of a family again. It was the Fourth of July again.

A couple of months ago I asked every town to make this Fourth of July a day of special celebration for our troops -- a holiday this country will never forget. That's why I'm here, to help this country honor our troops, their families, and every American who wore a yellow ribbon, wrote a letter, baked cookies, said a prayer -- and linked hands and hearts across this land.

We're not glorifying war. War is the harshest of all human tragedies. We wish with all our hearts that it had never happened and that it will never happen again. And we're not celebrating victory. We grieve for the suffering of every person, regardless of nationality, and victory provides no comfort for grief.

Today we honor Americans who defended our values, who gave life to our ideals. We hear a lot of talk about "the American character". Well, just look into the face of any soldier who dug into the harsh desert sands, or manned a watch on the dark distant waters of the Gulf. Look into the faces of these men and women and you'll see that the American character isn't some abstract list of vague principles. It's a spirit that lives in real people -- in very real ways.

I see it on the faces of the people of Grand Rapids. I know you helped each other through Desert Storm, and that in your experience really summarized this nation's experience in the war.

From the beginning, Grand Rapids felt the war up close. Creston High grad Lt. Steven Harper was among the 1st pilots to bomb Iraq. The war hit home when your reservists left their homes here for the Gulf when their country called. The 207th made the headlines more real when they cared for the kids hurt in the Scud Missile attack. And I understand that in today's parade are families representing your other reserve unit A Co, 1/24 Marines, who are still deployed. God bless you all.

Even the high tech story of this war unfolded here. Every time we saw a helicopter or jet fighter or M-1 Tank -- or saw a

tape of a Tomahawk Cruise Missile or laser-guided bomb -- we were looking at hardware which had a critical component or major system produced in the Grand Rapids area.

The war inflicted grief here, too. Gayle, Bennett, and Spencer Edwards, and Adriane, we felt pain when we saw in almost every paper the photo of you receiving the flag after Jack became the first to be buried at Arlington. The entire nation poured out its condolences.

To walk these streets a couple of months ago would have been to feel the pulse of America. Thousands rallied at Veterans Memorial Park, in a sea of red, white, blue -- and yellow. The yellow of the ribbons that joined this nation's hearts, unifying the American family. The yellow of the ribbons every kid from Lee High and Middle School wore. The yellow of the lapel pins your policemen made for officers across this county.

Then there were your welcome home parades -- and the special welcome home to the woman who came to symbolize the feisty, independent American spirit -- the daughter of Grand Rapids who captured this country's heart -- Melissa Rathbun-Nealy.

So let's celebrate this Independence Day by rejoicing. We can today live life and pursue happiness in our land of liberty. America rediscovered something this year. The troops of Desert Storm not only rescued a nation abroad, they also transformed a nation at home. We saw a glimpse into our better selves. We liked what we saw. Now we're going to use that unselfish determination and conquer challenges on the homefront -- to make

this the best America it can be.

This proud Independence Day spirit is expressed in a letter I received from a teacher here in Michigan. Martha Williams wrote: "I try to teach my young people that freedom isn't free; that its price is dedication to an elusive ideal, and sometimes its price is sacrifice. (My classroom theme is) 'Answering the call', in civilian life as well as military; in everyday humble contributions as well as heroic, notable efforts."

Martha's right. The American spirit of service -- to each other, to great and bright ideals -- made our nation great. That spirit lives in Grand Rapids -- it thrives. //

I'm proud to share this special day with you. Thank you. God bless you, and God Bless America.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/2/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

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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  
WASHINGTON

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July 1, 1991

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           DAVID DEMAREST  
                  TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM:               BETH HINCHLIFFE

SUBJECT:            FOURTH OF JULY ADDRESS IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

On the Fourth of July, you'll be addressing marchers and spectators at the conclusion of the Grand Rapids parade. This "Welcome Home Desert Storm Troops" event is the city's response to your call to make this Fourth of July a holiday for all servicemen and women to remember.

Organizers anticipate 170 units and up to 200,000 spectators along the parade route. Your remarks (10 minutes, cards) discuss the traditional Independence Day spirit -- but they focus primarily on the national pride gained from Desert Storm.

(Hinchliffe/Trujillo/Blymire)  
July 1, 1991 3 p.m.  
RAPIDS Draft Three

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FOURTH OF JULY EVENT  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Governor Engler, Senator Riegler, Congressman Henry, Mayor Helmholdt, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for including Barbara and me in this wonderful celebration here in President Ford's hometown. You certainly have shown the whole country how to throw a welcome home party.//

The Great Lakes State is also the state of great heart -- and when it comes to hearts, believe me, I'm now an expert. //

I bet when any of us hears the words, "Fourth of July," we think of family -- our own family at reunions -- our hometown family at parades down Main Street -- and our American family, united in pride, in patriotism, the joy of living in a great and prosperous land.

