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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: CONSULATE STAFF GREETINGS  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1992

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ALL OF YOU, AUSTRALIANS AND AMERICANS ALIKE, ARE ESSENTIAL TO BUILDING THAT FUTURE, AS WE MOVE INTO THE COMING CENTURY.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 12/18/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: THURSDAY, 12/19/91 3:00p

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA - FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1992

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

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SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCCLURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 p.m., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

**- MASTER -**

RESPONSE:

NSC concurs with noted changes

**BOOTLG**

Brent Scowcroft

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Ext. 2702

cc: Phillip Brady

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