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Nov. 27 / Administration of George Bush, 1991

**Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the Adjournment of Congress**  
November 27, 1991

Congress has adjourned for the Thanksgiving holiday after making progress in several important areas, but much remains to be done. We still must be sensitive to the need for economic improvement in this country.

When the Congress returns next year, we will engage these issues. The American people deserve a Government that responds to the need for jobs and economic opportunities.

**Text of the Thanksgiving Address to the Nation**  
November 27, 1991

From Camp David, Barbara and I would like to wish all Americans a joyous Thanksgiving. This holiday has always had a special meaning for the Bush family, as it does for most Americans. Thanksgiving captures our spirit as a people: Our determination, our generosity, our industry, and our faith.

Thanksgiving brings to mind the joys of plenty and the anguish of want. As Americans celebrated Thanksgiving in 1777, George Washington and his troops huddled along the banks of the Delaware River. Buffeted by the brutal cold, haunted by British troops massed over the horizon, they stopped to offer humble words of thanks and praise, and to dedicate themselves to the cause of building a land of prosperous liberty. That simple moment helped establish the American character. Our founders' faith and determination transformed this land from a patchwork of colonies into a republic of ideals.

This Thanksgiving, many of us join friends and family around the table; others share time by phoning loved ones far away; and all of us will think of others. In places of worship across the land, people contribute canned goods or turkeys or clothing. They share their blessings with people suffering through tough times. And that's as it should be. Americans always have expressed their thanks by serving others.

Many people wonder how a President understands what goes on outside Washington, especially to people struggling to make ends meet. Of course, statistics paint a sobering picture: Unemployment, tight credit, lower home values, sluggish job growth. But real life speaks far more eloquently than bare numbers. I have traveled to 48 States since becoming President: Talking, meeting people, listening, learning. I will continue traveling around our great country because that's one way a President stays in touch with people.

Recently, many Americans have written me, saying they want me to know and understand that hard times have hurt them. They don't pull any punches. One man, who lost his job in September, described how he and his wife struggle to support two children at home, pay the bills, and keep up their property while he seeks work. "Mr. President," he wrote, "now is the time to come to the aid of the American people. The American people need to know that you mean what you say." A woman, who typed beneath her signature the words, "Average Middle American," was just as blunt. Her husband recently lost his job, and she wrote that "it's pretty thorny out there."

Well, I do understand. I am concerned. And I want to help. I know that for a person out of a job, the unemployment rate is 100 percent.

As a Nation, we need to address today's problems and tomorrow's promise in a new world united in economic competition, not frozen in nuclear conflict.

Over the years we have built a strong foundation for progress in this new, revitalized world. Inflation is down. Interest rates have fallen to the lowest level in years. This year we will export billions of dollars more in goods and services than ever before, and that means good jobs for American men and women.

This doesn't mean that we ought to sit back and hope for the best. We must take strong steps to move ahead. I have asked Congress to pass an important series of initiatives to boost our economy. These include tax incentives to unleash investment, reforms to help our banks do their job, proposals to set loose a revolution in American

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Unfortunately, Congress did not send me a comprehensive package of economic growth measures. But we can't take "no" for an answer.

Now, I know we're about to enter an election year. And I know that both parties will spend a lot of time taking tough shots at one another. In our system of government, the opposition will attack the President aggressively. There is nothing new about this. But when people are hurting, a President cannot accept politics as usual.

Congress left town after a particularly bitter session. We now have a few weeks in which elected officials can cool off and hear from the people they serve. In this time we can build a foundation for greater prosperity. I will continue taking what independent steps I can to help the economy like fighting to create opportunities in foreign markets for American workers. I'll make sure that administration agencies do everything they can to help the people, from getting unemployment checks out to easing the credit crunch. And I will insist that we get the money in our transportation bill out right away to build roads, fix bridges, and create jobs.

When I give the State of the Union speech in January, I will ask Congress to lay aside election-year politics at least long enough to enact a commonsense series of economic growth measures. I will ask politicians to restrain their personal ambitions at least long enough to get the job done. Afterward, the normal election-year battling can resume.

Politicians should remember that hot rhetoric won't fill an empty stomach. It won't create a job. It won't get the people's business done. Americans don't care about finger pointing in Washington, and they certainly have no tolerance for politicians who use tough times for political advantage. So, I will continue to place top priority on the issues you care about: Building a growing economy, world-class schools, and what our founders called "public tranquility," a kinder, gentler Nation rid of crime and

united by bonds of brotherhood and service.

Every day, as I confront the tasks ahead of us, I think of the people we serve: The family struggling to make ends meet; police risking everything to keep peace on the streets. I thank God for our teachers, who must serve as psychologists, doctors, social workers, and peacekeepers before getting a chance to teach the three R's. And I do care about the people who write me letters, especially people in trouble, people out of work.

