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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POINTS OF LIGHT CELEBRATION
EPCOT CENTER, FLORIDA

SUBJECT: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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

September 27, 1991

31 SEP 27 P7:30

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*

SUBJECT: POINTS OF LIGHT CELEBRATION AT EPCOT

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, September 30, at 10:30 a.m., you will address the first ever gathering of all 575 Daily Points of Light at an outdoor celebration at EPCOT Center in Orlando, Florida. The Points of Light will be seated behind you. The audience of 1700 in front of you will consist of friends and family of the Points of Light, along with local VIPs.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (11 minutes, on cards) are a new and eloquent statement of how the Point of Light idea can work to solve social problems.

(Hinchliffe/Simon)
September 27, 1991 7 p.m.
EPCOT.TS Draft Three

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POINTS OF LIGHT CELEBRATION
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Thank you. I want to say special thanks today to Michael Eisner and Ron Allen, for bringing all our Points of Light together for this occasion. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the Board of Directors and the entire Points of Light Foundation, who are doing such important work for this movement. Thank you, Sandi [Patti] -- Lee [Greenwood], Johnny [Gill], all of you who are making this a wonderful event -- thanks for taking part in this national tribute.

And there's one more special person I want to point out right now. Today, I'm naming our 575th Daily Point of Light. She's a great kid -- Barbara and I enjoyed being with her and her family today -- she's only 12, but she gladly helps students with multiple disabilities at her school. She teaches them living skills, reads to them. She's a friend. I want her to come on up onstage now and take her place among all our Points of Light -- from Houston, Texas, Julie Harms. Come up here, Julie. \\

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Today, we celebrate service that comes from the heart. The people here remind me of a story Martin Luther King shared the night before he died, of a visit he'd made to the Holy Land. There, he'd traveled the road of The Good Samaritan. He saw the path of robbers and realized that the others didn't help the man in need because they were afraid. They asked themselves: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But King said the Good Samaritan asked: "If I don't stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

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Americans care about their nation. They care about each other.

Look at these Points of Light for themselves: but also try to imagine something more. Imagine if all of them left their hometowns -- Mike Noyes of Maine, Mrs. Wurst's 3rd-graders of Nebraska, Frank Lockyear from Oregon and all the others -- and moved to one community.

What would happen? In a few weeks that place would be utterly transformed -- because everyone would explore their genius for helping others -- and enriching their own lives. 91-year-old Julia Goldstein would go to an elementary school and tutor kids. Richard McDonough [Mc-DON-na] would talk local hotels into giving rooms and training for the homeless. Rev. Eddie Edwards would get his neighbors to reclaim and refurbish crack houses. Dr. Floyd Seager would get his colleagues to give free medical services. Shadonica Cohnes [sha-DON-ica CONES] would get other college students together to mentor kids in housing developments. Imagine all 575 of these ideas -- ideas that already are working somewhere -- working to enrich one community.

A community like this -- one in which person, every group, every institution gave even a small part of their time in service to others -- would become a "community of light."

Every town has this potential already. Look around your neighborhood -- at the rich and varied tapestry of lives you find there. You know a Julia Goldstein -- an elderly woman down the street who could help kids learn to read. Like Richard McDonough,

every day you deal with businesses who could open their doors to the homeless. You attend places of worship where leaders like Rev. Edwards could unite neighborhoods to renovate housing. You are doctors and college students and mothers and retired people and kids who could become point of lights in your own town. And yours, too, can become a "community of light."

We've gathered together all of these Points of Light to show that you don't have to give up your job or throw off your family responsibilities to help people. Often, little things that take little time can make a huge difference. Each community has people of good minds and good hearts -- people who can make a difference.

We all know that you cannot solve all the world's woes through voluntary service. Our society cannot survive without an efficient, compassionate government that can preserve people's liberties; that can establish a rule of law vital for civilized life. We cannot survive without a vibrant economy, which provides its own ways of enriching lives and capturing imaginations.

But a society still needs a soul that legislation and commerce alone cannot provide. Real people also must respond to real problems around them. They must extend the hand of friendship to neighbors; offer their time and concern to those who have fallen upon bad times.

That's really what we mean when we talk about "communities of light." We celebrate the potential for a nation whose

goodness grows out of the small acts of consequence made by many people.

