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NAME OF SPEECH & DATE OF SPEECH Democracy Speech

Athens / Greece 7/19/91

NAME OF WRITER : Smith / Blattman

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

SPEECH SYNOPSIS: President Bush opened by  
addressing Prime Minister  
Mitsotakis. Mr. Bush, in his efforts  
to glorify ancient Greece, mentioned  
how Greek philosophy has been  
and continues to be the building  
block for civilization. The Greek  
philosophy even inspired the actions of  
James Madison and Thomas Jefferson.  
Perhaps most important, President  
Bush stated that without ancient  
Greece and its culture, there could  
not have been a declaration of  
independence. In conclusion,  
President Bush emphasized that  
we must dedicate ourselves to the  
principles of freedom, democracy,  
and justice if a new world  
order is to arise.

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00, FRIDAY, JULY 12

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEMOCRACY SPEECH  
ATHENS, GREECE  
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991

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REMARKS:

Please provide comments/edits on the attached directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 2:00PM, FRIDAY, JULY 12. Thank you.

RESPONSE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(Smith/Grossman)  
July 10, 1991  
Draft One  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEMOCRACY SPEECH  
ATHENS, GREECE  
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991

Prime Minister Mitsotakis, my Greek and American friends. Barbara and I are delighted to be with you on this magnificent, historic bluff. Here, we celebrate not merely the 2,500th birthday of Democracy. We celebrate Greece's bequest to the world.

Through dozens of eras and generations; through the rising and falling of great empires, ideals forged here have endured and thrived. Today, as old despotisms melt away and a commonwealth of freedom arises around the globe, we can truly say that our future -- the world's future -- began right here.

Your ancient forefathers understood the greatness of their achievement. In his great funeral oration, Pericles noted: "Our Constitution does not copy the laws of our neighbors. Rather, we are a pattern for others to follow."

Just over two centuries ago that pattern guided a Nation whose leaders bore names like Paine and Adams and Madison and Monroe. / The first shot of the American Revolution was fired from canons of Greek philosophy. Jefferson acknowledged this when he wrote, "Greece [was] the first of civilized nations, present[ing] examples of what man should be."

Earlier today in the Greek Parliament, I presented a copy of the American Declaration of Independence. There is no political document more sacred to Americans than this. It expresses the passions and truths that made us a nation.

It discusses the genius of democracy -- its recognition that we are endowed not by government but our Creator with certain unalienable -- and individual -- rights. Democracy recognizes the dignity of the individual -- and the duty of government to protect the rights that we enjoy simply by virtue of our humanity. But as proud as we are of our declaration, we also recognize that there would be no Declaration of Independence if there had not first been an age of democracy in Greece.//

Americans were not the first people to look up to the Acropolis for guidance -- and we shall not be the last. Today, in Eastern Europe and the Middle East / in Africa and Central America / the ideals first shouted from the Acropolis have spread out in great cleansing waves. / Liberty's tide has washed upon every shore. In every aspect of our lives -- economic, political, intellectual and spiritual -- this tide supports hope, but also demands excellence. Freedom and democracy don't just happen. We must fend off every assault to them -- as we have in recent years. We must reject every temptation to take them for granted. We must shoulder every burden that freedom and democracy impose upon us.

The glorious democracy of Athens fell because the city-states of Greece could not recognize common interests. Just as

we have learned from those who created democracy here, we also have learned from their mistakes. As the prospect of a New World Order arises before us, we must dedicate ourselves to the principles of freedom, democracy, justice and cooperation. We must build our own Acropolis -- our own summit of liberty; our monument to the ages.

In so doing, let us honor the glory that was and is Greece. To that glory / to you / I offer heartfelt gratitude. God bless your wonderful country, our common heritage, and the United States of America.

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward any comments directly to **Tony Snow**, Rm. 538, by NOON, tomorrow, 07/17, with a copy to Phil Brady, Rm. 540. Thanks.

**RESPONSE:**

See comments. Thanks.  
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 Elizabeth Luttig  
 07/17/91

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
 Assistant to the President

Snow/Grossman  
Draft One  
July 16, 1991  
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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: U.S.-GREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
JULY 19, 1991  
PLACE  
TIME

[Introductory acknowledgments].

