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Dec. 23 / Administration of George Bush, 1991

The Congress, by Public Law 102-177, has designated January 1, 1992, as "National Ellis Island Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

Now, Therefore, I, George Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim January 1, 1992, as National Ellis Island Day. I invite all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of December, 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

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 2:16 p.m., December 23, 1991]

Note: This proclamation was published in the Federal Register on December 26.

### Christmas Address to the Nation December 23, 1991

#### Merry Christmas!

I'd like to offer a special greeting to the men who were held hostage so long, and to their families who never surrendered hope through the long years of isolation and hardship.

These valiant people sustained themselves through faith and friendship, character and courage. They demonstrated the strength of American ideals, character and determination, a strength that inspired the entire world in 1991.

Nineteen ninety-one has been a year of dramatic change and challenge. It was about 1 year ago, in the interest of world peace, that I decided Saddam Hussein's aggression would not stand even if force had to be used. We tried diplomacy and economic embargoes, and then we moved against the brutal dictator and liberated Kuwait.

When our troops returned home, we felt whole, proud of their courage, confident in

ourselves. And that was just the beginning of a momentous year.

Who would have thought 12 months ago, that the Soviet Union as we have known it would no longer exist. Who would have thought that Arabs and Israelis in the Middle East would sit down to discuss ways of forging a permanent peace. And who would have thought that we would see democracy and freedom sweep the globe so dramatically. Who would have thought that American ideals would triumph with such startling suddenness.

In 1991, the impossible became history. And now we must capture that same spirit of belief in ourselves as we overcome hard times at home and build a foundation for lasting prosperity and peace.

And we've already started. Just last week I signed a transportation bill that will put hundreds of thousands of Americans back in good jobs. This year, we unleashed a revolution in education. And I can tell you by the end of this decade, we will have the world's best schools. And our children will lead the next generation to a better future.

And next week I'll travel to Asia to fight for open markets and more opportunities for American workers because exports abroad mean more jobs right here at home. Let there be no mistake, my number one priority is jobs and economic growth. And I'm confident that we will succeed.

Let us remember that American ideals, faith, fellowship, family, freedom, are the values that will shape the world dawning before us. Already, Americans have banded together to help those in need, and that's appropriate for this season of faith. It's also the way Americans are: decent, helpful, full of ambition and hope, united in their devotion to community and family. Thank God for our families.

When I lit our National Christmas Tree in Washington nearly 2 weeks ago, thousands of lights illuminated the towering spruce, thousands of warm beacons transformed the night. Each day we can light the darkness by helping someone in need, working to see that no elderly person goes to bed hungry; that no homeless person spends another night shivering on the streets; that no child sits alone, unloved, unknown.

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*Note: The President recorded this address at 11:45 a.m. in the Blue Room at the White House for broadcast at 2:30 p.m. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this address.*

### Statement on the Resignation of Mikhail Gorbachev as President of the Soviet Union December 25, 1991

Mikhail Gorbachev's resignation as President of the Soviet Union culminates a remarkable era in the history of his country and in its long and often difficult relationship with the United States. As he leaves office, I would like to express publicly and on behalf of the American people my gratitude to him for years of sustained commitment to world peace, and my personal respect for his intellect, vision, and courage.

President Gorbachev is responsible for one of the most important developments of this century, the revolutionary transformation of a totalitarian dictatorship and the liberation of his people from its smothering embrace. His personal commitment to democratic and economic reform through *perestroika* and *glasnost*, a commitment which demanded the highest degree of political and personal ingenuity and courage, permitted the peoples of Russia and other Republics to cast aside decades of dark oppression and put in place the foundations of freedom.

Working with President Reagan, myself, and other allied leaders, President Gorbachev acted boldly and decisively to end the bitter divisions of the cold war and contributed to the remaking of a Europe whole

and free. His and Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's "New Thinking" in foreign affairs permitted the United States and the Soviet Union to move from confrontation to partnership in the search for peace across the globe. Together we negotiated historic reductions in chemical, nuclear, and conventional forces and reduced the risk of a nuclear conflict.

Working together, we helped the people of Eastern Europe win their liberty and the German people their goal of unity in peace and freedom. Our partnership led to unprecedented cooperation in repelling Iraqi aggression in Kuwait, in bringing peace to Nicaragua and Cambodia, and independence to Namibia. And our work continues as we seek a lasting and just peace between Israelis and Arabs in the Middle East and an end to the conflict in Afghanistan.