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When conflict raged in the Gulf earlier this year, we thought and felt and cared as one nation. That sacrifice and common purpose showed us a glimpse into our better selves. Now, we must face the hard facts: Challenges confront us everywhere. We also must embrace the thrilling opportunity to show what we're made of, to prove that our people possess the grit, the virtue, and the will to clean away many of the obstacles that stand between us and our ideal for a better America.

If as President I had the power to give just one thing to this country it would be the return of an inner moral compass, nurtured by the family and valued by society. This compass would guide all people to value life -- every life. It would show us

that each life lost to despair devalues us all. It would remind us that caring and conscience make us human, and make us free.

Long may our land be bright with caring's brilliant light -
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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 p.m., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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(Hinchliffe/Simon)
September 26, 1991 4 p.m.
EPCOT.TS Draft Two

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND DIRECTOR OF
SPEECHWRITING

FROM: NELSON LUND 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Points of Light Celebration
Epcot Center, Florida

At the request of Phillip D. Brady, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned remarks. Changes are marked on the attached hard copy.

We appreciate the opportunity to review these remarks.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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SUBJECT: EPCOT CENTER, FLORIDA - MONDAY 9/30/91

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RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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RESPONSE:

See comments

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RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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RESPONSE:

No comment. Thanks.

Paul Korfonta
09/27/91

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
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FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE BH

SUBJECT: POINTS OF LIGHT CELEBRATION AT EPCOT

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(Hinchliffe/Simon)
September 27, 1991 7 p.m.
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EPCOT CENTER, FLORIDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1991 10:30 A.M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 27, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Points of Light
Celebration

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have noted several suggested changes on the draft.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may help in any other way.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/26/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, 9/27/91 2:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POINTS OF LIGHT CELEBRATION

SUBJECT: EPCOT CENTER, FLORIDA - MONDAY 9/30/91

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 p.m., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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

(Hinchliffe/Simon)
September 26, 1991 4 p.m.
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TODAY, WE CELEBRATE SERVICE THAT COMES FROM THE HEART. THE PEOPLE HERE REMIND ME OF A STORY MARTIN LUTHER KING SHARED THE NIGHT BEFORE HE DIED, OF A VISIT HE'D MADE TO THE HOLY LAND. THERE, HE'D TRAVELED THE ROAD OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN. HE SAW THE PATH OF ROBBERS AND REALIZED THAT THE OTHERS DIDN'T HELP THE MAN IN NEED BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID.

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A COMMUNITY LIKE THIS -- ONE IN WHICH PERSON, EVERY GROUP, EVERY INSTITUTION GAVE EVEN A SMALL PART OF THEIR TIME IN SERVICE TO OTHERS -- WOULD BECOME A "COMMUNITY OF LIGHT."

EVERY TOWN HAS THIS POTENTIAL ALREADY. LOOK AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD -- AT THE RICH AND VARIED TAPESTRY OF LIVES YOU FIND THERE. YOU KNOW A JULIA GOLDSTEIN -- AN ELDERLY WOMAN DOWN THE STREET WHO COULD HELP KIDS LEARN TO READ. LIKE RICHARD McDONOUGH, EVERY DAY YOU DEAL WITH PEOPLE WHO COULD HELP THE HOMELESS. YOU ATTEND PLACES OF WORSHIP WHERE LEADERS LIKE REV. EDWARDS COULD UNITE NEIGHBORHOODS TO RENOVATE HOUSING.

YOU ARE DOCTORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MOTHERS AND RETIRED PEOPLE AND KIDS WHO COULD BECOME POINT OF LIGHTS IN YOUR OWN TOWN. AND YOURS, TOO, CAN BECOME A "COMMUNITY OF LIGHT."

WE'VE GATHERED TOGETHER ALL OF THESE POINTS OF LIGHT TO SHOW THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE UP YOUR JOB OR THROW OFF YOUR FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES TO HELP PEOPLE. OFTEN, LITTLE THINGS THAT TAKE LITTLE TIME CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE.