Now, as a group of businessmen you understand that time <sup>is</sup> as money. I promise not to be too expensive today: I'll keep this short. //

As you know, I've just come from the economic summit in London. We conducted vigorous discussions about many issues close to your heart -- especially trade issues. [insert on summit]

I left London more determined than ever to press for open markets, free and fair trade around the world, and open investment opportunities everywhere. The litter of communism provides eloquent testimony to what happens when people forget about the virtues of free enterprise, and avoid the tough discipline that competition provides. If we want to make the most of the talent of our people -- in America, in Europe, and around the world -- we must advance the cause of free and fair trade. //

Our Administration remains determined to reach a successful conclusion <sup>of EECAC</sup> at the Uruguay Round, and I remain optimistic that we can achieve that kind of result sooner -- not later. We also believe that Greece would benefit enormously from a successful

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The two governments share a commitment to the adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights -- patents, copy rights, trademarks and the like. We look forward to continuing our constructive dialogue with the goal of fostering a positive environment for both Greek and American companies. (Commerce)

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GATT round. The more Greece opens its markets to foreign investments, and the more it works to develop its export industries, the more secure its future will be.

As I told the Vouli [VOO-lee] yesterday, we have never enjoyed better relations with Greece. Consider the economic front: We have signed a bilateral customs agreement, which will make it easier for our customs services to work with one another. We have concluded a new civil aviation agreement and a joint declaration on tourism. The aviation accord enables air carriers to increase the number of flights between our countries. That in turn will generate more tourist business -- a key aim of the tourism declaration.

[Although a travel advisory remains in effect for Greece, we have made it clear to our hosts that the advisory says less about Greece than about the dangers of travel in the region. Frankly, we have been pleased with the kind of cooperation we have received from the present Greek government on such issues as terrorism, and we have every faith that increasing numbers of Americans will visit Greece -- and enjoy the splendors <sup>of your country.</sup> ~~that many of you now take for granted.~~ (Treasury)

Our trade relations have <sup>improved</sup>, too.

The office of the U.S. Trade Representative has held productive talks with the government of Greece on a series of important issues. ~~[The two governments have worked to protect intellectual property rights -- patents, copyrights, trademarks and the like -- for American firms doing business in Greece. We have worked with the government to ensure the swift and fair~~ <sup>unhindered</sup> ~~LUSTER~~

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~~repatriation of profits.~~ We hope to improve the prospects for American firms interested in bidding on Greek government contracts. The recent success of an American firm in the cellular telephone industry offers real hope.

The point is, the government here is ready to do business with American companies, and welcomes American investment. This is a refreshing change -- and it explains why, for the first time in more than a decade, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation -- OPIC -- can offer insurance and financing for private sector investment projects. The investment climate here seems more hospitable than ever for Americans. //

The Greek government deserves enormous credit for its willingness to reform its economy / and lift the veil that for too long kept Greece out of the international economic mainstream. You understand the difficulties involved in privatizing the economy here -- and you understand the enormous benefits that privatization can deliver. The Prime Minister believes that free markets -- not state management -- can help Greece invigorate its economy, reduce its deficit, pay off its international debts and remain a member in good standing of the European Community.

He's right, but he has an enormous task ahead of him. We can help. Bilateral trade between the United States and Greece has grown rapidly in recent years, despite economic slowdowns. Our exports to Greece increased <sup>10 (Commerce)</sup> 25 percent last year alone, and <sup>jumped more than 90 percent (Commerce)</sup> they more than doubled between 1987 and 1990. Similarly, Greek

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exports to the United States grew by nearly 30 million dollars in 1990, to 506 million dollars.

I have asked Commerce Secretary Mosbacher to lead a Presidential <sup>Business (Commerce)</sup> ~~Trade and Investment~~ Mission to Greece this autumn. We want to <sup>(Commerce)</sup> take build upon our new momentum in the trade arena. Secretary Mosbacher's mission can persuade even more American businesses to take advantage of opportunities here.

Ultimately, much of our future progress with Greece hinges upon the important reforms Prime Minister Mitsotakis [meet-so-TAH-keese] wants to implement. If he can strengthen the economy and build public confidence in Greece's economy -- all businesses will prosper.

Certainly, we will lend whatever support we can to his efforts at cutting down government regulation -- a cause close to my heart. We will press for fair and consistent rules for repatriating profits. We will support his efforts to reduce capital controls and to stabilize the drachma. As I noted at the outset, we will do our best to advance the cause of free trade -- a cause that will help us all.

Good business is common sense, and that's the core of our growing trade relationship with Greece. I'm happy to say that things look good -- and you can make them even better. Thank you for inviting me to join you this morning. God bless you and may God bless the United States of America.

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RESPONSE:

July 16, 1991

The NSC Staff in Washington, DC, concurs with the minor changes indicated, but defers to the NSC Staff in London.

