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I am confident that Bill Barr possesses an abundance of every quality that makes a great Attorney General. He is tough; he is fairminded, a man of integrity, of intense dedication. It's true that I've ordered Bill to go all out in fighting crime. But I've left the details to him. It's altogether his idea to try to drive drug dealers out of our neighborhoods by playing his bagpipe. [Laughter] A constitutional question has been raised on that one, violating the eighth amendment, cruel and unusual punishment. [Laughter]

But for 15 years, I've been honored to know this good man. And I've been deeply impressed by his ability, by his love of country and of his profession.

And now it is my honor to present Judge Laurence Silberman, who will administer the oath of office to the 77th Attorney General of the United States.

*Note: The President spoke at 3:42 p.m. in the Great Hall at the Department of Justice. In his remarks, the President referred to: George J. Terwilliger III, Acting Deputy Attorney General; Bishop Thomas Daily, Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, NY; and Judge Laurence J. Silberman, U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Columbia.*

#### Remarks on Signing the National Adoption Week Proclamation November 27, 1991

Excuse the little slight delay here, but may I welcome Chris Smith and others, and certainly Lou Sullivan, who's doing a superb job for this country as Secretary of HHS; Assistant Secretary Barnhart; and I mentioned Representative Smith; and I would consider, looking around, this crowd as all

distinguished guests. And welcome, especially, to those here who truly know the meaning of the holiday we celebrate tomorrow, for those of us whose lives have been touched by adoption realize, I think, quite profoundly, what Thanksgiving is all about.

It gives me particular pleasure to proclaim this our 28th National Adoption Week. Each year more than 50,000 children join new families here in America. Each year tens of thousands of lives are enriched by this act of faith, courage, and generosity. That means not only the lives of children who have finally found the security and belonging they desire, but also the lives of their families and friends, their new families and friends.

During this week we have the chance, the privilege to recognize those who have joined in the effort to find permanent homes for waiting children: The counselors, the social workers, the physicians, the attorneys, the legislators, the volunteers, the employers, media professionals, members of the clergy, and families. During National Adoption Week, perhaps most important of all, we also have the chance to express our admiration for the women who chose life for their unborn child.

Our family knows the value of that choice. Among our 12 grandchildren, as many of you know, are two very special little ones who were adopted. Whenever I see these miracles, if you will, I thank God for the joy that each of them brings to our family every single day.

We must make adoption a higher priority in this Nation. And every level of government and every part of society must promote policies that encourage adoption and make it easier for families who want children and who will give them loving homes.

Right now, over 30,000 children are waiting. They're legally available for adoption, just waiting for homes and hearts to welcome them. Many of them have special needs, but they all have special love to receive and to give.

This week, during the holiday season, and throughout the year, let everyone in this country remember those precious youngsters who wait. Let us renew our determination to help them, to help the American family, to help the strength of this Nation.

Nov. 27 / Administration of George Bush, 1991

So thank you all very much for coming here today. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families. And may God bless you all. And now I'm going to sign this proclamation.

*Note: The President spoke at 11:57 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House. In his remarks, the President referred to Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.*

**Proclamation 6383—National Adoption Week, 1991**  
*November 27, 1991*

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

Adoption is a wonderful act of love, generosity, and lifelong commitment—virtues that have always gone hand in hand with building a family. This week, we acknowledge the many rewards that adoption holds for children, for parents, and for our Nation.

More than 50,000 American children are adopted each year. These youngsters are as eager to give love as they are to gain permanent homes and families of their own. Indeed, any adult who has been blessed with an adopted child or grandchild knows what tremendous affection and joy that youngster brings to the lives of others.

Although the actual process may include moments of anticipation, frustration, and worry, adoption benefits each of the parties involved—including the biological mother who, for whatever reason, cannot keep her child and courageously decides to give him or her the chance to enjoy life in a secure, loving environment. Because strong, loving families are the foundation of stable, caring communities and nations, adoption also enriches our entire country.

Tragically, however, despite the many benefits of adoption, thousands of children continue to wait. Approximately 36,000 children in the United States who are legally available for adoption are living in foster

care or in institutions. Many of these children are characterized as special needs children: older children and children with disabilities, children with siblings who need to be adopted by the same family, or members of a minority group. Regardless of the individual needs they may have, all of these children long for the kind of permanent homes and loving families that most of us have always been able to take for granted.

As a Nation, we have begun to dismantle legal, financial, and attitudinal barriers to adoption. This progress has been made possible, in large part, by the vigorous efforts of concerned public officials, parents, social workers, attorneys, counselors, members of the clergy, and others. However, because every child deserves the special love and support that only a family can provide, we still have much work to do. We must continue to promote public awareness of adoption and to find ways of bringing prospective parents together with the thousands of children who continue to wait. We must also continue to offer encouragement and assistance to those courageous women who, despite the pressures of a crisis pregnancy, reject abortion and choose life for their unborn children.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 207, has designated the week of November 24 through November 30, 1991, as "National Adoption Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

Now, Therefore, I, George Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of November 24 through November 30, 1991, as National Adoption Week. I urge all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 27 day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and sixteenth.

