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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
DURING STAN SCOTT TRIBUTE DINNER

The Washington Sheraton Hotel
Washington, D.C.

8:34 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all, and please be seated. And, Connie, let me thank you on behalf of everybody here for your key role in making this such a very special evening. Lou Sullivan, our Secretary, who in my view is doing a superb job, is, as many of you know, off in Africa -- (applause) -- or he certainly would have been here, and he sends his greetings. (Applause.)

And I don't know how you begin to thank everybody in this distinguished audience. We have Senator Pressler, Senator Breaux and Bob Livingston, Julian Dixon, Art Fletcher, Charlie Rangel, Buddy Roemer, Ambassador Weinman, Sid Barthelmy, Chris Edley, Bill Gray, Ron Brown's supposed to be here. I hope he is. Percy Sutton, Lionel Hampton, Vernan Jordan, Peabo Bryson -- and on and on it goes in one of the most glamorous get-togethers. I don't see how some of us fit in the same room with our views, but you know why we're all brought together -- it's Stan Scott. (Applause.)

What are you laughing at? (Laughter.)

But let me also salute the family: Bettye, and, of course, Stan and Susan, Ken, Stan Jr. I'm fibrillating just trying to get through the acknowledgments of this darned dinner. (Laughter.) Barbara and I don't go out much. (Laughter.) We get asked out some, but we don't go out much. And I know I speak for her when I say what a joy, just on a plain friendship basis, what a joy this evening has been.

Imagine a guy like me from Texas associating with an Ivy League elitist like Governor Roemer of Louisiana. (Laughter.) It's absolutely -- two degrees from Harvard. Can you imagine that? And when I got tonight's program and looked down this awesome list of speakers, I felt like a contestant on "Star Search." (Laughter.) It's bad enough when you have one act to follow, but six is a little too much.

And after all this eloquence, I know how Zsa Zsa Gabor's last husband felt. (Laughter.) I know what I'm supposed to do -- but I'm not exactly sure how to make it interesting. (Laughter and applause.)

But, listen, thank you, Connie, and all the others that arranged this wonderful program for -- really for urging us to come, for letting me participate, and Barbara and me to be such enthusiastic participants in this. Let me salute the Stanley Scott Scholarship Fund. And I can't tell you how much it means to join all of you in praising our close friend and saying a simple thanks to you, Stan, for bringing us all together and for so much more.

You know, Stan offers living proof that love nourishes virtue; that hard work pays; that good things happen to good people; and most impressive, that some journalists can turn to honest work. (Laughter and applause.)

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Now that you have sold your beer distributorship, Stan, you are at liberty to divulge the great secret. And I hope Leonard Goldstein won't take offense. But we all want to know which is it: tastes great or less filling? (Laughter.)

Those of us who know Stan and feel we know him well know that four passions govern his life: love of family; love of country; love of adventure; and love of good works. And I'm leaving out his love of the Los Angeles Lakers, which is a sore subject this year.

But Stan's family instilled in him a real hunger for knowledge. And lest some of you haven't milled through this room, I don't know whose looking after Atlanta. So many Scotts from there are here. But somebody's looking after the store.

But you feel this sense of family when you're around Stanley. And you know that his family instilled in him a real hunger for knowledge. His love of country inspired him to give back some of freedom's blessings. His love of adventure gave him the courage to shift careers without even shifting gears: journalism, politics, corporate communications, private business. And his love of good works moved him to try new ideas, new angles, new approaches, to make the best for this magnificent gift of friendship.

If you look around the room, you get an appreciation of the power of Stan's personality. Here, we have people of all colors, all parties, all backgrounds -- it's the darndest, wild and crazy mix of different political views I've ever seen.

You have Democrats such as former Congressman Bill Gray and New Orleans' very able Mayor Sidney Barthelemy join Republicans such as Connie Newman and Buddy Roemer. And We're here because of Stan who taught us all really what friendship means and because we know that education can foster true brotherhood. It can lead us as individuals and as a nation to the true equality that we have sought so long. It can dissolve the ignorance, prejudice and hatred that build high walls between people.

And the United Negro College Fund strengthens America by extending educations to deserving men and women at 41 private historically black colleges and universities. The Stanley Scott Scholarships will be built upon that solid legacy.

And no one here underestimates the importance of the UNCF's mission or, frankly, the difficulties that it faces. Many UNCF institutions have suffered through some tough times, but they have survived, thanks to the hard work of people in this room and to the professionals who work at UNCF institutions.

The United Negro College Fund keeps hope alive by ministering specially to black American men and women. And if you'll permit me a personal note, my own personal involvement started way back in 1947 when I was at college and when Bill Trent, who was well and favorably known to so many of us in this room, came into my life and signed me up. Now, as Bill Gray very generously mentioned, as Honorary Chairman of Campaign 2000, I take great happiness and great joy in the fact that my family has a continued involvement. And my younger brother, John, will become Chairman of the Board of the United Negro College Fund, starting in April of 1992. (Applause.)

We all know, we all believe, that a mind is a terrible thing to waste -- and so, frankly, are United Negro College Fund colleges and universities. We must not let them be wasted. (Applause.)

And before I go any further, let me just ask everyone to thank and to recognize Chris Edley's fabulous work as UNCF

President. Can't see him out there, but -- (applause.) And I know there are other previous presidents -- my old and dear and close friend Art Fletcher and Vernon Jordan -- and I'm leaving out a thousand because so many men of distinction and others have served as president of the UNCF.

Now a word about the next president of the UNCF. You see, Bill's appointment is a two-fer, what they call a two-fer for me. When he resigned his seat in the House today, the Democrats lost a fine leader and I lost a very tough and a very effective -- always fair, but a very tough and effective opponent. But the cause I care about deeply, the one that joins us tonight, has gained this great leader. And so I can't help but win. Get him out the way and here we are working together for a cause we all believe in. (Applause.)

But our real star at this all-star tribute is Stan and his many contributions to our lives. The Scott Scholarship Fund represents the kind of service that all of us admire. And I will extend the gift of knowledge to young men and it will extend the gift of knowledge to young men and women who might not otherwise get college educations. It will strengthen the 41 private institutions that comprise the UNCF. And it will strengthen -- really it will strengthen our nation.

I'm committed to seeing our nation become the world's leader in education. I hate to see this many people assembled without making what perhaps is the only partisan pitch of the evening, but I will make it as nonpartisan as possible -- I do want to ask you to look at our America 2000 Education Strategy. It is new, it is innovative, and I believe that it will achieve the national education goals that we established in conjunction with every single one of the nation's governors. So look at it and help us if you can. It's going to lead to great things for the kids of this country. (Applause.)

I know that we have these political differences, but we're setting those all aside. And better, let us use them if we can as a source of strength. We must remember always, in the process, that civility lies at the heart of civil rights.

The people in this room can make a huge difference, as Stan has and many of you in this room have. Let me give you an example. I don't know if Ron Brown, who's been a sponsor of this organization, is here tonight, and I don't mean to embarrass him. But let me just tell you what I'm talking about when I'm talking about civility.

I think of the wasting illness that claimed my friend, Lee Atwater. And some in the press and some in the political arena taunted him -- he invited some of it, I'll readily admit, but nevertheless, they taunted him. And the personal attacks really tortured his family and his friends. And during all of this, Ron Brown quietly and gently sent messages of encouragement and friendship to Lee and Sally Atwater. He didn't leak it to the press. He did what friends do: he just gave a piece of himself. And I don't have to state the obvious, but Ron and Lee didn't agree on a hell of a lot in terms of politics, but they knew that no political dispute is worth surrendering people's basic decency. And I salute Ron for that approach. (Applause.)

