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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM
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DATE: 4/24/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 4/27/92 2:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: WELCOME OF GERMAN PRESIDENT VON WEIZSAECKER
 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 - 10:00am

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RESPONSE:

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
April 23, 1992 2 p.m.
WELCOME Draft One

02 APR 24 P5:13

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1992
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President and Mrs. von Weizsaecker [fohn VITES-zeck-er], Minister and Mrs. Genscher, distinguished members of the German delegation -- on behalf of the American people, let me warmly welcome you to the United States, and to Washington. Barbara and I hope you have a productive and enjoyable visit -- we're especially happy that you'll spend a few days in our own hometown of Houston, Texas.

Mr. President, your presence doubly honors us. Not only is this your first state visit here, but I'm told it's your first state visit to any country since the triumphant re-unification 2 1/2 years ago. Your presence here is testimony to the enduring ties that exist between our lands and our people.

Two hundred years ago, Germany helped with our Revolution. One hundred years ago, this strong and proud nation sent to our shores men and women who worked and dreamed to better this land. And in this century, the German-American relationship has grown through Cold War and post-Cold War cooperation -- knitting our two peoples even more closely together.

We've done much for each other in the name of democracy. In the aftermath of the Allied victory in WWII, the U.S. stretched out its hand to a prostrate and devastated Germany. After Secretary of State Byrnes pointed the way in his 1946 Stuttgart speech, we inaugurated the Marshall Plan as a contribution to

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NSC concurs with changes as indicated.

Brent Scowcroft.

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You come at a pivotal time for our two countries and indeed the entire world.

45 years ago -- at an equally pivotal time -- some in the United States said we should turn inward and turn our backs on our defeated adversaries. We did not. Instead, we committed ourselves to democracy's success, helping a defeated Germany and its fledgling democracy.

What a wise decision it was -- committing ourselves to a continuing global role and making an investment in German democracy. Today we see the fruits of that decision: united Germany, a model of democracy for the whole world, and a reliable friend and partner.

We face a similar decision today, as the peoples of Russia and the other new states seek to follow the countries of central and eastern Europe in building democracy and free markets. And just as in 1945, we know we must lend our support to those struggling with the legacy of a defeated system and make an investment in their democratic future. Those who would ask why this is the right course need only look at united Germany: once our adversary, now our "partner in leadership" -- a force for peace, democracy and prosperity in the world.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Welcome of German President
von Weizsaecker

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

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may help in any other way.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1992
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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: State Dinner Toast

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

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 4/24/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 4/27/92 2:00pm

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 - 10:00am

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As our world looks ahead to the coming century, I want to state this as clearly as I can -- the United States is absolutely committed to remaining a world leader. We will play an active role in securing peace, security, and prosperity in Europe and in our transatlantic community. But Europe and America need to act in concert to meet our global objectives -- promoting and preserving liberty; democracy; security; economic freedom; and prosperity. Active German-American teamwork can serve as the impetus for a broader European-American cooperation, and will help us achieve the goals and dreams we share.

Mr. President, you've played, and continue to play, a vital role in this transition from the Cold War period to one which is more hopeful and progressive. You've made it your task to help reconcile former adversaries -- to overcome the antagonism of the past -- and to heal the wounds of division and strife.

In a time of upheaval and rapid change, you've provided your countrymen with firm moral leadership. You've helped them come to terms with the twin catastrophes of dictatorship and division that befell Germany this century. Because of your work, the German nation is more at peace with itself -- more steadfastly committed to democracy and human rights -- and more determined to support the cause of justice and freedom everywhere.

Mr. President, Germany and the United States are poised to walk together into an unknown future, guided by the words of your great national anthem: "May our path by peace be lighted." As we walk down that path of peace together, may God bless our two great nations and the lasting friendship that unites our peoples.

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Mr. President and Mrs. von Weizsaecker, Barbara and I are honored to welcome you here -- as the first President of a united Federal Republic of Germany. The last two years have been glorious and historic -- and your joining us in America's home is a joyous moment in our history.

And it's a real personal pleasure to have you here. I respect you as a strong and honest leader -- and especially as a man who embodies the values which have made Germany's unity and strength a source of hope to the world. I admire you as a statesman with the vision to look beyond narrow national interests to the greater good. Throughout an era of division, you constantly stood for unity -- the unity of the German people; the unity of Europeans, East and West; and the unity and brotherhood before God of all mankind.

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Mr. President, you and I can remember so well a time when an evening like this would have seemed impossible. Think of the miracles we've seen in our lifetime. There is, of course, Germany's legendary "economic miracle," but I'm thinking of something else -- your country's moral and spiritual revival.

I've been to your beautiful, vital nation. I've seen firsthand the energy and enterprise it took to restore the ruined factories and cities. I've seen the patience and spirit of

reconciliation it took to create a climate of cooperation in a Europe burdened with bitterness. And in you, Mr. President, I've seen the far-sighted leadership that broke down the old barriers between nations -- and promoted the unity that's now brought to our world new and lasting peace and prosperity.

