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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY \ NEW AMERICAN CHANCERY  
SINGAPORE \ SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1992 \ 3:35 P.M.

THANK YOU AMBASSADOR (ROBERT) ORR. JOSIE ORR. AND  
THANK YOU TO DR. (DON) BERGMAN [SUPERINTENDENT] AND MR.  
(PETER) LARSON [PRINCIPAL] FOR THE USE THE GYM TODAY.  
BARBARA AND I ARE PLEASED TO JOIN YOU TODAY. IT'S A  
DELIGHT TO SEE SO MANY AMERICAN FAMILIES HERE AS WELL  
AS KIDS FROM THE SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL.

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THIS SCHOOL IS WELL KNOWN IN SINGAPORE AND THROUGHOUT  
THE REGION FOR ITS HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS, EXCELLENT  
FACILITIES AND ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS. BY  
PROVIDING THIS KIND OF TOP-QUALITY EDUCATION FOR  
AMERICANS IN SINGAPORE, YOU'RE PLAYING YOUR OWN PART IN  
OUR CRUSADE TO REFORM AND STRENGTHEN THE WHOLE SYSTEM  
OF AMERICAN EDUCATION.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE HERE SERVE TO REMIND US THAT EVERYONE -- AMERICAN AND SINGAPOREAN -- SHARES COMMON HOPES AND DREAMS FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE. A SHINING SYMBOL OF THE THRIVING FUTURE FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICA AND SINGAPORE IS THE NEW CHANCERY BUILDING WE ARE ABOUT TO CONSTRUCT. BECAUSE OF THE RAINY SEASON, I WAS ADVISED NOT TO ATTEMPT A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON THE SITE TODAY. THEREFORE I WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR NEW CHANCERY BUILDING PROJECT.

JOHN RUSKIN, WHO WAS AN ARCHITECT OF SOME DISTINCTION AS WELL AS A NOTED WRITER, ONCE SAID: "WHEN WE BUILD, LET US BUILD FOREVER." WHILE MR. RUSKIN MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THE BRICKS AND MORTAR THAT MAKE BUILDING, THE SAME IS TRUE OF RELATIONSHIPS.

THIS NEW CHANCERY DEMONSTRATES IN CONCRETE, GLASS AND STEEL THAT WE INTEND TO STAY. WE WILL REMAIN ENGAGED IN SINGAPORE.

WE WILL REMAIN ENGAGED IN THIS FAST GROWING REGION. I AM PLEASED THAT SINGAPORE SHARES THIS COMMITMENT; JUST THREE MONTHS AGO THEY BROKE GROUND FOR A NEW CHANCERY IN WASHINGTON.

BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO CONSTRUCT A BUILDING. WE MUST DEEPEN OUR TIES -- BUILD EVEN TIGHTER BONDS OF SHARED INTERESTS AND COMMITMENTS. EVERY WORKING AMERICAN WITH A STAKE IN OUR GLOBAL ECONOMY -- EVERY BUSINESSMAN, EVERY STUDENT -- SHOULD KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS REGION AND THE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITIES IT OFFERS.

THE BENEFIT OF STRONGER TIES BETWEEN AMERICA AND SINGAPORE IS BEST MEASURED NOT THROUGH REVENUES BUT THROUGH CULTURAL ENHANCEMENT. ALL OF YOU GATHERED HERE HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN OPENING THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

I REALIZE THAT MANY OF YOU WILL MOVE ON TO OTHER ASSIGNMENTS BEFORE WE FINISH THIS CHANCERY. BUT LET IT STAND AS A REMINDER OF YOUR HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT.

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ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW IN THE YEARS TO COME AT EMBASSY SINGAPORE: THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

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AND NOW IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS SPADE TO AMBASSADOR ORR FOR USE AT THE FUTURE GROUNDBREAKING OF OUR NEW CHANCERY.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW

FROM: CHRISTINA MARTIN

On Saturday, January 4, you will attend a ground ceremony for the new Chancery in Singapore. This event will be held at the Singapore American School. Your remarks are three minutes in length and will be prepared on speechcards.

Martin\Aarhus  
Dec. 16, 1991  
SINGAPOR  
Draft One

PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY  
NEW AMERICAN CHANCERY  
SINGAPORE  
SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1992

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This new Chancery demonstrates in concrete, glass and steel that we intend to stay. We will remain engaged in Singapore. We will remain engaged in this fast growing region. I am pleased that Singapore shares this commitment; just three months ago they broke ground for a new Chancery in Washington.

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/3/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

91 DEC 3 11:04

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, SINGAPORE

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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

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IF IT WOULD ADD HUMAN INTEREST:

"DOUG PAAL, ON MY STAFF, SERVED IN SINGAPORE A DECADE AGO. HIS TIE TO THIS REPUBLIC IS HIS DAUGHTER VICTORIA, BORN RIGHT HERE AT GLENEAGLES HOSPITAL. (ACROSS STREET FROM CHANCERY SITE)

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

91 DEC 20 8:00

DATE: 12/19/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, 12/20/91 1:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

SUBJECT: NEW AMERICAN CHANCERY - SINGAPORE 1/4/92

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY  
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