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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1991 / 7:30 A.M.**

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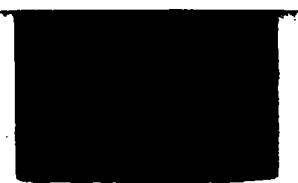
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November 15, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*

SUBJECT: BRIEF REMARKS FOR THANKSGIVING TURKEY PRESENTATION

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Grant/Aarhus
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Thanksgiving Turkey
Presentation

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

11/13/91 4:23 PM

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 p.m., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Windfall of War: Operation Desert Share

When Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf went into battle against Iraq's Saddam Hussein early this year, he wanted 60 days' supplies on the ground, 60 days' supplies moving toward him and 60 days' supplies being prepared, so his troops would never be short of food and other materials.

Now, in an unprecedented move, more than \$300 million in food not used during the brief Gulf war is going to feed the armies of homeless and other needy Americans.

The food giveaway is the brainchild of U.S. General Services Administrator Richard Austin. A former Marine still commissioned in the Illinois National Guard and Reserves, Austin had volunteered for Operation Desert Storm but was not called. Instead, he used his position as the government's chief of supplies to create Operation Desert Share. He gained the support of the Defense Department and the White House in distributing tons of surplus food—the equivalent of 70 million meals—to 42,000 food banks in the Chicago-based Second Harvest network, as well as to various state and federal agencies.

This summer, the first wave of food returning from the Gulf—meat and frozen vegetables—was distributed within three weeks. Later shipments have included ready-to-eat packets and bulk quantities of various foods, as well as dried beans,

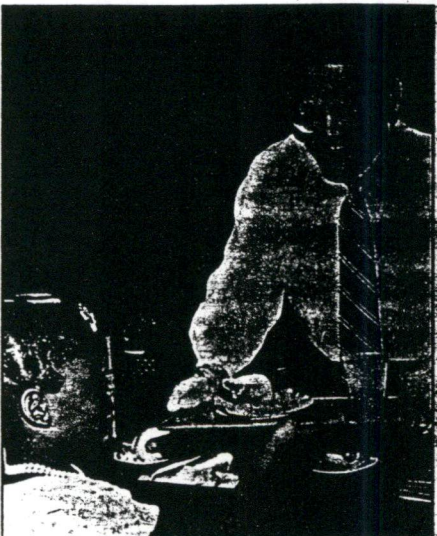
grits and rice. "Very little was lost through spoilage, sitting on the dock or getting lost in transportation," says Austin. What did spoil was sent to hog farmers to be used as feed.

Operation Desert Share also took 27,000 truckloads of food that could have been wasted and gave it to the Kurds in Iraq, to Bangladesh, South America and Ethiopia, according to Austin. Further shipments—at least 5000 containers—are expected to be distributed through the spring.

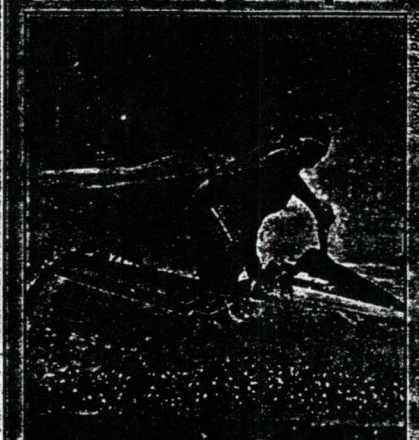
The only thing that could stop Desert Share now would be another war with Saddam Hussein. If that were to happen, says Austin, the GSA would intercept the food and direct it back to the military supply pipeline, where it all started.

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Photo by Dean Abramson



Sports Injuries On the Rise in Japan



Japanese do around on jet skis, among other sports—North Nippon.

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RESPONSE:

MASTER

Now on Friday

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1991 - ROSE GARDEN

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RESPONSE:

No comment

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1991 - ROSE GARDEN

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RESPONSE:

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Just one comment.
Thanks P. 11/14

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RESPONSE: No comment.

Thanks,
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Elizabeth Luttig

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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November 12, 1991

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW
Deputy Assistant to the President for
Communications and Director of Speechwriting

FROM: JANET REHNQUIST *JR*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- Thanksgiving Turkey
Presentation -- Wednesday, November 20, 1991,
Rose Garden

At your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter

cc: Phil Brady

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 NOV 14 P7:52

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RESPONSE:

November 14, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

The NSC staff concurs with the draft presidential remarks.

[Signature]
 Brent Scowcroft

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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RESPONSE:

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 NOV 14 P1:52

DATE: 11/13/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, 11/15/91 4:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: THANKSGIVING TURKEY PRESENTATION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1991 - ROSE GARDEN

SUBJECT: _____

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 p.m., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Good - BT for SR

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

Grant/Aarhus
A:Turkey Draft two
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SUBJECT: Wild Turkey

COMMENTS: _____

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The American wild turkey, abundant when the Europeans settled the eastern seaboard, has become a symbol for the Thanksgiving celebrations of those early pioneers which we commemorate today. As the settlers moved westward, the unregulated hunting and the settlement-building activities of those pioneers altered the turkey's habitat and decimated the wild turkey populations.

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--National Wild Turkey Federation

Nov. 18, 1991