Finally, I also remember the American people I have seen in every State and on virtually every continent: People who will not take no for an answer, people with a zest for life, people who love their country.

Americans don't ignore tough realities; we tackle them. We don't wallow in self-pity or despair. We shove obstacles aside and make life better. Optimism, opportunity, realism, determination: These are oxygen to us; they let our society live and breathe. America grew strong with the help of the greatest resource on Earth, the American people. As we look ahead, we should be as realistic about our strengths as we are about our problems. Every time I talk with Americans, I see our strength, and I feel all the more determined to do what you elected me to do: Foster growth, keep the peace, and maintain our stature as the world's greatest Nation, the standard by which all other countries measure themselves.

Two years ago, I talked to the Nation on the eve of Thanksgiving about the challenges posed by the collapse of communism. We met those challenges.

One year ago today, Barbara and I stood in the sands of Saudi Arabia, looking into the eyes of the finest men and women this country has ever known. I wondered whether I would have to send those young people into battle. We were a Nation on edge, anxious about what lay ahead in the Persian Gulf. No one knew how it would work out.

But look at what they did, what we did. We pulled together. We fought for principle. We stood up to aggression. And when our men and women returned home, remember how we felt: Proud, excited, confi-

dent, even relieved, all because we knew that we did the right thing.

Today, democracy is on the march around the globe. Nations long enslaved have begun experimenting with liberty, exploring their own promise as free people. America led the way to this new world. We met the test of world leadership.

Just as we've met every challenge in the past, we will meet those that confront us today. As we do, let us remember who we are and what we've done. Let's give thanks for our blessings, for our families, and our faith. Let's dedicate ourselves to the hard work this moment demands. Let's pledge to join hands in common purpose.

That's the Thanksgiving spirit, and it has lifted us since the Pilgrims first celebrated it more than three centuries ago. Now let's call upon that spirit today to help those in need. Let's call upon that spirit as we move toward a new year and look forward to a new century.

Thank you. May God bless all of you and our great land, the United States of America.

*Note: The text of the address was issued by the Office of the Press Secretary on November 27, for release on November 28.*

### Points of Light Recognition Program

*The President named the following individuals and institutions as exemplars of his commitment to making community service central to the life and work of every American.*

November 23

*South King County Multi-Service Center Literacy Program, of Federal Way, WA*

November 25

*Operation SHARE, of Phoenix, AZ*

November 26

*Williamsport Students Engaged in Real Volunteer Efforts (WILLSERVE), of Williamsport, PA*

November 27

*Linda McKeegan, of Golden Valley, MN*

November 28

*Connecticut Institute for the Blind Adult Day-care Program, of Windsor, CT*

November 29

*Danny Davey, of Santa Ana, CA*

### Digest of Other White House Announcements

*The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.*

November 24

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the White House from a weekend stay at Camp David, MD.

November 25

The President met at the White House with:

- the Vice President; John H. Sununu, Chief of Staff to the President; Brent Scowcroft, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs; and members of the CIA briefing staff;
- Kirk Fordice, Governor-elect of Mississippi;
- Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Columbus, OH, where he visited the Ft. Hayes Metropolitan Education Center. He then went to the Veterans Memorial Auditorium where he attended a reception with Ohio education leaders.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the White House.

In a ceremony on the State Floor of the Residence, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Luvsandorj Dawagiv (Mongolia), Abul Ahsan (Bangladesh), Pal Tar (Hungary), Alphonse Berns (Luxembourg), Ernst Jaackson (Estonia), Rudi Valentine Webster (Barbados), Yog Prasad Upadhyay (Nepal), and Abdul Rahman bin Fares Al-Khalifa (Bahrain).

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/2/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TUESDAY, 12/3/91

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific  
Honolulu, Hawaii, Sat., Dec. 7, 1991

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PLEASE FORWARD YOUR REMARKS DIRECTLY TO TONY SNOW NO LATER THAN NOON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1991, WITH A COPY TO THIS OFFICE.

THANK YOU.

RESPONSE:

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY  
OF THE PACIFIC  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1991  
6:55 a.m.

[Acknowledgements]

From this sacred ground near the waters of Pearl Harbor, we remember the moment when an ocean we called Pacific erupted in a storm of fire and blood. // We remember a morning when America / -- where some thought isolation meant security / -- awoke wounded and reeling, plunged into a desperate fight for world freedom. //

I remember the crackle of the radio and the voice of our President. "We are going to win the war," FDR told us, "and we are going to win the peace that follows." //

We won the war and we secured the peace because American men and women responded bravely and instinctively to their nation's call. The men and women of Pearl Harbor awoke one sunny morning to a world trapped in a tense peace. Within hours, many died, having done what came naturally: to fight for their family and friends, to defend the land they loved. They did not set out to become heroes, but with a heartbreakingly natural unselfishness, they did.

