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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REAGAN LIBRARY DEDICATION  
SIMI VALLEY, CALIFORNIA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1991

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FROM: CURT SMITH *[Signature]*

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*Rich Little  
Dance Caller*

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SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION AND DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN LEADERS.

CHARLSTON HESTON AND LOD COOK, THANK YOU FOR THE THOSE OPENING REMARKS; REV. MOOMAW FOR THE INVOCATION; GEN. COLIN POWELL AND SERGEANT ALVIE POWELL FOR THE PLEDGE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM. AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. //

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR WILSON, FOR THAT INTRODUCTION.

*profound  
thanks*

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IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO HELP DEDICATE THIS LIBRARY OF MY  
PREDECESSOR AND MENTOR -- THE 40TH PRESIDENT OF THE  
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THIS MARKS AN HISTORIC OCCASION. FOR THE FIRST  
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// THE FOUR FORMER PRESIDENTS -- DEDICATED PUBLIC  
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AS PAT. / MR. PRESIDENT, YOU WERE AN INNOVATOR AT  
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never  
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it.*  
HERE, TOO, ARE BETTY FORD AND AMERICA'S 38TH PRESIDENT,  
GERALD FORD. /

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*Inch*  
TO THIS SON OF MICHIGAN, WE SAY: "WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR QUIET STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, YOUR VIGOR AND YOUR DECENCY." //

NEXT, WE THANK THE 39TH PRESIDENT, JIMMY CARTER, AND HIS WIFE ROSALYNN. AMERICA APPLAUDS YOUR LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT TO PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND HELPING OTHERS. IT WAS MOST GRACIOUS OF YOU TO MAKE SUCH AN EXTRA EFFORT TO BE HERE TODAY. // FINALLY, WE SALUTE LADY BIRD JOHNSON.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO AMERICA'S NATURAL BEAUTY AND HER HERITAGE. // *Love of family*

TODAY, WE HONOR "AN AMERICAN LIFE" -- WHICH IS THE TITLE OF HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY. WE ALSO HONOR AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL. / RONALD REAGAN WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 6TH -- BUT HIS HEART IS PURE 4TH OF JULY. //

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ON THAT TERRIBLE DAY IN MARCH 1981, HE LOOKED AT THE DOCTORS IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND SAID, "I HOPE YOU'RE ALL REPUBLICANS." // REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS, HIS COURAGE AND HUMOR MADE ALL OF US PROUD -- PROUD TO BE AMERICANS. //

FOR EIGHT YEARS, I WAS PROUD TO BE RONALD REAGAN'S VICE-PRESIDENT.

I SAW A MAN WHO WAS THOUGHTFUL AND SENTIMENTAL / SENDING MONEY TO STRANGERS / WHOSE STORIES TOUCHED HIM / WRITING LETTERS ON YELLOW LEGAL PAPER -- ASKING THEN THAT THEY BE RETYPED -- BECAUSE HE WANTED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE RECIPIENTS TO READ. //

AS PRESIDENT, RONALD REAGAN WAS UNMOVED BY THE VAGARIES OF INTELLECTUAL FASHION. HE TREASURED VALUES THAT ENDURE. /

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I SPEAK OF PATRIOTISM AND CIVILITY AND GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS -- VALUES ETCHED IN THE AMERICAN CHARACTER. // ONCE, ASKED WHOM HE MOST ADMIRERD IN HISTORY, HE ANSWERED, "THE MAN FROM GALILEE." / MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR FAITH IN WHAT IS TRUE, AND GOOD, HELPED REAFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. //

RONALD REAGAN BELIEVED IN RETURNING POWER TO THE PEOPLE. SO HE HELPED THE PRIVATE SECTOR CREATE MORE THAN 16 MILLION NEW JOBS. //

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~~RONALD REAGAN~~ <sup>He</sup> PREDICTED THAT COMMUNISM WOULD LAND IN THE DUST BIN OF HISTORY -- AND HISTORY PROVED HIM RIGHT. // HE KNEW THAT WHEN IT COMES TO NATIONAL DEFENSE, FINISHING SECOND MEANS FINISHING LAST. SO HE PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED -- SUPPORTING A STRONG MILITARY AND PIONEERING THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE.

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HIS VISION PAID OFF FOR EVERY AMERICAN IN THE SEA AND SANDS OF THE GULF. AND AMERICA THANKS HIM FOR THAT. //

YET RONALD REAGAN BELIEVED, TOO, IN HUMAN BROTHERHOOD. SO HE TRANSCENDED EAST AND WEST TO ENGAGE IN DIPLOMATIC SUMMITRY -- AND ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF PEACE AMONG NATIONS. //

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OUR FRIEND -- THE IRON LADY -- AS USUAL, SAID IT BEST. I SPEAK OF MARGARET THATCHER -- YOUR FELLOW LIEGEMAN [LEEJ-MAN] OF LIBERTY.