*[Signature]*  
 Brent Scowcroft

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary  
(Athens, Greece)

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For Immediate Release

July 19, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT THE GREEK-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST

Intercontinental Hotel  
Athens, Greece

8:55 A.M. (L)

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. And thank you for that warm welcome, and the welcome from various members of this association that I see all around the hall here. And let me salute Ambassador Sotirhos -- proud of his Greek heritage -- doing a fantastic job for the United States of America here in Athens and in this great country. And I'm proud of him, I'm proud of his wife, and I am delighted with the job he is doing for all of us. (Applause.)

And may I salute Mr. Petsiavas and Mr. Ioannou and Mr. Tsomokos and the members of the Greek and foreign diplomatic corps who are with us today. I see the Dean over here. But others are here, I am sure. And I just want to say again how pleased Barbara and I are to be here.

If we look a little bit that we've been outside, the answer is, we have. We had a fantastic visit up at the Parthenon, and there we had a chance to salute 2,500 years of democracy and commitment to individual rights. (Applause.)

And this is quite a scene, if you think about it. I notice that Mike very generously said I was a businessman, but when he said profit and loss, I thought he put a little too much emphasis on the last one. (Laughter.) But far be it from me to be critical. And he was right about the risk-taking and trying -- which I think has given me a little more understanding about what your lives are all about as you try to build the productivity of this country and the productivity of our great country.

So it is quite a scene. Here we have a number of citizens -- accomplished citizens from many countries -- gathered in the capital of Greece -- Athens -- in a hotel run by an American company. And that certainly symbolizes the kinds of ties that our nations enjoy, and ties that I want to talk to you about today. I am sorry I wasn't here for the breakfast. They told me that inside the eggs there was going to be broccoli. And I decided I would come in later -- (laughter) -- just for the very end of all of this.

But, you know, we brought with us from England two gentlemen that are known to many here. For those that don't know them, I just want to single them out. Sons of Greece, great friends of Greece, but people who have joined us here and who have done great things for the United States, and I'm talking about my dear friends Alex Spanos and Alec Kortelas. I'd like them to stand if they're here. (Applause.) There they are.

I single them out because really there are others -- many others right in this room like them. There are many others in the United States like them. But they show that opportunity can translate into prosperity. And in many ways their example ought to serve as a beacon for Greek businessmen in Greece. They show that a new world order applies old world genius to new world realities. So Alec and Alex, our businessmen. They remind me from time to time that time is money. So in the interest of keeping profits high, I promise to keep this morning's talk short. I know that will come as

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a great relief to all of you.

Let me just talk a little bit about improving economic relations between the United States and Greece, and to express my support -- strong support -- for the economic path that Prime Minister Mitsotakis has charted for this great country. The Prime Minister has taken a giant first step towards strengthening the Greek economy by outlining some goals that sound very familiar to this American President.

He wants to cut the red tape, privatize the economy, reduce the cost and size of the public sector, of the government sector, and get his economy on a growth path.

Prime Minister Mitsotakis deserves enormous credit for working to lift the veil that for too long kept Greece out of the international economic mainstream. He understands that free markets, not state-management, can help Greece invigorate its economy, reduce its deficit, pay off its external debt, and remain a member in good standing of the European Community.

We shouldn't underestimate, given the state of the world economy, the difficulty of the Prime Minister's task. We shouldn't underestimate its importance either. So let me just tell you what he and I talked about, what I told him.

First, we believe in the reform efforts. And I might ask you to take a rather global look at this point. It isn't simply Greece that is moving on this important path that I have outlined above. Take a look at what is happening in Eastern Europe. Take a look at the aspirations inside the Soviet Union towards privatization and market reform and convertibility and all of the things necessary to improve the lives of the people through trade. Far better to do it that way than through some aid program that screeches to a halt because it has no underpinnings.

So we are embarked here on a program that really makes a difference -- this reform program. I think his reforms will work. I think they can make a big difference in Greece. You see, we also believe strongly in the benefits of trade. I left that economic summit there in London more determined than ever to press for open markets, free and fair trade around the world, and open investment opportunities everywhere. This isn't to benefit solely the United States, and yes, we would benefit, but it is to benefit every single country that participates in achieving these goals.

You see, the litter of communism provides eloquent testimony to what happens when people forget about the virtues of free enterprise and avoid the tough discipline that competition provides. If we want to make the most of the talent of our people in America, in Greece, in Europe and all around the world, we must advance the cause of free and fair trade.

Our administration remains totally determined to reach a successful conclusion of the GATT -- of this Uruguay Round -- and I remain optimistic that we can do so.