When torpedoes crippled the USS California's ammunition hoists, Warrant Officer Thomas Reeves stood in a smoke-filled passageway and organized a human supply chain to move ammunition. He worked with all his might until the smoke overcame him. He

died that day aboard the California, and he rests today in this cemetery. // Chief Boatswain Edwin Hill of the USS Nevada swam during the attack from the dock back to his ship, ignoring the bombs falling around him. He too died in the attack and rests here. //

The Bible says love is stronger than death. These rows of marble markers whisper that truth to all who dare to listen. //

I remember Ernie Pyle. The greatest of war correspondents, he fell to enemy machine gun fire on Ie Shima. He lies here at Punchbowl among the GIs he loved and honored so well. / His plain-spoken news dispatches from the fronts reminded us that behind the battle statistics were true-life stories of how boys became men and men became heroes. He told us what was happening in the war -- how our men were fighting. And by relating the deeds of our servicemen to their home towns and neighborhoods, he helped us understand why we were fighting -- how our men at arms defended with all their hearts America's deepest ideals.

Honest reporters like Ernie Pyle did not caricature our foes. Neither did they shrink from telling the horrible truth about the Hitler and Tojo regimes' war crimes and atrocities. // Correspondents like these -- and statesmen such as Roosevelt and Stimson; Eisenhower and MacArthur -- helped us understand we were not at war with nations or races. Our servicemen were fighting dictators and aggressors to preserve America's free way of life. They struggled and sacrificed in the hope that the blessings of liberty some day might extend to all peoples. ///

Our cause was just and honorable, but not every American action was fully fair. This ground embraces many American veterans whose love of country was put to test unfairly by our own authorities. These and other natural-born American citizens faced wartime internment because their ancestors were Japanese. Here lie valiant servicemen of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and of the Military Intelligence Service -- Americans of Japanese ancestry who fought to defeat the Axis in Europe and in the Pacific. Among these is the late Senator Spark Matsunaga, a combat hero and survivor who went on to help lead postwar Hawaii to American statehood. //

I remember sharing danger and friendship in these skies and on this ocean. Some of my closest buddies never came home: Ted White and Jack Delaney, my crewmen who died when our plane was shot down; and Jim Wykes, my roommate aboard the carrier San Jacinto. Their names, and those of more than 18,000 other World War II servicemen lost in action in the Pacific, are engraved on the walls of this beautiful memorial.

During every passage of my life, I've often thought of those who never returned. Some left children behind, and today those children, like my own kids, are raising children of their own. // And thank God, each surviving generation has honored the memory of our heroes of the Second World War. Each new generation has risen to meet the challenge of winning the peace.

After vanquishing the dictators of Japan, Germany, and Italy, America's war generation helped those countries rebuild

and grow strong in the habits of democracy and free enterprise. They affirmed again that our quarrel had not been with races or nations. The American victors welcomed the new leaders of Japan, Germany and Italy into alliances that won the Cold War and helped prevent a third World War. America and our wartime allies joined hands with the liberated peoples of our former foes to create and nurture international organizations aimed at protecting human rights and collective security.

Winning the peace, then as now, demands preparedness. The cause of harmony among nations -- is not a call for pacifism. We avoided a third World War because we were prepared to defend the Free World against aggressors. The Pearl Harbor generation saw its sons go to Korea and Vietnam to resist communism, and its grandchildren to the Persian Gulf to reverse Saddam's aggression against Kuwait. How fitting it is that this great cemetery holds so many who died for the cause of Korean and Vietnamese freedom. How honored we are to stand on this ground, consecrated with the remains of Marine Lance Corporal Frank Allen of Hawaii, who gave his life 10 months ago in the battle to free Kuwait.

Every soldier and sailor and airman buried here offered his life so that others might be free. Not one of them died in vain. Our fighting men of Korea and Vietnam -- whose sacrifices too often have been forgotten or reviled -- are nearing their day of greatest vindication. For I have confidence that the tragedy of totalitarianism has entered its final scene -- everywhere on this earth.

This morning's sun will course the Pacific skies and illuminate the lands of Asia, from Korea in the north to Indochina in the south. Just as certainly, the movement of human freedom will supplant dictatorships that now hold sway in Pyongyang and Hanoi. Yes, in China, too -- for a billion yearning men and women -- the future means freedom and democracy.

This fair December dawn breaks on a world ready for renewal. A high tide of hope swells for those committed to peace and freedom. The nations pushed by tyrants into war against us half a century ago join us today as free and constructive partners in the effort for peace. The Soviet communists' designs for world domination have collapsed before the Free World's resolve.

