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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

92 MAR 24 P5:45



DATE: 3/24/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: WED. 3/25/92 8:30am

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY  
 SUBJECT: WED. MARCH 25 - 11:15 a.m.

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**RESPONSE:**

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

(Crouse/Grossman)  
March 24, 1992  
Draft Three  
GREECE

02 MAR 24 P4:38

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GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY  
ROSE GARDEN  
MARCH 25, 1992  
11:15 A.M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

92 MAR 25 P4:53  
March 25, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Greek Independence Day

We have reviewed the attached presidential remarks and have no suggested comments from a policy standpoint. We approve the draft remarks in their present form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady



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FROM:

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

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Greek Independence Day

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

(Crouse/Grossman)  
March 24, 1992  
Draft Five  
GREECE2

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WE ARE SENSITIVE TO GREEK CONCERNS ABOUT THE BREAKUP OF YUGOSLAVIA. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MY CLOSE FRIEND PRIME MINISTER MITSOTAKIS ABOUT THIS, AND AS HIS GOVERNMENT WORKS TOWARD A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IT CAN BE SURE OF OUR SUPPORT.

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**GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY \ ROSE GARDEN  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1992 \ 11:15 A.M.**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT WARM WELCOME. IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU BACK TO THE WHITE HOUSE. GREETINGS TO ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS, ED DERWINSKI AND AMBASSADOR ZAHARAKIS. ALSO GREET OUR CONGRESSIONAL CONTINGENT: MIKE BILIRAKIS, GEORGE GEKAS, NICK MAVROULES, AND SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER.**

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IN OUR VIEW THERE IS ONE CYPRUS, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO HEAL THE DIVISION THAT SCARS THAT LOVELY ISLAND. I HAVE MADE CLEAR MY VIEW THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO SETTLE THIS QUESTION, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE IT MY PERSONAL ATTENTION.

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NEITHER GREECE NOR AMERICA IS A STRANGER TO THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM. AS ALLIES IN NATO, WE'VE WORKED IN COMMON CAUSE TO PRESERVE THE PEACE.

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SO, WE CELEBRATE THESE ANNIVERSARIES OF FREEDOM AND WE TELL THE OLD STORIES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THAT WHICH WE SO HIGHLY VALUE.

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, RM. 122, x2930, no later than 8:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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 BT for SR

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

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Regarding: *Greek Ans.*

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