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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: JOSEPH P. DUGGAN *JPD*

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Thank you all. May God bless the memory of General Bill Donovan, and God bless the United States of America.

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I AM TRULY HONORED TO RECEIVE THE DONOVAN AWARD.
((I HAD NO IDEA THE MEDALLION WAS SO LARGE. \\ \\
[TURN TO HOST AND ASK:] IS IT RECORDING O.K.?) \\ \\

((SEEING EVANGELINE BRUCE HERE REMINDS ME OF A STORY ABOUT D-DAY. GENERAL DONOVAN TOLD DAVID BRUCE HE HAD ARRANGED TO BE BURIED AT ARLINGTON, AND ASKED DAVID IF HE HAD DONE THE SAME. SUDDENLY ALARMED, DAVID SAID, "NO -- AND WHY DO YOU ASK?" \\ \\ DONOVAN REPLIED, "YOU SHOULD GET A PLOT NEAR MINE. THEN WE COULD START AN UNDERGROUND TOGETHER.")) \\ \\ \\

SERIOUSLY, I WILL TREASURE THIS DONOVAN AWARD. IT WILL REMIND ME ALWAYS TO HONOR THE GENERAL'S MEMORY.

WILLIAM DONOVAN WAS ONE OF THOSE RARE STATESMEN WHOSE DEEDS AND IDEAS WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE AND INSPIRE FREE PEOPLE LONG AFTER HIS TIME -- INDEED LONG AFTER YOUR TIME AND MINE. NEXT YEAR WE CELEBRATE HALF A CENTURY SINCE BILL DONOVAN FOUNDED THE O.S.S. AND ESTABLISHED INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES TO MAKE THE UNITED STATES AN ENDURING FORCE FOR WORLD FREEDOM. THOUGH 32 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE GENERAL DONOVAN'S DEATH, HIS LEGACY LIVES IN THE BREEZES OF FREEDOM THAT ENLIVEN DRESDEN AND KIEV AND KRAKOW.

WILLIAM DONOVAN BELIEVED THAT THE WAY TO AVOID A HOT WAR WAS TO WIN THE COLD WAR. \ \ FOR TWO SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS, THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOUGHT THAT STRUGGLE FOR WORLD PEACE AND FREEDOM. MANY OF YOU O.S.S. VETERANS STOOD IN THEIR FRONT RANKS. \ \

FOUR O.S.S. MEN BECAME CHIEFS OF THE C.I.A. --
ALLEN DULLES, DICK HELMS, BILL COLBY, AND BILL CASEY.
HISTORIANS WILL RECORD THEIR COURAGE, THEIR LEADERSHIP,
THEIR PATRIOTISM. \\\

WE'VE HEARD TOO MUCH -- AND MUCH UNFAIR AND UNTRUE
-- OF FAILURE IN RECENT WEEKS, AND TOO LITTLE OF
C.I.A.'S CRUCIAL PART IN THIS VICTORY FOR FREEDOM.
WE'VE HEARD TOO LITTLE OF THE SACRIFICE YOU AND THOSE
YOU TRAINED MADE TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY. WE'VE HEARD TOO
LITTLE OF THE COLD WAR VICTORY THAT IS INDEED YOUR
SPECIAL TRIUMPH.

BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT HISTORY WILL HONOR THE COLD
WARRIORS OF THE C.I.A. -- THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO
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HOW'S THAT FOR THE "VISION THING"? \\\

AS BILL DONOVAN'S BOLD VISION BECOMES A REALITY, WE MUST PRESERVE SOLID AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES. WE NEED THEM FOR THIS PROMISING NEW ERA NO LESS THAN WE REQUIRED THEM FOR THE PERIOD THAT FOLLOWED THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

I HAVE CHOSEN A VIGOROUS NEW LEADER TO BE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE -- BOB GATES. \\
HE'S A TOUGH-MINDED INNOVATOR. HE'S AN INDEPENDENT THINKER WITH A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE. HE HAS SERVED BY MY SIDE THROUGH THE PANAMA CRISIS, THROUGH DESERT STORM, THROUGH THE DRAMA OF AUGUST IN MOSCOW. I HAVE THE FULLEST TRUST IN HIS INTEGRITY AND ABILITY. \\\

I AM SURE YOU ARE DELIGHTED AS I AM BY THE STRONG SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE VOTE TO ENDORSE BOB'S NOMINATION. I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN ME IN URGING THE FULL SENATE TO CONFIRM HIM PROMPTLY. HE HAS A BIG JOB TO DO. \\\

BOB'S MISSION IS TO LEAD OUR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IN CHANGING AS PROFOUNDLY AS THE WORLD HAS CHANGED. THE COLLAPSE OF SOVIET COMMUNISM WILL AFFECT THE WORLD AS DRAMATICALLY AND FAVORABLY AS DID THE DEFEAT OF HITLER AND THE AXIS.

