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February 20, 1992

**TO: THE TEAM**

**FROM: BETH**

**SUBJECT: REACTION TO SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER DEPARTURE STATEMENT**

Well, I don't think any departure statement will ever make it into an anthology of greatest speeches. This one was fine for the constraints. It emphasized warm relationship of past and present between the two countries (notably omitting any reference to the U.S.-Sweden hockey match). In fairly general terms, it talked of some shared priorities; then ended with the focus on the future. The President seemed comfortable with it (maybe because it was only four minutes), and delivered it well.

The Prime Minister (Carl Bildt) followed with sincere remarks which were also more substantive. For instance, he made reference to our nations' shared stakes in: world free market economy; responding to the challenge of the collapse of the Cold War and shaping the New Europe; efforts in the Baltic; and completion of the Uruguay Round. These specifics made his remarks strong -- if I'd been an objective observer, I would have noted that the President could have benefitted from the addition of similar language. However, as it turns out, that language was originally there in the staffing draft, and was omitted by NSC.

Therefore, if the lesson we are to take from NSC is that departure remarks are to be friendly, open and brief -- then today's speech fulfilled the requirements. But if we're looking at the larger picture, then more specific substance would make the President look better. The ultimate question is -- who is the audience for departure statements?

Needless to say, since members of the press were essentially the only ones present, there was no audience reaction worth evaluating.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST ~~AD~~  
TONY SNOW TS

FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER BILDT DEPARTURE STATEMENT

I. SUMMARY

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Your remarks focus on the steadfast partnership that the United States shares with Sweden and the importance of this bond as Sweden assumes a new role in Europe.

(Hinchliffe/Nix)  
February 18, 1992  
SWEDEN Draft Three

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE OF P.M. BILDT  
SOUTH LAWN  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1992  
1:30 P.M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST  
TONY SNOW *TS*

FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE

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DATE: 2/18/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRIME MINISTER BILDT DEPARTURE STATEMENT  
 THURSDAY, 2/20/92 - 1:30 p.m.

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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

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

02 FEB 18 P12:24

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DATE: 2/13/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9:00 A.M. TUES., 2/18

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE OF P.M. BILDT  
SOUTH LAWN  
THURSDAY, FEB. 20 -- 1:30 P.M.

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward your remarks directly to **Tony Snow** rm 122, Ext. 2930, **NO LATER THAN 9:00 A.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**, with a copy to this office.

Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

*No comment. Thanks.*  
*Paul Korfonta*  
*02/18*

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

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**OFFICE OF CABINET AFFAIRS STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

Date: 02/13

Due By: 6:00 p.m. today, 02/13

Subject: Presidential Remarks: Departure of F.H. Bildt

From: PK

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Comments: 6:00 p.m. today, 02/13.



# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 2/13/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9:00 A.M. TUES., 2/18

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR TONY SNOW

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Departure of P.M. Bildt

Pursuant to Phil Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection to the proposed presidential remarks.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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TO: TONY SNOW:

February 15, 1992

NSC concurs with changes, as noted.

*for Brent Scowcroft*  
 BRENT SCOWCROFT

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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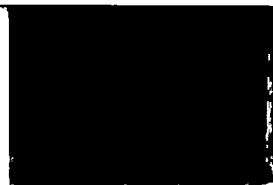
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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Departure of P.M. Bildt

We have reviewed the attached draft and have no suggested changes from a policy standpoint. We approve of the draft remarks in their current form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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**The President.** —about what's happening in Eastern Europe, for example, what's happening in the Baltics, what's happening in Europe itself. And I can tell him that we plan to stay engaged. And no domestic politics is going to dissuade us from that.

Q. What specific roles do you see Sweden—

**The President.** Listen guys, this isn't a press conference. This is what we call a photo op. But I just really wanted to say, with the Swedish journalists here, a warm welcome to this very able Prime Minister. We're just so pleased he's here.

Thank you all very much.

Q. Thank you.

*Note: The exchange began at 11:03 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House.*

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*Note: The President spoke at 1:19 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House.*

**Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on Senate Action on the National Energy Security Act  
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*February 21, 1992*

Thank you for the welcome. May I thank  
Fred Noye and Sam Brunelli and all the oth-  
ers assembled here. This has become an an-  
nual ritual, one that I look forward to very,  
very much. I don't know whether Jack Kemp  
is here—he was going to be—been here. And  
Sam spoke. I have great confidence in both  
of them. But I really want to just come over  
and say a few words, express my greetings  
to all of you.

Thinking of ALEC, I wanted to talk here  
about how you get things done, the key to  
good government. And Americans, I think,  
sensible ones, know that the Federal Govern-  
ment simply cannot do everything and  
shouldn't even try. It could get the job done  
and then let everybody else do his or her  
job. At ALEC, you get things done. And I  
want to help you do what you do best, and  
that is to lead and to innovate.

So, we want to take \$14.7 billion, maybe  
Sam talked to you about this, in Federal pro-  
gram funds and turn them over to the States  
as a block grant. And that way people who  
run the programs can do what works rather  
than following some distant bureaucrat's no-  
tion of what works. We tried it last year;  
didn't get it. We're trying it again this year.  
I hope we can make some headway, even  
though it is an election year.

Another one, welfare reform. Our system  
too often promotes dependency and not

independence. And so we've asked the de-  
partments to go back and the agencies to go  
back and make it easier to obtain the waivers  
that are necessary to institute welfare reform.  
Work Fair's a good example. Learn Fair, like  
they're doing in Wisconsin, is a good exam-  
ple. And the States are innovating. It is their  
responsibility, and we are trying to give them  
the support through waivers. So, I would sug-  
gest where you see hangups on it, let us know  
because we are trying to see that there is  
not bureaucratic opposition to moving for-  
ward with these flexible approaches that re-  
quire waivers.

These reforms create, actually, the most  
important ingredients for success, and that  
is personal power and personal responsibility.  
We're getting more money to States for the  
important things, programs that work. We've  
increased spending on education, on Head  
Start, conservation fund grants, and I'm sure  
Sam mentioned this, transportation. And  
don't think for a minute that we measure  
progress simply in terms of dollars; we do  
not. We measure it by results, and we fund  
these programs because they work. Head  
Start helps us achieve our six educational  
goals. Kids starting school ready to learn—  
this year we funded it so that every 4-year-  
old will have that opportunity.

So, we're moving forward on what we feel  
works. Jack's program, that I'm supporting  
him on and have been trying to get through  
Congress, the HOPE program, H-O-P-E,  
enabling low-income families to own homes.  
And I like HOPE for a simple reason: It is  
a sensible program, and it makes good sense.  
And when you own a home, I think we all  
understand, you own a piece of the commu-  
nity. And you have a dignity and a self-re-  
spect that simply cannot be equaled in any  
other way. You all look at the world dif-  
ferently. You have an interest in improving  
your assets and you have an interest in safer,  
cleaner, better communities. And let me sim-  
ply say, HOPE works.

And this pork-barrel spending—there was  
an amazing article on that in the paper  
today—doesn't, and we've asked Congress to  
eliminate, totally eliminate 246 programs. All  
of them have noble titles. All of them have  
wonderful titles, and all of them have spon-  
sors in Congress. But they are not needed.