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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT

May 1, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *Not for [unclear]*  
FROM: CURT SMITH *CS*  
SUBJECT: REP. BOB MICHEL PORTRAIT UNVEILING

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Draft Two  
May 1, 1992  
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STATUARY HALL  
U.S. CAPITOL  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 1992  
4:40 P.M.

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**REMARKS:**

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

**RESPONSE:**

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 Assistant to the President  
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SUBJECT: MONDAY, MAY 4, 1992 - 4:40 p.m.

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**REMARKS:**

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, FRIDAY, MAY 1, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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*Dan,*  
*There are too many one-liners in here. Everything*

**RESPONSE:**

*this starts to hit a tone that befits the serious occasion that this is, it degenerates again. (On a more generalized, and by fully constructive note, this seems to be happening in a number of speeches lately).*

*Nick*

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

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 4/30/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, 5/1/92 NOON

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SUBJECT: MONDAY, MAY 4, 1992 - 4:40 p.m.

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RESPONSE:

No Comment  
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**Memorandum for Speechwriting Staff**

**From:** Dan McGroarty

**Regarding:** *Michel Portrait*

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MEMORANDUM FOR DANIEL B. MCGROARTY

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER   
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Bob Michel Portrait -- U.S. Capitol

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

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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**George Bush**

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 4:30 p.m., May 4, 1992]

*Note: This proclamation was published in the Federal Register on May 6.*

### Exchange With Reporters Prior to a Meeting With Cabinet Leaders

May 4, 1992

#### Federal Aid to Cities

**Q.** Mr. President, what hopes do you have for a long-range help for urban areas like Los Angeles?

**The President.** We have some very good proposals out on the table right now, proposals that clearly have come of age. But we're going to be talking about that today and tomorrow, and today we're probably going to think more about what we can do immediately in the aftermath of this violence. And then tomorrow, we'll put it in a little longer term perspective.

But I'm very pleased that it's calmed down out there. And we will do everything we can to support the people out there, to make things tranquil, and then to help get to the core of the problems.

**Q.** Do you intend to visit any of the damaged sites?

**The President.** We're talking now about the schedule. It will probably change from what had been planned. As you know, I planned a trip out there for some time, so it fits in very nicely. And we had a briefing this morning from the Attorney General, who's here, Deputy Secretary of Defense Dave Jeremiah about the Federal presence on the ground and the state of play on the ground. And now we're going to be talking with our top people here as to how our various Cabinet Departments can assist. And then we'll have people going out there, and by Thursday a schedule will be worked out where I will be able to meet with the key participants in this recovery and those who also have responsibility for the long run.

**Q.** Are you saying, Mr. President, you have no idea what the core of this problem is?

**The President.** No, I'm not—didn't say that at all, Helen [Helen Thomas, United Press International]. I don't know how you could conclude that from what I just said. We have some very good ideas that we have out there that would have been extraordinarily helpful if they'd been put into effect. We think homeownership is a very good concept, and we've been fighting for it for a long time. So it's not that we have no idea whatsoever. I don't imagine how you could have concluded that from what I just said.

**Q.** You said you were going to look into the core of it.

**The President.** Well, we don't think we know all the answers. And I think you learn from every incident. As history shows, that after each one of these uprising, these things that have happened, people have taken a look to see what they could do to help. And certainly we're willing to do that. I feel obligated to do that. And it's not like we have no idea whatsoever. If people had listened to some of our Cabinet Departments up on the Hill, we might be a little further along.

**Q.** How soon do you hope to see U.S. troops out of Los Angeles?

**The President.** I want to go to work here. Thank you very much.

*Note: The exchange began at 9:15 a.m. in the Cabinet Room at the White House. In his remarks, the President referred to D.E. Jeremiah, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.*

### Remarks at the Unveiling of House Minority Leader Robert Michel's Portrait

May 4, 1992

Thank you all very much. This is a wonderful occasion, and we need more like it. And may I salute the Chaplain of the House, Jim Ford, thank him for the invocation. I thought he was giving a speech out there, but it was a fine invocation, delighted to see him.

Of course, being with Bob Dole and Tom Foley and Dan Rostenkowski in this friendly, wonderful setting is very, very special. And

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And for 36 years Bob Michel has, indeed, embodied what is best in American politics and best about the traditions of the House of Representatives. And I speak of honesty and fairplay and character and integrity, all the qualities that Dan and Bob Dole and Tom Foley mentioned. A willingness to govern, to work things out, to fight his opponents tooth and nail during the day and yet remain a good friend, someone they can talk to during the evenings.

And Bob Michel has stood up for fiscal sanity. I think he's done a lot to help our economy. He's helped keep our military strong. And it's true that he can be a fierce partisan. After all, that goes with the American psyche; that's the way we are. And Bob has been a true American. He won two Bronze Stars for his service in World War II; then in serving his district, our party, and most of all, the future well-being of our country.

And I haven't seen this portrait over here, Corinne, but I'm sure it's going to depict what we admire in your husband: a man of conscience, a man whose word is good, a man who means what he says, says what he means, a man that one fellow Illinoisan would have loved very much. Remember Lincoln's words, "The noblest work of God is an honest man." And you've been all of that, Bob, and more. And ask anyone who is your colleague, which means anyone who is your friend.

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I'm sure glad to be a part of this program, this wonderful program of warmth here today.

*Note: The President spoke at 5 p.m. in Statuary Hall at the Capitol.*

### Nomination of Arthur J. Rothkopf To Be Deputy Secretary of Transportation

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The President today announced his intention to nominate Arthur J. Rothkopf, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation. He would succeed James Buchanan Busey IV.

Currently Mr. Rothkopf serves as General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Prior to this, he served as a partner with the law firm of Hogan & Hartson in Washington, DC, 1969-91, and as an associate, 1967-69. In addition, Mr. Rothkopf has served as Associate Tax Legislative Counsel with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1963-66.

Mr. Rothkopf graduated from Lafayette College (B.A., 1955) and Harvard Law School (LL.B., 1958). He was born May 24, 1935, in New York, NY. Mr. Rothkopf is married, has two children, and resides in Washington, DC.

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The President today announced his intention to nominate Michael James Toohey, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Governmental Affairs. He would succeed Galen Joseph Reser.

Since 1989, Mr. Toohey has served as senior Washington representative for Ashland Oil, Inc. Prior to this, he served as staff director for the Republican staff of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation at the U.S. House of Representatives in Washing-