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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 9/12/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TELEVISION ADDRESS ON GATES AND THOMAS
LIVE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 13, 1991

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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September 12, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: JOSEPH P. DUGGAN *JPD*

SUBJECT: TELEVISION ADDRESS ON GATES AND THOMAS

On Friday, September 13, (time TBD), you will address the nation live from the OEOB studio. Your remarks (4 minutes, teleprompter) urge the confirmation of Clarence Thomas and Robert Gates.

(Duggan/Blymire)
September 12, 1991
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SEPTEMBER 13, 1991
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This is no time for partisan gamesmanship, no time for special interest agendas to block this important appointment. As the Senate continues its deliberations, I'm confident it will agree that Judge Thomas is the right man for the Supreme Court.

Next week the Senate will begin its deliberations on another nomination crucial to America's well-being for many years to come -- my choice of Robert Gates as Director of Central Intelligence.

Our victory against Saddam's aggression and the extraordinary changes in the Soviet Union have our spirits soaring. But we must recognize that while the coming years offer great hopes, they pose challenges as well.

The times demand a vigorous, experienced Director of Central Intelligence. We have that man in Robert Gates. //

Bob Gates was nurtured in the love of American democratic values in the small Kansas community he called home. He studied at three of our best universities, earning a doctorate in Russian and Soviet history.

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I need Bob Gates now at the helm of our intelligence services. As hearings on Bob Gates's nomination begin in the Senate next week, I hope all Americans will join me in asking the Senate to approve his nomination promptly. Thank you, and may God bless the United States of America.

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BOB GATES WAS NURTURED IN THE LOVE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC VALUES IN THE SMALL KANSAS COMMUNITY HE CALLED HOME. HE STUDIED AT THREE OF OUR BEST UNIVERSITIES, EARNING A DOCTORATE IN RUSSIAN AND SOVIET HISTORY.

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Insert: When the hearings begin on Monday, all the facts should be aired. I'm confident that when we get beyond blue smoke and mirrors, when the TRUE story is told, the Senate and the American people will understand that he is the best man for this important position.

As the CIA adapts to the New World Order, Bob's vast knowledge of Intelligence and experience as an analyst for over 20 years will be an invaluable asset to me and the nation.

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RESPONSE:

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

The NSC staff concurs in the proposed presidential remarks.

Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip D. Brady

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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FROM: JANET REHNQUIST 
Associate Counsel to the President .

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- TV Address Live from OEOB,
September 13, 1991

At your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. To follow-up my telephone conversation with your office this morning, my suggested edits are:

page 2, fourth paragraph, first sentence: "Bob Gates is the **person** best qualified to lead...."

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As I suggested, you may want to check with Mr. Gates' office regarding his preference on use of this title.

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cc: Phil Brady

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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