We've reached this morning because generation after generation, Americans kept faith with our founders and our heroes. From the snows of Valley Forge, to the fiery seas of Midway and Pearl Harbor, to the sands of Iraq and Kuwait, our bravest men lived and died true to our ideals. They have forced dictatorship to low ebb. They have prepared the way for a world order of unprecedented freedom and cooperation.

Today, as we remember the sacrifices of our countrymen -- of our brave, beloved dead -- I ask all Americans to join me in a prayer: Lord, give our rising generations the wisdom to cherish their freedom and security as hard-won treasures. Lord, give them the same courage that pulsed in the blood of their fathers.

May God bless you, and the United States of America.

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Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., TODAY, WED. NOV. 27, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE: As before, I strongly object to the language at the top of p.3. Saying things are "not wonderful" is simply out of touch. Two possibilities:  
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 2) change wonderful to OK.

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M. J. [Signature]

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PRESIDENTIAL THANKSGIVING ADDRESS  
CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND  
7 P.M.

Hello. Today from Camp David, Barbara and I would like to wish all Americans a joyous Thanksgiving. This holiday has always had a special meaning for the Bush family, as it does for most Americans. Thanksgiving captures our spirit as a people: our determination, our generosity, our industry, and our faith.

Thanksgiving brings to mind the joys of plenty and the anguish of want. As Americans celebrated Thanksgiving in 1777, George Washington and his troops huddled along the banks of the Delaware River. Buffeted by the brutal cold, haunted by the British troops massed over the horizon, they stopped to offer up humble words of thanks and praise, and to dedicate themselves to the cause of building a land of prosperous liberty. That simple moment helped establish the American character. Faith and belief transformed our land from a patchwork of colonies into a Republic of ideals.

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times. And that's as it should be. Americans always have expressed their thanks by serving others.

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Recently, people have written me by the hundreds, saying they want me to know and understand that hard times have hurt them. They also want to say that they still believe in themselves, and in their country. [letter quote, conversation insert]

As we think about our lives, we need to address today's problems and tomorrow's promise. We need to think of ourselves as Pilgrims to a new era and a new world. American ideals crushed tyranny and communism. They helped create a world united in economic competition and cooperation -- not frozen in a nuclear stand-off.

Over the years we have built a strong foundation for progress in this new age. Inflation is down. Interest rates have fallen to the lowest level in years. We will export billions of dollars more in goods and services this year than ever before -- and that means jobs, good jobs, for American men and women.

This doesn't mean that everything is wonderful. It isn't. Nor does it mean that we ought to rest on our laurels and trust everything to work out. We must take strong steps to move ahead. As President, I have asked Congress to pass initiatives that would boost our economy and let American do more, produce more, dream more, dare more.

But I can do some things without having to wait for Congressional action, and I have. I have taken measures to ease the credit crunch, trying to help banks make sound loans to people who can produce, and who can create jobs.

I will travel soon to Asia, and push to open the markets of South Korea and Japan to American products and services. Asia is our fastest growing export market, and exports remain the strongest sector of our economy. More open markets mean new opportunities for American businesses -- and good jobs for more American workers.

Now, I know we're about to enter an election year. And I know that both parties will spend a lot of time taking tough shots at one another. In our system of government, the opposition will attack the President aggressively. There is nothing new about this. But when people suffer, a President must find ways to get the job done.

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But for now, we must remember that hot rhetoric won't fill an empty stomach. It won't create a job. It won't kick drug dealers out of neighborhoods. And it won't solve people's problems at work and at home.

Americans don't care about finger-pointing in Washington, and they certainly have no tolerance for politicians who use people's suffering for political advantage. I hear you, and I know that you want Washington to listen and act. And as long as I am President, I will place top priority on building a growing economy, world-class schools, and what our founders called "public tranquility" -- a kinder, gentler nation rid of crime and united by bonds of brotherhood and service.

Every day, I think about the tasks ahead of us, and I think of the real people we serve. I think about the family struggling to make ends meet, to feed and educate children. I think about teachers who must serve as psychologist, doctor, social worker, peacekeeper and bureaucrat -- before they can teach the three Rs. I think about the unemployed workers -- people like the friends

and neighbors of [letter writer]. I know that for these people, the unemployment rate is 100 percent.

And I think about the American people I have seen in every state and on virtually every continent: People who will not take no for an answer, people with a zest for life; people who love their country because it produces people like them.

Our people don't ignore tough realities; we tackle them. We don't wallow in self-pity or despair; we shove obstacles aside and make life better. Optimism, opportunity, realism, determination: These are our oxygen; the stuff that lets our society live and breathe. America grew strong with the help of the greatest resource on earth, the American people. And as we face tough times, we should be as realistic about our strengths as we are about our problems. Every time I talk with Americans, I see our strength -- and I feel all the more determined to do what the people elected me to do: to lead, to foster growth, to maintain the peace, and to maintain our stature as the world's greatest nation -- the standard by which all other countries measure their prosperity, their peace, their spirit.

