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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM: BETH HINCHLIFFE *BH*

SUBJECT: ANNUAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTATION

On Friday, May 1, in the East Room, you will address an audience of 2-300 at a ceremony in honor of National Volunteer Week. Your remarks follow a State Dining Room luncheon with these attendees. The time period for the entire event is 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Your remarks (10 minutes, cards) focus on the ideals and goals of voluntary service, with particular reference to the 21 winners of the 1992 President's Annual Points of Light Awards.

The First Lady; Directors of the Points of Light Foundation, the Commission on National and Community Service, and ACTION will attend -- as will the award judges: singer Anita Baker, Jane Kenny (ACTION Director), Rabbi Elimelech Naiman (Council of Jewish Organizations), Surgeon General Novello and Jim Renier, Chairman and CEO of Honeywell. The name of the Master of Ceremonies will be announced later.

(Hinchliffe/Nix)
April 28, 1992 11 a.m.
VOLUNTEER Draft Two

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VOLUNTEER AWARDS PRESENTATION
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Thank you, and welcome to the East Room. [ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS]

I just ran over here from the Great American Workout -- led by a guy who could really straighten things out on Capitol Hill -- the Terminator himself. Arnold said to me: "You want to work out doing running, the obstacle course, and the hurdles?" I said, "No, I do enough of that just campaigning." \ Arnold's targeted lazy Americans -- I guess with all this PC talk, we should call them "exertionally challenged." \ He's going to wipe out couch potatoes. Now if we could only get him going on broccoli. \

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renew America.

We already have shining heroes in this quest -- I call them "Points of Light" -- and that's the name of Randy's song. They're Americans in towns and cities just like yours, discovering that service to others is a rich source of meaning in life. I honor them for showing "the better angels of their nature" by volunteering to help others. They sum up the genius of this great and generous land -- ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Day in and day out, these Americans wage our war for human life and dignity. They don't say: this is why I can't help -- they say this is why I can. They say: maybe I don't have money, but I have time. Maybe I can't help someone build a house, but I'm a good listener. We celebrate that spirit. Whoever you are, you have something to share -- for Americans are the greatest natural resource of this, the greatest nation on earth.

I'm proud to be here today, along with the Points of Light Foundation and ACTION, our federal domestic volunteer agency, for this very special -- very important -- event. We come together today as the culmination of National Volunteer Week, honoring millions of Americans who transform communities across the country through voluntary service. In particular, for the 11th year we recognize with these awards the inspirational example of people who meet a simple three-part test: One: They looked around. Two: They saw a need. Three: They filled it.

What a cross-section of wonderful Americans are represented among 21 winners of the 1992 President's Annual Points of Light

Awards. There are individuals, like 17-year-old Robert Zamora, who created the Getting Busy Teen Club as an alternative to gangs in East Los Angeles. There are businesses, like IBM, which gives its employees encouragement and time off to volunteer -- 90,000 of them do. And our winners represent neighborhoods, places of worship, every kind of group across this broad and good land.

They and all the others like them are shaping a nation whose goodness grows out of the small acts of consequence made by many people. America's pioneer days aren't behind us. We still have frontiers left to cross: the thrill of adventure yet to discover: an American renaissance yet to spark. I believe there are five core elements of the new America we all seek -- I want to share with you today how some of our winners are drawing us closer to each goal.

First: every American community must have excellent schools and a culture that fosters lifelong learning. Kentucky's Berea College students saw a critical need right around them in Appalachia -- so they volunteered as mentors and tutors to needy people from grade-school kids through adults struggling to overcome illiteracy.

Second: every American community must be a decent, drug-free and safe place to live. 1800 members of the Emmanuel Reformed Church saw the need around them, joined with their city of Paramount, California and started tackling the crises that threatened their neighborhood: like gangs, illiteracy, and crime.

Third: every American community must offer quality health

care for all. Twenty-four labor unions in Omaha saw the need of families whose children were hospitalized for transplant operations and joined together to buy a building: then more than 500 skilled union volunteers renovated it to house these families.

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RESPONSE:

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Volunteer Awards
Presentation

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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DATE: 4/28/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: WED. 4/29/92 3:00pm

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~~Now, let's get on with presenting the awards. I'll ~~have ask~~ ask my friend ~~to help her~~ come up to read the citations.~~

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Regarding: *Volunteer*

**Please return your comments to Room
122 by:**

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Today's Date: APR 28 1964

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Special Assistant to the President and
Deputy Director of Speechwriting

FROM: JANET REHNQUIST *JR*
Associate Counsel to the President

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks -- Volunteer Awards
Presentation; East Room; Friday, May 1, 1992

At your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no legal objections.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this matter.

cc: Phil Brady

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With role models like these, I'm confident that, together, we can shape our future not through our fears -- but through our dreams. Yes, we'll continue to work for legislation to make this a safer America, a fairer America, a better educated America, a more efficient America. But the most important legacy of all is one that each person in this great country can help create -- the legacy of a more caring America.

Take a close look at the problems confronting us. People say the problem is crack \ or crime \ or babies having babies. Those are only symptoms. The problem is moral emptiness. If as President I had the power to give just one thing to this nation, it would be the return of an inner moral compass nurtured by the family and valued by society. This compass would guide us to value every life. It would show us that each life lost to despair devalues us all. It would remind us that caring and conscience are what make us human.

So let's make this National Volunteer Week an extraordinary

moment in our nation -- our public and communal commitment to a true American renewal. I urge each of you to step forward this week, take this country's future in your own hands, and become a Point of Light. And I ask leaders of businesses, places of worship, schools, neighborhood groups and other organizations, to lead their members toward the bright goal of service. Wherever leaders from all walks of life work together and claim their community's problems as their own, they can create "Communities of Light" to guide this nation's path.

Congratulations, and thank you, all of you here -- and the millions more like you across America. May God bless you, and this wonderful nation we share.

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