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FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1992 - 1:40pm

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"Growing Up Hispanic," with its community-based approach, will complement my four-point plan for health care reform. My reform proposals will preserve the quality of health care and the family's ability to choose the kind of care they want. At the same time, it will cut costs, promote efficiency, and, perhaps most important, make health care more affordable and accessible.

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What's good for Hispanic America will be good for the United States. And with open trade, by the year 2000, United States firms will be doing a robust business with a dynamic economy of 100 million Mexican consumers.

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TO: DAN MCGROARTY

The NSC concurs with changes, as noted.

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cc: Philip Brady

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Teleconference for Hispanic Journalists

We have two suggestions for the proposed Presidential remarks to a teleconference of Hispanic Journalists:

Page 1. Paragraph 4. Revise second sentence to read: "I want a North American free trade agreement that eliminates tariffs and trade barriers between the United States, Mexico, and Canada."

Explanation. Otherwise, the sentence could be misinterpreted to mean that Mexico is the only one opening its market.

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Explanation. In discussions with Hispanic-Americans on the NAFTA, they almost always cite the fact that the free trade negotiations are the first time in history that the United States is treating Mexico with "respect."

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TO: DAN MCGROARTY

The NSC concurs with changes, as noted.

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Teleconference with
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Pursuant to Phillip Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no objection to the draft presidential remarks.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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2:34 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Monica. And first, let me thank your President, Don Flores, for this opportunity to speak with you. May I salute the hundreds of Hispanic women and men who inform and enliven our great country through the press and through the broadcast media. I look forward to answering your questions.

A top priority of my presidency is to consolidate the peaceful revolution that's taken place in Latin America over the past decade -- the movement towards democracy and free markets. And yesterday I heard a solid endorsement of those goals in a meeting with hundreds of business and civic leaders and government leaders from around our hemisphere.

Democratic neighbors are peaceful neighbors. Experience teaches us that. And I am determined to keep working to promote and protect democracy in Latin America.

Recently, we've been working closely with our partners in the hemisphere to defend democracy under attack in Venezuela, Haiti, and Peru. In Cuba we envision a new birth of freedom and democracy, and that day cannot be far off. I expect one day soon, after the inevitable fall of the Castro dictatorship, to be the first President of the United States to visit the free soil of Cuba.

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And one other thing: We must not let election-year politics delay for one minute our getting a good free trade agreement and getting it approved. The North American Free Trade Agreement will increase our trade with Mexico and create thousands more jobs right here in the United States of America. And I'll keep working with my good friend, President Carlos Salinas, who is a bold and imaginative leader. Already, in just three years, I believe we've made U.S.-Mexican relations the best that they have ever been in history. And we're going to keep working to forge a new relationship

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between our nations, based on free trade, open markets and mutual respect.

And we will not stop with Mexico. My Enterprise for the Americas Initiative will encourage open trade and job-creating investment from Alaska to Argentina.

The interests we share do not end with free trade. I'm committed to action on a full range of key reforms, and I want to mention just two of urgent interest to the Hispanic community.

On health care, I have put forward a comprehensive plan to open to all Americans access -- access to quality health care. And I'm also proud of my administration, as part of the public-private initiative called "Growing Up Hispanic," to improve the quality of health in your communities.

And on the vital matter of education, Hispanic support for America 2000 has been steady and strong. And I want to see every American family win the right to choose which school is best for their children -- public, private and religious.

But even the most ambitious reform effort here at home must go hand-in-hand with economic growth through open trade. And I've asked Congress repeatedly for funds to assist the brave reformers who are now leading many of the Latin American nations.

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And there are many, many other issues. But let me just say to you today before taking your questions, as I think of the Hispanic community in this country, I think of family. I think of family values. And Barbara and I are, I hope you know by now, dedicated to that concept. And every piece of legislation that comes my way, we're looking at it to see that it does nothing but strengthen the American family. That's one of the reasons I feel so strongly about choice that I just mentioned for education. We must strengthen the family values. And I will do my level best to do just that.

And now on to the questions. Fire away. And thank you so much for letting me drop in on you.

Q Why did your pro-statehood for Puerto Rico effort fail in Congress last year? What will you do about it if reelected?

THE PRESIDENT: I have remained strongly in favor of pro-statehood. And the first step on that is a referendum. And we are having great difficulty getting that approved by the United States Congress -- the part that has to be approved by Congress.

