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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 10/7/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: WEDNESDAY, 10/9/91 10:00am

PRESIDENTIAL OP-ED - U.S. BILL OF RIGHTS  
INTERPULSE NEWSPAPER (RUSSIA)

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REMARKS:

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**SEE NSC + COUNSEL COMMENTS ATTACHED**

RESPONSE:

**— MASTER —**

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

Snow/Nix  
Bill  
October 4, 1991  
Draft One

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Will the Russians know him? (BT)

Every nation has suffered through its own misfortunes of accident and force. You now have a chance to build your own order out of your own culture, your own experience -- your own reflection and choice.

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Our government cannot seize the private property of law-abiding citizens without first providing just compensation, and usually seeking the approval of our court system.

Our Bill of Rights protects citizens from arbitrary arrest, <sup>(what does this mean? (Porter))</sup> ~~(arbitrary legal harrassment)~~ and from being tried by a secret court.

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But let the values of freedom, democracy and free enterprise serve as your guides. Constitutions of Freedom allow peace and prosperity to flourish. They create conditions for full and successful lives.

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I can only wish you as much luck in drafting Constitutions that reflect your higher nature, and <sup>promote (DZ)</sup> ~~defend~~ individual rights ~~against the ambitions of the state.~~ <sup>(DZ)</sup> If you succeed, future generations will honor your memory, just as we honor the memories of our Founders. They will revere you, because you will have given them the most precious gift of all -- freedom.

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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

31 OCT 10 P3:13

October 10, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
FROM: TONY SNOW TS  
SUBJECT: BILL OF RIGHTS OP-ED

I. SUMMARY

An editorial will be sent on your behalf for publication in the year-ending issue of *InterPulse*, a Soviet youth- and reform-oriented supplement to a larger daily paper -- *Komsomolskaya Pravda*. *Interpulse* readers (approximately 19 million) are in their teens and twenties. The readership includes many of the young people who protected the barricades in front of the Russian Parliament Building during the failed coup attempt.

II. DISCUSSION

The editorial highlights the Bill of Rights and offers encouragement to the Soviet peoples as they seek to define their own freedoms through a written Consytitution.

Snow/Nix  
Bill  
October 10, 1991  
Draft Two

PRESIDENTIAL OP-ED  
U.S. BILL OF RIGHTS  
INTERPULSE NEWSPAPER (RUSSIA)

To Readers of Interpulse, Greetings:

You have embarked upon the greatest adventure a people can undertake, the project of defining yourself through a written Constitution. As you take up this challenge, I would encourage you to study the successes and failures of constitutions throughout the world. Look carefully not only at the words and promises those constitutions offer, but also at their success in shaping the life and spirit of their nations.

The Founders of our nation tried to apply the lessons of history to their constitutional efforts. In the very first Federalist paper, Alexander Hamilton wrote that "it seems to have been reserved to the people of this country, by their conduct and example, to decide the important question, whether societies of men are really capable or not of establishing good government from reflection and choice, or whether they are forever destined to depend, for their political constitutions, on accident and force."

Every nation has suffered through its own misfortunes of accident and force. But you also have the rare and precious

opportunity to construct your own, distinctive constitution of liberty and prosperity.

The original Constitution and the Bill of Rights form the foundation of America's commercial, political and international strength. They express the ideals upon which American government rests: individual liberty, representative democracy, limited government, and private enterprise.

The Bill of Rights protects the rights to religion, free speech, a free press; the right to assemble peaceably and seek redress of grievances. It enshrines the rights of life, liberty and property; the rights to a fair, open and speedy trial by one's peers; and the freedom from arbitrary government attempts to restrict individual rights.

It does not offer abstract promises of justice. Instead, it orders the government to observe and honor the rights of American citizens. Our Constitution never would condone a law against anti-state slander, for instance.

Nor can our government seize the private property of law-abiding citizens without first providing just compensation -- usually with the approval of our court system.

Our Bill of Rights protects citizens from arbitrary arrest, from arbitrary legal harassment of the sort Soviet citizens experienced often at the hands of the KGB. It protects people from being tried by secret courts. It insists that the government conduct its business in the open, so the people might see it -- and criticize government activities, if necessary.

Generally, our Constitution creates a sphere of freedom for every individual -- a sphere in which government and private citizens may not intrude without permission.

People in the United States revere the Constitution because it expresses the values Americans hold dear. As you build your own system of government, you must consult your own traditions, values and aspirations. Learn from other societies, as our founders did. Study history, philosophy, economics and politics.

But let the values of freedom, democracy and free enterprise serve as your guides. Work to ensure that your people cherish the values embedded in your constitution, that legal authorities enforce guarantees of individual rights, and that your citizens work hard to define and defend the values of freedom, democracy and individual rights.

I cannot tell you how to structure your government. Only you can do that. But the United States will do whatever it can to assist and support efforts to build a free-market democracy grounded upon individual rights, and respect for minority rights.

A Constitution provides a beginning for a new society; it sets forth the challenges you hope to take up in the future. But you will never see the end of challenges to free-market democracy. Changing technologies and political realities force nations to change their own systems of governments in such a way as to preserve timeless principles while acknowledging contemporary realities.

I wish you luck in drafting Constitutions that reflect your higher nature, and defend individual rights against the ambitions of the state. If you succeed, you will build a foundation for shared interests and shared prosperity. Future generations will honor your memory, just as we honor the memories of our Founders. They will revere you, because you will have given them the most precious gift of all -- freedom.