RECENTLY, SHE SPOKE OF HOW GREAT LEADERS ARE SUMMED UP IN A SENTENCE. QUOTE: "RONALD REAGAN, WON THE COLD WAR WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT. HE HAD A LITTLE HELP -- AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE TELLS ME." ~~END QUOTE.~~ LOOKING HERE AT MEN AND WOMEN FROM PRESIDENCIES OF THE LAST THREE DECADES, IT OCCURS TO ME:

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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, RONALD REAGAN.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REAGAN LIBRARY  
SIMI VALLEY, CA.  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1991  
11:00 A.M.

President Reagan and Nancy. Barbara and I are delighted to be with you on the eleventh anniversary of your election as President. // My special greetings to your fellow Californians -- President and Mrs. Nixon, and also President and Mrs. Ford -- and to President and Mrs. Carter. / Mrs. Johnson. Members of the Reagan, Kennedy, Johnson, and Roosevelt families. Senior members of the Reagan Cabinet. Ladies and gentlemen. //

Thank you, Governor Wilson, for that introduction. And to all of you, for the privilege of helping to dedicate this library of my predecessor and mentor -- the 40th President of the United States. //

((Yesterday, I mentioned to one of my grandkids that I was going to the Reagan Library in California, and he said, "Isn't that a long way to travel to return a book?" // I said: "I would travel around the world to be in the Simi Valley today." // Of course, some of my Democratic friends say I would travel around the world for just about anything.) //

This marks an historic occasion. For the first time, five Presidents and six First Ladies / past and present / have gathered together in the same locale. // Individually, today is

very special to Barbara and me. // The four former Presidents -  
- dedicated public servants -- and these wonderful former First  
Ladies -- each have played a part in the American Story. //

We begin with the 37th President of the United States,  
Richard Nixon, and the woman we know, and love, as Pat. / Mr.  
President, you were an innovator at home, a peacemaker and a  
groundbreaker abroad. // Here, too, are Betty Ford and  
America's 38th President, Gerald Ford. / To a son of Michigan, I  
say: "We are grateful for your quiet strength of character, your  
vigor and your decency." //

Next, we thank the 39th President, Jimmy Carter, and his  
wife Rosalynn. America applauds your life-long commitment to  
peace, human rights, and helping others. // Finally, we salute  
Lady Bird Johnson. Thank you for your dedication to America's  
natural beauty and her heritage. //

Today, we honor an American Life -- which is the title of  
his autobiography. We also honor an American Original. / Ronald  
Reagan was born on February 6th -- but his heart is pure 4th of  
July. //

((With his disarming sense of humor, President Reagan was  
something refreshingly different in Washington: A politician who  
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and a prophet in his time. //

He was a political prophet -- leading the tide toward  
conservatism. / He was also a Main Street prophet. He  
understood that America is great because of what we are -- not

what we have. // Politics can be cruel, uncivil. Unfailingly, Ronald Reagan was strong and gentle. / He ennobled public service. He embodied the American character: What he described in his second Inaugural as "hopeful, big-hearted, idealistic, daring, decent, and fair." //

Think of whistlestops that lift our memory -- like a postcard from the past. Dixon / Tampico [Tam-PEE-koe] / Eureka College / WHO Radio, Des Moines. Ronald Reagan came from the heart of America -- geographically, and culturally. / Not even a bullet from the gun of a would-be assassin could stay his spirit. On that terrible day in March 1981, he looked at the doctors in the emergency room and said, "I hope you're all Republicans." // Republicans or Democrats, his courage and humor made all of us proud -- proud to be Americans. //

For eight years, I was proud to be Ronald Reagan's Vice-President. I saw a man who was thoughtful and sentimental / sending money to strangers whose stories touched him / writing letters on yellow legal paper. He then asked that they be retyped -- because he wanted to make it easier for the recipients to read. //

As President, Ronald Reagan was unmoved by the vagaries of intellectual fashion. He treasured values that endure. / I speak of patriotism and civility and generosity and kindness -- values etched in the American Character. // Once, asked whom he most admired in history, he answered, "The Man from Galilee." /

Mr. President, your faith in what is true, and good, helped reaffirm our faith in the United States of America. //