And so many of us will disagree over particulars of social policy, but we have only ourselves to blame if we fail to promote a good society: a nation united in its quest for brotherhood; indivisible in its determination to provide sound educations for everyone; committed to promoting the kind of fairness that really counts: a growing economy that gives every man and woman a fair chance to go as far as their abilities will take them. And Stan, you see, has given life to the ideals discussed here tonight.

His strength of character and the range of his accomplishments are legend -- I loved that film. We may have little fights, but Stan has taken on what literally is the fight of his life.

And, Stan, we love you. We're pulling for you. You have served your nation and your many friends long and selflessly. We salute you.

And ladies and gentlemen, so let us just give thanks to and for a great American. And, Stan, thanks for giving us a look at our better selves and depriving us of excuses when we think that things seem too tough, the odds too long; the path too cluttered with obstructions.

You, through your example, have overcome, and in time so shall we all. God bless you. (Applause.)

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**TRIBUTE TO STAN SCOTT \ WASHINGTON SHERATON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1991 \ 7:30 P.M.**

**CONNIE NEWMAN, THANK YOU. AND THANKS TO EVERYONE
IN THIS DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE: BOB LIVINGSTON, JOHN
BREAUX, JULIAN DIXON, CHARLIE RANGEL; BUDDY ROEMER, SID
BARTHELMY; CHRIS EDLEY; BILL GRAY, RON BROWN; PERCY
SUTTON, LIONEL HAMPTON, PEABO BRYSON -- AND OF COURSE
THE SCOTT FAMILY: STAN, BETTYE, SUSAN, KENNETH, STAN
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INTERESTING. //**

WELL, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME JOIN THIS TRIBUTE TO STAN SCOTT, AND THE STANLEY SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO JOIN ALL OF YOU IN PRAISING OUR CLOSE FRIEND AND SAYING TO STAN: THANKS.

STAN OFFERS LIVING PROOF THAT LOVE NOURISHES VIRTUE; THAT HARD WORK PAYS; THAT GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE AND, MOST IMPRESSIVE, THAT SOME JOURNALISTS CAN TURN TO HONEST WORK. //

NOW THAT YOU HAVE SOLD YOUR BEER DISTRIBUTORSHIP, STAN, YOU ARE AT LIBERTY TO DIVULGE THE GREAT SECRET. AND I HOPE LEONARD GOLDSTEIN WON'T TAKE OFFENSE. BUT WE ALL WANT TO KNOW. WHICH IS IT: TASTES GREAT OR LESS FILLING? //

FOUR PASSIONS GOVERN STAN'S LIFE: LOVE OF FAMILY; LOVE OF COUNTRY; LOVE OF ADVENTURE; AND LOVE OF GOOD WORKS. [[I'M LEAVING OUT HIS LOVE OF THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS. THAT'S A SORE SUBJECT THIS YEAR.]] //

STAN'S FAMILY INSTILLED IN HIM A REAL HUNGER FOR KNOWLEDGE. HIS LOVE OF COUNTRY INSPIRED HIM TO GIVE BACK SOME OF FREEDOM'S BLESSINGS. HIS LOVE OF ADVENTURE GAVE HIM THE COURAGE TO SHIFT CAREERS WITHOUT SHIFTING GEARS: JOURNALISM, POLITICS, CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS, PRIVATE BUSINESS. HIS LOVE OF GOOD WORKS MOVED HIM TO TRY NEW IDEAS, NEW ANGLES, NEW APPROACHES; TO MAKE THE BEST OF HIS GIFT FOR FRIENDSHIP.

IF YOU LOOK AROUND THIS ROOM, YOU GET AN APPRECIATION OF THE POWER OF STAN'S PERSONALITY. HERE, WE HAVE PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS, ALL PARTIES, ALL BACKGROUNDS -- THE DARNDDEST, WILD AND CRAZY MIX OF DIFFERENT POLITICAL VIEWS. //

DEMOCRATS SUCH AS FORMER CONGRESSMAN BILL GRAY AND NEW ORLEANS' MAYOR SIDNEY BARTHELEMY JOIN REPUBLICANS SUCH AS CONNIE NEWMAN AND BUDDY ROEMER.

WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF STAN AND BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT EDUCATION CAN FOSTER TRUE BROTHERHOOD. IT CAN LEAD US AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A NATION TO THE TRUE EQUALITY WE HAVE SOUGHT SO LONG. IT CAN DISSOLVE THE IGNORANCE, PREJUDICE AND HATRED THAT BUILD HIGH WALLS BETWEEN PEOPLE.

THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND STRENGTHENS AMERICA BY EXTENDING EDUCATIONS TO DESERVING MEN AND WOMEN AT 41 PRIVATE HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

THE STANLEY SCOTT SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BUILD UPON THAT LEGACY. //

NO ONE HERE UNDERESTIMATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNCF'S MISSION, OR THE DIFFICULTIES IT FACES. MANY UNCF INSTITUTIONS HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH SOME TOUGH TIMES, BUT THEY HAVE SURVIVED, THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, AND TO THE PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK AT UNCF INSTITUTIONS. //

THE UNCF KEEPS HOPE ALIVE BY MINISTERING SPECIALLY TO BLACK AMERICAN MEN AND WOMEN. MY FAMILY'S INVOLVEMENT WITH UNCF DATES BACK TO 1947, WHEN BILL TRENT CAME INTO MY LIFE AND SIGNED ME UP. NOW, AS HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF CAMPAIGN 2000, I TAKE GREAT HAPPINESS FROM MY FAMILY'S CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT. MY BROTHER JOHN WILL BECOME CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF UNCF, STARTING IN APRIL OF 1992.

WE ALL BELIEVE THAT A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE -- AND SO ARE UNCF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER, LET ME ASK EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE CHRIS EDLEY'S FABULOUS WORK AS UNCF PRESIDENT. // WHAT A JOB HE'S DONE! //

NOW A WORD ABOUT THE NEXT DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT OF THE UNCF. //

BILL'S APPOINTMENT IS A TWO-FER FOR ME.

WHEN BILL RESIGNED HIS SEAT IN THE HOUSE TODAY, THE DEMOCRATS LOST A FINE LEADER AND I LOST A TOUGH AND EFFECTIVE OPPONENT. BUT THE CAUSE I CARE ABOUT DEEPLY GETS A GREAT LEADER. //

BUT OUR REAL STAR AT THIS ALL-STAR TRIBUTE IS STAN SCOTT, AND HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR LIVES. THE STANLEY SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPRESENTS THE KIND OF SERVICE ALL OF US ADMIRE. IT WILL EXTEND THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE GET COLLEGE EDUCATIONS.

IT WILL STRENGTHEN THE 41 PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS THAT COMPRISE THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND. IT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR NATION.

I AM COMMITTED TO SEEING OUR NATION BECOME THE WORLD'S LEADER IN EDUCATION. I HATE TO SEE THIS MANY PEOPLE ASSEMBLED WITHOUT MAKING A STRONG PITCH FOR OUR AMERICA 2000 EDUCATION STRATEGY. IT IS NEW, IT IS INNOVATIVE AND I BELIEVE IT WILL ACHIEVE THE NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS THAT WE ESTABLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATION'S GOVERNORS.