President Gorbachev's participation in these historic events is his legacy to his country and to the world. This record assures him an honored place in history and, most importantly for the future, establishes a solid basis from which the United States and the West can work in equally constructive ways with his successors.

### Address to the Nation on the Commonwealth of Independent States December 25, 1991

*Good evening, and Merry Christmas to all Americans across our great country.*

During these last few months, you and I have witnessed one of the greatest dramas of the 20th century, the historic and revolutionary transformation of a totalitarian dictatorship, the Soviet Union, and the liberation of its peoples. As we celebrate Christmas, this day of peace and hope, I thought we should take a few minutes to reflect on what these events mean for us as Americans.

For over 40 years, the United States led the West in the struggle against communism and the threat it posed to our most precious values. This struggle shaped the lives of all Americans. It forced all nations to live under the specter of nuclear destruction.

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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December 20, 1991

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           DAVID DEMAREST  
                  TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM:               BETH HINCHLIFFE

SUBJECT:            CHRISTMAS ADDRESS *BH*

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, December 23, 1991, at 11:45 a.m., you will tape your Christmas message to the nations from the Blue Room.

II. DISCUSSION

While acknowledging understanding of current economic problems, your remarks focus on the positive actions that can come out of faith, family, fellowship and friends.

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
December 20, 1991 1 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS.TS Draft Three

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHRISTMAS ADDRESS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1991  
OEOB STUDIO**

Merry Christmas. And a special greeting to the men who were hostages so long and are finally home, and to their families. Through long years of isolation and hardship, these men sustained themselves through faith and friendship; character and courage.

We've seen some unforgettable triumphs for the human spirit these last couple of years. We've seen walls tumble and hearts open to the promise of liberty. We've seen a Cold War give way to the promise of peace. For the first time in 50 years, our children need not live in the dark shadow of a nuclear standoff. Today, let's say a silent prayer that one Christmas we'll be able to celebrate freedom and peace embracing the entire world.

And today, let's also say a prayer for those here at home who need help, so that they might stand proud and self-sufficient again -- Americans given voice by people like Dave Perdue, of Arlington, Texas. I was down in Texas last week. After I got home I heard that Dave had been trying to see me. He's the President of UAW Local 276, at the GM plant. He said: "I would just have pleaded with him to...look around. Just do something."

Well, I'm fighting to strengthen our economy and believe me, I'll do more. I'll do everything in my power to free up the power, the creativity, the potential of the American people. American ideals -- faith, fellowship, family, freedom -- won the

Cold War. I promise you, those values also will shape the new world dawning before us.

Already, Americans have banded together to help those in need, and to build the basis for new hope and prosperity. That's appropriate for this season of faith -- for all religions. But it's also the way Americans are: decent, helpful, full of ambition and hope -- united in their devotion to the values of community and family. Thank God for our families.

Christmas reminds us of the power of one life, of one man who stood for faith, hope and charity -- who declared that "the greatest of these is charity." Charity -- the joy of helping others, that's the theme of this year's National Christmas Tree pageant.

When I lit that tree in Washington nearly two weeks ago, thousands of sparkling lights illuminated the dark, tall spruce and transformed the night. They turned the cold darkness into warm light. They served as bright shining reminders that this nation believes in the ideal of charity -- that Americans have always been good, generous and kind.

Each day we can dispel a little darkness by helping someone in need. Each of us can be a Point of Light by working to see that no elderly person goes to bed hungry; that no homeless person spends another despairing night on the streets; and above all, to see that no child sits alone and unloved. Every child deserves to have someone who knows his name. // We can carry our light into the darkness by working hard, by doing the best we

can, by building a foundation for our children's futures.

When history remembers Christmas 1991, let it remember that together we promised to bring God's light to our brothers and sisters in need. And let history remember that on Christmas 1991, this nation united to ask God for peace on earth, good will to all. God bless you, and may your Christmas be bright with love.