Tonight, on the eve of Thanksgiving, let us remember who we are and what we have done. Let's give thanks for our blessings. Let's dedicate ourselves to the hard work this moment demands. Let's pledge to set aside partisan bickering and join hands in common purpose.

That's the Thanksgiving spirit. More than three centuries ago, a few hardy pilgrims gathered to celebrate our first

recorded Thanksgiving. Since then, in thousands of towns and in thousands of ways, Americans through sweat and faith have built a spirit of joyous determination. Let's call upon that spirit as we move toward a new year -- and look forward to a new Century.

Thank you. May God bless all of you -- and our great land, the United States of America.

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November 27, 1991

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CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND

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Thanksgiving brings to mind the joys of plenty and the anguish of want. As Americans celebrated Thanksgiving in 1777, George Washington and his troops huddled along the banks of the Delaware River. Buffeted by the brutal cold, haunted by British troops massed over the horizon, they stopped to offer humble words of thanks and praise, and to dedicate themselves to the cause of building a land of prosperous liberty. That simple moment helped establish the American character. Our founders' faith and determination transformed this land from a patchwork of colonies into a Republic of ideals.

This Thanksgiving, many of us join friends and family around the table; others share time by phoning loved ones far away; and all of us will think of others. In places of worship across the land, people contribute canned goods or turkeys or clothing. They share their blessings with people suffering through tough times. And that's as it should be. Americans always have expressed their thanks by serving others.

Many people wonder how a President understands what goes on outside Washington -- especially to people struggling to make ends meet. Of course, statistics paint a sobering picture: unemployment, tight credit, lower home values, sluggish job growth. But real life speaks far more eloquently than bare numbers. I have traveled to 48 states since becoming President: talking, meeting people, listening, learning. I will continue traveling around our great country because that's one way a President stays in touch with people.

Recently, many Americans have written me, saying they want me to know and understand that hard times have hurt them. They don't pull any punches. One man, who lost his job in September, described how he and his wife struggle to support two children at home, pay the bills and keep up their property while he seeks work. "Mr. President," he wrote, "now is the time to come to the aid of the American people .... The American people need to know that you mean what you say." A woman, who typed beneath her signature the words, "Average Middle American," was just as blunt. Her husband recently lost his job, and she wrote that "it's pretty thorny out there."

Well, I do understand. I am concerned. And I want to help. I know that for a person out of a job, the unemployment rate is 100 percent.

As a nation, we need to address today's problems and tomorrow's promise in a new world united in economic competition -- not frozen in nuclear conflict.

Over the years we have built a strong foundation for progress in this new, revitalized world. Inflation is down. Interest rates have fallen to the lowest level in years. This year we will export billions of dollars more in goods and services than ever before -- and that means good jobs for American men and women.

This doesn't mean that we ought to sit back and hope for the best. We must take strong steps to move ahead. I have asked Congress to pass an important series of initiatives to boost our economy. These include tax incentives to unleash investment, reforms to help our banks do their job, proposals to set loose a revolution in American education, initiatives to keep health care costs down. Taken together, these proposals would let Americans do more, produce more, dream more, dare more. They would create more jobs, good jobs, for American workers.

Unfortunately, Congress did not send me a comprehensive package of economic growth measures. But we can't take "no" for an answer.

Now, I know we're about to enter an election year. And I know that both parties will spend a lot of time taking tough shots at one another. In our system of government, the opposition will attack the President aggressively. There is nothing new about this. But when people are hurting, a President cannot accept politics as usual.

Congress left town after a particularly bitter session. We now have a few weeks in which elected officials can cool off and

hear from the people they serve. In this time we can build a foundation for greater prosperity. I will continue taking what independent steps I can to help the economy -- like fighting to create opportunities -- jobs -- in foreign markets for American workers. I'll make sure that administration agencies do everything they can to help the people, from getting unemployment checks out to easing the credit crunch. And I will insist that we get the money in our transportation bill out right away -- build roads, fix bridges -- and create jobs.

When I give the State of the Union Speech in January, I will ask Congress to lay aside election-year politics at least long enough to enact a common-sense series of economic growth measures. I will ask politicians to restrain their personal ambitions at least long enough to get the job done. Afterward, the normal election-year battling can resume.

Politicians should remember that hot rhetoric won't fill an empty stomach. It won't create a job. It won't get the people's business done. Americans don't care about finger-pointing in Washington, and they certainly have no tolerance for politicians who use tough times for political advantage. So I will continue to place top priority on the issues you care about: building a growing economy, world-class schools, and what our founders called "public tranquility" -- a kinder, gentler nation rid of crime and united by bonds of brotherhood and service.