As you know, there's great divisions. It's divided in Puerto Rico by those who favor statehood, those who favor commonwealth, and then a tiny group of those who favor independence. That group has heretofore been considered one of the most radical groups.

My choice is for statehood. But I also say that the matter should be left up to the people of Puerto Rico. And so we will continue to push in a reluctant Congress to get them to come along and support Bob Lagomarsino's approach to support a referendum that will make the determination. And then we'd have to follow on with whatever is required after that.

But I have not changed my position. And I wish, Monica, I could tell you that this is the only area where I'm having difficulty with the Congress, but it's not. But I haven't lessened my intentions at all in favor of statehood for Puerto Rico.

I know you could get in a lively debate right out there at your meeting. But I think it's best, I think it's right. And I believe it's in the best interest of all Americans, all the members of -- all the people in the United States right now, citizens herein. So we'll keep trying.

Q Judges appointed by you and Ronald Reagan are more and more limiting access to fair treatment of U.S. Hispanics in such areas as voting rights, employment, housing and education. If reelected, would you change your emphasis on conservative philosophy and appoint more persons to the bench who understand the realities of inequality faced by poor people of color?

THE PRESIDENT: I think that people that I've appointed to the bench understand -- both the district bench, the circuit bench and the Supreme Court -- understand that. But I don't want people to legislate from the bench. Now, if the person that asked this question feels that we need judges that are going to set social policy from the bench, then we just have a philosophical difference. I have appointed people that care. And I have appointed people that I think are compassionate. And I have appointed people that I am confident will interpret the Constitution and not legislate from the bench. So I do not plead guilty to the charges in that question at all.

I think the way that you better the lot of all people is to have them have equal access, fair access to the law. And the people that I've appointed certainly agree with that concept.

So we'll continue to do this. We've got some fine Hispanic appointments -- and others -- to the various levels of the federal bench. But I am not going to change my view that what we need are people that know the Constitution and interpret it, and do not go into a bunch of social legislation from the federal bench. That is not what is required in my view of an independent judiciary.

Q Many people feel the 1st Amendment was violated with severe press restrictions imposed during the war. In subsequent conflicts will your administration continue with the limitations imposed on the media during Desert Storm, or will we be allowed to do our jobs?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, you're allowed to do your job. After Desert Storm a review was taken. I do not believe that the constitutional rights of the press were violated in Desert Storm. And if you remember, one journalist who didn't play by the rules was kidnapped and taken prisoner, and we spent a great deal of time and an awful lot of anxiety in trying to help get that person released from jail because he didn't follow the guidelines of the military. And when you're in a war every correspondent does not have the -- should not have the freedom to go anyplace they want at any time. And that example proved it.

But I do think you're on to something because I think, as each incident of this nature takes place -- and let's hope there won't be another one for a long time -- we ought to review it. We ought to see if there's ways that we can guarantee more access for journalists to the front lines, or more access of journalists to the briefers, or whatever it is. So I don't think rights were violated. I do think we can learn from the Desert War pooling experience and from the Desert War coverage -- Desert Storm coverage -- and see if we can't do a better job on access for journalists.

Q President Bush, on behalf of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists we thank you for your time today.

THE PRESIDENT: Monica, thank you very, very much. And good luck to you out there. And we are -- I am one who, as you may know from my own family, is doubly blessed in a sense because of having three Hispanic American grandchildren. And so I hope I've been sensitive to your needs and to the things that bring you together. But I can guarantee you this, I'm going to keep on trying.

And when I talk of -- think about patriotism and service to country I know what I'm talking about when I say Hispanics have been in the forefront of that. And when I think about family values I know what I'm talking about when I say the Hispanic American families epitomize, more than most, the family values that Barbara and I, at least, hold so dear.

So I'll keep on trying, trying to do my best. And I might say in conclusion -- you don't need to hear me twice now -- but I might say in conclusion that the economic news is a little better. And as that turns around -- and I'm confident it will -- I think we'll see this country coming together; I think we'll see a return to a little more optimism. And certainly, I will keep dedicated and rededicating our administration to fair play for our Hispanic American citizens.

So thank you and thanks for letting me drop in. And good luck to each and every one of you. Thank you. (Applause.)

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