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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/16/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON, THURS., JULY 18

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO TAPING SESSION ON JULY 23: Address to Dole Foundation Event; National Organization on Disability; Salute to Paralyzed Veterans of America;

SUBJECT: Assemblies of God General Council; Tuskegee Airmen; American Hospital Association Convention; Archbishop Iokovos Birthday

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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 NOON, THURSDAY, JULY 18. Thank you.

Handwritten signature

RESPONSE:

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

91 JUL 16 PM 4:39

(Hinchliffe)
July 16, 1991 9 a.m.
DOLE Draft One

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: ADDRESS TO DOLE FOUNDATION EVENT

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What a difference you have made. You have touched the lives of individuals and awakened the conscience of a nation. Tonight I'm pleased to help recognize the corporate, foundation and individual donors who gave more than \$3.3 million in grants, and who created The Funding Partnership for People with Disabilities.

And tonight I'm particularly pleased to honor a good man, a good friend, who inspires personally and professionally. Bob Dole once said about his accident: "Doors have been closed, but windows opened." Bob: you have opened windows of opportunity for every American regardless of disability. You have set a challenge to your nation: to provide equal opportunity for all. Thank you.

And congratulations to all of you Dole Foundation supporters -- thank you for your vision and commitment. God bless you all.

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July 15, 1991
11:00 am

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY
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PVA plays a crucial role in both the veterans and disability communities. Your work proves your commitment that when we enter the next American Century, every American must be on board.

I share this faith, and so I proudly signed the Americans with Disabilities Act -- the world's first declaration of equality for people with disabilities. Our administration is committed to seeing this legislation fully implemented.

There is a special urgency for Americans disabled by war. You have paid the price of freedom in the coin of courage. You made your sacrifices, knowing there are some things worth fighting for, and for that you've earned our undying gratitude and admiration.

You not only won wars for America, you won the private wars that often follow victory. And you proved that the test of courage is not simply in the willingness to die -- but in the will to live. God bless all of you, and God bless the United States of America.

Grant / Draft two

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Again, thank you very much and God bless America.

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(Lange/Simon)
July 16, 1991
11:30 A.M.
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VIDEO MESSAGE: TUSKEGEE AIRMEN
 OEOB STUDIO

General Powell, General Davis; Mayor Young, and distinguished members of the dias; officers and members of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. -- ladies and gentlemen:

It's a pleasure and a privilege to offer this greeting to you, on the 50th anniversary of the commencement of training of Black American Military Aviators.

The world knows them now as "Tuskegee Airmen": brave and gallant aviators who trained in Alabama, they fought heroically in both the Mediterranean and European theaters of World War II. Though we flew in different theaters, I'm proud to count myself as one of your contemporaries, and one of your admirers.

Today the Tuskegee Airmen continue their proud legacy, working to keep America strong and free. Your devotion to duty and country form the foundation for the pilots and leaders of the future -- because the young men and women you inspire and motivate will themselves assure a brighter future for America.

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PROPOSED VIDEO SCRIPT: AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Good morning. I'd like to welcome you to the American Hospital Association's Annual Convention.

Barbara and I send our sincere congratulations for another year of fine work in our hospitals across America. You make such a difference in the lives of the patients and the communities you serve every day.

You are the guardians of a gift most precious to all of us - our health. Because your commitment and service are so good, most Americans often take quality health care for granted. Because your standards are so high, we have come to expect nothing but the best when it comes to hospitals and health care.

At the same time, the hospital community is experiencing great change. Technological advances, demographic shifts and economic constraints -- all must be balanced with great care.

Time and time again, you make it happen ... whether it's ensuring quality health care, recruiting top-notch doctors and nurses, or simply brightening a patient's day. With the hectic pace you keep, there's often no time for you to hear even a "thank you." Please know that you are appreciated, and that you have made a difference in the lives of so many families.

Keep up the good job, and God bless you. Thank you.

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PRESIDENTIAL AUDIO MESSAGE
MRS. BUSH'S STORY TIME
JULY 23, 1991
1:15 P.M.

I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF INTRODUCING YOUNG ARTHUR,
THE WINNER OF THE 'HELP MAKE AMERICA GREAT' CONTEST.
HE WILL NOW RECITE HIS WINNING ESSAY.

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BIRTHDAY, ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS

AS AN OLD FRIEND AN VALUED ADVISOR, BARBARA AND I ARE ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO CONGRATULATE HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY. WE'VE BOTH ENJOYED THE WARM RELATIONSHIP WE'VE HAD WITH HIM OVER THESE MANY YEARS. HIS VIGOR AND ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP ARE AN INSPIRATION, AND SET A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE FOR ALL OF US. I AM PLEASED AND PROUD TO BE JOINED BY FOUR FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN EXTENDING OUR CONGRATULATIONS.

I'VE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A WONDERFUL VISIT TO GREECE, WHERE I WAS REMINDED OF THE ENDURING WARMTH OF THE GREEK PEOPLE, AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMON HERITAGE AND VALUES. IN HIS SPECIAL ROLL AS ARCHBISHOP, THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF GREEK ORTHODOXY IN THIS HEMISPHERE -- HE IS ONE OF THE GREAT RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF OUR TIME.