George Bush

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**NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK \ ROOSEVELT ROOM  
NOVEMBER 27, 1991 \ 11:50 A.M.**

**WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT'S GOOD TO SEE SECRETARY SULLIVAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY JO ANNE BARNHART, SENATOR HATCH, REPRESENTATIVE SMITH, AND OUR OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. AND WELCOME, ESPECIALLY, TO THOSE HERE WHO TRULY KNOW THE MEANING OF THE HOLIDAY WE CELEBRATE TOMORROW -- FOR THOSE OF US WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY ADOPTION REALIZE WHAT "THANKSGIVING" IS ALL ABOUT.**

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**IT GIVES ME PARTICULAR PLEASURE TO PROCLAIM THIS OUR 28TH NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK. EACH YEAR MORE THAN 50,000 CHILDREN JOIN NEW FAMILIES HERE IN AMERICA. EACH YEAR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES ARE ENRICHED BY THIS ACT OF FAITH, COURAGE AND GENEROSITY. THAT MEANS NOT ONLY THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE FINALLY FOUND THE SECURITY AND BELONGING THEY DESERVE -- BUT ALSO THE LIVES OF THEIR NEW FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.**

DURING THIS WEEK WE HAVE THE CHANCE -- THE PRIVILEGE -- TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED IN THE EFFORT TO FIND PERMANENT HOMES FOR WAITING CHILDREN -- THE COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, PHYSICIANS, ATTORNEYS, LEGISLATORS, VOLUNTEERS, EMPLOYERS, MEDIA PROFESSIONALS, MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, AND FAMILIES.

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OUR FAMILY KNOWS THE VALUE OF THAT CHOICE. YOU SEE -- AMONG OUR 12 GRANDCHILDREN ARE TWO VERY SPECIAL LITTLE ONES WHO WERE ADOPTED. WHENEVER I SEE THESE MIRACLES, I THANK GOD FOR THE JOY EACH OF THEM HAS BROUGHT TO OUR FAMILY.

WE MUST MAKE ADOPTION A HIGHER PRIORITY IN OUR NATION.

EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT AND EVERY PART OF SOCIETY MUST PROMOTE POLICIES THAT ENCOURAGE ADOPTION AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR FAMILIES WHO WANT CHILDREN AND WHO WILL GIVE THEM LOVING HOMES.

RIGHT NOW, OVER 30,000 CHILDREN ARE WAITING. THEY'RE LEGALLY AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION -- JUST WAITING FOR HOMES AND HEARTS TO WELCOME THEM. MANY OF THEM HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS -- BUT THEY ALL HAVE SPECIAL LOVE, TO RECEIVE AND TO GIVE.

THIS WEEK, DURING THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON, AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, LET EVERYONE IN THIS COUNTRY REMEMBER THOSE PRECIOUS YOUNGSTERS WHO WAIT. LET US RENEW OUR DETERMINATION TO HELP THEM -- TO HELP THE AMERICAN FAMILY -- TO HELP THE STRENGTH OF THIS NATION.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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November 26, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK

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I. SUMMARY

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II. DISCUSSION

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(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
November 26, 1991 5 p.m.  
ADOPTION Draft Two

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**November 27, 1991 11:50 a.m.**  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/26/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: -----

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1991

SUBJECT: ROOSEVELT ROOM

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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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 26, 1991

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INFORMATION

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FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE BH

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 4:00 p.m., TODAY, TUES. NOV. 26, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
November 26, 1991 9 a.m.  
ADOPTION Draft One

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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK**  
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*Rogich*  
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→ What does this mean? Strange  
Connotation to word "FREE".  
(McBride)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           DAVID DEMAREST  
                  TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM:                BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*

SUBJECT:            NATIONAL ADOPTION WEEK

I.    SUMMARY

On Wednesday, November 27, at 11:45 a.m., in the Roosevelt Room, you will deliver remarks (3 minutes, on cards) to approximately 30 people gathered for a proclamation signing ceremony for National Adoption Week.

II.   DISCUSSION

Your remarks highlight the rewards of adoption and encourage future efforts to promote public awareness of adoption and bring prospective parents together with the 30,000 children now waiting for a family.

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
November 26, 1991 5 p.m.  
ADOPTION Draft Two

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**November 27, 1991 11:50 a.m.**  
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RESPONSE:

No comment. Thanks.

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Elizabeth Luttig  
11/26/91

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

From Bobbi K.

McClure  
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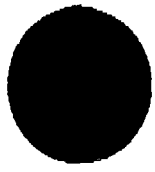
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RESPONSE:

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

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
November 26, 1991 9 a.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Adoption Week

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



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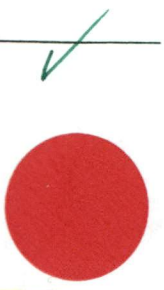
FROM: JANET REHNQUIST *JR*  
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- National Adoption Week

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



**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

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