AFTER V-E DAY, THE O.S.S. NO LONGER NEEDED TO PARACHUTE JEDBURGHES INTO GERMANY. BY THE SAME LOGIC, WE HAVE LESS NEED TO APPLY SOME OF OUR MORE DARING AND COSTLY COLLECTION METHODS TO GAIN INTELLIGENCE FROM POST-COMMUNIST EUROPE AND RUSSIA. JUST AS WE CAN NOW AFFORD TO MAKE SWEEPING CUTS IN NUCLEAR FORCES ONCE USED TO DETER THE SOVIET THREAT, WE CAN -- AND WE WILL -- MAKE BETTER USE OF THE ASSETS WE ONCE NEEDED TO PENETRATE SOVIET SECRECY. \\

BY NO MEANS WILL WE LET OUR GUARD DOWN. \\ LET NO ONE MISTAKE OUR CONFIDENCE AND GOOD WILL FOR WEAKNESS. \\ WE'RE NOT ABOUT TO DISMANTLE THE INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES WE'VE WORKED SO HARD TO REBUILD -- BUT WE MUST ADAPT THEM TO NEW REALITIES. \\

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WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION -- BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS,
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LET ME SUM IT UP THIS WAY, THOUGH. I AM CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE THE FINEST INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN THE WORLD. IT IS SECOND TO NONE AND AS PRESIDENT I INTEND TO KEEP IT THAT WAY -- TO SUPPORT IT, TO STRENGTHEN IT, AND TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE WITH SUCH SELFLESS DEDICATION. \\\

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT *BS*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: OSS Dinner,
October 23, 1991

We have reviewed the Presidential remarks for the OSS dinner. It is recommended that the last paragraph of page 3 be deleted and replaced with remarks stating that the President was pleased at the strong vote in committee for Bob Gates and hopeful for an early vote by the full Senate.

cc: Phillip Brady

I am drafting another couple of paragraphs on new world order challenges for intelligence

- MASTER

(SEE SIMON NOTES)

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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Bob Simon

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Thank you, Judge McGivern and Geoffrey Jones. I want to salute my two predecessors as DCI: Dick Helms and Bill Colby. I'm also delighted that Sophia Casey could be here this evening.

I am truly honored to receive the Donovan award. ((I had no idea the medallion was so large. Knowing this group, someone probably put a tape recorder inside it.)) \\\

((Seeing Evangeline Bruce here reminds me of a story about D-Day. Gen. Donovan told David Bruce he had arranged to be buried at Arlington, and asked if Bruce had done the same. Suddenly alarmed, Bruce said, "No -- and why do you ask?" \\\ Donovan replied, "You should get a plot near mine. Then we can start an underground together.") \\\

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You, the men and women of the OSS, played a vital role in the destruction of one of the 20th Century's two inhuman totalitarian dictatorships -- Naziism. Many of you then continued in your country's secret service to challenge the second such totalitarian dictatorship -- Communism. Born with the Cold war, CIA was in freedom's vanguard from the beginning. It was a world where open war between the two superpowers -- between the democracies and Soviet Communism -- threatened nuclear holocaust and the survival of mankind itself. And so the Cold War was waged between the two -- in the shadows, over the airwaves, through the secret supply of millions of books and newspapers to people willing to risk then all to keep the dream of freedom alive. It was a conflict waged by Americans like you, dedicating their lives once again to the idea of freedom in too many dangerous places far from home. For more than forty years, the struggle continued until at last, rotten through, Communism came face to face with its inhumanity and failure, and collapsed. And the world rejoiced as millions tasted freedom freshly and began to build their own democracies.

We've heard too much -- and much unfair and untrue -- of failure in recent weeks, and too little of CIA's crucial part in this victory for freedom. Too little of the sacrifice you and those you trained made to advance democracy. The recent triumph of freedom is your special triumph too.

At the same time, CIA's successful completion of its mission in the struggle against Communism does not mean its work is done. For more than a decade, CIA and American intelligence increasingly has been working against foreign drug kingpins and terrorists, against those who would steal our technology, against those who would threaten their neighbors -- and us -- with nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and the means to deliver them. Against governments who refuse to play by the rules in the global economic competition, and more.

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RESPONSE:

See comments

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RESPONSE:

Good - a few thoughts

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91 OCT 18 P1: 12 October 18, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: OSS Dinner

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady



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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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cc: Phillip D. Brady