Every day, as I confront the tasks ahead of us, I think of the people we serve -- the family struggling to make ends meet;

police risking everything to keep peace on the streets. I thank God for our teachers, who must serve as psychologists, doctors, social workers and peacekeepers before getting a chance to teach the three Rs. And I do care about the people who write me letters -- especially people in trouble, people out of work.

Finally, I also remember the American people I have seen in every state and on virtually every continent: People who will not take no for an answer, people with a zest for life; people who love their country.

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Two years ago, I talked to the nation on the eve of Thanksgiving about the challenges posed by the collapse of communism. We met those challenges.

One year ago today, Barbara and I stood in the sands of Saudi Arabia, looking into the eyes of the finest men and women

this country has ever known. I wondered whether I would have to send those young people into battle. We were a nation on edge, anxious about what lay ahead in the Persian Gulf. No one knew how it would work out.

But look at what they did -- what we did. We pulled together. We fought for principle. We stood up to aggression. And when our men and women returned home, remember how we felt: proud, excited, confident, even relieved -- all because we knew that we did the right thing.

Today, democracy is on the march around the globe. Nations long enslaved have begun experimenting with liberty, exploring their own promise as free people. America led the way to this new world. We met the test of world leadership.

Just as we've met every challenge in the past, we will meet those that confront us today. As we do, let us remember who we are and what we've done. Let's give thanks for our blessings -- for our families and our faith. Let's dedicate ourselves to the hard work this moment demands. Let's pledge to join hands in common purpose.

That's the Thanksgiving spirit, and it has lifted us since the pilgrims first celebrated it more than three centuries ago. Throughout our history, in thousands of towns and in thousands of ways, Americans, through sweat and sacrifice, have built a spirit of hope and joyous determination. Let's call upon that spirit as we move toward a new year -- and look forward to a new Century.

Thank you. May God bless all of you -- and our great land,  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 26, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Thanksgiving Address

I am pleased to provide some brief, and hopefully helpful comments on the President's Thanksgiving Address. I reviewed the speech along with Governor Sununu, during one of the breaks this evening while the Congress was in the midst of trying to decide what to do.

The changes in the third and fourth full paragraphs on page three are straightforward. In the concluding paragraph on page three, we felt the second sentence should read: "While many people -- including me -- would have liked to see constructive action on the economy, we can make good use of these coming weeks to frame an effective next step."

Finally, in the second full paragraph on page four, it is important that we not leave the impression that the President is a passive leader who takes his orders from the people. The third sentence might instead be worded: "And as long as I am President, my touchstone will be what is good for all our people."

There is much good rhetoric in this address. If you have any questions, please let me know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Draft Five  
November 26, 1991

PRESIDENTIAL THANKSGIVING ADDRESS  
CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND  
7 P.M.

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Thanksgiving brings to mind the joys of plenty and the anguish of want. As Americans celebrated their very first national Thanksgiving in 1777, George Washington and his troops huddled along the banks of the Delaware River. Buffeted by the brutal cold, haunted by the British troops massed over the horizon, they stopped to offer up humble words of thanks and praise, and to dedicate themselves to the cause of building a land of prosperous liberty. That simple moment helped establish the American character. Faith and belief transformed our land from a patchwork of colonies into a Republic of ideals.

This Thanksgiving, many of us join friends and family around a table; others share time by phoning loved ones far away; and all of us will think of others. Like many Americans, Barbara and I attended a church service today. At our church, like those in communities across the land, people contribute canned goods or turkeys or clothing. They share their blessings with people

suffering through tough times. Americans always have expressed their thanks by serving others.

Many people wonder how a President understands the pain of deprivation and the pinch of necessity. Of course, statistics paint an sobering picture: high unemployment, tight credit, falling real estate values, sluggish job growth. But real life speaks far more eloquently than bare numbers. People have written me by the dozens, saying they want me to know and understand that hard times have hurt them. They also want to say that they still believe in themselves, and in their country.  
[letter quote, conversation insert]

My duties have taken me to 48 states since becoming President, and I will continue traveling -- talking to people, listening, learning.

We all know that Americans need only an opportunity, a fair chance, to do great and permanent things. Americans just want to be Americans: They relish their independence. They want to build strong families, live on safe streets, send their kids to good schools, and at the end of their days look upon their lives with pride -- proud of what they have left for their children, their children's children, and for generations of Americans to come.

As we think about our lives, we need to address today's problems and tomorrow's promise. We need to think of ourselves as Pilgrims to a new era and a new world. American ideals crushed tyranny and communism. They helped create a world united

in economic competition and cooperation -- not frozen in a nuclear stand-off.