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*1991 has been a year of dramatic change - challenging*  
~~But last~~ One year ago, I had to wrestle with the possibility of sending Americans to the battlefield against Saddam Hussein. *in the interest of world peace I decided*  
~~that Saddam Hussein's aggression would not stand~~ Many people wanted me to play it safe, to ignore America's role *even if force had to be used. We find diplomats & economic embargos - and then we moved against* as the leader of the free world. But when Saddam taunted us and mocked our ideals, we proved that we take our word seriously. We *the brutal dictator could* ~~said we'd~~ liberate Kuwait. ~~With the help of a multinational force, we did.~~

When our troops returned home, we felt whole -- proud of ~~our~~ *them* courage; ~~strong in our leadership,~~ confident in ourselves. And that was just the beginning of a momentous year.

Who would have thought twelve months ago that the Soviet Union would no longer exist? Who would have thought that Arabs and Jews in the Middle East would sit down to discuss ways of forging a permanent peace? Who would have thought that we could

establish relations with our old Vietnam-era enemies, Cambodia and Vietnam? Who would have thought that American ideals would triumph with such startling suddenness?

In 1991, the impossible became history. Now, we must wrestle with our victory. We must overcome hard times at home - - and build a foundation for lasting prosperity and peace.

Last week, I signed a transportation bill that will put hundreds of thousands of Americans back in good jobs. I talked to some of the men and women helped by this law. They're like most Americans -- proud, industrious, eager to do good work.

But my efforts won't stop there. This year, we unleashed a revolution in education, a challenge to create the best elementary and secondary schools in the world. Already, more than half the states have taken up the challenge posed by our America 2000 education strategy. I can tell you, by the end of this decade, we will have the world's best schools -- and our children will lead the next generation to a better future.

Next week, I'll travel to Asia. I'll fight to open markets and opportunities for American workers. The stakes are very real. This year we exported more than ever before, and that means good jobs at good wages for American men and women.

At home, let us remember that American ideals -- faith, fellowship, family, freedom -- won the Cold War. These values will shape the world dawning before us.

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And thank God for our faith in ourselves and our ideals. Christmas reminds us of the man who conquered death -- who stood for faith, hope and charity -- and declared that "the greatest of these is charity." Charity -- that's the theme of this year's National Christmas Tree pageant.

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We can carry our light into the darkness by working hard and doing the best we can. Americans have the talent and power to do anything. So let's dedicate ourselves to achieving our dreams.

When history remembers Christmas 1991, let it remember that we promised to bring God's light to our brothers and sisters in need. Let it record that on Christmas 1991, this nation united to ask God for peace on earth, good will to all. Let it record that a new age of goodness and hope began here -- and now.

God bless you, and may your Christmas be bright with love.

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To POTUS  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1991

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(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
December 23, 1991 1 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS.TS Draft Four

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHRISTMAS ADDRESS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1991  
OEOB STUDIO**

Merry Christmas. I'd like to offer a special greeting to the men who were held hostages so long, and to their families, who never surrendered hope through the long years of isolation and hardship.

These valiant people sustained themselves through faith and friendship; character and courage. They demonstrated the strength of American ideals, character, and determination -- a strength that inspired the entire world in 1991.

One year ago, I had to wrestle with the possibility of sending Americans to the battlefield against Saddam Hussein. Many people wanted me to play it safe, to ignore America's role as the leader of the free world. But when Saddam taunted us and mocked our ideals, we proved that we take our word seriously. We said we'd liberate Kuwait. With the help of a multinational force, we did.

When our troops returned home, we felt whole -- proud of our courage; strong in our leadership; confident in ourselves. And that was just the beginning of a momentous year.

Who would have thought twelve months ago that the Soviet Union would no longer exist? Who would have thought that Arabs and Jews in the Middle East would sit down to discuss ways of forging a permanent peace? Who would have thought that we could

establish relations with our old Vietnam-era enemies, Cambodia and Vietnam? Who would have thought that American ideals would triumph with such startling suddenness?

In 1991, the impossible became history. Now, we must wrestle with our victory. We must overcome hard times at home - - and build a foundation for lasting prosperity and peace.

Last week, I signed a transportation bill that will put hundreds of thousands of Americans back in good jobs. I talked to some of the men and women helped by this law. They're like most Americans -- proud, industrious, eager to do good work.

But my efforts won't stop there. This year, we unleashed a revolution in education, a challenge to create the best elementary and secondary schools in the world. Already, more than half the states have taken up the challenge posed by our America 2000 education strategy. I can tell you, by the end of this decade, we will have the world's best schools -- and our children will lead the next generation to a better future.