Ronald Reagan believed in returning power to the people. So he helped the private sector create more than 16 million new jobs. // He sought to enlarge opportunity, not government. / So Ronald Reagan lowered taxes and spending, cut inflation, and helped create the longest peacetime boom in American history. // How ironic that the oldest President of the United States would prove as young as the American spirit. / ((It's believed that the fountain of youth was born in Florida. I think Ronald Reagan makes a good case for its existence in California.)) //

Here -- as in Washington -- he was aided by the true love of his life. As First Lady, Nancy Reagan championed the foster grandparents program, and heightened breast cancer awareness. She refurbished the White House with the dignity that is her legacy. ((And she sure left us a nice cozy place to live in.)) To the scourge of drugs, she urged America's children to "Just say no." Nancy, all Americans salute you for this. //

This brings me, finally, to how Ronald Reagan was a global prophet. Today, the world is safer because he believed that we who are free to live our dreams, have a duty to support those who dream of living free.

Ronald Reagan predicted that Communism would land in the dust bin of history -- and history proved him right. // He knew that when it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last. So he practiced what he preached -- supporting a

strong military and pioneering the Strategic Defense Initiative. His vision paid off for every American in the sea and sands of the Gulf. And America thanks him for that. // Yet Ronald Reagan believed, too, in human brotherhood. So he transcended East and West to engage in diplomatic summitry -- and advanced the cause of peace among Nations. //

Mr. President, history will record the 1980s were not only among America's finest hours. They became perhaps democracy's finest era. / Our friend -- the Iron Lady -- as usual, said it best. I speak of Margaret Thatcher -- your fellow liegeman [LEEJ-man] of liberty.

Recently, she spoke of how great leaders are summed up in a sentence. "Ronald Reagan," she said, "won the Cold War without firing a shot. He had a little help -- at least that's what he tells me." Looking here at men and women from Presidencies of the last three decades, it occurs to me: That help came largely from the American people, and you. //

I'm not saying these things about Ronald Reagan in order to keep him from running for President again in 1992. // I say them because they're true. Each year he adds another chapter to the story of an amazing American. // He was the Great Communicator, and also the Great Liberator. From Normandy to Moscow -- from Berlin to the Oval Office -- no leader since Churchill used words so effectively to help freedom unchain our world. //

You were prophet, and President -- and I want to thank you for your many kindnesses to Barbara and to me. / You love America -- know America. You have blessed America as few men ever have. // Now, it is my distinct privilege and honor to introduce the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

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REAGAN LIBRARY \ SIMI VALLEY, CA.  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1991 \ 11:00 A.M.

PRESIDENT REAGAN AND NANCY. BARBARA AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE WITH YOU ON THE ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT. // MY SPECIAL GREETINGS TO YOUR FELLOW CALIFORNIANS -- PRESIDENT AND MRS. NIXON, AND ALSO PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD -- AND TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER. / MRS. JOHNSON. MEMBERS OF THE REAGAN, KENNEDY, JOHNSON, AND ROOSEVELT FAMILIES.

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SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION AND DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN LEADERS.

CHARLSTON HESTON AND LOD COOK, THANK YOU FOR THE THOSE OPENING REMARKS; REV. MOOMAW FOR THE INVOCATION; GEN. COLIN POWELL AND SERGEANT ALVIE POWELL FOR THE PLEDGE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM. AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. //

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR WILSON, FOR THAT INTRODUCTION.

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IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO HELP DEDICATE THIS LIBRARY OF MY  
PREDECESSOR AND MENTOR -- THE 40TH PRESIDENT OF THE  
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THIS MARKS AN HISTORIC OCCASION. FOR THE FIRST  
TIME, FIVE PRESIDENTS AND SIX FIRST LADIES / PAST AND  
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// THE FOUR FORMER PRESIDENTS -- DEDICATED PUBLIC  
SERVANTS -- AND THESE WONDERFUL FORMER FIRST LADIES --  
EACH HAS PLAYED A PART IN THE AMERICAN STORY. //

WE BEGIN WITH THE 37TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES, RICHARD NIXON, AND THE WOMAN WE KNOW, AND LOVE,  
AS PAT. / MR. PRESIDENT, YOU WERE AN INNOVATOR AT  
HOME, A PEACEMAKER AND A GROUNDBREAKER ABROAD. //  
HERE, TOO, ARE BETTY FORD AND AMERICA'S 38TH PRESIDENT,  
GERALD FORD. /

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TO THIS SON OF MICHIGAN, WE SAY: "WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR QUIET STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, YOUR VIGOR AND YOUR DECENCY." //