I KNOW WE HAVE DIFFERENCES, BUT LET US SET THOSE DIFFERENCES ASIDE. BETTER, LET US USE THEM AS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH. WE MUST REMEMBER ALWAYS THAT CIVILITY LIES AT THE HEART OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. MANY OF YOU HAVE. I THINK, FOR INSTANCE, OF THE WASTING ILLNESS THAT CLAIMED MY FRIEND, LEE ATWATER. SOME IN THE PRESS AND SOME IN POLITICS TAUNTED LEE. THE PERSONAL ATTACKS TORTURED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

YET DURING ALL THIS, RON BROWN QUIETLY AND GENTLY SENT MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE AND FRIENDSHIP TO LEE AND SALLY ATWATER. HE DIDN'T BOAST OF IT. HE DIDN'T LEAK IT TO THE PRESS. HE DID WHAT FRIENDS DO: HE GAVE A PIECE OF HIS HEART. RON AND LEE DIDN'T AGREE ON MUCH, BUT THEY KNEW THAT NO POLITICAL DISPUTE IS WORTH SURRENDERING PEOPLE'S BASIC DECENCY.

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STAN SCOTT HAS GIVEN LIFE TO THE IDEALS DISCUSSED HERE TONIGHT.

HIS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND THE RANGE OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE LEGEND. WE MAY HAVE LITTLE FIGHTS; STAN HAS TAKEN ON WHAT LITERALLY IS THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE.

STAN, WE LOVE YOU. WE'RE PULLING FOR YOU. YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR NATION AND YOUR MANY FRIENDS LONG AND SELFLESSLY. WE SALUTE YOU.

UNITY, EDUCATION, BROTHERHOOD: THESE QUALITIES DESCRIBE THE MISSION OF UNCF. THEY DESCRIBE STAN SCOTT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET'S THANK A GREAT AMERICAN. // STAN, THANKS FOR GIVING US A LOOK AT OUR BETTER SELVES -- AND DEPRIVING US OF EXCUSES WHEN WE THINK THINGS SEEM TOO TOUGH, THE ODDS TOO LONG; THE PATH TOO CLUTTERED WITH OBSTRUCTIONS.

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GOD BLESS YOU, MY FRIEND, AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. //

AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, MY DEAR FRIEND, STANLEY SCOTT. //

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Horace Mann once observed that "Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men -- the balance-wheel of the social machinery."

Education preserves the values that define us as a people. Our common culture has given rise to everything noble in our past, including the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s -- the greatest liberation movement in our history as a nation. //

America became great because we gladly absorbed the genius of cultures that our forefathers called home -- and we will do so forever. But Americans also enjoy a unity of spirit that led our founders to call our nation the United States, and that inspired our national motto: E pluribus unum: Out of many, one.

Our common American culture gives us a common ground for evaluating ourselves and our society. It lets us communicate as fellow citizens, brothers and sisters. It supplies the tools to build harmony, and take full advantage of our diversity.

Racial harmony and educational excellence go hand in hand, and they each depend upon us. Tonight we support a scholarship fund named after Stan Scott, who exemplifies the glory of American culture, and the boldness of men who do not wait for others to show the way.

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We may have little fights; Stan has taken on what literally is the fight of his life. We see our friend wrestling with an unseen and remorseless foe, and we say: Let us help. We watch Stan carry on with typical vigor and good cheer and we care. Every person in this room would gladly assume some of Stan's pain to restore his strength and health.

Stan, we love you. We're pulling for you. You have served your nation and your many friends long and selflessly. When I ask advice, you give it -- and seek no reward. Dozens here have enjoyed the benefit of your efforts and counsel, and they respect beyond all measure the fact that you demand nothing in exchange for the opportunities you have opened for them.

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God bless you, my friend, and may God bless the United States of America. //

And now, ladies and gentleman, my dear friend, Stanley Scott. //

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Assistant to the President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 7, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST **DD**
FROM: TONY SNOW **TS**
SUBJECT: TRIBUTE TO STAN SCOTT

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m. you will attend a Tribute to Stan Scott dinner to benefit the Stanley Scott Scholarship Fund. You will speak around 9:15 p.m., with Connie Newman introducing you. Other attendees include Lionel Hampton, Bill Murray (President & CEO of Philip Morris), incoming United Negro College Fund President Bill Gray, Governor Buddy Roemer, New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy, and DNC Chairman Ron Brown.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks laud the life and work of Stan Scott. They also discuss education: the role that it can play in creating true brotherhood, or the divisiveness that can emerge from the debates surrounding "multiculturalism" in today's schools.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: TRIBUTE TO STAN SCOTT
Washington Sheraton
September 11, 1991
7:30 P.M.

[Introductory Acknowledgments; including greetings from Lou
Sullivan]

[joke/comments about the audience]

Thank you for letting me join this tribute to Stan Scott,
and the Stanley Scott Scholarship Fund. Tonight, we praise our
close friend and say to Stan: Thanks.

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hard work pays; that good things happen to good people and, most
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best of his gift for friendship.

If you look around this room, you get an appreciation of the
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We are here because we know that education can foster true brotherhood. It can lead us as individuals and as a nation to the true equality we have sought so long. It can dissolve the ignorance, prejudice and hatred that build high walls between people.

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Horace Mann once observed that "Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men -- the balance-wheel of the social machinery."

Education preserves the values that define us as a people. Our common culture has given rise to everything noble in our past, including the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s -- the greatest liberation movement in our history as a nation. // Yet that culture now finds itself under assault.

I have talked before about political correctness, but we also must confront the phenomenon of "multiculturalism." This term on many campuses describes an effort to belittle the incredible strength of our culture -- to supplant tolerance, reason, and service with intolerance, superstition, suspicion and disharmony.

America became great because we gladly absorbed the genius of cultures that our forefathers called home -- and we will do so forever. But Americans also enjoy a unity of spirit that led our founders to call our nation the United States, and that inspired our national motto: E pluribus unum: Out of many, one.

Our common American culture gives us a common ground for evaluating ourselves and our society. It lets us communicate as

fellow citizens, brothers and sisters. It supplies the tools to build harmony, and take full advantage of our diversity.

Multiculturalism in its most radical forms ignores this. It turns education into a branch of politics. It sneers: Math -- racially biased. Physics -- dominated by too many White Males. Literature -- dominated by too many dead white males. And so on.

What poses as an attempt to give deserved attention to the cultures that have shaped our own actually debases every culture. It cultivates anger rather than intellect; it tells students what to think, not how to think.

Multiculturalism can seduce young people, invite them to form intellectual ghettos. But it cheats our neediest students of the opportunity to achieve independence, self-fulfillment and excellence.

Our competitive economy does not respect segregation. It does not respect ideological substitutes for the three Rs. It measures progress by clear, exacting standards. It demands first-rate minds.

My friends, we must make a choice: Will we lock ourselves in bitter combat about the past -- as the multicultural agenda seeks -- or will we learn from our mistakes and build a brighter, more hopeful future?

Racial harmony and educational excellence go hand in hand, and they each depend upon us. Tonight we support a scholarship fund named after Stan Scott, who exemplifies the glory of American culture, and the boldness of men who do not wait for

others to show the way. The Stanley Scott Scholarship fund will extend the gift of knowledge to young men and women who might not otherwise get college educations. It will strengthen the 41 UNCF institutions. It will strengthen our nation.

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Many of us will disagree over particulars of social policy, but we have only ourselves to blame if we fail to promote a Good Society: a nation united in its quest for brotherhood; indivisible in its determination to provide sound educations for everyone; committed to promoting the kind of fairness that really counts: a growing economy that gives every man and woman a fair chance to go as far as their abilities will take them.

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Unity, education, brotherhood: These qualities describe the mission of UNCF. They describe Stan Scott.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's thank a great American. // Stan, thanks for giving us a look at our better selves -- and depriving us of excuses when we think things seem too tough, the odds too long; the path too cluttered with obstructions.