A DECADE AGO OUR COUNTRY ACCORDED HIM ON OF THE HIGHEST HONORS ONE CAN BESTOW ANY AMERICAN -- THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM.

NOW, ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS -- MY FRIEND -- ON BEHALF OF ALL AMERICANS -- I SALUTE AND CONGRATULATE YOU.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD GENERAL COUNCIL

IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO GREET MY FRIENDS IN THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD AS YOU MEET FOR YOUR 44TH GENERAL COUNCIL. DR. CARLSON, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND MY WARMEST WISHES TO ALL THE DELEGATES IN SESSION IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR MANY PRAYERS FOR ME, ESPECIALLY DURING THE RECENT PERSIAN GULF CRISIS, WERE DEEPLY APPRECIATED. WHEN YOUR GENERAL COUNCIL IS OVER, PLEASE TELL THE FOLKS BACK HOME HOW MUCH THEIR SPIRITUAL SUPPORT MEANS TO BARBARA AND ME.

MY THANKS ALSO TO THE 28 ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MILITARY CHAPLAINS WHO COURAGEOUSLY SERVED IN OPERATION DESERT STORM, AS WELL AS OVER SIX THOUSAND OF YOUR MEMBERS WHO STEPPED FORWARD WHEN DUTY CALLED. IN SO MANY WAYS, YOU AND YOUR MEMBERS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE SUCCESS OF DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT STORM, AND YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE.

JUST LAST MONTH, MY WIFE AND I WENT TO THE HOMETOWN
OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD -- SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI --
AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MOVED I WAS BY THE OUTPOURING
OF SUPPORT WE SAW. AMERICA IS STANDING STRONG TODAY
BECAUSE OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU -- ONES WHO CARE DEEPLY
ABOUT THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS
COUNTRY. I ONLY ASK THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK AND PRAY
AS WE BUILD A BETTER AMERICA.

AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONVENTION.

YOU ARE THE GUARDIANS OF A GIFT MOST PRECIOUS TO ALL OF US -- OUR HEALTH. BECAUSE YOUR COMMITMENT AND SERVICE ARE SO GOOD, MOST AMERICANS OFTEN TAKE QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR GRANTED. BECAUSE YOUR STANDARDS ARE SO HIGH, WE HAVE COME TO EXPECT NOTHING BUT THE BEST WHEN IT COMES TO HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE HOSPITAL COMMUNITY IS EXPERIENCING GREAT CHANGE. TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS AND ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS -- ALL MUST BE BALANCED WITH GREAT CARE.

YOU'VE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY. AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL DISASTER MEDICAL SYSTEM, YOU VOLUNTEERED OVER 100,000 HOSPITAL BEDS IN CASE OF CASUALTIES FROM THE PERSIAN GULF WAR. YOU WERE THERE, READY TO HELP OUR BRAVE SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN, YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN ...
WHETHER IT'S ENSURING QUALITY HEALTH CARE, RECRUITING
TOP-NOTCH DOCTORS AND NURSES, OR SIMPLY BRIGHTENING A
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PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ARE APPRECIATED, AND THAT YOU HAVE
MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY FAMILIES.

KEEP UP THE GOOD JOB, AND GOD BLESS YOU. THANK
YOU.

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SALUTE TO PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA

IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 45TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF P.V.A. I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE A PRODUCTIVE MEETING -- LAST TIME I ATTENDED A CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS, WE SENT A VETERAN, THIS ONE, TO THE WHITE HOUSE. \ I'D LIKE TO WISH A SPECIAL WELCOME TO YOUR PRESIDENT, VICTOR MCCOY, SR. AND YOUR ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RICHARD HOOVER -- WE'RE ALL GRATEFUL FOR THE FINE JOB YOU'RE DOING.

P.V.A. PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN BOTH THE VETERANS AND DISABILITY COMMUNITIES. YOUR WORK PROVES YOUR COMMITMENT THAT WHEN WE ENTER THE NEXT AMERICAN CENTURY, EVERY AMERICAN MUST BE ON BOARD.

I SHARE THIS FAITH, AND SO I PROUDLY SIGNED THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT -- THE WORLD'S FIRST DECLARATION OF EQUALITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. OUR ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO SEEING THIS LEGISLATION FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT AMERICANS WHO HAVE RISKED THEIR LIVES AND WHO MADE COURAGEOUS SACRIFICES TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS. THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS, YOU'VE SHOWN THERE ARE SOME THINGS WORTH FIGHTING FOR, AND FOR THAT YOU'VE EARNED OUR UNDYING GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION.

YOU NOT ONLY WON WARS FOR AMERICA, YOU WON THE PRIVATE WARS THAT OFTEN FOLLOW VICTORY. AND YOU PROVED THAT THE TEST OF COURAGE IS NOT SIMPLY IN THE WILLINGNESS TO DIE -- BUT IN THE WILL TO LIVE. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU, AND GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

MAYOR YOUNG, GENERAL POWELL, GENERAL DAVIS; AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE DAIS; OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, INC. -- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT'S A PLEASURE AND A PRIVILEGE TO OFFER THIS GREETING TO YOU, ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF TRAINING OF BLACK AMERICAN MILITARY AVIATORS.