NEXT, WE THANK THE 39TH PRESIDENT, JIMMY CARTER, AND HIS WIFE ROSALYNN. AMERICA APPLAUDS YOUR LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT TO PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND HELPING OTHERS. IT WAS MOST GRACIOUS OF YOU TO MAKE SUCH AN EXTRA EFFORT TO BE HERE TODAY. // FINALLY, WE SALUTE LADY BIRD JOHNSON.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO AMERICA'S NATURAL BEAUTY AND HER HERITAGE. //

TODAY, WE HONOR "AN AMERICAN LIFE" -- WHICH IS THE TITLE OF HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY. WE ALSO HONOR AN AMERICAN ORIGINAL. / RONALD REAGAN WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 6TH -- BUT HIS HEART IS PURE 4TH OF JULY. //

((WITH HIS DISARMING SENSE OF HUMOR, PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS SOMETHING REFRESHINGLY DIFFERENT IN WASHINGTON: A POLITICIAN WHO WAS FUNNY ON PURPOSE..)) /

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HE WAS ALSO A VISIONARY, A CRUSADER, AND A PROPHET IN HIS TIME. //

HE WAS A POLITICAL PROPHET -- LEADING THE TIDE TOWARD CONSERVATISM. / HE WAS ALSO A MAIN STREET PROPHET. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AMERICA IS GREAT BECAUSE OF WHAT WE ARE -- NOT WHAT WE HAVE. // POLITICS CAN BE CRUEL, UNCIVIL. UNFAILINGLY, RONALD REAGAN WAS STRONG AND GENTLE. / HE ENNOBLED PUBLIC SERVICE. HE EMBODIED THE AMERICAN CHARACTER:

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WHAT HE DESCRIBED IN HIS SECOND INAUGURAL AS "HOPEFUL, BIG-HEARTED, IDEALISTIC, DARING, DECENT, AND FAIR." //

THINK OF WHISTLESTOPS THAT LIFT OUR MEMORY -- LIKE A POSTCARD FROM THE PAST. DIXON / TAMPICO [TAM-PEE-KOE] / EUREKA COLLEGE / WHO RADIO, DES MOINES. RONALD REAGAN CAME FROM THE HEART OF AMERICA -- GEOGRAPHICALLY, AND CULTURALLY. / NOT EVEN A BULLET FROM THE GUN OF A WOULD-BE ASSASSIN COULD STAY HIS SPIRIT.

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ON THAT TERRIBLE DAY IN MARCH 1981, HE LOOKED AT THE DOCTORS IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND SAID, "I HOPE YOU'RE ALL REPUBLICANS." // REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS, HIS COURAGE AND HUMOR MADE ALL OF US PROUD -- PROUD TO BE AMERICANS. //

FOR EIGHT YEARS, I WAS PROUD TO BE RONALD REAGAN'S VICE-PRESIDENT.

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I SAW A MAN WHO WAS THOUGHTFUL AND SENTIMENTAL / SENDING MONEY TO STRANGERS WHOSE STORIES TOUCHED HIM / WRITING LETTERS ON YELLOW LEGAL PAPER -- ASKING THEN THAT THEY BE RETYPED -- BECAUSE HE WANTED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE RECIPIENTS TO READ. //

AS PRESIDENT, RONALD REAGAN WAS UNMOVED BY THE VAGARIES OF INTELLECTUAL FASHION. HE TREASURED VALUES THAT ENDURE. /

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I SPEAK OF PATRIOTISM AND CIVILITY AND GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS -- VALUES ETCHED IN THE AMERICAN CHARACTER. // ONCE, ASKED WHOM HE MOST ADMIRERD IN HISTORY, HE ANSWERED, "THE MAN FROM GALILEE." / MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR FAITH IN WHAT IS TRUE, AND GOOD, HELPED REAFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. //

RONALD REAGAN BELIEVED IN RETURNING POWER TO THE PEOPLE. SO HE HELPED THE PRIVATE SECTOR CREATE MORE THAN 16 MILLION NEW JOBS. //

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HE SOUGHT TO ENLARGE OPPORTUNITY, NOT GOVERNMENT. / SO RONALD REAGAN LOWERED TAXES AND SPENDING, CUT INFLATION, AND HELPED CREATE THE LONGEST PEACETIME BOOM IN AMERICAN HISTORY. // HOW IRONIC THAT THE OLDEST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD PROVE AS YOUNG AS THE AMERICAN SPIRIT. /

HERE -- AS IN WASHINGTON -- HE WAS AIDED BY THE TRUE LOVE OF HIS LIFE.