You have overcome. And in time, so shall we all.

God bless you, my friend, and may God bless the United States of America.

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

September 11, 1991

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
DURING STAN SCOTT TRIBUTE DINNER

The Washington Sheraton Hotel
Washington, D.C.

8:34 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all, and please be seated. And, Connie, let me thank you on behalf of everybody here for your key role in making this such a very special evening. Lou Sullivan, our Secretary, who in my view is doing a superb job, is, as many of you know, off in Africa -- (applause) -- or he certainly would have been here, and he sends his greetings. (Applause.)

And I don't know how you begin to thank everybody in this distinguished audience. We have Senator Pressler, Senator Breaux and Bob Livingston, Julian Dixon, Art Fletcher, Charlie Rangel, Buddy Roemer, Ambassador Weinman, Sid Barthelmy, Chris Edley, Bill Gray, Ron Brown's supposed to be here. I hope he is. Percy Sutton, Lionel Hampton, Vernan Jordan, Peabo Bryson -- and on and on it goes in one of the most glamorous get-togethers. I don't see how some of us fit in the same room with our views, but you know why we're all brought together -- it's Stan Scott. (Applause.)

What are you laughing at? (Laughter.)

But let me also salute the family: Bettye, and, of course, Stan and Susan, Ken, Stan Jr. I'm fibrillating just trying to get through the acknowledgments of this darned dinner. (Laughter.) Barbara and I don't go out much. (Laughter.) We get asked out some, but we don't go out much. And I know I speak for her when I say what a joy, just on a plain friendship basis, what a joy this evening has been.

Imagine a guy like me from Texas associating with an Ivy League elitist like Governor Roemer of Louisiana. (Laughter.) It's absolutely -- two degrees from Harvard. Can you imagine that? And when I got tonight's program and looked down this awesome list of speakers, I felt like a contestant on "Star Search." (Laughter.) It's bad enough when you have one act to follow, but six is a little too much.

And after all this eloquence, I know how Zsa Zsa Gabor's last husband felt. (Laughter.) I know what I'm supposed to do -- but I'm not exactly sure how to make it interesting. (Laughter and applause.)

But, listen, thank you, Connie, and all the others that arranged this wonderful program for -- really for urging us to come, for letting me participate, and Barbara and me to be such enthusiastic participants in this. Let me salute the Stanley Scott Scholarship Fund. And I can't tell you how much it means to join all of you in praising our close friend and saying a simple thanks to you, Stan, for bringing us all together and for so much more.

You know, Stan offers living proof that love nourishes virtue; that hard work pays; that good things happen to good people; and most impressive, that some journalists can turn to honest work. (Laughter and applause.)

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Now that you have sold your beer distributorship, Stan, you are at liberty to divulge the great secret. And I hope Leonard Goldstein won't take offense. But we all want to know which is it: tastes great or less filling? (Laughter.)

Those of us who know Stan and feel we know him well know that four passions govern his life: love of family; love of country; love of adventure; and love of good works. And I'm leaving out his love of the Los Angeles Lakers, which is a sore subject this year.

But Stan's family instilled in him a real hunger for knowledge. And lest some of you haven't milled through this room, I don't know whose looking after Atlanta. So many Scotts from there are here. But somebody's looking after the store.

But you feel this sense of family when you're around Stanley. And you know that his family instilled in him a real hunger for knowledge. His love of country inspired him to give back some of freedom's blessings. His love of adventure gave him the courage to shift careers without even shifting gears: journalism, politics, corporate communications, private business. And his love of good works moved him to try new ideas, new angles, new approaches, to make the best for this magnificent gift of friendship.

If you look around the room, you get an appreciation of the power of Stan's personality. Here, we have people of all colors, all parties, all backgrounds -- it's the darndest, wild and crazy mix of different political views I've ever seen.

You have Democrats such as former Congressman Bill Gray and New Orleans' very able Mayor Sidney Barthelemy join Republicans such as Connie Newman and Buddy Roemer. And We're here because of Stan who taught us all really what friendship means and because we know that education can foster true brotherhood. It can lead us as individuals and as a nation to the true equality that we have sought so long. It can dissolve the ignorance, prejudice and hatred that build high walls between people.

And the United Negro College Fund strengthens America by extending educations to deserving men and women at 41 private historically black colleges and universities. The Stanley Scott Scholarships will be built upon that solid legacy.

And no one here underestimates the importance of the UNCF's mission or, frankly, the difficulties that it faces. Many UNCF institutions have suffered through some tough times, but they have survived, thanks to the hard work of people in this room and to the professionals who work at UNCF institutions.

The United Negro College Fund keeps hope alive by ministering specially to black American men and women. And if you'll permit me a personal note, my own personal involvement started way back in 1947 when I was at college and when Bill Trent, who was well and favorably known to so many of us in this room, came into my life and signed me up. Now, as Bill Gray very generously mentioned, as Honorary Chairman of Campaign 2000, I take great happiness and great joy in the fact that my family has a continued involvement. And my younger brother, John, will become Chairman of the Board of the United Negro College Fund, starting in April of 1992. (Applause.)

We all know, we all believe, that a mind is a terrible thing to waste -- and so, frankly, are United Negro College Fund colleges and universities. We must not let them be wasted. (Applause.)

And before I go any further, let me just ask everyone to thank and to recognize Chris Edley's fabulous work as UNCF

President. Can't see him out there, but -- (applause.) And I know there are other previous presidents -- my old and dear and close friend Art Fletcher and Vernon Jordan -- and I'm leaving out a thousand because so many men of distinction and others have served as president of the UNCF.

Now a word about the next president of the UNCF. You see, Bill's appointment is a two-fer, what they call a two-fer for me. When he resigned his seat in the House today, the Democrats lost a fine leader and I lost a very tough and a very effective -- always fair, but a very tough and effective opponent. But the cause I care about deeply, the one that joins us tonight, has gained this great leader. And so I can't help but win. Get him out the way and here we are working together for a cause we all believe in. (Applause.)

But our real star at this all-star tribute is Stan and his many contributions to our lives. The Scott Scholarship Fund represents the kind of service that all of us admire. And I will extend the gift of knowledge to young men and it will extend the gift of knowledge to young men and women who might not otherwise get college educations. It will strengthen the 41 private institutions that comprise the UNCF. And it will strengthen -- really it will strengthen our nation.

I'm committed to seeing our nation become the world's leader in education. I hate to see this many people assembled without making what perhaps is the only partisan pitch of the evening, but I will make it as nonpartisan as possible -- I do want to ask you to look at our America 2000 Education Strategy. It is new, it is innovative, and I believe that it will achieve the national education goals that we established in conjunction with every single one of the nation's governors. So look at it and help us if you can. It's going to lead to great things for the kids of this country. (Applause.)

I know that we have these political differences, but we're setting those all aside. And better, let us use them if we can as a source of strength. We must remember always, in the process, that civility lies at the heart of civil rights.

The people in this room can make a huge difference, as Stan has and many of you in this room have. Let me give you an example. I don't know if Ron Brown, who's been a sponsor of this organization, is here tonight, and I don't mean to embarrass him. But let me just tell you what I'm talking about when I'm talking about civility.

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And ladies and gentlemen, so let us just give thanks to and for a great American. And, Stan, thanks for giving us a look at our better selves and depriving us of excuses when we think that things seem too tough, the odds too long; the path too cluttered with obstructions.

