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91 OCT 4 A 8:30 **WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 11/01/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m. Monday 11/04

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: EMBASSY GREETINGS/ROME/FRI. NOV. 8th
(11/01 draft one)

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RESPONSE:

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Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

(Grossman)
November 1, 1991
Draft One
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AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME
FRIDAY, OCT. 8, 1991

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The NSC concurs with the Presidential talking points.


Brent Scowcroft

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