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November 5, 1991
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Vatican

PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: AMERICAN SEMINARY STUDENTS
SALA CLEMENTINA
VATICAN CITY
NOVEMBER 8, 1991

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FRI. NOV. 8th

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RESPONSE: MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

November 4, 1991

The NSC concurs on the Presidential talking points.

See comment on p. 2

BS
Brent Scowcroft

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

01 NOV 1 P2:05

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November 1, 1991
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To suggest that the Church in Iberia was not free would be an affront to Catholics

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per Mark Paolletta/counsel's Office x 7803 - might want to mention Pope's participation in forthcoming Drug and Alcohol Addiction Conference to be held Nov 2nd

RESPONSE:

MASTER

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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 Ext. 2702

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RESPONSE: *minor comments*

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

91 OCT 4 P 1: 40 November 4, 1991

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FROM:

ROGER B. PORTER RBP/JH

SUBJECT:

Presidential Talking Points: American Seminary
Students - Vatican City

We have reviewed the attached presidential talking points and have no suggested comments. We approve the draft talking points in their present form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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RESPONSE: No comment.

Thanks,
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Elizabeth Luttig

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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AM. SEMINARY STUDENTS \ SALA CLEMENTINA, VATICAN CITY
NOVEMBER 8, 1991 \ 1:45 P.M.

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AND IT IS SO GOOD TO BE WITH OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE, TOM MELADY AND HIS WIFE MARGARET. AS YOU KNOW, TOM IS A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR AND BRINGS A TERRIFIC BACKGROUND TO HIS POST.

O BARBARA AND I REMEMBER THE WELCOME THE AMERICAN SEMINARIANS IN ROME GAVE US WHEN WE VISITED IN 1989. WITHOUT ANY PROMPTING THEY SANG "GOD BLESS AMERICA" FOR US. THAT TOUCHED OUR HEARTS IN A WAY WE'LL NEVER FORGET.

O LIVING AND STUDYING HERE IN ROME NOT ONLY ENRICHES YOUR LIFE AND YOUR SPIRIT THROUGH WHAT ROME HAS TO OFFER, BUT I PERCEIVE IT ALSO DEEPENS YOUR LOVE FOR HOME. IT STRENGTHENS YOUR APPRECIATION FOR WHAT AMERICA MEANS.

O HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN PAUL, ONCE AGAIN HAS VERY GENEROUSLY GIVEN TIME TO OFFER ME HIS INSIGHTS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT WORLD CONDITIONS AS WE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY.

O THERE'S BEEN TREMENDOUS CHANGE IN THE WORLD SINCE MY LAST VISIT HERE WITH THE HOLY FATHER TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO. THE IRON CURTAIN HAS FALLEN, AND THE VISION THAT POPE JOHN PAUL ARTICULATED SOON AFTER BECOMING POPE -- OF A FREE AND UNDIVIDED EUROPE -- IS BECOMING A FACT. AFTER SUCH LONG SUFFERING AT THE HANDS OF THE TOTALITARIANS, CHURCHES AND BELIEVERS NOW ARE ENJOYING A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM FROM CENTRAL EUROPE TO SIBERIA.

O I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF HARD WORK, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF FERVENT PRAYER.

O WE NEEDED NOT ONLY STATECRAFT BUT ALSO PRAYER AS WE STRUGGLED IN THE COLD WAR -- AND IT IS CLEAR WE NEED BOTH AS WELL IN WORKING FOR PEACE IN SUCH PLACES AS THE HOLY LAND, AND THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST, AND IN YUGOSLAVIA.

O I KNOW YOUR FUTURE EFFORTS AS LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES WILL BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR AMERICA FOR MANY YEARS TO COME -- SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES IN ITS SPECIAL MISSION TO PROMOTE A WORLD ORDER OF FREEDOM AND PEACE. AGAIN, THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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