EACH COMMUNITY HAS PEOPLE OF GOOD MINDS AND GOOD HEARTS
-- PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WE KNOW THAT ALL THE WORLD'S WOES CANNOT BE SOLVED
THROUGH VOLUNTARY SERVICE. OUR SOCIETY CANNOT SURVIVE
WITHOUT AN EFFICIENT, COMPASSIONATE GOVERNMENT THAT CAN
PRESERVE PEOPLE'S LIBERTIES; THAT CAN ESTABLISH A RULE
OF LAW VITAL FOR CIVILIZED LIFE; THAT CAN DO ITS PART
TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN MANY MANY WAYS.

WE ALSO KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF A VIBRANT ECONOMY AND
THE JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY IT CREATES.

BUT LEGISLATION AND COMMERCE ALONE CANNOT PROVIDE
THE SOUL THAT SOCIETY NEEDS. REAL PEOPLE ALSO MUST BE
PREPARED TO RESPOND TO REAL PROBLEMS AROUND THEM. THEY
MUST EXTEND THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP TO NEIGHBORS; OFFER
THEIR TIME AND CONCERN TO THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN UPON
BAD TIMES.

THAT'S REALLY WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT "COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT." WE CELEBRATE THE POTENTIAL FOR A NATION WHOSE GOODNESS GROWS OUT OF THE SMALL ACTS OF CONSEQUENCE MADE BY MANY PEOPLE.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S AMERICA HAD A COMMON VISION -- ONE SO INSPIRING THAT WHEN LAFAYETTE RETURNED TO FRANCE, HE BROUGHT BACK WITH HIM AMERICAN SOIL TO BE BURIED IN. WE CAN RECAPTURE THE FEELING OF PURPOSE THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THIS NATION.

BUT FIRST, WE NEED TO CAST OFF FEAR AND LAZINESS AND ENGAGE IN A LITTLE SELFLESS WORK. WE NEED TO LOOK AT OUR TOUGHEST PROBLEMS -- CRIME, DRUGS, THE BREAKDOWN OF THE FAMILY -- AND REALIZE THAT WE CAN'T ASK GOVERNMENT TO DO EVERYTHING, AND WE CAN'T WAIT FOR WASHINGTON TO ACT EVERY TIME A NEW PROBLEM ARISES ON OUR OWN BLOCKS. WE MUST HAVE THE FAITH IN OURSELVES TO ACT.

WE MUST HAVE THE COMMITMENT OF OUR IDEALS TO ACT. AND WE MUST HAVE THE SUPPORT OF FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO ACT.

WHEN CONFLICT RAGED IN THE GULF EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE THOUGHT AND FELT AND CARED AS ONE NATION. THAT SACRIFICE AND COMMON PURPOSE SHOWED US A GLIMPSE INTO OUR BETTER SELVES. NOW, WE MUST FACE THE HARD FACTS: CHALLENGES CONFRONT US EVERYWHERE. SO WE MUST EMBRACE THE THRILLING OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW WHAT WE'RE MADE OF.

THE PEOPLE GATHERED HERE PROVE THAT WE POSSESS THE GRIT, THE VIRTUE, AND THE WILL TO CLEAN AWAY MANY OF THE OBSTACLES THAT STAND BETWEEN US AND OUR IDEAL FOR A BETTER AMERICA.

IF AS PRESIDENT I HAD THE POWER TO GIVE JUST ONE THING TO THIS COUNTRY IT WOULD BE THE RETURN OF AN INNER MORAL COMPASS, NURTURED BY THE FAMILY AND VALUED BY SOCIETY. THIS COMPASS WOULD GUIDE ALL PEOPLE TO VALUE LIFE -- EVERY LIFE.

IT WOULD SHOW US THAT EACH LIFE LOST TO DESPAIR
DEVALUES US ALL. IT WOULD REMIND US THAT CARING AND
CONSCIENCE MAKE US HUMAN, AND MAKE US FREE.

LONG MAY OUR LAND BE BRIGHT WITH CARING'S BRILLIANT
LIGHT -- AND WITH THE GLOW OF "COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT"
LIT BY OUR 250 MILLION POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. MAY WE BE
FILLED WITH THE WORDS ST. FRANCIS LIVED BY NEARLY EIGHT
CENTURIES AGO:

WHERE THERE IS HATRED -- LET ME SOW LOVE. WHERE THERE
IS DESPAIR -- HOPE. AND WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS --
LIGHT.

GOD BLESS YOU, AND THIS MAGNIFICENT COUNTRY WE
SHARE.

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