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God bless you, my friend, and may God bless the United States of America. //

And now, ladies and gentleman, my dear friend, Stanley Scott. //

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**TRIBUTE TO STAN SCOTT \ WASHINGTON SHERATON
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BARTHELMY; CHRIS EDLEY; BILL GRAY, RON BROWN; PERCY
SUTTON, LIONEL HAMPTON, PEABO BRYSON -- AND OF COURSE
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FOUR PASSIONS GOVERN STAN'S LIFE: LOVE OF FAMILY; LOVE OF COUNTRY; LOVE OF ADVENTURE; AND LOVE OF GOOD WORKS. [[I'M LEAVING OUT HIS LOVE OF THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS. THAT'S A SORE SUBJECT THIS YEAR.]] //

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WE ALL BELIEVE THAT A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE -- AND SO ARE UNCF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

BEFORE I GO ANY FURTHER, LET ME ASK EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE CHRIS EDLEY'S FABULOUS WORK AS UNCF PRESIDENT. // WHAT A JOB HE'S DONE! //

NOW A WORD ABOUT THE NEXT DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT OF THE UNCF. //

BILL'S APPOINTMENT IS A TWO-FER FOR ME.

WHEN BILL RESIGNED HIS SEAT IN THE HOUSE TODAY, THE DEMOCRATS LOST A FINE LEADER AND I LOST A TOUGH AND EFFECTIVE OPPONENT. BUT THE CAUSE I CARE ABOUT DEEPLY GETS A GREAT LEADER. //

BUT OUR REAL STAR AT THIS ALL-STAR TRIBUTE IS STAN SCOTT, AND HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR LIVES. THE STANLEY SCOTT SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPRESENTS THE KIND OF SERVICE ALL OF US ADMIRE. IT WILL EXTEND THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE GET COLLEGE EDUCATIONS.

IT WILL STRENGTHEN THE 41 PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS THAT COMPRISE THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND. IT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR NATION.

I AM COMMITTED TO SEEING OUR NATION BECOME THE WORLD'S LEADER IN EDUCATION. I HATE TO SEE THIS MANY PEOPLE ASSEMBLED WITHOUT MAKING A STRONG PITCH FOR OUR AMERICA 2000 EDUCATION STRATEGY. IT IS NEW, IT IS INNOVATIVE AND I BELIEVE IT WILL ACHIEVE THE NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS THAT WE ESTABLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATION'S GOVERNORS.

I KNOW WE HAVE DIFFERENCES, BUT LET US SET THOSE DIFFERENCES ASIDE. BETTER, LET US USE THEM AS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH. WE MUST REMEMBER ALWAYS THAT CIVILITY LIES AT THE HEART OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE. MANY OF YOU HAVE. I THINK, FOR INSTANCE, OF THE WASTING ILLNESS THAT CLAIMED MY FRIEND, LEE ATWATER. SOME IN THE PRESS AND SOME IN POLITICS TAUNTED LEE. THE PERSONAL ATTACKS TORTURED HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

YET DURING ALL THIS, RON BROWN QUIETLY AND GENTLY SENT MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE AND FRIENDSHIP TO LEE AND SALLY ATWATER. HE DIDN'T BOAST OF IT. HE DIDN'T LEAK IT TO THE PRESS. HE DID WHAT FRIENDS DO: HE GAVE A PIECE OF HIS HEART. RON AND LEE DIDN'T AGREE ON MUCH, BUT THEY KNEW THAT NO POLITICAL DISPUTE IS WORTH SURRENDERING PEOPLE'S BASIC DECENCY.

MANY OF US WILL DISAGREE OVER PARTICULARS OF SOCIAL POLICY, BUT WE HAVE ONLY OURSELVES TO BLAME IF WE FAIL TO PROMOTE A GOOD SOCIETY: A NATION UNITED IN ITS QUEST FOR BROTHERHOOD; INDIVISIBLE IN ITS DETERMINATION TO PROVIDE SOUND EDUCATIONS FOR EVERYONE; COMMITTED TO PROMOTING THE KIND OF FAIRNESS THAT REALLY COUNTS: A GROWING ECONOMY THAT GIVES EVERY MAN AND WOMAN A FAIR CHANCE TO GO AS FAR AS THEIR ABILITIES WILL TAKE THEM.

STAN SCOTT HAS GIVEN LIFE TO THE IDEALS DISCUSSED HERE TONIGHT.

HIS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER AND THE RANGE OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE LEGEND. WE MAY HAVE LITTLE FIGHTS; STAN HAS TAKEN ON WHAT LITERALLY IS THE FIGHT OF HIS LIFE.

STAN, WE LOVE YOU. WE'RE PULLING FOR YOU. YOU HAVE SERVED YOUR NATION AND YOUR MANY FRIENDS LONG AND SELFLESSLY. WE SALUTE YOU.

UNITY, EDUCATION, BROTHERHOOD: THESE QUALITIES DESCRIBE THE MISSION OF UNCF. THEY DESCRIBE STAN SCOTT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET'S THANK A GREAT AMERICAN. // STAN, THANKS FOR GIVING US A LOOK AT OUR BETTER SELVES -- AND DEPRIVING US OF EXCUSES WHEN WE THINK THINGS SEEM TOO TOUGH, THE ODDS TOO LONG; THE PATH TOO CLUTTERED WITH OBSTRUCTIONS.

YOU HAVE OVERCOME. AND IN TIME, SO SHALL WE ALL.

GOD BLESS YOU, MY FRIEND, AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. //

AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMAN, MY DEAR FRIEND, STANLEY SCOTT. //

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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Connie Newman, thank you. And thanks to everyone in this distinguished audience: Bob Livingston, John Breaux, Julian Dixon, Charlie Rangel; Buddy Roemer, Sid Barthelmy; Bill Gray, Ron Brown; Percy Sutton, Lionel Hampton, Peabo Bryson -- and of course the Scott family: Stan, Bettye, Susan, Kenneth, Stan Junior. I'm fibrillating just trying to get through acknowledgments here. What an incredible audience! //

When I got tonight's program, and I looked down the list of speakers, and I felt almost like a contestant on Star Search. It's bad enough when you have one tough act to follow. But six?

// *After all this eloquence --*
I feel a little like one of Zsa Zsa Gabor's ^{last} husband ~~on~~
~~honeymoon night~~: I know what I'm supposed to do -- but I'm not exactly sure how to make it interesting. //

Thank you for letting me join this tribute to Stan Scott, and the Stanley Scott Scholarship Fund. I can't tell you how much it means to join all of you in praising our close friend and saying to Stan: Thanks.

Stan offers living proof that love nourishes virtue; that hard work pays; that good things happen to good people and, most impressive, that some journalists can turn to honest work. //

Now that you have sold your beer distributorship, Stan, you are at liberty to divulge the great secret. And I hope Leonard Goldstein won't take offense. But we all want to know. Which is it: tastes great or less filling? //

Four passions govern Stan's life: love of family; love of country; love of adventure; and love of good works. [[I'm leaving out his love of the Los Angeles Lakers. That's a sore subject this year.]] //

Stan's family instilled in him a real hunger for knowledge. His love of country inspired him to give back some of freedom's blessings. His love of adventure gave him the courage to shift careers without shifting gears: journalism, politics, corporate communications, private business. His love of good works moved him to try new ideas, new angles, new approaches; to make the best of his gift for friendship.

If you look around this room, you get an appreciation of the power of Stan's personality. Here, we have people of all colors, ~~all parties, all backgrounds.~~ *It and the darndest wild-crazy mix of ~~political~~ different political views*
 Democrats such as former Congressman Bill Gray and New Orleans' Mayor Sidney Barthelemy join Republicans such as Connie Newman and Buddy Roemer.