THE WORLD KNOWS THEM NOW AS "TUSKEGEE AIRMEN": BRAVE AND GALLANT AVIATORS WHO TRAINED IN ALABAMA, THEY FOUGHT HEROICALLY IN BOTH THE MEDITERRANEAN AND EUROPEAN THEATERS OF WORLD WAR II. THOUGH WE FLEW IN DIFFERENT THEATERS, AND THOUGH I FOR ONE AM NOT TOO EXCITED ABOUT BEING IN THE HIGH 60'S, I'M PROUD TO COUNT MYSELF AS ONE OF YOUR CONTEMPORARIES, AND ONE OF YOUR ADMIRERS.

TODAY THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN CONTINUE THEIR PROUD LEGACY, WORKING TO KEEP AMERICA STRONG AND FREE. YOUR DEVOTION TO DUTY AND COUNTRY FORM THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PILOTS AND LEADERS OF THE FUTURE -- BECAUSE THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN YOU INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE WILL THEMSELVES ASSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR AMERICA.

TODAY I ALSO SEND MY WARMEST GREETINGS TO THE ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AIRLINE PILOTS, WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 16TH ANNIVERSARY. THESE PILOTS, THE PRODUCT OF YOUR DEDICATION AND TENACITY, PROVE EVERY DAY THAT WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY, FREE MEN AND WOMEN WILL SOAR TO SUCCESS.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR A PRODUCTIVE AND ENJOYABLE CONVENTION. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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ADDRESS TO DOLE FOUNDATION EVENT

GOOD EVENING. TOMORROW IS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY I SIGNED THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. I'M SORRY I COULDN'T BE WITH YOU TONIGHT -- I'VE JUST RETURNED FROM A FOREIGN TRIP, AND I'M JUST ABOUT TO SET OFF ON ANOTHER. I DIDN'T WANT TO LET THIS CELEBRATION PASS WITHOUT TALKING TO YOU, HOWEVER. AFTERALL, THE DOLE FOUNDATION WAS COMMITTED TO THE GOALS OF THIS BILL LONG BEFORE IT BECAME LAW.

AS THE ONLY FOUNDATION DEDICATED SOLELY TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS YOU HAVE LED THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN RAISING THE AWARENESS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO THE TALENTS -- AND THE POTENTIAL -- OF THIS SADLY UNDERUTILIZED SEGMENT OF THE AMERICAN WORKFORCE.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE YOU HAVE MADE. YOU HAVE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS AND AWAKENED THE CONSCIENCE OF A NATION. THIS IS THE SPIRIT I HAVE IN MIND WHEN I TALK ABOUT POINTS OF LIGHT. TONIGHT I'M PLEASED TO SALUTE YOUR CORPORATE, FOUNDATION AND INDIVIDUAL DONORS. YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS HAS ENABLED THE FOUNDATION TO GIVE OVER \$3.3 MILLION IN GRANTS.

TONIGHT, WE SALUTE THE CREATION OF THE FUNDING PARTNERSHIP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. AND I'M PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HONOR A GOOD MAN, A GOOD FRIEND, WHO INSPIRES PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY. BOB DOLE ONCE SAID ABOUT HIS ACCIDENT: "DOORS HAVE BEEN CLOSED, BUT WINDOWS OPENED." BOB: YOU HAVE OPENED WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERY AMERICAN REGARDLESS OF DISABILITY. YOU HAVE SET A CHALLENGE TO YOUR NATION: TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL. // TO BOB AND TO ALL DOLE FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS -- THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY

THE PRESIDENT:

JIM, IT'S WONDERFUL THAT YOU AND THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY HAVE CHOSEN THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TO LAUNCH YOUR NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN, "CALLING ON AMERICA." ONE YEAR AGO, REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ALIKE CAME TOGETHER AS AMERICANS TO PASS LANDMARK LEGISLATION -- OPENING ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. "CALLING ON AMERICA" FOCUSES ON COMMUNITIES -- BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE THE BILL WE PASSED WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY. THAT'S WHERE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BECOME FULL PARTNERS IN THIS SOCIETY.

JIM BRADY:

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. WITHOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP, THERE WOULD BE NO AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. NOW IT'S UP TO THE REST OF US -- AS CITIZENS -- TO MAKE IT WORK IN OUR OWN BACKYARDS. THAT'S WHAT MY "CALLING ON AMERICA" CAMPAIGN IS ALL ABOUT: FULL PARTICIPATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN EVERYDAY LIFE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: VIDEO TAPING SESSION

The attached video messages have been prepared for the taping session Tuesday, July 23, 1991 at 1:15 p.m. in the Studio of the Old Executive Office Building.

1. Address to Dole Foundation Event
2. National Organization on Disability
3. Salute to Paralyzed Veterans of America
4. Assemblies of God General Council
5. American Hospital Association Convention
6. Tuskegee Airmen
7. Birthday Greeting, Archbishop Iakovos

(Hinchliffe)
July 18, 1991 5 p.m.
DOLE Draft One

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McGroarty
July 15, 1991
11:00 am

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY
OEOB, RM. 459
JULY 23, 1991

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JIM BRADY: Thank you, Mr. President. Without your leadership, there would be no Americans with Disabilities Act. Now it's up to the rest of us -- as citizens -- to make it work in our own backyards. That's what my "Calling on America" campaign is all about: full participation for people with disabilities in everyday life.