As I look at the various economies around the world, I am absolutely convinced that Greece would benefit enormously from a successful conclusion of the GATT Round. The more Greece opens its markets to foreign investment and the more it works to develop its export industries, the more secure its future will be. And I am happy to say that our trade relationship with Greece is growing stronger every single day. The United States enjoys what I think is a special and strong relationship with Greece. And, again, I salute the Prime Minister for his key role in all of this.

That relationship should make a lot of people happy. Consider the bottom line. U.S. exports to Greece increased 10 percent last year, and Greek imports to the U.S. increased by \$30 million. But, you see, if you look at the big picture -- and you all understand this -- that was only a beginning. Our governments

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recently have signed a bilateral customs agreement, a new civil aviation agreement, a joint declaration on tourism. And I believe that these initiatives will increase the number of commercial flights between the nations, speed the flow of goods through customs, and generate more tourist business.

I couldn't help but stand there -- Barbara and I talked about this -- standing there just in the wish that many and all Americans could someday share the joys that we felt standing in the midst of that history just a few minutes ago. The Greek and the U.S. governments are cooperating effectively in this worldwide fight against terrorism, and this effort is obviously going to remain a priority for both countries. We're trying to expand trade and investment opportunities for American companies that want to do business in Greece. And we have worked to protect intellectual property rights, patents, copyrights, trademarks and the like for American firms doing business in Greece. We have worked with the government of Greece to ensure the swift and fair repatriation of profits. It has to happen. And we hope to improve the prospects for American firms interested in bidding on Greek government contracts.

This progress -- and I'm not saying there is not more that needs to be done. There is. But this progress demonstrates that the Greek government is ready to do business with American companies and that it welcomes American investment. And this is a refreshing change. And it explains why, for the first time in more than a decade, OPIC, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, can offer insurance and financing for private-sector investment projects. The investment climate here seems more hospitable than ever for Americans.

And now the United States need to take advantage of the welcome that the Prime Minister has given us. So, as I announced yesterday in my speech to the legislature, I have asked Commerce Secretary Bob Mosbacher, known to many in this room, to lead a presidential trade and investment mission to Greece this autumn. And that mission can persuade even more American businesses to take advantage of the opportunities that are already here and the opportunities that will be here in the future.

In the days and months ahead, our governments will continue working to improve economic relations and eliminate these obstacles to growth. But in the end, good business is common sense, and common sense ought to guide us as we work to build a more prosperous future.

I am happy to say that I think, as you look at this country and our country, things look good. In the United States, as everyone here knows, we've been facing substantial, tremendous economic problems. Our country has been in recession, albeit by historical standards statistically rather mild. But some of our people have been hurting because of this recession. Most of the indicators now are that the recession is over and that growth is beginning. And it is my own view that if that growth pattern continues, and I think it will, this will benefit businesses all around the world. The dynamism and the size of the American economy relates to economies of small countries and medium-sized countries all around the globe.

So we are more optimistic today about the economies at home. I must tell you, as President, I think it is tremendously important that we keep a vigil out. Last year, about this time, I lost about four quarts of blood fighting with Congress on a budget agreement. But I can tell you that the results of that budget agreement, controversial though it may have been, painful though it may have been, we now have caps -- real caps -- on government spending. It is fine for me to come to Greece and lecture the Greeks about how they ought to control the government sector. But we'd better do something about it ourselves in the United States. And so we have put caps -- real caps, that are holding, on our own spending. And I think that will result in the government sector getting more under control and freeing up the private sector, as our economy

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recovers, to do the dynamic things that only private enterprise can take care of.

So I am going to fight for those caps. I am going to keep them on. And I don't care how much blood it takes in the future, I am not going to let the Congress take them and let us go back to reckless government spending that hurts the enterprise and hurts the American people. (Applause.)

And so, as one firm says, I am bullish on America. And I'm not advertising for one firm against some of the others I see around here. But I have reason to be. And let me just tell you something very personally. This is a fantastic and challenging time, a rewarding time to be President of the greatest and freest country on the face of the Earth. As you look around the world and you see what has happened in Eastern Europe, as you see the changes that are already beginning to take hold in the gigantic Soviet Union, as you see our own hemisphere -- the Western Hemisphere -- with all but one country moving down democracy's path. As you take a look at Asia and the dynamic trade relationships that we have with Asia and that they are continuing to grow, we remain, in spite of our affinity and affection for the people of Greece and Europe -- we are also a Pacific power. And you see those trade relationships strengthening. I can tell you, it is an enormously rewarding time -- in spite of the problems we face -- to be President of the United States.