This is a wonderful time to be alive -- and a tremendously challenging time to lead a nation. Within our own terms of office, you and I have been privileged to see a reunited and healing Germany assume renewed responsibility as one of the great nations of the world. I'm reminded of a saying by one of your great writers, Bertolt Brecht: "Everyone needs help from everyone." A simple phrase; but it sums up the new world we live in. Germany has been a tremendous leader of political liberation. Now we wait to see how our close ally will assume the moral, political, and economic leadership role it has earned. We are confident, for our shared values and unity of purpose have guided us through our past; and will continue to guide us in our future.

Barbara and I speak proudly for this country when we call on everyone here to celebrate the promise our nations' relationship holds. It's a relationship this city of Washington, led by the Kennedy Center, is commemorating right now with an unprecedented salute to 300 years of German culture -- a festival under our joint patronage. In that spirit of enduring friendship, let's raise our glasses to unity, to freedom, to the new Germany, to the long life and good health of my honored friend President von Weizsacker, and to German-American friendship. Zum Wohl!

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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
AT ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR
PRESIDENT VON WEIZSACKER OF GERMANY

The South Grounds

10:12 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: President and Mrs. von Weizsacker, Minister and Mrs. Genscher, distinguished members of the German delegation, on behalf of the American people, let me warmly welcome you to the United States and to Washington on this beautiful spring day. Barbara and I hope you have a productive and an enjoyable visit, and we're especially happy that you'll spend a few days in our hometown of Houston, Texas.

Mr. President, your presence doubly honors us. Not only is this your first state visit here, but I'm told that it is your first state visit to any country since the triumphant reunification one and a half years ago. Your presence here is testimony to the enduring ties that exist between our lands and our people. The German-American relationship has grown even stronger through Cold War and post-Cold War cooperation, drawing our two peoples even more closely together.

You come at a pivotal time for our two countries and, indeed, the entire world. Forty-five years ago at an equally pivotal time, some in the United States said that we should turn inward, turn our backs on our defeated adversaries. And we did not. Instead we committed ourselves to democracy's success, helping Europe, helping Germany and its fledgling democracy. What a wise decision that was -- committing ourselves to a continuing global role and making an investment in German democracy.

And today we see the fruits of that decision -- united Germany, a model of democracy for the whole world, and certainly a reliable friend and partner for the United States of America. Today Germany and the U.S. face a similar decision, as the peoples of Russia and the other new states seek to follow the countries of Central and Eastern Europe in building democracy in free markets. Germany and America in partnership are committed to supporting those who are struggling with the legacy of a defeated communist system, and making an investment in their democratic future.

Those who would ask why this is the right course need only look at a United Germany. Once our adversary, now our close friend, now our partner in leadership.

Mr. President, three years ago I accompanied Chancellor Kohl on a visit to your beautiful Rhineland city of Mainz. And there I spoke of how, together, we could build a Europe, whole and free; at peace with itself, because lasting security comes not from tanks, troops or barbed wire, it is built on shared values and agreements that link free people. I believed that in Mainz and I believe it just as firmly today.

United Germany is a key partner for the United States in promoting democracy and economic reform in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. You are our partner in building a more united

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and cooperative Europe. And in that spirit, we strongly welcome German involvement in global affairs. Strong German-American cooperation is fully compatible with development of a more unified Europe; a goal that the United States has consistently supported over the years, just as unequivocally as we supported a united Germany.

As our world looks ahead to the coming century, I want to state this point as clearly as I can: The United States is firmly committed to remaining a world leader. We will play an active role in securing peace, security and prosperity in Europe and in our transatlantic community. We must work together to overcome differences, to drive down barriers to free and fair trade, to achieve in the GATT negotiations agreements that will secure for all nations a new prosperity.

Mr. President, you, sir, have play a vital role in this. You've made it your task to help reconcile former adversaries, to overcome the antagonisms of the past, and to heal the wounds of division and strife. In a time of upheaval and rapid change, you've provided your countrymen with firm, moral leadership. And you've helped them come to terms with the twin catastrophes of dictatorship and division that befell Germany this century.

And now, the German nation is at peace with itself, steadfastly committed to democracy and human rights.

Mr. President, Germany and the United States are guided by the words of your great national anthem: "May our path by peace be lighted." And as we walk down that path of peace together, may God bless our two great nations and the lasting friendship that unites the people of Germany and the United States of America.

Thank you. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT WEIZSACKER: Mr. President, Mrs. Bush, thank you for your warm, warm welcome. At a time when your global responsibilities and your domestic requirements demand your full attention, the fact that you have found time for this meeting should, by no means, be taken for granted. I am, therefore, all the more grateful to you for having made our visit possible and for have given it that unforgettably beautiful surrounding at this spring morning.

The message underlying your invitation came through loud and clear. The United States has stood by Germany in times of trouble and danger. This close cooperation between friends has now been rewarded. It has led to the successful end of the Cold War. For the first time in history, an American President is able to extend an invitation to the President of the peacefully united Germany.

Through this visit, I wish to express to America, its President and its people, that Germany will never forget the untiring and generous assistance we have received from all of you throughout the past few decades. In the light of new tasks and challenges, we are determined to continue and to trust in the pursuit of our reliable partnership.

It is our task and our challenge and responsibility to unite our possibilities, to come from the end of the Cold War to a democratic peace. I look forward with expectations and confidence through my talks with you, Mr. President, with Secretary Baker, with members of Congress and with other citizens of your great nation. Thank you for your invitation. Thank you for this lovely morning. Thank you all. (Applause.)

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