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AS FIRST LADY, NANCY REAGAN CHAMPIONED THE FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM, AND HEIGHTENED BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. SHE REFURBISHED THE WHITE HOUSE WITH THE DIGNITY THAT IS HER LEGACY. ((AND SHE SURE LEFT US A NICE COZY PLACE TO LIVE IN.)) TO THE SCOURGE OF DRUGS, SHE URGED AMERICA'S CHILDREN TO "JUST SAY NO." NANCY, ALL AMERICANS SALUTE YOU FOR THIS. //

THIS BRINGS ME, FINALLY, TO HOW RONALD REAGAN WAS A GLOBAL PROPHET.

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TODAY, THE WORLD IS SAFER BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THAT WE WHO ARE FREE TO LIVE OUR DREAMS, HAVE A DUTY TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO DREAM OF LIVING FREE.

RONALD REAGAN PREDICTED THAT COMMUNISM WOULD LAND IN THE DUST BIN OF HISTORY -- AND HISTORY PROVED HIM RIGHT. // HE KNEW THAT WHEN IT COMES TO NATIONAL DEFENSE, FINISHING SECOND MEANS FINISHING LAST. SO HE PRACTICED WHAT HE PREACHED -- SUPPORTING A STRONG MILITARY AND PIONEERING THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE.

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HIS VISION PAID OFF FOR EVERY AMERICAN IN THE SEA AND SANDS OF THE GULF. AND AMERICA THANKS HIM FOR THAT. // YET RONALD REAGAN BELIEVED, TOO, IN HUMAN BROTHERHOOD. SO HE TRANSCENDED EAST AND WEST TO ENGAGE IN DIPLOMATIC SUMMITRY -- AND ADVANCED THE CAUSE OF PEACE AMONG NATIONS. //

MR. PRESIDENT, HISTORY WILL RECORD THE 1980S WERE NOT ONLY AMONG AMERICA'S FINEST HOURS. THEY BECAME PERHAPS DEMOCRACY'S FINEST ERA. /

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OUR FRIEND -- THE IRON LADY -- AS USUAL, SAID IT BEST. I SPEAK OF MARGARET THATCHER -- YOUR FELLOW LIEGEMAN [LEEJ-MAN] OF LIBERTY.

RECENTLY, SHE SPOKE OF HOW GREAT LEADERS ARE SUMMED UP IN A SENTENCE. QUOTE: "RONALD REAGAN, WON THE COLD WAR WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT. HE HAD A LITTLE HELP -- AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT HE TELLS ME." END QUOTE. LOOKING HERE AT MEN AND WOMEN FROM PRESIDENCIES OF THE LAST THREE DECADES, IT OCCURS TO ME:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 10/25/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 10/28/91 3:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REAGAN LIBRARY-SANTA BARBARA, CA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1991 - 10:00a.m.

SUBJECT:

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 p.m., MONDAY OCTOBER 28, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE: See comments

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

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October 25, 1991  
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31 OCT 25 P5:39

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REAGAN LIBRARY  
SANTA BARBARA, CA.  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1991  
10:00 A.M.

President and Mrs. Reagan. Barbara and I are delighted to be with you. My special greetings to your fellow Californians - - President and Mrs. Nixon, and also President and Mrs. Ford. / Senior members of the Reagan Cabinet. Ladies and gentlemen. //

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((Yesterday, I mentioned to one of my grandkids that I was going to the Reagan Library in California, and he said, "Isn't that a long way to travel to return a book?")) // I said: "I would travel around the world to be in the Simi Valley today." //

(Collectively, I'm glad to get four Presidents and First Ladies together for a simple reason. I am today announcing the first annual "Presidential mixed-doubles tennis tournament.") //

Individually, this morning is even more special to Barbara and me. // Here are three former Presidents -- three former First Ladies -- superb public servants // each a dear and long-time friend. //

We begin with the 37th President of the United States, Richard Nixon, and the woman we know, and love, as Pat. / Mr.

President, you helped achieve a generation of peace by being a true architect of peace. // Here, too, are Betty Ford and America's 38th President, Gerald Ford. / To a son of Michigan, I say: "America is grateful for your leadership -- and your life."

