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NAME OF SPEECH & DATE OF SPEECH Wreath Laying / Sousa

Bay, Greece 7/19/91

NAME OF WRITER : Martin / Grossman / Nabors.

NAME OF RESEARCHER: \_\_\_\_\_

SPEECH SYNOPSIS: President Bush, in his  
opening remarks, glorified Eleftherios  
Venizelos for his democratic ideals.  
Today, Greece and the U.S. are allied  
because he helped establish warm and  
amiable ties between the two nations.  
President Bush also emphasized  
that, in the spirit of Venizelos,  
Prime Minister Mitsotakis and  
he have worked together to  
build alliances throughout the world.  
Finally, President Bush quoted  
Woodrow Wilson who once said  
that Venizelos was one of the  
greatest men.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT,

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW

FROM: CHRISTINA MARTIN

SUBJECT: WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

On Friday, July 19th, at 12:40 p.m., you will deliver brief remarks (four minutes, cards) at the wreath laying ceremony for Eleutherios Venizelos in Souda Bay, Greece. Your speech pays tribute to Venizelos statesmanship and vision. His nephew, Prime Minister Mitsotakis, will be in attendance.

Martin\Grossman\Nabors  
July 13, 1991  
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Draft Two

PROPOSED REMARKS FOR WREATH LAYING  
SOUDA BAY, GREECE  
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991  
12:40 P.M.

As we gather here today under this bright summer sun, the shimmering Sea of Crete close beside us, we are inspired by the life of Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-REOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS].

Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-REOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] breathed life, and hope into the ideals he revered: democracy, liberty and justice. He could have served as the model for the man who said, "Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny." [[Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-RIOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS], inspired by ancient ideals of democracy, liberty and justice, guided his homeland into the modern era. //

And his ideals live on today -- lighting the way for the generation of young men and women who will lead Greece forward.  
// ]]

Eleftherios Venizelos [EY-LEY-F-THEY-RIOS VEY-NE-ZEY-LOWS] was a simple man who understood the needs of his countrymen as well as those of Greece's neighbors. He was a reformer, and a visionary. And he believed in engaging Greece in the world. For

this, he earned the title, "Apostle of Greek political modernism."

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Wreath Laying

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

7/11/91

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WREATH LAYING  
SOUDA BAY, GREECE

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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

Martin\Grossman\Nabors  
July 10, 1991  
Wreath  
Draft One

91 JUL 10 PM 8:16

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Eleutherios Venizelos breathed life, and hope into the principles he revered. He could have served as the model for the man who said, "Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny." Eleutherios Venizelos, inspired by ancient ideals of democracy, liberty and justice, guided his homeland into the modern era.

He was a simple man who understood the needs of his countrymen as well as those of Greece's neighbors. He promoted democratic reforms, economic reforms, social reforms. He invited foreign investment and international engagement. For this, he earned the title, "Apostle of Greek political modernism."

But Eleutherios Venizelos -- the Visionary -- was not a mere technocrat. He reached out to an old enemy, Turkey, and pushed

the two nations to sign a friendship treaty in 1930. He normalized relations with Albania, Bulgaria, and Yugoslavia.

He supported the Allied cause in World War One and joined Britain and France during the Balkan Wars. Greece reaped the rewards for his courage and vision by doubling in size during his tenure. While more recent developments have undone some of his accomplishments, no one can take away his legacy. In name and deed, Eleutherios Venizelos was a Liberator.

Woodrow Wilson once described him as "one the world's greatest men." Indeed, we stand here today as friends and allies because he helped establish warm and amiable ties between our nations. He understood that we share bonds of principle, of spirit, of national soul. Visiting the United States in 1930 he said, "America has realized the ideals of Ancient Greece. No two elements come closer to each other than do the Greek and the American."

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7/11/91

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 3:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY 1

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SOUDA BAY, GREECESUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991

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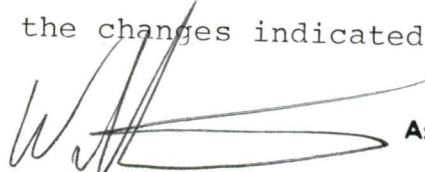
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## RESPONSE:

July 12, 1991

The NSC Staff concurs with the changes indicated.

Works in Rogich  
Comments!

  
Brent Scowcroft

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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*The memory of Venizelos' ideals*

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ADDED: "VENIZZELOS  
STANDS TODAY AS AN  
EXAMPLE TO THE YOUNG  
MEN AND WOMEN IN YOUR  
UNIVERSITIES WHO WOULD  
WILL CALL UPON IN THE  
YEARS AHEAD TO PARTICI-  
PATE IN ALL THAT HE  
STREIVED FOR ... ETC."

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_ FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991

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WASHINGTON  
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July 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Wreath Laying, Souda Bay,  
Greece, Friday, July 19, 1991

Pursuant to your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection to the proposed presidential remarks.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

7/11/91

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**RESPONSE:**

No comments. Thanks.

Paul Korfonta *PK*  
07/12/91

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991

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RESPONSE: *No comments.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 11, 1991

NOTE FOR CHRISTINA MARTIN:

My only comment on this speech is to be very careful of the various historical minefields surrounding Venizelos and this period in Balkan/Middle East history. It's true Venizelos supported the Allies (quietly) in WWI (against the pro-German feelings of the King of Greece); I don't think it's true, though, that Britain and France actually fought in the Balkan Wars. On the question of territorial acquisition, how much of this doubling remains today -- and at whose expense was it done? If part of this was from Turkey along the Ionian coast -- land the Greeks eventually lost again -- maybe it's better not to mention it.

Anyway, these points are only cautionary. Thanks.



John S. Gardner

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