I happen to believe that the action that we took collectively with allies -- and I will always be grateful to Greece for their participation -- the action we took against Saddam Hussein gave the United States a new respect and credibility around the world. And I am very grateful, obviously, to the men and women who served under our banner. But the other day I had a chance to reward the French general, the British general, with high honors, expressing our appreciation that this was not a United States unilateral move; it was a revitalized United Nations, and it brought together Greece and the United States and Turkey and many other countries who stood up against -- for a common purpose -- and that purpose is aggression, bullying, one neighbor against another, will not stand. It did not stand. And we've set a principle out there for the world. It will not stand in the future. And I am very grateful to everybody that participated. (Applause.)

And so that achievement of that common purpose of turning back aggression from a bullying and brutal dictator now leads us to what I call a possibility of a new world order. And let me just assure you -- this isn't on the subject of commerce, it's on the subject of political rivalries, it's on the subject of world peace -- that we will use every bit of this newfound political power or this worldwide credibility to do our best to bring peace to the historically troubled corners of the world.

As you see the changes that are taking place in your sphere, and then you couple those with the changes that are taking place in the political sphere, I think we all conclude that we have a historic opportunity. I must tell you, I felt very strongly about that when I sat down with Mikhail Gorbachev the other day in London. They are trying. They've got enormous economic problems. But we sat there and we finalized a strategic arms reduction treaty -- (applause) -- the first time that we have been able to significantly reduce the destabilization of the world through intercontinental ballistic missiles. It is a wonderful achievement -- not just for the American people, not just for the people in the Soviet Union, for I think it reflects on everybody in Greece -- the feeling that we can curtail the unprofitability that goes into these massive arms and then bring the power of private enterprise to bear, helping the people of the countries around the world. These are exciting times. These are not times to be pessimistic about the world in which we live.

And so things do look good. The President of this great country and the Prime Minister have felt, as we're back to bilateral relations now, have helped forge what is a new beginning here -- a

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new beginning to an old friendship. And so my challenge to you all is let's make things even better.

I want to thank you for inviting me this morning. I got a good shot of your strong coffee next door, which added to the warm welcome here, I might add. And now Barbara and I have the thrill of doing what I am sure everyone here has done -- go to Crete -- as for us will be a first time, though this visit to Athens was not the first for either of us, which has been fantastic.

But I think we will take away a lot of things with us when we leave after this very short visit to Greece. But we won't ever forget the warm reception. We won't forget this meeting, because as you look around the room and see the numbers, you keep in mind the world opportunity that private business brings.

And so thank you all. And may God bless Greece, but may God bless the United States of America. Thank you very much.  
(Applause.) Thank you all. It's a pleasure to be with you.  
(Applause.)

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U.S.-GREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \ INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL  
ATHENS, GREECE \ THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1991 \ 8:55 A.M.

AMBASSADOR SOTIRHOS; MR. PETSIAVAS [GREEK PRESIDENT  
OF THE AMERICAN-HELLENIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE]; MR.  
IOANNU [U.S. PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN-HELLENIC COC];  
MR TSMOKOS [GENERAL MANAGER, AMERICAN-HELLENIC COC];  
DR. TRISTIS [MAYOR OF ATHENS]; MEMBERS OF THE GREEK AND  
FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

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THIS IS QUITE A SCENE, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT: HERE  
WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED CITIZENS FROM A NUMBER OF  
COUNTRIES, GATHERED IN THE CAPITAL OF GREECE --  
ATHENS -- IN A HOTEL RUN BY AN AMERICAN COMPANY. THAT  
CERTAINLY SYMBOLIZES THE KINDS OF TIES THAT OUR NATIONS  
ENJOY -- TIES I WANT TO TALK ABOUT TODAY.

LET ME ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE TWO OUTSTANDING SONS OF  
GREECE -- ALEC COURTELIS AND ALEX SPANOS. BOTH MEN,  
WHO HAVE JOINED ME HERE, HAVE DONE GREAT THINGS FOR THE  
UNITED STATES.