Good, old-fashioned kind of patriotism -- that's what I thought of during Desert Storm, when we rediscovered the important things about ourselves and our country. We realized that we belong to a great and fortunate family -- not just a series of groups thrown together by circumstance. We share more than a patch of land: We share values, commitments, experiences, beliefs -- and challenges.

Even before the troops returned home, it was the Fourth of July in America again. Now, every one of us feels proud to say: "I am an American -- and I love my country". \\\

A couple of months ago I asked every town to make this

Fourth of July a day of special celebration for our troops. We're here to honor our troops -- and the people who supported them through long nights and tense days. We're here to thank families, neighbors, friends. Let's thank every American who wore a yellow ribbon, wrote a letter, baked cookies, said a prayer -- who linked hands and hearts in hopes of helping the men and women who defended freedom overseas.\\\

We aren't here to glorify war. Tragically, people sometimes must shed blood to defend simple decency and justice. But we must never feel bashful about supporting the values that bind us, or the commitment to freedom that makes America special -- a land of dreams; a land revered by the rest of the world.

Victory provides no comfort for war's victims. But today we can offer some solace to those whose loved ones fell in defense of principle. We can tell them: We want to thank your sons and daughters. We will never forget our fighting men and women -- of this war -- of all our wars: World War I / World War II / Korea / Vietnam / those who fought in Grenada / and Panama / and the Gulf. //

Today, we celebrate the American character. Just look into the face of any soldier who dug into the desert sands -- or any sailor who stood watch on the dark distant waters of the Gulf. Look into these faces and you'll see the American character. You'll understand: The principles upon which this nation was founded are no more abstract than a heartbeat. They form the flesh and blood, the heart and soul of our nation.

I see the American character here in Grand Rapids. You helped each other through Desert Storm. Your war experience summarized -- in personal and moving ways -- this nation's war experience.

From the beginning, you felt the war up close. Creston High grad Lt. Steven Harper was among the first pilots in action over Iraq. The war hit home even more closely when your reservists left for the Gulf -- citizen-soldiers from groups like the 180th Army National Guard from Grand Rapids, and Greenville's 1073rd ANG.

Your reservists from the 207th Evacuation Hospital cared for kids hurt in the Scud Missile attack. And I understand that in today's parade are families representing your other reserve unit, Company A, First Batallion, 24th Marines, which is still deployed. Good, strong, decent men and women, all of them. They make us proud to be Americans. God bless them all. \\\

Even the high tech story of this war unfolded here. Every time we saw a helicopter or jet fighter or M-1 Tank -- or saw a tape of a Tomahawk Cruise Missile or laser-guided bomb -- we saw components produced in the Grand Rapids area.

The war inflicted grief here, too. The Edwards family: Gayle, Bennett, Spencer, and Adriane: we shared your pain when Jack became the first Gulf War casualty buried at Arlington. The entire nation poured out condolences in letters addressed just to "Gayle Edwards, Grand Rapids."

To walk these streets is to feel America's pulse. A couple

of months ago, thousands of you rallied at Veterans Memorial Park, in a sea of red, white, and blue. And yellow. The yellow of the ribbons that joined this nation's hearts -- unifying the American family. The yellow of the ribbons worn by the kids from Lee High and Middle Schools. The yellow of the lapel pins your policemen made for this county's officers. The Spirit of Grand Rapids is the Spirit of America. \\\

So in that spirit -- the spirit of brotherhood, compassion and pride -- let's celebrate this Independence Day. Let's rejoice in the gift of every day being able to live life and pursue happiness in our freedom's first and finest home. \\\

The troops of Desert Storm not only rescued a nation abroad, they transformed a nation at home.

Now, let's use our strength to take on challenges here at home. We can make our schools the world's best -- and we will.

We can restore order to our streets -- and we will.

We can build a society in which people who want to work will have opportunities, in which people who seek to build a just society will conquer the divisive forces of prejudice -- and we will build that society.

If we didn't know it before Desert Storm, we know now: Nothing can stop us.

So let's all of us -- you, me, our families -- let's make this the best America it can be. \\\

Listen to the American spirit, expressed in a letter to me from a Michigan teacher. Martha Williams wrote: "I try to teach

my young people that freedom isn't free -- that its price is dedication to an ideal -- and sometimes its price is sacrifice. (My classroom theme is) 'Answering the call' -- in civilian life as well as military -- in everyday humble contributions as well as heroic, notable efforts."

Martha's right. The American spirit of service -- service to each other and to good and bright ideals -- made our nation great. It will keep our nation great. That spirit thrives right here in Grand Rapids. You can see it. You can feel it. You can be proud of it. I am. \\\

I'm proud to share this special day with you. Thank you.  
God bless you, and God Bless America.

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