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(Grossman)
July 18, 1991
Draft Two
PVA

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: SALUTE TO PARALYZED VETERANS OF
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July 18, 1991
5:00 P.M.
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(Lange/Simon)
July 19, 1991
11:00 A.M.
[IAKOVOS.DOC]

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO MESSAGE: BIRTHDAY, ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS
OEOB STUDIO

As an old friend and valued advisor, Barbara and I are especially pleased to congratulate his Eminence Archbishop Iakovos [ee-AK-ko-vos] on his 80th birthday. We've both enjoyed the warm relationship we've had with him over these many years. His vigor and energetic leadership are an inspiration, and set a wonderful example for all of us. I am pleased and proud to be joined by four former Presidents of the United States in extending our congratulations.

I've recently returned from Greece, where I was reminded of the enduring warmth of the Greek people, and their commitment to our common heritage and values. In his special roll as Archbishop, the spiritual leader of Greek Orthodoxy in this hemisphere -- he is one of the great religious leaders of our time.

A decade ago our country accorded him one of the highest honors one can bestow upon any American -- the Medal of Freedom.

Now, Archbishop Iakovos -- on behalf of all Americans -- I salute and congratulate you, and Barbara and I thank you for your friendship.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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91 JUL 18 P6:17

DATE: 7/16/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON, THURS., JULY 18

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO TAPING SESSION ON JULY 23: Address to Dole Foundation Event; National Organization on Disability; Salute to Paralyzed Veterans of America;

SUBJECT: Assemblies of God General Council; Tuskegee Airmen; American Hospital Association Convention; Archbishop Iakovos Birthday

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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 NOON, THURSDAY, JULY 18. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

July 18, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

The NSC staff has no objection to the proposed presidential video taping session.

Brent Scowcroft
Brent Scowcroft

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

Tony - Want to make some reference to recent visit to Greece by the Pres in the text for Iakovos? Rm.

91 JUL 16 PM 4:38

(Hinchliffe)
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DOLE Draft One

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July 15, 1991
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*
SUBJECT: VIDEO TAPING SESSION

The attached video messages have been prepared for the taping session Tuesday, July 23, 1991 at 1:15 p.m. in the Studio of the Old Executive Office Building.

1. Address to Dole Foundation Event
2. National Organization on Disability
3. Salute to Paralyzed Veterans of America
4. Assemblies of God General Council
5. American Hospital Association Convention
6. Tuskegee Airmen
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(Hinchliffe)
July 18, 1991 5 p.m.
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July 19, 1991
11:00 A.M.
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OEOB STUDIO

As an old friend and valued advisor, Barbara and I are especially pleased to congratulate his Eminence Archbishop Iakovos [ee-AK-ko-vos] on his 80th birthday. We've both enjoyed the warm relationship we've had with him over these many years. His vigor and energetic leadership are an inspiration, and set a wonderful example for all of us. I am pleased and proud to be joined by four former Presidents of the United States in extending our congratulations.

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A decade ago our country accorded him one of the highest honors one can bestow upon any American -- the Medal of Freedom.

Now, Archbishop Iakovos -- on behalf of all Americans -- I salute and congratulate you, and Barbara and I thank you for your friendship.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 7/16/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON, THURS., JULY 18

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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 NOON, THURSDAY, JULY 18. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

(Hinchliffe)
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Now, Archbishop Iakovos -- on behalf of all Americans -- I salute and congratulate you. And as a personal friend, Barbara and I thank you for your warmth and friendship these many years.

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Mr. Stewart
(313) 852 8278

(Lange/Simon)
July 16, 1991
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RECOMMENDED VIDEO GREETINGS BY PRESIDENT BUSH

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DATE: July 11, 1991 TIME: 6:15 p.m. PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGE(S)

TO: Sherry

OF: White House Staff

FAX NUMBER: (202) 456 2878

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FROM: LUCIUS THEUS and HARRY STEWART

OF: TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, INC.

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SUBJECT: Recommended Greetings by The President

MESSAGE: Forwarded in accordance with your request.

Please do not hesitate to call Lu Theus at

(313) 338 1870 or Harry Stewart at (202) 496-5165 if

You have questions.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 9, 1991

VIDEO MESSAGE

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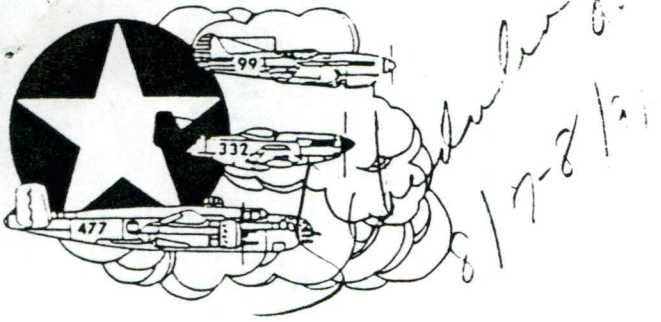
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August 5 - 11, 1991
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- Joseph Samora recommends as both a good veterans and black event.