Next week, I'll travel to Asia. I'll fight to open markets and opportunities for American workers. The stakes are very real. This year we exported more than ever before, and each <sup>that</sup> billion dollars' worth of manufactured exports means 22,000 good-American jobs. ~~means jobs~~ ~~good jobs~~ ~~for our American~~ ~~means 22,000 good-American jobs.~~ means good jobs at good wages, for Am. men & women

At home, let us remember that American ideals -- faith, fellowship, family, freedom -- won the Cold War. These values will shape the world dawning before us.

Already, Americans have banded together to help those in

need. That's appropriate for this season of faith. It's also the way Americans are: decent, helpful, full of ambition and hope -- united in their devotion to community and family. Thank God for our families.

And thank God for our faith in ourselves and our ideals. Christmas reminds us of the man who conquered death -- who stood for faith, hope and charity -- and declared that "the greatest of these is charity." Charity -- that's the theme of this year's National Christmas Tree pageant.

When I lit our National Christmas Tree in Washington nearly two weeks ago, thousands of lights illuminated the towering spruce; thousands of warm beacons transformed the night. Each day we can light the darkness by helping someone in need -- working to see that no elderly person goes to bed hungry; that no homeless person spends another night shivering on the streets; that no child sits alone, unloved, unknown. //

We can carry our light into the darkness by working hard and doing the best we can. Americans have the talent and power to do anything. So let's dedicate ourselves to achieving our dreams.

When history remembers Christmas 1991, let it remember that we promised to bring God's light to our brothers and sisters in need. Let it record that on Christmas 1991, this nation united to ask God for peace on earth, good will to all. Let it record that a new age of goodness and hope began here -- and now.

God bless you, and may your Christmas be bright with love.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1991

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           DAVID DEMAREST  
                  TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM:               BETH HINCHLIFFE

SUBJECT:            CHRISTMAS ADDRESS *BH*

I. SUMMARY

On Monday, December 23, 1991, at 11:45 a.m., you will tape your Christmas message to the nations from the Blue Room.

II. DISCUSSION

While acknowledging understanding of current economic problems, your remarks focus on the positive actions that can come out of faith, family, fellowship and friends.

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
December 20, 1991 1 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS.TS Draft Three

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

31 DEC 20 P4:11

December 20, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*  
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Christmas Address

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have noted a few suggested changes on the draft.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may help in any other way.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/19/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, 12/20/91 10:00am

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHRISTMAS ADDRESS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1991

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RESPONSE:

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

31 DEC 19 P2:25

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
December 19, 1991 2 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS.TS Draft Two

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FROM A TRIP TO TEXAS

ENERGY

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1991

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RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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Ext. 2702

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(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
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RESPONSE:

OK - a few thoughts

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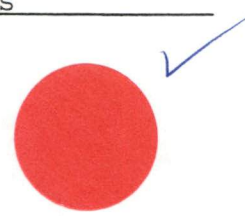
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91 DEC 20 All: 33

DATE: 12/19/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, 12/20/91 10:00am

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHRISTMAS ADDRESS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1991

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RESPONSE:

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

December 20, 1991

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

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

cc: Phillip D. Brady

91 DEC 19 P2:25

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
December 19, 1991 2 p.m.  
CHRISTMAS.TS Draft Two

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RESPONSE:

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

31 DEC 19 P2:25

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
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RESPONSE:

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Ext. 2702

31 DEC 19 P2:25

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RESPONSE:

*No comment. Thanks.  
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Elizabeth Lutting  
12/20/91*

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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Ext. 2702

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Along with our five most recent hostages, I lit that tree in Washington nearly two weeks ago. As the thousands of sparkling lights illuminated that dark, tall spruce -- they transformed the night. They turned the cold darkness into warm light. They served as bright shining reminders that this nation believes in the ideal of charity -- that Americans have always been good, generous and kind.

Each day we can dispel a little darkness by helping someone in need. We can dispel darkness by working to see that no elderly person goes to bed hungry; that no homeless person spends another despairing night on the streets; that no child lacks his

birthright of love. We can carry our own lights into the darkness by working hard, by doing the best work we can, by building a foundation for our children's futures.

When history remembers Christmas 1991, let it remember that together we promised to bring God's light to our brothers and sisters in need. And let history remember that on Christmas 1991, this nation united to ask God for peace on earth, good will to all. God bless you, and may your Christmas be bright with love.

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