THEY SHOW THAT OPPORTUNITY CAN TRANSLATE INTO PROSPERITY. IN MANY WAYS, THEIR EXAMPLE OUGHT TO SERVE AS A BEACON FOR GREEK BUSINESSMEN IN GREECE. THEY SHOW THAT A NEW WORLD ORDER APPLIES OLD WORLD GENIUS TO NEW WORLD REALITIES. //

ALEC AND ALEX ARE BUSINESSMEN, AND THEY REMINDED ME THAT TIME IS MONEY. SO, IN THE INTEREST OF KEEPING PROFITS HIGH, I PROMISE TO KEEP THIS MORNING'S TALK SHORT. //

I WANT TO TALK TODAY ABOUT IMPROVING ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE, AND TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE ECONOMIC PATH PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS HAS CHARTED FOR GREECE. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS TAKEN A GIANT FIRST STEP TOWARD STRENGTHENING THE GREEK ECONOMY BY OUTLINING SOME GOALS THAT SOUND VERY FAMILIAR TO THIS AMERICAN PRESIDENT:

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HE WANTS TO CUT RED TAPE, PRIVATIZE HIS ECONOMY, REDUCE THE COST AND SIZE OF GOVERNMENT, AND GET HIS ECONOMY ON A GROWTH PATH.

PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS DESERVES ENORMOUS CREDIT FOR WORKING TO LIFT THE VEIL THAT FOR TOO LONG KEPT GREECE OUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MAINSTREAM.

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HE UNDERSTANDS THAT FREE MARKETS -- NOT STATE MANAGEMENT -- CAN HELP GREECE INVIGORATE ITS ECONOMY, REDUCE ITS DEFICIT, PAY OFF ITS EXTERNAL DEBT AND REMAIN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE DIFFICULTY OF HIS TASK -- OR ITS IMPORTANCE.

LET ME TELL YOU JUST WHAT I'VE TOLD HIM: WE BELIEVE IN HIS REFORM EFFORTS. THEY WILL WORK. THEY CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN GREECE.

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WE ALSO BELIEVE IN THE BENEFITS OF TRADE. I LEFT THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN LONDON MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO PRESS FOR OPEN MARKETS, FREE AND FAIR TRADE AROUND THE WORLD, AND OPEN INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES EVERYWHERE. THE LITTER OF COMMUNISM PROVIDES ELOQUENT TESTIMONY TO WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT THE VIRTUES OF FREE ENTERPRISE, AND AVOID THE TOUGH DISCIPLINE THAT COMPETITION PROVIDES.

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IF WE WANT TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE TALENT OF OUR PEOPLE -- IN AMERICA, IN GREECE, IN EUROPE, AND AROUND THE WORLD -- WE MUST ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF FREE AND FAIR TRADE. //

OUR ADMINISTRATION REMAINS DETERMINED TO REACH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AT THE URUGUAY ROUND, AND I REMAIN OPTIMISTIC THAT WE CAN DO SO. GREECE WOULD BENEFIT ENORMOUSLY FROM A SUCCESSFUL GATT ROUND.

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THE MORE GREECE OPENS ITS MARKETS TO FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, AND THE MORE IT WORKS TO DEVELOP ITS EXPORT INDUSTRIES, THE MORE SECURE ITS FUTURE WILL BE.

I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT OUR TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH GREECE IS GROWING STRONGER EVERY DAY. THE UNITED STATES ENJOYS A SPECIAL AND STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH GREECE AND I SALUTE PRIME MINISTER CONSTANTINE MITOSTAKIS FOR HIS KEY ROLE IN THIS.

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THAT RELATIONSHIP SHOULD MAKE A LOT OF PEOPLE HAPPY. CONSIDER THE BOTTOM LINE: U.S. EXPORTS TO GREECE INCREASED 10 PERCENT LAST YEAR, AND GREEK IMPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 30 MILLION DOLLARS.

BUT THAT WAS JUST A START. OUR GOVERNMENTS RECENTLY HAVE SIGNED A BILATERAL CUSTOMS AGREEMENT, A NEW CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT AND A JOINT DECLARATION ON TOURISM.

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THESE INITIATIVES WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE NATIONS, SPEED THE FLOW OF GOODS THROUGH CUSTOMS, AND GENERATE MORE TOURIST BUSINESS. THE GREEK AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS ARE COOPERATING EFFECTIVELY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM, AND THIS EFFORT WILL REMAIN A PRIORITY FOR BOTH OF US.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP -- TO LIFT OUR TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR GREECE.

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FRANKLY, OUR GOVERNMENT HAS A DUTY TO ADVISE OUR CITIZENS ABOUT THE REALITIES OF THIS AND MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

STILL, I COME HERE IN PART AS A TOURIST, AND I HAVE EVERY FAITH THAT INCREASING NUMBERS OF AMERICANS WILL VISIT THIS BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC LAND.

WE ALSO ARE TRYING TO EXPAND TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES THAT WANT TO DO BUSINESS IN GREECE.