~~It is~~ *of Stan and because*
 We are here because we know that education can foster true brotherhood. It can lead us as individuals and as a nation to the true equality we have sought so long. It can dissolve the ignorance, prejudice and hatred that build high walls between people.

The United Negro College Fund strengthens America by extending educations to deserving men and women at 41 private historically black colleges and universities. The Stanley Scott scholarships will build upon that legacy. //

No one here underestimates the importance of the UNCF's mission, or the difficulties it faces. Many UNCF institutions have suffered through some tough times, but they have survived, thanks to the hard work of people in this room, and to the professionals who work at UNCF institutions. //

The UNCF keeps hope alive by ministering specially to black American men and women. My family's involvement with UNCF dates back to 1947, when Bill Trent came into my life and signed me up. Now, as Honorary Chairman of Campaign 2000, I take great happiness from my family's continued involvement. My brother John will become Chairman of the Board of UNCF, starting in April of 1992. We all believe that a mind is a terrible thing to waste -- and so are UNCF colleges and universities.

~~Before I go any further, let me ask everyone to recognize Chris Edley's fabulous work as UNCF president.~~ // I know Chris Edley isn't here tonight -- but what a ^{wonderful} job he's done! ^{copy Pres.}

~~Let's also hear it for Bill Gray, who will serve as the next distinguished president of the UNCF.~~ //

^{Gray's} Bill's appointment is a two-fer for me. When Bill resigned his seat in the House today, ^{the Democrats lost a fine leader and} I lost a tough and effective opponent. But the cause ^I ~~care~~ ^{care about} deeply gets a great leader.

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Horace Mann once observed that "Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men -- the balance-wheel of the social machinery."

Education preserves the values that define us as a people. Our common culture has given rise to everything noble in our past, including the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s -- the greatest liberation movement in our history as a nation. //

America became great because we gladly absorbed the genius of cultures that our forefathers called home -- and we will do so forever. But Americans also enjoy a unity of spirit that led our founders to call our nation the United States, and that inspired our national motto: E pluribus unum: Out of many, one.

Our common American culture gives us a common ground for evaluating ourselves and our society. It lets us communicate as fellow citizens, brothers and sisters. It supplies the tools to build harmony, and take full advantage of our diversity.

Racial harmony and educational excellence go hand in hand, and they each depend upon us. Tonight we support a scholarship fund named after Stan Scott, who exemplifies the glory of American culture, and the boldness of men who do not wait for others to show the way.

The Stanley Scott Scholarship fund will extend the gift of knowledge to young men and women who might not otherwise get college educations. It will strengthen the 41 private institutions that comprise the United Negro College Fund. It will strengthen our nation.

I am committed to seeing ~~our~~ ^{our} ~~country~~ ^{our} ~~people~~ ^{our} ~~assembled~~ ^{assembled} without waiting a strong pitch for our Education 2000 program. It is new, it is innovative and I believe it will lead us to achieve the Nat'l Education Goals that ~~we must do more.~~ Ladies and gentlemen, we must put ~~aside our differences,~~ use our differences as a source of strength. We must remember ~~always~~ ^{also} that civility lies at the heart of civil rights. we set in conjunction with all the Nations Goals.

The people in this room can make a huge difference. Many of you have. I think, for instance, of the wasting illness that claimed my friend, Lee Atwater. ^{Some in the} ~~The~~ press and some in politics taunted Lee, ~~misrepresenting his character and his behavior.~~ The ~~terrible~~ personal attacks tortured his family and friends. Yet during all this, Ron Brown quietly and gently sent messages of condolence and friendship to Lee and Sally Atwater. He didn't boast of it. He didn't leak it to the press. He did what friends do: He gave a piece of his heart. Ron and Lee didn't agree on much, but they knew that no political dispute is worth surrendering people's basic decency.

Many of us will disagree over particulars of social policy, but we have only ourselves to blame if we fail to promote a Good Society: a nation united in its quest for brotherhood; indivisible in its determination to provide sound educations for everyone; committed to promoting the kind of fairness that really counts: a growing economy that gives every man and woman a fair chance to go as far as their abilities will take them.

Stan Scott has given life to the ideals ~~I have discussed~~ ^{here} tonight, ~~and has given his life to promoting them.~~

His strength of character and the range of his accomplishments ^{are legend} ~~expose the pettiness of disputes that divide us.~~

We may have little fights; Stan has taken on what literally is the fight of his life. ~~We see our friend wrestling with an unseen and remorseless foe, and we say: Let us help. We watch Stan carry on with typical vigor and good cheer and we care. Every person in this room would gladly assume some of Stan's pain to restore his strength and health.~~

Howdy but I'd choke up.

Stan, we love you. We're pulling for you. You have served your nation and your many friends long and selflessly. ~~When I ask advice, you give it -- and seek no reward. Dozens here have enjoyed the benefit of your efforts and counsel, and they respect beyond all measure the fact that you demand nothing in exchange for the opportunities you have opened for them.~~

We salute you

Unity, education, brotherhood: These qualities describe the mission of UNCF. They describe Stan Scott.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's thank a great American. // Stan, thanks for giving us a look at our better selves -- and depriving us of excuses when we think things seem too tough, the odds too long; the path too cluttered with obstructions.

You have overcome. And in time, so shall we all.

God bless you, my friend, and may God bless the United States of America. //

And now, ladies and gentleman, my dear friend, Stanley Scott. //

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 pm TODAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

The comments from Cabinet Affairs are attached. Please note edits in the speech itself as well as a note from Gary Blumenthal containing general comments.

Thanks,
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 Elizabeth Luttig

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary

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looking past such traits as race and into people's hearts and souls.

I would like to talk about all these passions by considering two topics natural for this occasion: education and brotherhood.

If you look around this room, ^{who else but Stan Scott could attract} ~~you see a real Rainbow~~
^{Such a gaming (CA)} ~~coalition.~~ For this night, at least, Ron Brown and Clayton Yeutter will not behave like Tyson and Holyfield. // They are ~~what they are: friends,~~ ^(CA) colleagues who disagree. ~~Not everything~~ ^(CA) ~~except~~ the vision of Stan Scott. ^(CA)
 Democrats such as Bill Gray and Sidney Barthelemy join Republicans such as Connie Newman and Buddy Roemer.

We gather here because we believe in education. Education can lead us as individuals and as a nation to the true equality we have sought so long. It can dissolve the ignorance, prejudice and hatred that build high walls between people. ^(CA) ~~of good will.~~

The United Negro College Fund strengthens America by extending educations ^(CA) to deserving men and women at 41 historically black colleges and universities. The Stanley Scott scholarships will build upon that legacy. //

No one here underestimates the importance of the UNCF's mission, or the difficulties it faces. One affiliated institution, Atlanta University, had to close its doors several years ago. [check] Others, including Fisk University, have suffered through some very tough times.

The UNCF keeps hope alive by ^{specifically assisting (CA)} ~~ministering~~ ^(CA) specially to black American men and women. I am proud of my long involvement with UNCF, and of serving as the honorary chairman of Campaign 2000.

A mind is a terrible thing to waste -- and so are institutions to which people have devoted their hard work, their intelligence, their faith and their love. UNCF has inspired many of us for years, and will continue to do so in the future.

Before I go any further, let me ask everyone to recognize Chris Edley's fabulous work as UNCF president // -- including his raising a fine and distinguished family. //

Let's also hear it for Bill Gray, who will serve as the next distinguished president of the UNCF. // *(General comment: Need joke here about shifting from congress to UNCF)*

Horace Mann once observed that "Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is the great equalizer of the conditions of men -- the balance-wheel of the social machinery."