We have built a strong foundation for progress in this new age. We have pushed inflation down. Interest rates have fallen to the lowest level in years. We will export billions of dollars more in goods and services this year than ever before -- and that means jobs, good jobs, for American men and women.

But we must do more. As President, I have asked Congress to pass initiatives that would boost our economy and let American do more, produce more, dream more, dare more.

I have taken independent steps to help where I could. <sup>WE HAVE</sup> I ~~put~~ <sup>TAKEN MEASURES</sup> ~~together a package~~ to ease the credit crunch, trying to help lending institutions make sound loans to people <sup>TO HELP CREATE JOBS.</sup> ~~who can produce.~~

I will travel soon to Asia, and will fight in Australia, Singapore, South Korea and Japan <sup>TO OPEN MARKETS FOR AMERICAN EXPORTS.</sup> ~~for more open and free trade,~~ I <sup>CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF</sup> ~~will fight for~~ American jobs wherever and however I can.

Now, I know we're about to enter an election year. And I know that both parties will spend a lot of time taking tough shots at one another. In our system of government, the opposition will attack the President aggressively. There is nothing new about this. But when people suffer, a President must lay partisanship aside. He must find ways to get the job done.

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November 27, 1991

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PRESIDENTIAL THANKSGIVING ADDRESS  
CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND  
7 P.M.

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At We are in a new historical period whose contours and character are in the process of definition. We have left a clearly defined period -- the Cold War -- behind forever. As we chart our course in this new ~~to~~ era, we must ensure that it is a prosperous, secure, and fair time for all Americans. We have the foundation already; working together, I am confident we can fulfill our dreams.

This doesn't mean that everything is wonderful. It isn't. Nor does it mean that we ought to rest on our laurels and trust everything to work out. We must take strong steps to move ahead. As President, I have asked Congress to pass initiatives that would boost our economy and let American do more, produce more, dream more, dare more.

But I can do some things without having to wait for Congressional action, and I have. I have taken measures to ease the credit crunch, trying to help banks make sound loans to people who can produce, and who can create jobs.

I will travel soon to Asia and push to open the markets of South Korea and Japan to American products and services. Asia is our fastest growing export market, and exports remain the strongest sector of our economy. More open markets mean new opportunities for American businesses -- and good jobs for more American workers.

Now, I know we're about to enter an election year. And I know that both parties will spend a lot of time taking tough shots at one another. In our system of government, the opposition will attack the President aggressively. There is nothing new about this. But when people suffer, a President must find ways to get the job done.

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But for now, we must remember that hot rhetoric won't fill an empty stomach. It won't create a job. It won't kick drug dealers out of neighborhoods. And it won't solve people's problems at work and at home.

Americans don't care about finger-pointing in Washington, and they certainly have no tolerance for politicians who use people's suffering for political advantage. I hear you, and I know that you want Washington to listen and act. And as long as I am President, I will place top priority on building a growing economy, world-class schools, and what our founders called "public tranquility" -- a kinder, gentler nation rid of crime and united by bonds of brotherhood and service.

Every day, I think about the tasks ahead of us, and I think of the real people we serve. I think about the family struggling to make ends meet, to feed and educate children. I think about teachers who must serve as psychologist, doctor, social worker, peacekeeper and bureaucrat -- before they can teach the three Rs. I think about the unemployed workers -- people like the friends

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

31 NOV 27 A 8:30

DATE: 11/27/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m., TODAY 11/2

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CAMP DAVID

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 a.m., TODAY, WED. NOV. 27, 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

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Norman Rockwell's "Freedom From Want"

Rockwell Museum, in Stockbridge, Mass. Mr. Rockwell's "Freedom From Want," which hangs in Stockbridge, evokes an idealized Thanksgiving, perhaps just a bit out of sync with contemporary reality. The oft-reproduced painting has grandma lowering a mountainous bird onto a bountiful table surrounded by happy faces. The carving set rests just inches from grandpa's hand.

To many Americans, this is Thanksgiving as it was meant to be. More important, anthropologists say, it is the Thanksgiving we always try to have. Amy Shuman, a folklore professor at Ohio State University, says Thanksgiving gives Americans a chance to act out, if only for a few hours, mythic ideals of family and hearth—and traditional sex roles. The lack of carving skills is one thing wrong with the picture, and not the only thing.

So while the average household is 2.6 Please Turn to Page A5, Column 1

**HOLIDAY NOTICE**  
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... complex that it may confound millions of eligible taxpayers. Responding to comments on a previous simplification plan, the chairman and 17 panel members have proposed a new bill, to be taken up next year, to overhaul the credit.

The bill would repeal new supplemental benefits for families with a child under a year old and for health insurance; it would expand the basic credit and the benefit for larger families by an equal amount of for-gone tax revenue. Then many families could just write "EITC" on a line on their returns and let the IRS do all the calculations, Ros-tenkowski says.

