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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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(McClure)
No mention of
Korea & Vietnam

Thank you,
Secretary Derwinski and your wife Bonnie (OCA) [other acknowledgements] See Attachment A

On this chilly autumn day, in this hallowed place of honor, we gather to convey our Nation's gratitude for those who risked their lives for the land, the people, and the ideals they loved.

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(When two small Asian countries were threatened with the slavery called communism, another generation of Americans responded with determination and vigor.)

Today, on this Veterans Day, we owe a special debt to the men and women of Desert Storm. They went proudly, willingly, on a mission of high principle and noble purpose: to defeat

1st in Korea, then in Vietnam, two more generations of Americans stepped forward to serve our country.

(GRAY) This sentence ignores the Pacific campaign and may be considered a slight to Oriental-Americans. How about... liberate millions from the chains of in their homelands.

McClure
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ments & list
Wars -- would
be more dramatic
could even
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✓ Don't forget
Japan & China
(Gardner)
two

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(OCA) we pause to honor all Veterans also of the "Desert Storm" generation.

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(DC A)

NOTE: WWII Vets are single largest block of Vets.
Can they be mentioned specifically? yes

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Secretary Derwinski thought that the following ideas should be incorporated into the speech:

- 1) Commemoration of WWII Vets. ✓
- 2) Mention Citizen Armu

General Comment:

The tomb was established in 1921.

24-hour guard not started til '37.

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Attachment A

OCA

NOTE TO SPEECHWRITERS:

An MC will introduce the distinguished guests before Secretary Derwinski introduces the President. The President may, however, want to recognize the following himself.

Major General and Mrs. William Streeter
Victor McCoy, President of Paralyzed Veterans of America
General Colin Powell
Presidents of several veterans service organizations
Members of the Diplomatic community
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MG Streeter and Mr. McCoy will accompany the President at the Tomb of the Unknowns, and will also be on the stage. Paralyzed Veterans of America is sponsoring this years' observance.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW *TS*
FROM: ROBERT SIMON *RS*
SUBJECT: VETERANS DAY AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m., you will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and give brief remarks to an audience of about 1,000 in the Arlington Amphitheater.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (6 minutes, on cards) pay tribute to all veterans, including Desert Storm, and discuss the many trends toward world peace that have developed this year. The final section about the honor guards is based on my conversations with them last weekend.

Acknowledgements include Gen. Colin Powell, Major Gen. William Streeter of the Military District of Washington and Mr. Victor McCoy, president of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, which is sponsoring this year's observance.

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VETERANS DAY \ ARLINGTON CEMETERY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1991 \ 11:45 A.M.

THANK YOU, SECRETARY DERWINSKI. SECRETARY GARRETT;
GEN. POWELL AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS; GEN.
STREETER; MR. MCCOY; FELLOW VETERANS AND CITIZENS: ON
THIS CHILLY AUTUMN DAY, IN THIS HALLOWED PLACE OF
HONOR, WE GATHER TO CONVEY OUR NATION'S GRATITUDE FOR
THOSE WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR THE LAND, THE PEOPLE,
AND THE IDEALS THEY LOVED.

Adm. Kime, CG
Gen Dalley, Asst. Gen. Marine

Mr. John Metzke
Susan Arl.

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AT THE 11TH HOUR OF THE 11TH DAY OF THE 11TH MONTH
OF 1918, THE GUNS FELL SILENT AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR
DREW TO AN END. EVER SINCE, AMERICANS HAVE SET ASIDE
NOVEMBER 11TH TO HONOR OUR VETERANS WHOSE FOOTSTEPS SET
THE PACE OF FREEDOM'S MARCH. FROM OUR FIERY BIRTH IN
1776 TO FREEDOM'S LATEST TRIUMPH IN THE PERSIAN GULF,
AMERICA'S VETERANS HAVE ALWAYS ANSWERED THE CALL AND
GIVEN THEIR ALL WHENEVER TYRANTS AND DESPOTS IMPERILED
FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

Robert Lloyd
M.C.P.O. of CG

Gray Pfingston
C.M.G. Marine
Richard Kidd
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THEY CALLED WORLD WAR I "THE WAR TO END ALL WARS," BUT THAT WAS NOT TO BE. THE EARTH WAS ENGULFED A SECOND TIME, AND AMERICANS OF MY GENERATION ROSE UP AGAIN TO DEFEND THEIR HOMELAND AND LIBERATE TWO CONTINENTS. FIFTY YEARS LATER, THE MEMORIAL TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS IS ALL AROUND US: AN AMERICA STRONG AND PROUD, HER PROUD EXAMPLE LIGHTING THE WAY TO LIBERTY.