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WASHINGTONOCT 9 P4: 42  
October 9, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BG*

SUBJECT: Draft Op-Ed, "U.S. Bill of Rights," for Interpulse

I like the general thrust of the editorial, especially the emphasis up front on protection of minority rights and the rights of individuals. But the piece seems too preachy now, terribly abstract, and idealized. I would suggest you recast it along something like the following lines:

- Passing laws guaranteeing rights is only the beginning. The laws must be enforced, indeed internalized in the society, and that takes hard work, as well as a dedication to the rights outlined.
- We came to our Bill of Rights, and have come to revere them, not simply because they are high-sounding principles, but because observing those rights contributes to a peaceful, democratic, prosperous society.
- You will have to make your own decisions in light of your circumstances. No one can tell you how to arrange your system of governance. But I do urge you to study the laws and the actual experience of the U.S. and other nations. If you can avoid repeating the mistakes of others, you are ahead of the game.
- We have found in the U.S. that the search for a just, a democratic, a free society never ends. We are always learning, from our mistakes as well as our successes. The new society you seek to construct will take time, patience, and good will.
- I and my fellow Americans stand ready to help where we can. You are not alone in your search for freedom and democracy. We don't have all the answers for you, but we are determined to help you search for your answers.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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October 7, 1991

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 Op-Ed: U.S. Bill of Rights  
Interpulse Newspaper (Russia)

At the request of Phillip D. Brady, Counsel's office has reviewed the captioned draft op-ed.

The theme of this op-ed, which asserts that the Bill of Rights "form[s] the foundation of America's commercial, political, and international strength," is highly questionable. It is no accident that the provisions of the Bill of Rights were not included in the original Constitution (the framers thought that such provisions were unnecessary and that their inclusion might be harmful), and it is quite far-fetched to suggest that our nation's strength rests more on these provisions than on the major provisions of the original Constitution.

In addition, this draft of the op-ed chooses to pay homage only to selected provisions of the Bill of Rights. Moreover, it is far from obvious what principle, if any, was used to pick out some parts of the Bill of Rights for praise while others were ignored.

Counsel's office appreciates having had the opportunity to review this draft op-ed.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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RESPONSE:

*See comment*

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Bill  
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RESPONSE:

*Good - are suggestions.*

*BT for SR*

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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RESPONSE:

No comment.

Thanks,  
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Elizabeth Luttig

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

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Ext. 2702

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 9, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Op-Ed - U.S. Bill of Rights

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have a few comments to suggest.

The references to "the state" and "anti-state slander" made in the second paragraph on page two blur the distinction between the federal government and state governments. It might be more precise to say "Instead, it orders the government to observe..." and "...would condone a law against anti-government slander."

We are unclear on what is meant by the term "arbitrary legal harassment" in the fourth paragraph on page two.

The references to "inalienable rights" in the fifth paragraph on page two are more relevant for the Declaration of Independence than for the Bill of Rights.

The first sentence of the fourth paragraph on page three seems overly negative. You might consider replacing it with "Still, a document is not enough to insure continued freedom."

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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You have embarked upon the greatest adventure a people can undertake, the project of defining yourself through a written Constitution. The Founders of our nation understood the challenge clearly. In the very first Federalist paper, Alexander Hamilton wrote that "it seems to have been reserved to the people of this country, by their conduct and example, to decide the important question, whether societies of men are really capable or not of establishing good government from reflection and choice, or whether they are forever destined to depend for their political constitutions on accident and force."

Every nation has suffered through its own misfortunes of accident and force. You now have a chance to build your own order out of your own culture, your own experience -- your own reflection and choice.

As you embark upon this adventure, I would strongly suggest that you study the American Constitution, and especially the Bill of Rights. The Ten Amendments of the Bill of Rights form the foundation of America's commercial, political and international strength. Those amendments establish the principle that

government must work to protect the rights of individuals and minorities.

The Bill of Rights protects the rights to religion, free speech, a free press; the right to assemble peaceably and seek redress of grievances. It enshrines the rights of life, liberty and property; the rights to a fair, open and speedy trial by one's peers; and the freedom from arbitrary government attempts to restrict individual rights.

It does not offer abstract promises of justice. Instead, it orders the state to observe and honor the rights of American citizens. Our Constitution never would condone a law against anti-state slander, for instance. Americans regularly protest government policies, and citizens may disagree with one another, but they also respect people's rights to hold and express their own opinions.

Our government cannot seize the private property of law-abiding citizens without first providing just compensation, and usually seeking the approval of our court system.

Our Bill of Rights protects citizens from arbitrary arrest, from arbitrary legal harrassment, and from being tried by a secret court.

Finally, our Bill of Rights ensures that the government cannot weaken people's inalienable rights to life, liberty and property. Our people enjoy those rights because the rights are universal. These inalienable rights hold the key to individual dignity and national prosperity.

Our Bill of Rights creates a sphere of freedom for every individual -- a sphere in which government and private citizens may not intrude without permission.

People in the United States revere the Constitution because it expresses the values Americans hold dear. As you build your own system of government, you must consult your own traditions, values and aspirations. Learn from other societies, as our founders did. Study history, philosophy, economics and politics.

But let the values of freedom, democracy and free enterprise serve as your guides. Constitutions of Freedom allow peace and prosperity to flourish. They create conditions for full and successful lives.

Still, they guarantee nothing. In the end, a fulfilling future depends upon the people. It depends upon you.

I can only wish you as much luck in drafting Constitutions that reflect your higher nature, and defend individual rights against the ambitions of the state. If you succeed, future generations will honor your memory, just as we honor the memories of our Founders. They will revere you, because you will have given them the most precious gift of all -- freedom.

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