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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES
 SUBJECT: OEOB, ROOM 450, MARCH 12, 1992

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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

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March 11, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: ANDY FERGUSON *AF*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES

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(Ferguson/Aarhus)
March 11, 1992
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MARCH 12, 1992
ROOM 450
5:00 PM

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I don't need to tell you that we face a great challenge again today. We're in tough times economically. We owe it to our country to do all in our power to get this economy moving.

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Please forward your comments directly to this office no later than 4:00 pm, TODAY, MARCH 11, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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

(Ferguson/Aarhus)
March 10, 1992
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MARCH 12, 1992 \ ROOM 450 \ 5:00 P.M.**

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LAST YEAR, AS YOU KNOW, I WAS UNABLE TO MEET WITH YOU BECAUSE OF PRESSING BUSINESS IN THE AFTERMATH OF DESERT STORM.

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THAT WAS A TIME OF GREAT TRIUMPH FOR AMERICA, AND I STILL BELIEVE IT HOLDS ENDURING LESSONS FOR HOW WE IN GOVERNMENT CAN GET THINGS DONE.

OUR COUNTRY SAW A CHALLENGE, AND WE MET IT WITH RESOLVE. WE DEBATED THE SUBJECT VIGOROUSLY. OUR DUTY AS AMERICANS DEMANDED NOTHING LESS. BUT WHEN THE TIME CAME TO ACT, WE PUT ASIDE PARTISANSHIP -- WE PUT AN END TO THE SQUABBLING. AND WE GOT THE JOB DONE. WE LIBERATED KUWAIT.

I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU THAT WE FACE A GREAT CHALLENGE AGAIN TODAY. WE'RE IN TOUGH TIMES ECONOMICALLY. WE OWE IT TO OUR COUNTRY TO DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO GET THIS ECONOMY MOVING.

I TAKE THIS MISSION VERY SERIOUSLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S NO MAGIC WAND WE CAN WAVE TO ACCELERATE RECOVERY. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT BY TAKING A FEW COMMON SENSE STEPS -- AND TAKING THEM NOW -- WE CAN STIMULATE INVESTMENT, HELP STRUGGLING BUSINESSES BACK TO THEIR FEET, AND PUT AMERICANS TO WORK.

MY PLAN IS SIMPLE: TO FREE UP INVESTMENT CAPITAL, I'VE ASKED CONGRESS FOR A NEW INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT. I WANT A CUT IN THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX -- TO CREATE JOBS FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR WORK. TO INVIGORATE THE HOUSING INDUSTRY, I'VE ASKED FOR A \$5,000 TAX CREDIT AND PENALTY-FREE WITHDRAWALS FROM IRAS FOR FIRST-TIME HOME-BUYERS.

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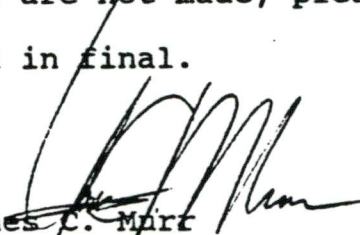
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NOTICE:

Enclosed are comments from staff members of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Such comments do not necessarily represent the official position of the Director of OMB or of the Office of Management and Budget. If you wish to have the Director's personal comments, please let me know -- and contact me if you have any questions.

If our proposed substantive changes are not made, please let us know before the material is prepared in final.


James C. Murr
Associate Director for
Legislative Reference
and Administration

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 Ext. 2702

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Conference of
State Legislators

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

If you have any questions or we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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Memorandum for Speechwriting Staff

From: Dan McGroarty

Regarding: *State legislators*

Please return your comments to Room
122 by:

3pm

Today's Date: MAR 11 1992

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STRYKER MEDICAL CORPORATION
 KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN
 FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1992
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[Acknowledgments]

I'm here to salute an outstanding group of competitors in one of our leading-edge industries. Stryker is celebrated across the nation and around the world for the quality of your products and the excellence of your management. You're leaders in an innovative industry that makes our country proud.

Let me offer a personal note. I'm a grandfather -- and time after time in recent years I've seen modern medical devices work miracles for other grandparents. I've seen grandparents who had been hobbled for years with arthritis. Now they're running and playing again with their grandkids. Those miracles are thanks to the advances your industry has made with artificial joints.