YET EVEN WITH THAT WAR'S END, FREEDOM'S WORK WAS NOT COMPLETE. FIRST IN KOREA, THEN IN VIETNAM, TWO MORE GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS RESPONDED WITH DETERMINATION AND VIGOR.

TODAY, ON THIS VETERANS DAY, WE OWE A SPECIAL DEBT TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF DESERT STORM. THEY WENT PROUDLY, WILLINGLY, ON A MISSION OF HIGH PRINCIPLE AND NOBLE PURPOSE: TO DEFEAT AGGRESSION AND DEFEND FREEDOM.

Congress Livingston
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THEY FREED A CAPTIVE NATION, AND SET AMERICA FREE BY
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AND THE TIME IS COMING WHEN THOSE LAST FEW TOTALITARIAN STATES WILL FADE INTO HISTORICAL OBLIVION.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 8, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW ^{TS}

FROM: ROBERT SIMON *RS*

SUBJECT: VETERANS DAY AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY

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I. SUMMARY

On Monday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m., you will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns and give brief remarks to an audience of about 1,000 in the Arlington Amphitheater.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (6 minutes, on cards) pay tribute to all veterans, including Desert Storm, and discuss the many trends toward world peace that have developed this year. The final section about the honor guards is based on my conversations with them last weekend.

Acknowledgements include Gen. Colin Powell, Major Gen. William Streeter of the Military District of Washington and Mr. Victor McCoy, president of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, which is sponsoring this year's observance.

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RESPONSE:

No comment

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

91 NOV 7 P3:43 November 7, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM:


RONALD E. VONLEMBKE

ASSISTANT COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Veterans Day

Pursuant to Phil Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no legal objection. However, on page one, third paragraph, we have provided comments that may be taken into consideration.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

Simon
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RESPONSE:

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*Tony / Bob -
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Thanks J.B.
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RESPONSE:

Good - the beginning is similar to the video actuality which will be broadcast throughout the weekend. We may want to alter it slightly.

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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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Thank you, Secretary Derwinski. [other acknowledgements] See attachment A (OCS)
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we pause to honor all veterans. (OCS)
Today on this Veterans Day, we owe a special debt to the men and women of Desert Storm. They went proudly, willingly, on a mission of high principle and noble purpose: to defeat

aggression and defend freedom. They freed a captive nation, and set America free by renewing our faith in ourselves.

America holds a special place in history. We were the first nation to throw off the yoke of tyranny and live in freedom. In fighting to preserve our own democracy, we have sought to extend the blessings of liberty throughout the world.

The ideals on which ~~we founded~~ ^{(was founded) (OCA)} this great nation now have taken root in new and fertile lands. In the Western Hemisphere, 98 percent of the people now live in democracies. In Africa, ballot boxes overflow as one-man states collapse. Europeans east and west unite in ways never thought possible. Age-old enemies of the Middle East finally sit face-to-face to seek an end to their bitter strife. The former Soviet Union strives to throw off the dead hand of communism. And those last few totalitarian states limp off history's stage toward an unmarked grave.

The United States will always be a force for peace in the world. But the peace we seek is a real peace: the triumph of freedom and prosperity -- not merely the absence of war. We can never know which war will be the last. But we take as our hope the prophesy of Isaiah: that "nation shall not lift sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore."

Yes, we hope, we pray, that as the years progress, the concept of war will recede into our distant memory. But the memory of our veterans -- and their sacrifice -- will never fade.

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Note: WWII Vets are single largest block of Vets. Can they be mentioned specifically? (OCA)

America will not forget. We will not forget those who died, and we will not forget those who do the hard work of freedom every day. \\

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General
Comment:
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For ^{the past 70 years (Veterans)} ~~more than fifty years~~, 24 hours a day, a lone sentinel has kept a silent vigil aside the Tomb of the Unknowns. Recently, one of the outstanding men who guard the Tomb was asked what it is like here at night -- alone -- in the quiet of this place. He said he felt a kinship to the men resting here -- that this was where he wanted to be -- here to honor his comrades and all they represent. "Sometimes," this young PFC said, "the rain streaks in your eyes, or your fingers go numb from the cold. But then I think about what they suffered through, and after that, my duty doesn't seem hard at all."

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Secretary Derwinski thought that the following ideas should be incorporated into the speech:
 1 Commemoration of ~~all veterans~~ WWII Veterans
 2 Mention citizen army

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