Today, we honor an American Life -- which is the title of his autobiography. Yet his was more than that -- he is an American Original. / He was born on February 6th -- but his heart is pure 4th of July. / Let me put it simply: Ronald Reagan is one of the greatest Americans of all time. //

((With his disarming sense of humor, President Reagan was something refreshingly different in Washington: A politician who was funny on purpose)) / He was also a visionary, a crusader, and a prophet in his time. //

He was a political prophet -- leading the tide toward conservatism. ((People forget that he wasn't always a Republican, he used to be Democrat. But a prominent Republican once took him aside and said, "I see a day when you will switch to our party." / And sure enough, Abraham Lincoln was right.)) //

Next, Ronald Reagan was a Main Street prophet. He understood that America is great because of what we are -- not what we have. // Politics can be hard, uncivil. Unfailingly, Ronald Reagan was strong and gentle. / He ennobled public service. His career was a metaphor for decency. Always, he embodied the American character: What he described in his second Inaugural as "hopeful, big-hearted, idealistic, daring, decent, and fair." // Think of whistlestops which ring unsummoned --

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 retyped -- because he wanted to make it easier for the recipients  
 to read. // Here is another instance of Ronald Reagan's  
 compassion -- again, I return to a decade ago. / One day, still  
 weak from gun-shot wounds, he spilled water from the sink. Soon  
 after, aides came into the room, and tried vainly to find him.  
 He wasn't in bed -- but in the bathroom / on his hands and knees  
 / trying to wipe up the water so the nurse wouldn't get into  
 trouble. How could America not love such a hero? /

From 1981-89, the only people who got into trouble were the  
 enemies of Middle America. Ronald Reagan repudiated these  
 tribunes of intellectual fashion -- endorsing values which are  
always in fashion. / I speak of family and civility and  
 generosity and kindness -- values etched in the Sermon on the  
 Mount. // Once, asked who he most admired in history, he

answered, "The Man from Galilee." / Mr. President, your faith in what is true, and good, helped renew our faith in the New Jerusalem called the United States of America. //

This brings me, next, to how Ronald Reagan was also a national prophet. He didn't merely make the world believe in America. He made Americans believe in themselves. / I remember Inaugural Day of 1981 -- and how the clouds on a gloomy morn gave way as President Reagan began his speech. // He turned the winter of our discontent into a springtime of possibility. What a harbinger of how, under him, America again became, yes, that "shining city on a hill." //

To those who spoke of limits, Ronald Reagan replied that limits mock the American Dream. // He believed in returning power to the people. So Ronald Reagan helped the private sector create more than 19 million new jobs. // He sought to enlarge opportunity, not government. / So Ronald Reagan lowered taxes and spending, which cut inflation, which helped create the longest peacetime boom in American history. //

(You've heard about the so-called Misery Index -- invented, ironically, by those who created misery. When Ronald Reagan entered office, the Misery Index -- the unemployment plus inflation rates -- was 28. When he left office, it was 11.)) // Ronald Reagan knew, too, that our judiciary should interpret, not legislate. So he appointed judges who believed in social justice, not social engineering. // He knew that America was

divinely blessed -- so he urged, as I do, that voluntary prayer be restored to our schools. //

How ironic that the oldest man to be elected President of the United States would prove as young as the American spirit. / ((It's believed that the fountain of youth was born in Florida. I think Ronald Reagan makes a good case for its existence in California.)) // Here -- as in Washington -- he was aided by the true love of his life. As First Lady, Nancy Reagan championed the ~~Foster~~ <sup>G</sup> Grandparents <sup>P</sup> program, and heightened breast cancer awareness. She refurbished the White House with the dignity that was her legacy, and life. // To the scourge of drugs, she urged America's children to "Just say no." / To America's future, she supplied a lyric "yes." // Won't you please stand and let us show how we appreciate what you mean to the United States of America?

Nancy, you know more than anyone: This quintessential Westerner viewed horizons from the perspective of horseback -- and because of his vision, America rides tall in the saddle again. // Not only did he bring optimism to the White House -- that optimism was contagious. Which is why I say: We'll get him on Mt. Rushmore yet. //

This leads me to how, finally, Ronald Reagan was a global prophet. // Some men reflect their times. This man transformed his times. / He often talked of "winning one for the Gipper." The Gipper helped win one for the Holy Grail of freedom. //

Today, the world is safer because Ronald Reagan believed that we who are free to live our dreams, have a duty to support

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those who dream of living free. / He predicted that Communism would land in the dust bin of history -- and history proved him right. / He knew that when it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last. So he pioneered the Strategic Defense Initiative and helped make our military strong and proud again -- and his vision paid off for every American in the sea and sands of the Gulf. // Yet he believed, too, in human brotherhood. So he engaged in diplomatic summitry -- and advanced the cause of peace among Nations. //

Mr. President, history will record the 1980s were not only among America's finest hours. They became perhaps democracy's finest era. / Our friend -- the Iron Lady -- as usual, said it best. I speak of Margaret Thatcher -- your fellow liegeman of liberty. Recently, she spoke of how great leaders are summed up in a sentence. Then Mrs. Thatcher added: "I will sum up the achievements of President Reagan in a sentence, too."