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Philadelphia, PA, 1975-1977
- HANNIBAL M. COX, JR.
Miami, FL, 1977-1981
- JEAN R. ESQUERRE
Greenlawn, NY 1981-1983
- CHARLES E. MCGEE
Kansas City, MO, 1983-1985
- HENRY P. BOWMAN
Los Angeles, CA, 1985-1987
- JOHN L. WHITEHEAD, JR.
Sacramento, CA 1987-1989

The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500-0001

Dear Mr President,

As our troops return from the middle east, I want to convey my sincerest congratulations for the excellent performance of our military forces in Operation Desert Storm. I and the rest of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. (TAI) organization were proud to support our country's armed forces from the outset of the operation.

This year, the TAI will hold its 20th Annual National Convention in Detroit, MI on 5-11 Aug. This convention marks the 50th Anniversary of the Tuskegee Experiment which opened the door for blacks to serve proudly as U.S. military aviators. I am delighted to invite you to celebrate this anniversary with us.

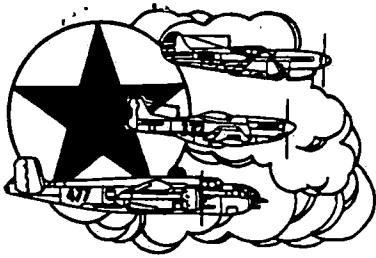
If your schedule permits, we would be honored to highlight either of two special events with your participation. On 7 August, we will have an audiovisual tribute to Desert Storm participants and on 8 August we will present a special audiovisual salute to the Tuskegee Airmen highlighting significant events and accomplishments.

Your remarks at either of these events would add tremendous significance to tributes that are both well deserved. However, if you cannot attend, we would be very appreciative of video taped remarks from you that we could show as an introduction to one of these events. For your information, I have attached a convention events schedule and background information on the Tuskegee Airmen and the TAI organization.

I hope your schedule will permit you to be with us in August and share in a most meaningful convention. Our protocol point of contact is Lt Col Ivan B. Kelly. He may be reached at 518/786-4426 for additional information.

Respectfully yours,

Nancy L. Colon
NANCY LEFTENANT-COLON
President



THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

A Brief History

Due to the rigid pattern of racial segregation that prevailed in the United States during World War II, just short of one thousand (approximately 970) Black military aviators were trained at an isolated training complex near the town of Tuskegee, Alabama, and at Tuskegee Institute. Four hundred and fifty Black fighter pilots under the command of Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. fought in the aerial war over North Africa, Sicily and Europe, flying, in succession, P-40, P-39, P-47 and P-51 type aircraft. These gallant men flew 15,553 sorties and completed 1,578 missions with the 12th Tactical U.S. Army Air Force and the 15th Strategic U.S. Army Air Force. Col. Davis later became the U.S. Air Force's first Black general and rose to the rank of Lt. General.

They were called the "Schwartzze Vogelmenshen" (Black Birdmen) by the Germans who both feared and respected them. White American bomber crews reverently referred to them as "The Black Redtail Angels" because of the identifying red paint on their tail assemblies and because of their reputation for not losing bombers to enemy fighters as they provided fighter escort to bombing missions over strategic targets in Europe.

The 99th Fighter Squadron, which had already distinguished itself over North Africa, Sicily, and Anzio, joined three other Black squadrons: the 100th, the 301st, and the 302nd. These four squadrons, designated as the 332nd Fighter Group, comprised the largest fighter unit in the 15th Air Force. From Italian bases they also destroyed enemy rail traffic, coast-watching surveillance stations and hundreds of vehicles on air-to-ground strafing missions. Sixty-six of these pilots were killed in aerial combat while another thirty-two were either forced down or shot down and captured to become prisoners of war.

These Black Airmen came home with 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, Legions of Merit and The Red Star of Yugoslavia.

Other Black pilots, navigators, bombardiers and crewmen who were trained for medium bombardment duty were joined by 332nd combat returnees and formed into the 447th Composite Fighter-Bomber Group (B-25s and P-47s). This group never entered combat because of the surrender of Germany and Japan in 1945. Significantly, the 477th's demands for parity and recognition as competent military professionals combined with the magnificent wartime record of the 99th and the 332nd led to a review of the U.S. War Departments' racial policies.

For every Black pilot there were ten other civilian or military Black men and women on ground support duty. Many of these men and women remained in the military service during the post-World War II era and spearheaded the integration of the armed forces in the United States with their integration into the U.S. Air Force in 1949. That the "Tuskegee Experiment" achieved success rather than the expected failure is further recorded by the elevation of three of these pioneers to flag rank: the late General Daniel "Chappie" James; our nation's first Black Four-Star General, Lt. General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., USAF, Retired; and Major General Lucius Theus, USAF, Retired.

Three Tuskegee Airmen, all retired USAF Colonels, share the distinction of having flown combat missions as fighter pilots in World War II, the Korean War, and the War in Vietnam. They are: Charles Cooper, Hannibal Cox and Charles McGee. Three other Tuskegee Airmen flew combat in Vietnam in other type aircraft and all retired as Lt. Colonels, USAF. They are: John "Mr. Death" Whitehead, Bill Holloman and George Hardy.

Major achievements are attributed to many of those who returned to civilian life and earned positions of leadership and respect as businessmen, corporate executives, religious leaders, lawyers, doctors, educators, bankers and political leaders.

Nearly thirty years of anonymity were ended in 1972 with the founding of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. at Detroit, Michigan. Organized as a non-military and non-profit entity, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. exists primarily to motivate and inspire young Americans to become participants in our nation's society and its democratic process.