I am proud of how you at Stryker have gone abroad and captured new markets for your high-quality American products. Exports as a portion of your sales have risen steadily and now account for almost one third of all your sales. You have increasing numbers of customers in Canada and Mexico and Europe -- and you're the number one seller of artificial hips in Japan.

Your industry is growing and creating good jobs for Americans because you give as good as you get. The health care technology industry, which is made up mostly of smaller companies like Stryker, invests an average of 6.3 percent of

revenues in research and development. That is nearly double the national manufacturing average.

Your industry alone provides the United States with a favorable balance of foreign trade of four billion dollars. You're solid proof that, given a level playing field, American workers can outthink, outperform and outproduce anyone, anyplace in the world. \\
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Some people can't seem to understand this. They see the challenges of the global economy and they say: Let's draw the blinds, bolt the doors and maybe the world will go away. They push protectionism -- which really means surrender.

The defeatists may carp, but over time they'll become irrelevant. The future belongs to those who have the will to compete. And for my part, I'll continue working with you to open up new markets in Mexico and South America and around the globe.

I'm also working urgently for a climate more favorable for prosperity at home. Later today I'll give a longer speech to the Economic Club of Detroit. There, I'll go into greater detail about the economic growth plan I've asked Congress to pass by March 20. We need new incentives to get the economy moving -- for instance, a new investment tax allowance. We need to get real estate up and running -- and that means Congress should pass my \$5,000 tax credit for young people buying their first homes. We need to reward the risk-takers who create new jobs -- and that means cut the tax on capital gains.

But I'd like to spend the rest of my brief time with you

talking about another battle for the health of economy -- the struggle against excessive regulation. A level playing field outside the United States is all well and good, but you'll never reach it if you have to run yourselves to exhaustion right here at home on an uphill treadmill of overzealous regulation.

In my State of the Union Message, I instituted a 90-day freeze on all proposed and existing federal regulations that could affect economic growth. As much as possible, we are now speeding up rules that will help growth and halting rules that would harm the economy.

I am very concerned about the well-being of America's health technology businesses. Our whole future depends on innovative industries like yours. The Commerce Department recently reported that America's health technology industry is the strongest in the world -- but that if current political and economic trends continue, it would slip behind European and Asian competitors by the end of this decade. And need I say what one of those negative trends is? It is government regulation.

As long as I am President I am determined to roll back the tide of over-regulation. After the 90-day freeze, I'll introduce reform legislation to correct unreasonable rules we can't change simply through executive action. And I will fight with all my might the Congressional liberals who try to impose new and unreasonable regulatory burdens on Americans' livelihood. I've already served notice, for instance, that I oppose the so-called FDA enforcement bill. If Congress sends me any more legislation

with excessive regulation in it, I'll veto it as soon as it hits my desk.

As long as I am President, I'll work to cut needless red tape and get life-saving drugs and devices to those who need them. Regulation of the healing arts and health technologies must be based sound science -- not on ideological politics and scare tactics.

And we need to heal something else -- a legal system that is emptying our wallets and tearing our social fabric apart. That's why I'm asking your support for my proposals to reform the liability system and the civil justice system. You know how bad the epidemic of lawsuits has become: Doctors have quit delivering babies because they fear malpractice suits. Parents won't coach little league for fear of liability suits. I want to be president of a country where people spend more time helping each other than they do suing each other.

Our economy will be strong only so long as it's free. That's the lesson you innovators at Stryker have learned in markets at home and around the world. It's a principle I'll fight for in the public arena, in my go-arounds with Congress -- and as Chief Executive of the departments and agencies that regulate American business.

Thanks again for your warm welcome. And may God bless the strongest, bravest, freest country on earth -- the United States of America.

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DATE: 3/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: TODAY, 3/11/92 4:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NAT'L CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATORS
 MARCH 11, 1992 - 5:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: _____

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RESPONSE:

OK - a few suggestions
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PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 2702

(Ferguson/Aarhus)
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Date: 3/11/92

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TO:

FROM: **ROBERT T. SWANSON**
Assistant Counsel to the President

- Per your request
- FYI
- For review and comment
- For appropriate action
- For approval
- For signature
- Please add to the Financial File

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