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SPEECH SYNOPSIS: Potus opened his speech
by acknowledging the presence of
Joe Dimaggio, Ted Williams and the
LSU Tigers who were the 1991 NCAA
Baseball champions. Then, Potus
commented on Joe Dimaggio's
56 game hitting streak and Ted
Williams' .400 season average.
Potus concluded his speech
by saying these two players
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(IN THOSE DAYS I WAS A RED SOX FAN, MY BROTHER -- A YANKEE FAN.) FIFTY YEARS LATER, THE 1941 SEASON REMAINS A SEASON OF DREAMS.

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AS WE LEAVE NOW FOR TORONTO, LET ME SPEAK FOR THE OLD GUYS HERE, "MAY GOD BLESS THESE HEROES OF OUR YOUTH." AGAIN, MY VERY BEST TO THE LSU NCAA BASEBALL CHAMPIONS. AND LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH TWO OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORDS IN ANY LANGUAGE: PLAY BALL. //

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
 TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CITATION CEREMONY

On Tuesday, July 9th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Rose Garden, you will deliver remarks (4 minutes, on cards) honoring Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams. Attendees include Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Major League Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent, the NCAA Baseball champion Louisiana State University Tigers, and the Louisiana congressional delegation. Eighty people are expected to be in attendance.

Your remarks begin by saluting the 1991 NCAA baseball champion Louisiana State University Tigers. Your speech continues by highlighting the outstanding accomplishments of baseball greats Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams.

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FROM: GREGORY S. WALDEN *G.S.W./L.S.K.*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: All-Star Game

The Counsel's Office has no legal objection to, or comment on the above-subject, but see suggestions contained on this copy.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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The Rose Garden

2:04 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Welcome to the Rose Garden. And may I salute, first of all, the Members of Congress that are down here. One of them, former big leaguer, Jim Bunning, now a Congressman who you may know. And probably you hit them over the fence off this guy. But, nevertheless -- (laughter) -- welcome, all you fellows. And two senators here and, of course, our Commissioner Fay Vincent, and especially to Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams.

And before I get started I want to single out the LSU Tigers championship baseball team. We're proud of them. And I'm sorry that your coach couldn't be up here, Skip Bertman, because of surgery. But I just can't tell you how welcome you are here in the Rose Garden. I hope you'll have a good tour around Washington, D.C. (Laughter.)

Now, Sandra Bertman is here somewhere. Right there. Welcome, Sandra.

Well, this year that ball club -- I don't know if you all know this -- won 55 games to tie a university record. And they also played in their fifth College World Series in the last six years. So they're dominating college baseball. And it's most appropriate that we have so many members of the Louisiana congressional delegation here to honor them.

Let me just ask the team to stand up so we can at least identify you guys. (Applause.) Welcome -- welcome, welcome.

And now to the other honored guests -- Number 5 and Number 9. Looking at these two greats -- standing next to them -- I have a confession. I didn't think that I'd get to meet royalty so soon after the Queen's visit. But, nevertheless, here they are.

I don't want to reminisce too much, but I was 17 years old during their famous 1941 season -- fifty years ago. And like many American kids in those days and today, I followed those box scores closely; watched the magnificent season unfurl. In those days I was, Joe, a Red Sox fan; and my brother though, a Yankee fan. And fifty years later, that '41 season just remains a season of dreams.

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As we leave for Toronto, just in a little bit, let me speak for the old guys here: "May God bless these heroes of our youth." Again, my congratulations to LSU, the heroes of tomorrow in the pro leagues, I'm sure. We welcome you here. We welcome you for what you stand for as the NCAA Champions over these past years. And we're very grateful to have you here.

And so let me leave you with no further ado before embarrassing Ted and Joe to say a word, if they will -- play ball. It's all yours, Ted. (Applause.)

MR. WILLIAMS: I've always realized what a lucky guy I've been in my life. I was born in America. I was a marine and served my country, and I'm very, very proud of that. I got to play baseball and had a chance to hit. I owe so very, very much to this game that I love so much. I want to thank you, Mr. President. I think you're doing a tremendous job. And I want you to know you're looking at one of the greatest supporters you'll ever have. Thank you. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: Joe, you have the last word --

MR. DIMAGGIO: Thank you, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen. I'm honored. Thank you so much. And to you LSU players out there, congratulations on your championship. I know the feeling. I've been in one and two myself. It's nice to be here with you. And

thank you again. (Applause.)

THE PRESIDENT: And now may I ask Major Bonwit to read the citations, please.

(Reading of the citations.)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all for coming. Thank you all for coming to the White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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July 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: All-Star Game

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/8/91

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: TODAY 7/8/91 5:00 pm

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 5:00 p.m., TODAY, MONDAY, JULY 8, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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