Today the Tuskegee Airman have four memorials in place to perpetuate the memory of who we were, why we were, and what we accomplished during and after the adverse conditions to which we were subjected. We have the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. National Scholarship Fund for high school seniors who excel in math and science but who need financial assistance to begin a college program in math, science or engineering; we have a monument in the Memorial Park at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio; we have a museum in Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit, Michigan; and we have a statue of a Tuskegee Airman in the Honor Park at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The monument and statue have been signed over to the Air Force.

With a growing number of chapters located in major cities throughout the United States, Europe, and in Japan, the membership of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. is made up, principally, of veterans of the armed forces and active duty personnel representing all the branches of the military. It also includes a growing number of civilians who demonstrate sincere interest in helping the organization achieve its goals and objectives. All officers and directors of the organization serve without salary or fee.

Tuskegee Airmen Memorials



Three physical memorials to the Tuskegee Airmen are now in place. The fourth memorial, the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Fund, though it cannot be seen, was the first memorial to be established. The three memorials which can be seen by future generations are the statue, shown at the upper left, which is in place at the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado; the monument, shown at the upper right, is in place at the U. S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio; the Tuskegee Airmen Museum, shown in the lower center, is in Historic Fort Wayne located in Detroit, Michigan. The monument and statue have been signed over to the U. S. Air Force and the museum is also on government property.

**TUSKEGEE AIRMEN 20TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
PROPOSED MILITARY PROGRAM**

MONDAY -- August 5, 1991 (Arrivals Set-up Open Time)

TUESDAY -- August 6, 1991

0900-1800 Exhibits Open
1900-2100 Welcome Hospitality

WEDNESDAY -- August 7

0800-1600 Registration
0800-1030 Opening General Session

0800-0945 Business Session
1000-1030 LT GEN CONAWAY
(Addresses General Session and
answers questions)

0900-1800 Exhibits Open

1130-1330 MILITARY LUNCHEON (SPEAKER: Mr Donald Atwood)

1400-1430 DESERT STORM PRESENTATION
(Recognition of DESERT STORM participants)
(Remarks from MGen Edmonds)

1500-1700 Board of Directors Meeting
1800-2400 Welcome Reception and Fashion Show

THURSDAY -- August 8

0800-1600 Registration
0800-2000 Committee Meetings
0900-1800 Exhibits Open
0900-1100 Military Sessions

0900-0930 AFCOMAP/NNOA
(Status Report/Activities Update)
0930-1015 ISSUES PANEL (MGen Edmonds chairs)
(Addresses convention body on
current DOD issues and other
topics of interest)

1020-1050 SALUTE TO TUSKEGEE AIRMEN
(A tribute to the significant
accomplishments and events of the
Tuskegee Airmen)

1050-1100 WRAP-UP
1130-1400 Corporate Luncheon
1500-1700 Board of Directors Meeting
1700- Free Time

FRIDAY -- August 9

0800-1600 Registration
0900-1800 Exhibits Open
0930-1130 Second General Session
1000-1130 YOUTH PROGRAM
1200-1400 Youth Luncheon
1430-1600 Regional Meetings
1600- Free Time

SATURDAY -- August 10

0900-1100 Registration
0900-1100 Exhibits Open
0900-1245 Third General Session

0900-1000 Nominations
1000-1100 Regional Caucuses
1100-1245 Election Booth Open

1300-1600 Free Time
1600-1800 Cash Bar
1800-2100 Awards Banquet (SPEAKER: GEN. COLIN POWELL)
Installation of Officers
Dance

SUNDAY -- August 11

0900-1100 Brunch
1100-1200 Closing Ceremony - Adjournment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1991

TO: Joseph Samora
FROM: Sheri Keniston *SK*
Secretary to Sig Rogich
RE: Video Request for the 20th Annual
National Convention of the
Tuskegee Airmen
August 7 - 8, 1991
Detroit, Michigan

Could you provide recommendations about
this request by Monday, July 1. We'll try to
put this on the Long Range agenda on
Tuesday.

Thanks.

- DD ADD

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THE WHITE HOUSE
June 18, 1991
WASHINGTON

Dear Mrs. Leftenant-Colon:

Thank you for your letter in which you invite the President to attend the your 20th Annual National Convention on August 5-11.

We are most appreciative of your thoughtful invitation for the President to be a part of this occasion. I regret that the President's schedule is such that his attendance cannot be arranged. Unfortunately, with so many demands on his time, he must often miss special opportunities as is the case this time.

I know that the President in regretting would want me to convey to you his very best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

KATHERINE L. SUPER
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Appointments and Scheduling