"Ronald Reagan," she said, "won the Cold War without firing a shot. He had a little help -- at least that's what he tells me. But that imperishable achievement will be seen by history as belonging primarily to him." / Mr. President, every fiber of my being agrees with Margaret Thatcher. Go to Gdansk or Budapest. Travel anywhere where those once enslaved now are free. They will tell you: Ronald Reagan is a founding father of the New World Order. //

((I'm not saying these things about Ronald Reagan in case he decides to run for President again in 1996. I say them because

they're true. / Each year he adds another chapter to the story of an amazing American. Each year we say / all together, now / "There he goes again.)) // He was the Great Communicator, and also the Great Liberator. From Normandy to Moscow -- from Berlin to the Oval Office -- no leader since Churchill used words so effectively to help freedom unchain our world. //

Let me close with a story, and a salute. Mr. President, when your favorite President died in 1945, the New York Times wrote, "Men will thank God on their knees, a hundred years from now, that Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House." // It will not take 100 years -- millions do so today -- for us to thank God that you were in the House. You loved America -- knew America. You blessed America as few men ever have. //

You were prophet, and President -- and I want to thank you for your many kindnesses to Barbara and to me. / Now, it is my distinct privilege and honor to introduce the Dutchman / the beloved Gipper / my predecessor / my friend. The 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN  
10-30-91

October 29, 1991

31 OCT 29 P4:56

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: CURT SMITH *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: REAGAN LIBRARY DEDICATION

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, November 4, at 11:00 a.m., you will dedicate the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. Over 5,000 people are expected.

Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan, along with their wives, will attend. This gathering is historically unprecedented.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (12 minutes, on cards) pay tribute to the life and presidency of Ronald Reagan -- both what he accomplished and what he stood for. In addition to plaudits for Nancy Reagan, there are also brief tributes to the other living presidents and First Ladies.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: REAGAN LIBRARY  
SIMI VALLEY, CA.  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1991  
11:00 A.M.

*and Nancy*

President Reagan, Barbara and I are delighted to be with you on the eleventh anniversary of your election as President. //

~~Our dear friend Nancy Reagan.~~ My special greetings to your fellow Californians -- President and Mrs. Nixon, and also President and Mrs. Ford -- and to President and Mrs. Carter. / Senior members of the Reagan Cabinet. Ladies and gentlemen. //

Thank you, Mr. President, for that introduction. And to all of you, for the privilege of helping to dedicate this library of my predecessor and mentor -- the 40th President of the United States. //

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This marks an historic occasion. For the first time, five Presidents and five First Ladies / past and present / have gathered together in the same locale. // Individually, today is even more special to Barbara and me. // Here are four former Presidents -- <sup>and</sup> four <sup>workhorses</sup> former First Ladies -- <sup>dedicated</sup> superb public servants // each part of the American story. //

*April Pres. Carter's son  
in store photo with Mrs. 400*

We begin with the 37th President of the United States, Richard Nixon, and the woman we know, and love, as Pat. / Mr. President, you helped achieve a generation of peace by being a true architect of peace. // Here, too, are Betty Ford and America's 38th President, Gerald Ford. / To a son of Michigan, I say: "We are grateful for your <sup>deceit &</sup> leadership." // Finally, we salute the 39th President, Jimmy Carter, and his wife Rosalynn. America salutes your life-long commitment to human rights. // <sup>and helping others</sup>

Today, we honor an American Life -- which is the title of his autobiography. We also honor an American Original. / Ronald Reagan was born on February 6th -- but his heart is pure 4th of July. /

((With his disarming sense of humor, President Reagan was something refreshingly different in Washington: A politician who was funny on purpose.) <sup>(Mr. President, since you told the</sup>) / He was also a visionary, a crusader, and a prophet in his time. //

He was a political prophet -- leading the tide toward conservatism. ((People forget that he wasn't always a Republican, he used to be Democrat. But a prominent Republican once took him aside and said, "I see a day when you will switch to our party." / And sure enough, Abraham Lincoln was right.) //

Next, Ronald Reagan was a Main Street prophet. He understood that America is great because of what we are -- not what we have. // Politics can be cruel, uncivil. Unfailingly, Ronald Reagan was strong and gentle. / He ennobled public service. He embodied the American character: What he described

in his second Inaugural as "hopeful, big-hearted, idealistic, daring, decent, and fair." //

