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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 OCT 3 P6:23

DATE: 10/3/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN  
FOUNDATION GALA DINNER

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

31 OCT 3 P5:10

October 3, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: TONY SNOW *TS*  
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY *DM*  
SUBJECT: REMARKS FOR THE NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN  
FOUNDATION GALA DINNER

I. SUMMARY

On Saturday, October 5th at 9:35 p.m., you will deliver remarks to an audience of 2,500 at the National Italian American Foundation Gala Dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Barbara Bush will receive an award for her literacy efforts.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks, (8 minutes/cards) highlight Italy's and America's shared values of family, faith, and freedom and mention the 1992 celebration marking the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage.

We have bracketed the page 2 humorous reference to Sonny Bono's run for the Senate seat vacated by Sen. Cranston. Should you think the reference constitutes a premature endorsement over other Republican candidates, we will delete it.

McGroarty/Bunton  
October 3, 1991  
4:30 pm  
[ITALIAN]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ITALIAN-AMERICAN FOUNDATION GALA  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
OCTOBER 5, 1991  
9:35 P.M.

Thank you, Frank [Stella], for those kind words -- and thanks, all of you, for this warm welcome. My apologies for our late arrival. As I told Barbara on the way over, of all the evenings to miss dinner.... // I can't help but think of what we've missed: The red sauce, the white sauce -- and no sign at all of a certain green vegetable. //

[Introductory acknowledgements.] Let me salute tonight's emcee: Jack Valenti -- and the leadership of this fine foundation: Frank Stella, Jeno Paulucci [POW-loo-chi] and Arthur Gajarsa [Guy-AR-suh]. // It's great to see members here from all three branches of the federal government. And of course, a special welcome to our distinguished guests who came from Italy to join us this evening. Let me single out one of the many: Foreign Minister de Michelis, honored here tonight for his strong support through the days and nights of Desert Storm. //

Let me salute another of tonight's honorees: Paul Tagliabue, NFL Commissioner -- the man who helps give us so many memorable Sunday afternoons in front of the TV when we should be out cutting the grass. / And if you'll pardon a proud husband,

let me say how delighted I am to see Barbara Bush honored here tonight. //

We share the spotlight tonight with celebrities like Oscar winner Ernest Borgnine, of movie and McHale's Navy fame. / With two fellows who give Michelangelo's David a run for his money: Sly Stallone and Joe Piscopo -- and that monument to Momma's cooking, Dom DeLuise. / Finally, a fellow ready to trade a star on Hollywood Boulevard for a seat in the Senate: Mayor of Palm Springs Sonny Bono. [[I just have one question. What makes Sonny think someone from the California entertainment industry can succeed in national politics?]]

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I think it says something special about our nation that we can combine such reverence for the land of our ancestors with an unshakable patriotism for this country we call home. Our America is confident -- open hearted: a place where our differences don't detract -- but make us all richer. //

We can all feel the special bond that links so many millions of Americans to the "Old Country." At the center of it all, as Barbara mentioned: family -- a word that inspires us in any language. The place where our reverence for the past meets our

hopes for the future. / If America is, as I believe, the most fortunate country on Earth -- we owe it to the values the Italian American community calls its own: values of family, faith and freedom. //

We must strengthen those living values in everything we do. Think of your parents and their parents -- the people whose hands and hearts, sweat and sacrifice made this country what it is today. We must seek a society worthy of them -- a place where our sons and daughters can raise a family, build a future -- better, brighter than the one before. //

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So as we celebrate five centuries since Columbus' epic voyage, let us also celebrate the many contributions Americans of Italian heritage have made -- and will make -- to this proud country we share. //

Once again, my thanks to you for this special evening -- and may God bless the United States of America.

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IN MY VIEW, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITALY HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER. TO ITALY'S NEW AMBASSADOR, BORIS BIANCHERI [BEE-ON-KER-EE]: A WARM WELCOME TO YOU, SIR -- AND A PLEDGE FOR ALL IN OUR ADMINISTRATION TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU TO KEEP THINGS ON TRACK. //

LET ME SALUTE ANOTHER OF TONIGHT'S HONOREES: PAUL TAGLIABUE, NFL COMMISSIONER -- THE MAN WHO HELPS GIVE US SO MANY MEMORABLE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN FRONT OF THE TV WHEN WE SHOULD BE OUT CUTTING THE GRASS. / AND IF YOU'LL PARDON A PROUD HUSBAND, LET ME SAY HOW DELIGHTED I AM TO SEE BARBARA BUSH HONORED HERE TONIGHT. //

WE SHARE THE SPOTLIGHT TONIGHT WITH CELEBRITIES LIKE OSCAR WINNER ERNEST BORGNINE, OF MOVIE AND MCHALE'S NAVY FAME. /

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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RESPONSE:

*No comment. Thanks.*  
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*Paul Fontana*  
*10/03/91*

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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 and Staff Secretary  
 Ext. 2702

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

91 OCT 3 11:50

DATE: 10/02/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 p.m. 10/03

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(10/02 4:30 p.m. draft)

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RESPONSE:

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Ext. 2702

McGroarty/Bunton  
October 2, 1991  
4:30 pm  
[ITALIAN]

01 OCT 2 P4: 55

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WASHINGTON, D.C.  
OCTOBER 5, 1991  
9:35 P.M.

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McGroarty's comments  
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McGroarty/Bunton  
October 2, 1991  
4:30 pm  
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RESPONSE:

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*BT or SR*

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