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**"CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON" \ PENSION BUILDING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1991 \ 6:00 P.M.**

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HELP A STRANGER AS A POINT OF LIGHT; MAKE SURE THAT EVERY CHILD KNOWS THAT SOMEONE LOVES THEM. THE ONLY CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT EVER REALLY MATTERED WAS GIVEN THAT VERY FIRST CHRISTMAS: THE GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE \ BORN HERE ON EARTH.

THESE NEXT FEW DAYS, FAMILIES WILL REUNITE \ FOOD WILL BE PREPARED \ WARM FIRES LIT \ AND WARM EMBRACES SHARED. AS CHRISTMAS ARRIVES EACH YEAR, WE AMERICANS RECALL WITH HUMBLE AWE HOW BLESSED WE ARE AMONG NATIONS.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER US, AND GRANT US PEACE.  
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN  
12/12/91

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1991

31 DEC 11 P6:32

*OK Good!!*  
*CB*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: ROBERT SIMON *RS*

SUBJECT: "CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON" PROGRAM

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The remarks (2 minutes) describe the true meaning of Christmas. In addition to your regular speech cards, you will also be able to use a large-screen teleprompter in the back of the room.

Simon  
Dec. 9, 1991  
Draft 2 (XMAS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: "CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON"  
PENSION BUILDING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1991  
6:00 P.M.

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spirits with the joys of Christmas. \\  
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friends had told her that Santa Claus wasn't real. So to find  
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DATE: 12/12/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: "CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON" PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1991 - 6:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUNUNU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCCLURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ROGICH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>PORTER ROSE</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>SNOW</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

December 11, 1991

31 DEC 11 P6:32

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TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: ROBERT SIMON *RS*

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Simon  
Dec. 19, 1991  
Draft 3 (XMAS)

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: "CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON"  
PENSION BUILDING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1991  
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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 12/9/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: WEDNESDAY, 12/11/91 NOON

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: "CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON"

SUBJECT: PENSION BUILDING - SUNDAY, DEC. 15, 1991 6:00pm

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SUNUNU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCCLURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SCOWCROFT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<del>PETERSMEYER</del>	<del><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></del>	<del><input type="checkbox"/></del>
DARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ROGICH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PORTER ROSE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DEMAREST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCBRIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SNOW	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOLIDAY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*Tony / Bob -  
 One important  
 addition.  
 Thanks  
 [Signature]*

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

Simon  
Dec. 9, 1991  
Draft 2 (XMAS)

1 DEC 9 P 2:30  
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

91 DEC 9 P4:26

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SUBJECT: PENSION BUILDING - SUNDAY, DEC. 15, 1991 6:00pm

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SUNUNU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCCLURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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DARMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PORTER <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ROGICH <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BROMLEY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SMITH <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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GRAY <i>N/C</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Simon  
Dec. 9, 1991  
Draft 2 (XMAS)

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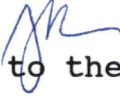


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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
91 DEC 10 P4:02

December 10, 1991

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

FROM: JANET REHNQUIST   
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- "Christmas in Washington"  
Pension Building; Sunday, December 15, 1991

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

DEC 10 A10:05

DATE: 12/9/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: WEDNESDAY, 12/11/91 NOON

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: "CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON"

SUBJECT: PENSION BUILDING - SUNDAY, DEC. 15, 1991 6:00pm

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

*Good S.R.*

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

Simon  
Dec. 9, 1991  
Draft 2 (XMAS)

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Brent Scowcroft

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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