Think of whistlestops that lift our memory -- like a sirensweet postcard from the past. Dixon / Tampico [Tam-PEE-koe] / Eureka College / WHO Radio, Des Moines. Ronald Reagan came from the heart of America -- geographically, and culturally. / Not even a bullet from the gun of a would-be assassin could stay his spirit. On that terrible day in March 1981, he looked at the doctors in the emergency room and said, "I hope you're all Republicans." // Republicans or Democrats, his courage and humor made all of us proud -- proud to be Americans. //

For eight years, I was proud to be Ronald Reagan's Vice-President. I saw a man who was thoughtful and sentimental / sending money to strangers whose stories touched him / writing letters on yellow legal paper. He then asked that they be retyped -- because he wanted to make it easier for the recipients to read. // Here is another instance of Ronald Reagan's compassion -- again, I return to a decade ago. / One day, still weak from gun-shot wounds, he spilled water from the sink. Soon after, aides came into the room, and tried vainly to find him. He wasn't in bed -- but in the bathroom / on his hands and knees / trying to wipe up the water so the nurse wouldn't get into trouble.

As President, Ronald Reagan was unmoved by the vagaries of intellectual fashion. He treasured values that endure. / I speak of family and civility and generosity and kindness --

values etched in the Sermon on the Mount. // Once, asked whom he most admired in history, he answered, "The Man from Galilee." Mr. President, your faith in what is true, and good, helped renew our faith in the United States of America. //

This brings me, next, to how Ronald Reagan was also a national prophet. He didn't merely make the world believe in America. He made Americans believe in themselves. / I remember Inauguration Day in 1981 -- and how the clouds on a gloomy morn gave way as President Reagan began his speech. // He turned the winter of our discontent into a springtime of possibility. What a harbinger of how, under him, America again became, yes, that "shining city on a hill." //

Ronald Reagan believed in returning power to the people. So he helped the private sector create more than 16 million new jobs. // He sought to enlarge opportunity, not government. / So Ronald Reagan lowered taxes and spending, cut inflation, and helped create the longest peacetime boom in American history. // He knew, too, that our judiciary should interpret, not legislate. so he appointed judges who upheld the Constitution. // He knew that America was divinely blessed -- so he urged, as I do, restoring voluntary prayer to our schools. //

How ironic that the oldest President of the United States would prove as young as the American spirit. / ((It's believed that the fountain of youth was born in Florida. I think Ronald Reagan makes a good case for its existence in California.)) // Here -- as in Washington -- he was aided by the true love of his

life. As First Lady, Nancy Reagan championed the foster grandparents program, and heightened breast cancer awareness. She refurbished the White House with the dignity that is her legacy. *(and she sure left us a nice cozy place to live in)* // To the scourge of drugs, she urged America's children to "Just say no." / ~~To America's future, she supplied a lyric~~  
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Finally, Ronald Reagan was a global prophet. // Today, the world is safer because he believed that we who are free to live our dreams, have a duty to support those who dream of living free. /

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Recently, she spoke of how great leaders are summed up in a sentence. "Ronald Reagan," she said, "won the Cold War without firing a shot. He had a little help -- at least that's what he tells me. But that imperishable achievement will be seen by history as belonging primarily to him." / Go to Gdansk or Budapest or the hills of Nicaragua. Travel anywhere where those once enslaved now are free. They will tell you: Ronald Reagan is a founding father of the New World Order. //

((I'm not saying these things about Ronald Reagan in case he decides to run for President again in <sup>1992</sup>1996. I say them because they're true. / Each year he adds another chapter to the story of an amazing American. Each year we say / all together, now / "There he goes again.")) // He was the Great Communicator, and also the Great Liberator. From Normandy to Moscow -- from Berlin to the Oval Office -- no leader since Churchill used words so effectively to help freedom unchain our world. //

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Let me close with a story, and a salute. Mr. President, when your favorite President died in 1945, the New York Times wrote, "Men will thank God on their knees, a hundred years from now, that Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House." // It will not take 100 years -- millions do so today -- for us to

thank God that you were in that White House. You loved America -  
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You were prophet, and President -- and I want to thank you  
for your many kindnesses to Barbara and to me. / Now, it is my  
distinct privilege and honor to introduce ~~the Dutchman / the~~  
~~Gipper / my predecessor / my friend.~~ The 40th President of the  
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DATE: 10/25/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 10/28/91 3:00pm

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Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 p.m., MONDAY OCTOBER 28, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

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(Collectively, I'm glad to get four Presidents and First Ladies together for a simple reason. I am today announcing the first annual "Presidential mixed-doubles tennis tournament.") //

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~~(You've heard about the so-called Misery Index -- invented, ironically, by those who created misery. When Ronald Reagan entered office, the Misery Index -- the unemployment plus inflation rates -- was 28. When he left office, it was 11.)) //~~  
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