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WE HAVE WORKED TO PROTECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS -- PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, TRADEMARKS AND THE LIKE -- FOR AMERICAN FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN GREECE. WE HAVE WORKED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE TO ENSURE THE SWIFT AND FAIR REPATRIATION OF PROFITS. WE HOPE TO IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR AMERICAN FIRMS INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON GREEK GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.

THIS PROGRESS DEMONSTRATES THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT IS READY TO DO BUSINESS WITH AMERICAN COMPANIES, AND IT WELCOMES AMERICAN INVESTMENT.

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THIS IS A REFRESHING CHANGE -- AND IT EXPLAINS WHY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A DECADE, THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION -- OPIC -- CAN OFFER INSURANCE AND FINANCING FOR PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT PROJECTS. THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE HERE SEEMS MORE HOSPITABLE THAN EVER FOR AMERICANS. //

NOW, THE UNITED STATES NEEDS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WELCOME THE PRIME MINISTER HAS GIVEN US.

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I HAVE ASKED COMMERCE SECRETARY ROBERT MOSBACHER TO LEAD A PRESIDENTIAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT MISSION TO GREECE THIS AUTUMN. THAT MISSION CAN PERSUADE EVEN MORE AMERICAN BUSINESSES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES HERE.

IN THE DAYS AND MONTHS AHEAD, OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE WORKING TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND ELIMINATE OBSTACLES TO GROWTH. BUT IN THE END, GOOD BUSINESS IS COMMON SENSE -- AND COMMON SENSE OUGHT TO GUIDE US AS WE WORK TO BUILD A MORE PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

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I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT THINGS LOOK GOOD. PRESIDENT KARAMANLIS AND PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS, THROUGH THEIR COURAGE AND GOODWILL, HAVE HELPED FORGE A NEW BEGINNING TO AN OLD FRIENDSHIP. NOW, LET'S MAKE THINGS EVEN BETTER. //

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU THIS MORNING. THANK YOU [[FOR THE STRONG COFFEE -- I NEEDED THAT JOLT // AND THANK YOU ]] FOR THE WARM RECEPTION. MAY GOD BLESS YOU, AND MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR COUNTRIES.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

91 JUL 22 9:50  
JULY 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Democracy Speech

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: 2:00, FRIDAY, JULY 12

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEMOCRACY SPEECH  
ATHENS, GREECE  
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RESPONSE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
Assistant to the President  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEMOCRACY SPEECH  
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Prime Minister Mitsotakis, my Greek and American friends. Barbara and I are delighted to be with you on this magnificent, historic bluff. Here, we celebrate not merely the 2,500th birthday of Democracy. We celebrate Greece's bequest to the world.

Through dozens of eras and generations; through the rising and falling of great empires, ideals forged here have endured and thrived. Today, as old despotisms melt away and a commonwealth of freedom arises around the globe, we can truly say that our future -- the world's future -- began right here.

Your ancient forefathers understood the greatness of their achievement. In his great funeral oration, Pericles noted: "Our Constitution does not copy the laws of our neighbors. Rather, we are a pattern for others to follow."

Just over two centuries ago that pattern guided a Nation whose leaders bore names like Paine and Adams and Madison and Monroe. / The first shot of the American Revolution was fired from canons of Greek philosophy. Jefferson acknowledged this when he wrote, "Greece [was] the first of civilized nations, present[ing] examples of what man should be."

Earlier today in the Greek Parliament, I presented a copy of the American Declaration of Independence. There is no political document more sacred to Americans than this. It expresses the passions and truths that made us a nation.

It discusses the genius of democracy -- its recognition that we are endowed not by government but our Creator with certain unalienable -- and individual -- rights. Democracy recognizes the dignity of the individual -- and the duty of government to protect the rights that we enjoy simply by virtue of our humanity. But as proud as we are of our declaration, we also recognize that there would be no Declaration of Independence if there had not first been an age of democracy in Greece.//

Americans were not the first people to look up to the Acropolis for guidance -- and we shall not be the last. Today, in Eastern Europe and the Middle East / in Africa and Central America / the ideals first shouted from the Acropolis have spread out in great cleansing waves. / Liberty's tide has washed upon every shore. In every aspect of our lives -- economic, political, intellectual and spiritual -- this tide supports hope, but also demands excellence. Freedom and democracy don't just happen. We must fend off every assault to them -- as we have in recent years. We must reject every temptation to take them for granted. We must shoulder every burden that freedom and democracy impose upon us.

The glorious democracy of Athens fell because the city-states of Greece could not recognize common interests. Just as

we have learned from those who created democracy here, we also have learned from their mistakes. As the prospect of a New World Order arises before us, we must dedicate ourselves to the principles of freedom, democracy, justice and cooperation. We must build our own Acropolis -- our own summit of liberty; our monument to the ages.