Education ^(Creates) ~~preserves~~ the values that define us as a people. Our common culture has given rise to everything noble in our past, including the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s -- the greatest liberation movement in our history as a nation. // Yet that culture now finds itself under unprecedented assault.

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~~I have talked before about the notion of political correctness, but we also must confront the phenomenon of "multiculturalism." If by "multiculturalism," we mean an education that lets students experience the glories and insights of other cultures, we must support it. But if "multiculturalism" means ignoring the incredible strength of our culture, we must reject it. If it means supplanting tolerance, reason, and service with the plagues of intolerance, superstition, suspicion and disharmony -- it is poison.~~

(CA) Race should NOT matter in America. As Archibald MacLeish once observed about Americans,

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~~Archibald MacLeish once observed that, "Races didn't bother Americans. They were something a lot better than any races"~~ They were a People. They were the first self-constituted, self-declared, self-created People in the history of the world. And their manners were their own business. And so were their politics. And so, but ten times so, were their souls."

We live in a multicultural^{plural (CA)} society -- a society that respects the genius of nations and cultures that our forefathers called home, but enjoys a unity of spirit that enables us to call ourselves: the United States -- one that inspires our motto, E pluribus unum: Out of many, one. Our American culture has given us a common ground for evaluating ourselves and our society. It lets us communicate with one another as fellow citizens, brothers and sisters.

Our educational system never soars higher than when it teaches our children ^{both the common culture of America, and the many cultures of the world and their importance to all of us (CA)} ~~something new about the world, something new about cultures previously unknown, something new about themselves and their fellow Americans.~~

~~Multiculturalism in its ^{negative (justice)} most radical forms ignores this. It advocates instruction without standards -- without notions of good or evil, excellence ^{or (justice)} mediocrity. It turns every branch of learning into a branch of politics. It says: Math -- racially biased. Literature -- dominated by too many ^(disgrace) white Males. ^(justice) Physics -- the same thing. And so on.~~

~~What begins as a crusade to broaden our common culture~~ (CA) ~~becomes a device for destroying it -- for feeding our students a~~

then (justice)

(CA)

~~perridge that cultivates anger rather intellect; that tells them what to think, not how to think.~~

In the end, minority students will suffer most if our schools ^{fail to teach broadly enough (CA)} ~~are bent on achieving vengeful justice for society's past sins, give those students educations that fail miserably in a~~

(CA) ~~The~~ world that demands excellence -- a world that needs graduates who can add, subtract, multiply, divide, read, write, speak -- think.

~~Our schools must not become Multiculturalism can seduce young people, invite them to form intellectual ghettos. But in the process it cheats our neediest students of the chance to move from the poorhouse to the penthouse.~~

The ^{real (CA)} world does not respect segregation, no matter how lofty its academic ^{goal (CA)} ~~underpinnings~~. It demands that we work together and answer to harsh, exacting standards. Fads come and go, but the demand for first-rate minds never dies.

My friends, we must make a choice: Will we lock ourselves in bitter combat about a flawed past, or will we learn from our mistakes to build a brighter, more hopeful future? Will we look upon one another as foes, or as brothers and sisters?

Time cannot outrun St. John's assurance that, "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free." No matter how strenuously the prophets of hatred shout or how tenaciously the high priests of division and derision cling to their doctrines, good people will triumph. The real question is when: If we work hard, we will triumph soon. If we wait for others to extend their hands first, we may have to wait generations.

WEB DuBois said early this century: "Herein lies the tragedy of the age: not that men are poor -- all men know something of poverty; not that men are wicked -- who is good? Not that men are ignorant -- what is truth? Nay, but that men know so little of men." That remains true today.

So let me say tonight: If we want to hasten the long-sought time of racial reconciliation and progress, we must devote ourselves to the cause of affirmative action. //

I thought that might get your attention. //

(CA) ~~For me, affirmative action means giving a fair chance to people of modest means and real abilities. Recently, many people have advocated federal affirmative action based upon class -- upon real need -- and not just race. I agree with that notion. There's no reason to give tax-supported "minority" scholarships to surgeon's sons, when young men and women in the inner cities need help. Yet neither should we ignore racism's awful legacy. Precisely because so many minority Americans find themselves near the bottom of the economic ladder, affirmative action will help minorities -- as it should.~~

This affirmative action has lots of advantages. First, it helps those who truly deserve and need it. It's more efficient than remedies that look more at skin color than actual condition.

Second, since it does not draw strict lines by race, it reduces the likelihood of inciting racial jealousies; angry charges of discrimination and reverse discrimination; or fights over who deserves what and why.

Third, it threatens no one, and invites all Americans to ensure that everyone, regardless of skin color, regardless of class, regardless of family background, will get what affirmative action must deliver: A fair chance.

~~Yet in the end~~ ^(CA) No program or law can change people's hearts. True racial harmony must begin and end with us. If we prescribe remedies that will set people against one another on the basis of their race and class, we move backward, not ahead. If we prescribe remedies that de-emphasize hard work, deferred gratifications, decency to oneself and others, and a real respect for standards of excellence, we move backward -- toward dependence, not independence.

Affirmative action should not strive to punish people long dead for sins that still scar us; it ought to heal old wounds and create new bridges. If we treat social justice as something that pops out of a computer model, that can be measured by dry statistics, we only fool ourselves. Elegant equations are no substitute for serving our fellow men and women.

Tonight we promote the kind of affirmative action ^{to which} I ~~have~~ ^{subscribe} described -- the kind fostered by the Stanley Scott scholarships. ^{The kind that ensures equality of opportunity rather than a guaranteed result. (Justice)} These scholarships will give a chance to young men and women who might not otherwise get them, and they will strengthen the 41 UNCF institutions.

As we think of affirmative action, and what the term ought to mean, let us replace the vicious scrambling for numerical entitlements with a real and personal commitment to brotherhood.

The solution for racial strife doesn't lie in Washington. It lies in every town we call home.

Finally, let us think of ways to use our differences to build strength. Let us remember that civility lies at the heart of civil rights, and that we hurt everyone when we smear our foes. Let us enter into an open, honest, probing discussion of race relations, economic issues -- and the state of our educational system. Let us not fear the truth.

The people in this room can make a huge difference. Many of you have built bridges of brotherhood. I think, for instance, of Lee Atwater's horrifying illness. The press and some in politics taunted Lee, misrepresenting his character and his behavior. They tortured his family with terrible personal attacks. Yet during all this, Ron Brown quietly and gently sent messages of condolence and friendship. Ron and Lee didn't agree on much, but they knew that no political dispute is important enough to make people abandon their basic decency.

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Unity, education, brotherhood: These three qualities describe the mission of UNCF, and they describe the unique accomplishments of Stan Scott.

Ladies and gentlemen, let's all stand and thank a great American -- a man proud, noble and strong. // Stan, thanks for giving us a look at our better selves -- and for depriving us of excuses when we think things seem too tough, the odds ^(Education) ~~to~~ long; the path too cluttered with obstructions.

You have overcome. And in time, so shall we all.

God bless you, my friend, and may God bless the United States of America.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1991

Tony:

Sorry, not the best speech I've read.
--The President should not get dragged through all the negative debate about multiculturalism.

--He should not try and define affirmative action.

--It is too serious a speech and needs a lighter touch.

--Finally on page 8 we get to Presidential leadership and positive remarks. However, this is exactly what some Democrats have been saying the President should be doing -- speaking out for racial harmony. Which means follow-through in future speeches will be watched.