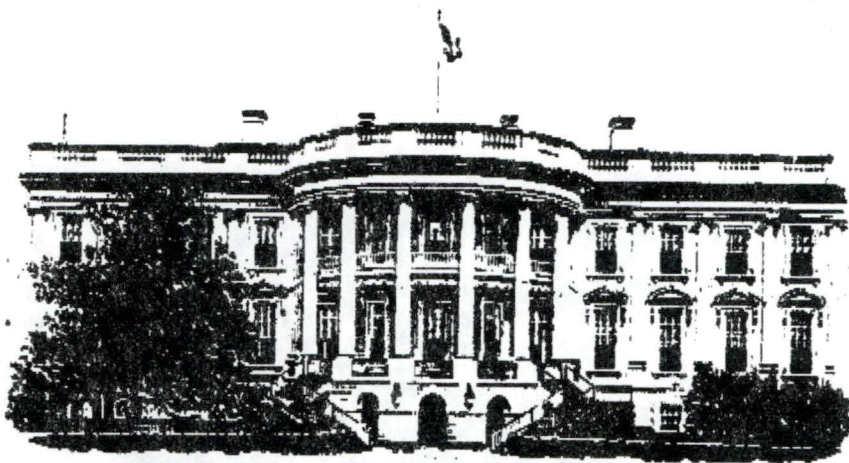
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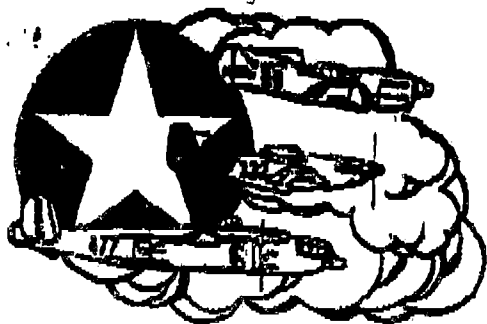
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June 21, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Convention Chairman

ALFRED E. COLL

Dear Mr. President:

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It was a pleasure being with you and Mrs. Bush at the White House Luncheon in recognition of Winners of The President's Volunteer Action Awards on April 26, 1991. Thank you very much for including me in this very important program of honoring our Nation's most outstanding volunteers.

Detroit Chapter Officers

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Treasurer

Detroit will be the host city for the 20th Annual National Convention of the Tuskegee Airmen - an organization devoted to motivating and assisting American youth to achieve excellence in their educational and career pursuits. This Convention will be particularly significant because we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the commencement of the training of black military aviators and the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Tuskegee Airmen organization. Mr. President, you have demonstrated your knowledge and support of the wartime and peacetime contributions of these gallant veterans who overcame the obstacles and achieved against the odds. Also, all of us really appreciate your recognition of black veterans at the White House ceremony earlier this year.

On behalf of the National Officers and Board of Directors of the Tuskegee Airmen, I am very pleased to invite you to provide us a greeting and photo of yourself to be published in the convention souvenir journal.

For your information, General Colin L. Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has accepted our invitation to keynote the Awards Banquet and Neal Shine, Publisher of the Detroit Free Press, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Our leader during those turbulent days - Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., - will also be in attendance and will be honored by us. Ms. Aretha Franklin has agreed to sing the National Anthem at the banquet.

"CHANGING OF THE GUARD"

Dr. Benjamin Carson, Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital, will speak at the Youth Luncheon, and Earl Graves, Publisher of "Black Enterprise Magazine," will be the speaker for the Corporate Luncheon.

The Honorable Coleman A. Young, a Tuskegee Airman and Mayor of the City of Detroit; Glen W. Fortinberry, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ross Roy Group, Inc.; and William A. Vitito, President and CEO, ANR Pipeline Company, are serving as Convention Honorary Co-Chairmen.

Hundreds of Tuskegee Airmen along with their families and friends will visit Detroit to attend the Convention. In addition, numerous local citizens and business and civic leaders are expected to participate in one or more Convention activities.

We believe that this Convention creates an excellent opportunity further demonstrate your support of the work of the Tuskegee Airmen with our youth. For this reason, we strongly urge you to accept our invitation and provide the requested greeting and photograph as soon as possible prior to July 15 so that planning can proceed for what we know will be a very meaningful and memorable event for all concerned.

You may forward the greeting and photograph to me at the above address. Of course, I will be pleased to answer any additional questions that you or your staff may have concerning this request.

During the business day, I may be reached at (313) 338-1870 or (313) 881-4085 at home. Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Lucius Theus
Major General USAF (Retired)
Convention Committee

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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NOON, THURS., JULY 18

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO TAPING SESSION ON JULY 23: Address to Dole Foundation Event; National Organization on Disability; Salute to Paralyzed Veterans of America;

SUBJECT: Assemblies of God General Council; Tuskegee Airmen; American Hospital Association Convention; Archbishop Iokovos Birthday

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Please provide comments/edits on the attached directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN NOON, THURSDAY, JULY 18. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

No comment

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

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(Hinchliffe)
July 16, 1991 9 a.m.
DOLE Draft One

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: ADDRESS TO DOLE FOUNDATION EVENT

Good evening. As you know, tomorrow is the first anniversary of the day I signed the Americans with Disabilities Act. I'm proud to celebrate this anniversary with you because the Dole Foundation was committed to the goals of this bill long before it became law. As the only foundation dedicated solely to the employment of people with disabilities, for the past eight years you have led the private sector in raising the awareness of the business community to the talents -- and the potential -- of this sadly underutilized segment of the American workforce.

What a difference you have made. You have touched the lives of individuals and awakened the conscience of a nation. Tonight I'm pleased to help recognize the corporate, foundation and individual donors who gave more than \$3.3 million in grants, and who created The Funding Partnership for People with Disabilities.

And tonight I'm particularly pleased to honor a good man, a good friend, who inspires personally and professionally. Bob Dole once said about his accident: "Doors have been closed, but windows opened." Bob: you have opened windows of opportunity for every American regardless of disability. You have set a challenge to your nation: to provide equal opportunity for all. Thank you.