Senate Finance Chairman Bentsen (D., Texas) also plans to introduce a bill to simplify the earned-income credit.

**BANKS AND COMPANIES** that report to the IRS their interest, dividend and other payments were to begin Friday to withhold a 20% tax from recipients who have popped up twice on IRS lists of faulty Social Security numbers. Now IRS Notice 91-40 delays the start of this so-called backup withholding to Jan. 1, giving taxpayers more time to supply validated numbers.

**WHAT'S THEIR SECRET?** The IRS says 822 taxpayers with adjusted gross income exceeding \$200,000 escaped all federal income tax legally in 1989; 731 didn't pay taxes anywhere in the world. A further 835 filers with such income also would have avoided U.S. tax if it hadn't been for the alternative minimum tax, the IRS figures.

**MICHIGAN EMPLOYERS** must pay a doubled tax for federal unemployment insurance. The rate goes to 1.6% of payrolls from 0.8%, because the state hasn't been able to repay jobless-benefit loans from Uncle Sam. Michigan is the only state in default. The average total federal and state tax goes up \$56 to \$482.50 a year for each employee.

**LOSS CARRYFORWARDS** are restricted by some revenue-hungry states.

Federal and most state laws let corporations carry forward their net operating losses and deduct them from taxable income in future years. But a countertrend may be beginning at the state level, says James P. Sweeney of Arthur Andersen & Co., CPAs. Pennsylvania not only raised corporate tax rates this year but also eliminated the use of loss carryforwards. California suspended for tax years starting in 1991 and 1992 its partial deduction for carryforwards.

Texas enacted a corporate levy that critics call a disguised income tax. A deduction for carryforwards isn't allowed in the first year, 1992, but is supposed to be after then. In New York, Sweeney notes, many companies are required to pay the state's alternative minimum tax, which doesn't allow deductions for carryforwards. For that matter, the calculation of the 20% federal minimum tax permits the deduction of only 90% of a carryforward.

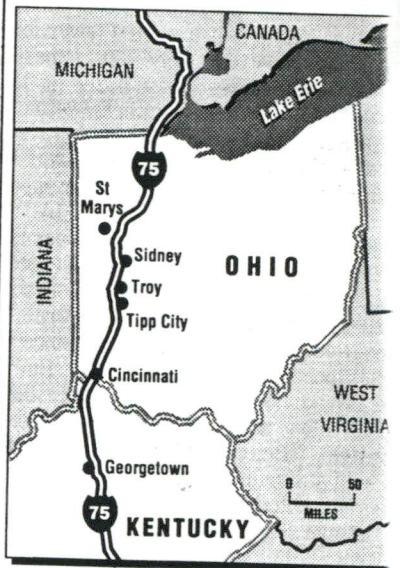
Multistate companies coming out of the recession will have to plan carefully for state taxes, Sweeney declares.

**BRIEFS:** The number of cash-sales reports jumped to almost 60,000 in fiscal 1991

"The vast majority [of these suits] from complaints by white-collar ma over the way they were treated an aged," says John Gillespie, a Ja American relations specialist at Consulting Group in Redwood City

While the Japanese have learn "some things don't transplant very Mr. Gillespie says, they haven't gured out which models they shoul in managing across cultures. The is adds, is "perhaps the most urgen lence facing Japanese multination the 1990s" as they expand their pr in North America and Europe.

**Japan in the Heartland**  
Already, that presence is mushroo Japan's direct investment in the U.S. approaches \$85 billion. Much of th been spent rebuilding America's ind heartland. Japanese-owned facilit. Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ke and Tennessee include 39 steel mills rubber and tire factories, seven a ssembly plants and 250 auto-parts sup accounting for about 100,000 manufac jobs, according to Richard Florida o



negie Mellon University and Martin I ney of the University of California Davis. Nationwide, more than 350 Americans work for Japanese compa in either the service or manufacturing tors, and that number could double by end of the decade.

Ohio is second only to California site for Japanese manufacturing. In do of small towns spanning a 100-mile str of Interstate 75 north of Cincinnati, Ja nese procedures and processes have ta hold. Factories now occupy land that cornfields only two years ago.

Workers, called "associates" or "te members," labor in pristine, largely i union plants. They do morning exerci clad in company uniforms, and prac kaizen, a philosophy aimed at continu improving products and production.

**TVs, Computers and Robots**  
In the town of Troy along I-75, dub the "Tokyo expressway," Matsushita E lectronics Corp. operates its single mo at mated plant, minting 5,000 color televis picture tubes a day and exporting com

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Additional Cabinet Affairs comments. Thanks.

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RESPONSE: November 27, 1991  
MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

The NSC staff concurs with the draft presidential address as amended.

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PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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