--This is a tribute to Stan Scott but we have to wait all the way to the end for the tribute. Can a little more be interspersed in the text?

This is supposed to be a fundraiser for UNCF -- can more be added about UNCF's needs and its contributions?

Gary Blumenthal

PS - Where is Clarence Thomas?

PS2 - America 2000 should be mentioned (Education)

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looking past such traits as race and into people's hearts and souls.

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~~A mind is a terrible thing to waste -- and so are institutions to which people have devoted their hard work, their intelligence, their faith and their love.~~ UNCF has inspired many of us for years, and will continue to do so in the future.

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Education preserves the values that define us as a people. Our common culture has given rise to everything noble in our past, including the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s -- the greatest liberation movement in our history as a nation. // Yet that culture now finds itself under unprecedented assault.

I have talked before about the notion of political correctness, but we also must confront the phenomenon of "multiculturalism." If by "multiculturalism," we mean an education that lets students experience the glories and insights of other cultures, we must support it. But if "multiculturalism" means ignoring the incredible strength of our culture, we must reject it. If it means supplanting tolerance, reason, and service with the plagues of intolerance, superstition, suspicion and disharmony -- it is poison.

Archibald MacLeish once observed that, "Races didn't bother Americans. They were something a lot better than any race. They were a People. They were the first self-constituted, self-declared, self-created People in the history of the world. And their manners were their own business. And so were their politics. And so, but ten times so, were their souls."

We live in a multicultural society -- a society that respects the genius of nations and cultures that our forefathers called home, but enjoys a unity of spirit that enables us to call ourselves: the United States -- one that inspires our motto, E pluribus unum: Out of many, one. Our American culture has given us a common ground for evaluating ourselves and our society. It lets us communicate with one another as fellow citizens, brothers and sisters.

Our educational system never soars higher than when it teaches our children something new about the world, something new about cultures previously unknown, something new about themselves and their fellow Americans.

~~Multiculturalism in its most radical forms ignores this. It advocates instruction without standards -- without notions of good or evil, excellence mediocrity. It turns every branch of learning into a branch of politics. It says: Math -- racially biased. Literature -- dominated by too many White Males. Physics -- the same thing. And so on.~~

~~What begins as a crusade to broaden our common culture becomes a device for destroying it -- for feeding our students a~~

~~porridge that cultivates anger rather intellect; that tells them what to think, not how to think.~~

~~In the end, minority students will suffer most if our schools, bent on achieving vengeful justice for society's past sins, give these students educations that fall miserably in a world that demands excellence — a world that needs graduates who can add, subtract, multiply, divide, read, write, speak — think. Multiculturalism can seduce young people, invite them to form intellectual ghettos. But in the process it cheats our neediest students of the chance to move from the poorhouse to the penthouse.~~

The real world does not respect segregation, no matter how lofty its academic underpinnings. It demands that we work together and answer to harsh, exacting standards. Fads come and go, but the demand for first-rate minds never dies.

~~My friends,~~ ^{Tony} we must make a choice: Will we lock ourselves in bitter combat about a flawed past, or will we learn from our mistakes to build a brighter, more hopeful future? Will we look upon one another as foes, or as brothers and sisters?

Time cannot outrun St. John's assurance that, "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free." No matter how strenuously the prophets of hatred shout or how tenaciously the high priests of division and derision cling to their doctrines, good people will triumph. The real question is when: If we work hard, we will triumph soon. If we wait for others to extend their hands first, we may have to wait generations.

WEB DuBois said early this century: "Herein lies the tragedy of the age: not that men are poor -- all men know something of poverty; not that men are wicked -- who is good? Not that men are ignorant -- what is truth? Nay, but that men know so little of men." That remains true today.

So let me say tonight: If we want to hasten the long-sought time of racial reconciliation and progress, we must devote ourselves to the cause of affirmative action. //

I thought that might get your attention. //

For me, affirmative action means giving a fair chance to people of modest means and real abilities. Recently, many people have advocated federal affirmative action based upon class -- upon real need -- and not just race. I agree with that notion. There's no reason to give tax-supported "minority" scholarships to surgeon's sons, when young men and women in the inner cities need help. Yet neither should we ignore racism's awful legacy. Precisely because so many minority Americans find themselves near the bottom of the economic ladder, affirmative action will help minorities -- as it should.

This affirmative action has lots of advantages. First, it helps those who truly deserve and need it. It's more efficient than remedies that look more at skin color than actual condition.

Second, since it does not draw strict lines by race, it reduces the likelihood of inciting racial jealousies; angry charges of discrimination and reverse discrimination; or fights over who deserves what and why.

Why go down this road - wrong time! Please

Third, it threatens no one, and invites all Americans to ensure that everyone, regardless of skin color, regardless of class, regardless of family background, will get what affirmative action must deliver: A fair chance.

Yet in the end no program or law can change people's hearts. True racial harmony must begin and end with us. If we prescribe remedies that will set people against one another on the basis of their race and class, we move backward, not ahead. If we prescribe remedies that de-emphasize hard work, deferred gratifications, decency to oneself and others, and a real respect for standards of excellence, we move backward -- toward dependence, not independence.

Affirmative action should not strive to punish people long dead for sins that still scar us; it ought to heal old wounds and create new bridges. If we treat social justice as something that pops out of a computer model, that can be measured by dry statistics, we only fool ourselves. Elegant equations are no substitute for serving our fellow men and women.

Tonight we promote the kind of affirmative action I have described -- the kind fostered by the Stanley Scott scholarships. These scholarships will give a chance to young men and women who might not otherwise get them, and they will strengthen the 41 UNCF institutions.

As we think of affirmative action, and what the term ought to mean, let us replace the vicious scrambling for numerical entitlements with a real and personal commitment to brotherhood.

The solution for racial strife doesn't lie in Washington. It lies in every town we call home.

Finally, let us think of ways to use our differences to build strength. Let us remember that civility lies at the heart of civil rights, and that we hurt everyone when we smear our foes. Let us enter into an open, honest, probing discussion of race relations, economic issues -- and the state of our educational system. Let us not fear the truth.

The people in this room can make a huge difference. Many of you have built bridges of brotherhood. I think, for instance, of Lee Atwater's horrifying illness. The press and some in politics taunted Lee, misrepresenting his character and his behavior. They tortured his family with terrible personal attacks. Yet during all this, Ron Brown quietly and gently sent messages of condolence and friendship. Ron and Lee didn't agree on much, but they knew that no political dispute is important enough to make people abandon their basic decency.

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Ladies and gentlemen, let's all stand and thank a great American -- a man proud, noble and strong. // Stan, thanks for giving us a look at our better selves -- and for depriving us of excuses when we think things seem too tough, the odds too long; the path too cluttered with obstructions.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST **AA**
FROM: TONY SNOW **TS**
SUBJECT: TRIBUTE TO STAN SCOTT

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m. you will attend a Tribute to Stan Scott dinner to benefit the Stanley Scott Scholarship Fund. You will speak around 9:15 p.m., with Connie Newman introducing you. Other attendees include Lionel Hampton, Bill Murray (President & CEO of Philip Morris), incoming United Negro College Fund President Bill Gray, Governor Buddy Roemer, New Orleans Mayor Sidney Barthelemy, and DNC Chairman Ron Brown.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks laud the life and work of Stan Scott. They also discuss education: the role that it can play in creating true brotherhood, or the divisiveness that can emerge from the debates surrounding "multiculturalism" in today's schools.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: TRIBUTE TO STAN SCOTT
Washington Sheraton
September 11, 1991
7:30 P.M.

[Introductory Acknowledgments; including greetings from Lou Sullivan]

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