And congratulations to all of you Dole Foundation supporters -- thank you for your vision and commitment. God bless you all.

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July 15, 1991
11:00 am

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY
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JULY 23, 1991

THE PRESIDENT: Jim, it's wonderful that you and the National Organization on Disability have chosen the first anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act to launch your nationwide campaign, "Calling on America." One year ago, Republicans and Democrats alike came together as Americans to pass landmark legislation -- opening all aspects of life to people with disabilities. "Calling on America" focuses on communities -- because that's where the bill we passed will be translated into reality. That's where people with disabilities become full partners in this society.

JIM BRADY: Thank you, Mr. President. Without your leadership, there would be no Americans with Disabilities Act. Now it's up to the rest of us -- as citizens -- to make it work in our own backyards. That's what my "Calling on America" campaign is all about: full participation for people with disabilities in everyday life.

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(Grossman)
July 15, 1991
Draft One
PVA

PRESIDENTIAL VIDEO: SALUTE TO PARALYZED VETERANS OF
AMERICA

It's a pleasure to welcome you to the 45th annual convention of PVA. I'm sure you'll have a productive meeting -- last time I attended a convention in New Orleans, we sent a veteran to the White House. \ I'd like to wish a special welcome to your President, Victor McCoy, and your Acting Executive Director, Richard Hoover -- we're all grateful for the fine job you're doing.

PVA plays a crucial role in both the veterans and disability communities. Your work proves your commitment that when we enter the next American Century, every American must be on board.

I share this faith, and so I proudly signed the Americans with Disabilities Act -- the world's first declaration of equality for people with disabilities. Our administration is committed to seeing this legislation fully implemented.

There is a special urgency for Americans disabled by war. You have paid the price of freedom in the coin of courage. You made your sacrifices, knowing there are some things worth fighting for, and for that you've earned our undying gratitude and admiration.

You not only won wars for America, you won the private wars that often follow victory. And you proved that the test of courage is not simply in the willingness to die -- but in the will to live. God bless all of you, and God bless the United States of America.

Grant / Draft two

PROPOSED VIDEO SCRIPT: ASSEMBLIES OF GOD GENERAL COUNCIL

It's a pleasure to be able to greet my friends in the Assemblies of God as you meet for your 44th General Council. Dr. Carlson, thank you for the opportunity to send my warmest wishes to all the delegates in session in Portland, Oregon.

I want you to know that your many prayers for me, especially during the recent Persian Gulf crisis, were deeply appreciated. When your General Council is over, please tell the folks back home how much their spiritual support means to Barbara and me.

My thanks also to the 28 Assemblies of God military chaplains who courageously served in Operation Desert Storm, as well as over six thousand of your members who stepped forward when duty called. In so many ways, you and your members made a difference in the success of Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and you have my gratitude.

Just last month, my wife and I went to the hometown of the Assemblies of God -- Springfield, Missouri -- and I can't tell you how moved I was by the outpouring of support we saw. America is standing strong today because of people like you -- ones who care deeply about the moral and spiritual quality of life in this country. I only ask that you continue to work and pray with me, as we build a better America.

Again, thank you very much and God bless America.

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(Lange/Simon)
July 16, 1991
11:30 A.M.
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VIDEO MESSAGE: TUSKEGEE AIRMEN
 OEOB STUDIO

General Powell, General Davis; Mayor Young, and distinguished members of the dias; officers and members of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. -- ladies and gentlemen:

It's a pleasure and a privilege to offer this greeting to you, on the 50th anniversary of the commencement of training of Black American Military Aviators.

The world knows them now as "Tuskegee Airmen": brave and gallant aviators who trained in Alabama, they fought heroically in both the Mediterranean and European theaters of World War II. Though we flew in different theaters, I'm proud to count myself as one of your contemporaries, and one of your admirers.

Today the Tuskegee Airmen continue their proud legacy, working to keep America strong and free. Your devotion to duty and country form the foundation for the pilots and leaders of the future -- because the young men and women you inspire and motivate will themselves assure a brighter future for America.

Today I also send my warmest greetings to the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, who are celebrating their 16th anniversary. These pilots, the product of your dedication and tenacity, prove every day that when given the opportunity, free men and women will soar to success.

Please accept my best wishes for a productive and enjoyable convention. God bless you all.

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PROPOSED VIDEO SCRIPT: AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Good morning. I'd like to welcome you to the American Hospital Association's Annual Convention.

Barbara and I send our sincere congratulations for another year of fine work in our hospitals across America. You make such a difference in the lives of the patients and the communities you serve every day.

You are the guardians of a gift most precious to all of us - our health. Because your commitment and service are so good, most Americans often take quality health care for granted. Because your standards are so high, we have come to expect nothing but the best when it comes to hospitals and health care.

At the same time, the hospital community is experiencing great change. Technological advances, demographic shifts and economic constraints -- all must be balanced with great care.

Time and time again, you make it happen ... whether it's ensuring quality health care, recruiting top-notch doctors and nurses, or simply brightening a patient's day. With the hectic pace you keep, there's often no time for you to hear even a "thank you." Please know that you are appreciated, and that you have made a difference in the lives of so many families.

Keep up the good job, and God bless you. Thank you.

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