In so doing, let us honor the glory that was and is Greece. To that glory / to you / I offer heartfelt gratitude. God bless your wonderful country, our common heritage, and the United States of America.

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(Grossman/Smith)  
July 11, 1991  
ACROPOLIS

PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: DEMOCRACY'S BIRTHDAY  
THE ACROPOLIS  
ATHENS, GREECE  
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1991

- o We've gathered in celebration and remembrance of the birth of democracy -- Greece's great bequest to mankind, 2,500 years ago. Pericles once described it as a government not patterned on others; but a pattern for others to follow.
  
- o America was among those inspired by your example. Thomas Jefferson paid tribute to Greece's legacy of liberty. And every American student remembers that the first shot in the American Revolution was fired from the canons of Greek philosophy.
  
- o Just as Athena, according to legend, created the first olive tree on the Acropolis, so the Greeks created the first democracy here in Athens. And just as the olive branches have grown to symbolize peace, so the branches of democracy now reach to envelope the world.
  
- o Aristotle tells us that the beginning is half of the whole. It's with gratitude that we remember the birth of democracy, here in Greece. God bless your great Nation, and the United States of America.

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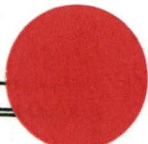
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RESPONSE:

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The NSC Staff concurs with the changes indicated.

Brent Scowcroft

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**DEMOCRACY'S BIRTHDAY \ THE ACROPOLIS  
ATHENS, GREECE \ FRIDAY, JULY 19. 1991 \ 7:45 A.M.**

- 0 WE'VE GATHERED IN CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE BIRTH OF DEMOCRACY -- GREECE'S GREAT BEQUEST TO MANKIND, 2,500 YEARS AGO. PERICLES ONCE DESCRIBED IT AS A GOVERNMENT NOT PATTERNED ON OTHERS, BUT A PATTERN FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW.**

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- 0 AMERICA WAS AMONG THOSE INSPIRED BY YOUR EXAMPLE. THOMAS JEFFERSON PAID TRIBUTE TO GREECE'S LEGACY OF LIBERTY. AND EVERY AMERICAN STUDENT REMEMBERS THAT THE FIRST SHOT IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS FIRED FROM THE CANONS OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY.**

0 JUST AS ATHENA, ACCORDING TO LEGEND, CREATED THE FIRST OLIVE TREE ON THE ACROPOLIS, SO THE GREEKS CREATED THE FIRST DEMOCRACY HERE IN ATHENS. AND JUST AS THE OLIVE BRANCHES HAVE GROWN TO SYMBOLIZE PEACE, SO THE BRANCHES OF DEMOCRACY NOW REACH TO ENVELOPE THE WORLD.

0 ARISTOTLE TELLS US THAT THE BEGINNING IS HALF OF THE WHOLE. IT'S WITH GRATITUDE THAT WE REMEMBER THE BIRTH OF DEMOCRACY, HERE IN GREECE. GOD BLESS YOUR GREAT NATION, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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RESPONSE: *No comments.*

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RESPONSE:

No comments. Thanks.

Paul Korfonta  
07/12/91

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1991

91 JUL 12 P2:21

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SK*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Democracy Speech, Athens, Greece, Friday, July 19, 1991

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

(Smith/Grossman)  
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THE YOUTH THREAD  
SHOULD BE PART OF  
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WE DO.

THESE ARE TWO GOOD  
AREAS TO EMPHASIZE  
YOUTH.

THANKS,



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

ADD 2-3 LINES

FIRST SENTENCE THIRD  
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ACROPOLIS

PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: DEMOCRACY'S BIRTHDAY  
THE ACROPOLIS  
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- o We've gathered in celebration and remembrance of the birth of democracy -- Greece's great bequest to mankind, 2,500 years ago. Pericles once described it as a government not patterned on others, but a pattern for others to follow.
- o America was among those inspired by your example. Thomas Jefferson paid tribute to Greece's legacy of liberty. And every American student remembers that the first shot in the American Revolution was fired from the canons of Greek philosophy.
- o Just as Athena, according to legend, created the first olive tree on the Acropolis, so the Greeks created the first democracy here in Athens. And just as the olive branches have grown to symbolize peace, so the branches of democracy now reach to envelope the world.
- o Aristotle tells us that the beginning is half of the whole. It's with gratitude that we remember the birth of democracy, here in Greece. God bless your great Nation, and the United States of America.

Phil:  
Pls. see my comments.

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