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**Nomination of David C. Fields To Be  
United States Ambassador to the  
Marshall Islands**

*May 7, 1992*

The President today announced his inten-  
tion to nominate David C. Fields, of Califor-  
nia, a career member of the Senior Foreign  
Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be  
Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall  
Islands. He would succeed William Bodde,  
Jr.

Since 1990, Ambassador Fields has served  
as Director of the Office of Foreign Missions  
at the U.S. Department of State in Washing-  
ton, DC. Prior to this, he served as U.S. Am-  
bassador to the Central African Republic,  
1986-89; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Se-  
curity at the Department of State, 1984-86;  
and as Administrative Counselor at the  
American Embassy in London, England,  
1980-84.

Ambassador Fields graduated from Arm-  
strong College (B.A., 1960). He was born  
January 13, 1937, in San Pedro, CA. Amba-  
sador Fields served in the U.S. Army, 1955-  
57. He is married, has two children, and re-  
sides in Vienna, VA.

**Nomination of William Henry Gerald  
FitzGerald To Be United States  
Ambassador to Ireland**

*May 7, 1992*

The President today announced his inten-  
tion to nominate William Henry Gerald Fitz-  
Gerald, of the District of Columbia, to be  
Ambassador to Ireland. He would succeed  
Richard Anthony Moore.

Since 1959, Mr. FitzGerald has served as  
president of the FitzGerald Corp. in Wash-  
ington, DC. In addition, he serves as vice  
chairman of the African Development Founda-  
tion; and as chairman of the Atlantic Coun-  
cil of the United States Foundation. Mr. Fitz-

Gerald founded and was chairman of the  
board of the North American Housing Corp.,  
1972-89.

Mr. FitzGerald graduated from the U.S.  
Naval Academy (B.S., 1931). He was born  
December 23, 1909, in Boston, MA. Mr.  
FitzGerald served in the U.S. Navy, 1941-  
48. He is married, has two children, and re-  
sides in Washington, DC.

**Nomination of Princeton Nathan  
Lyman To Be United States  
Ambassador to South Africa**

*May 7, 1992*

The President today announced his inten-  
tion to nominate Princeton Nathan Lyman,  
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior  
Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to  
be Ambassador to the Republic of South Af-  
rica. He would succeed William Lacy Swing.

Since 1989, Dr. Lyman has served as Di-  
rector of the Bureau for Refugee Programs  
at the U.S. Department of State. Prior to this,  
he served as Ambassador to the Federal Re-  
public of Nigeria, 1986-89; Deputy Assistant  
Secretary of State for African Affairs at the  
Department of State, 1981-86; and as Direc-  
tor of the Office of Inter-African Affairs at  
the Department of State, 1980-81.

Dr. Lyman graduated from the University  
of California (A.B., 1957); Harvard Univer-  
sity (M.A., 1959; Ph.D., 1961). He was born  
November 20, 1935, in San Francisco, CA.  
Dr. Lyman is married, has three children,  
and resides in Chevy Chase, MD.

**Remarks to Firefighters and Law  
Enforcement Personnel in Los  
Angeles**

*May 8, 1992*

Let me just say I'm very pleased that the  
Governor's with us and Senator Seymour's  
with us. And really, what we did is to want  
to come over here and, one, see where some  
of the action stemmed from, but mainly to  
thank the firefighters and the patrolmen for  
a heroic job well done.

You know, at a time like this you think of your faith, and you remember that the Bible talked about, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Well, I must say, when I think of the firefighters and the highway patrol, I think of what you have done and, frankly, do all the time in keeping the peace and restoring the peace. You certainly have the gratitude, you may not know it, but you have the gratitude of people all across this country.

I wanted to just recite a fact or two that you all know but the rest of the country might not. There were almost 6,000 fires responded to, nearly 12,000 arrests, thousands of buildings saved along with untold lives. That, I would say, is just one of the legacies of your work, and there was another one: You showed that people that would wantonly destroy, wantonly terrorize, wantonly kill their fellow citizens were not going to prevail. What you did took a good deal of courage, whether it was the patrol, whether it was the firefighters. I salute you for that, the country salutes you for that. And I think your very presence restored a sense of civility to an otherwise outrageous situation.

Yesterday, I was privileged to go to a memorial service—it was National Day of Prayer—at Reverend E.V. Hill's church. When I mentioned those who worked to restore the law, the police, et cetera, why, it broke out in spontaneous applause. People are very grateful in the neighborhoods for all that you have done.

I heard a lot of stories, anecdotes about what went on. They told me about Rich Perez, the lone gunman, the only armed officer guarding L.A.'s traffic control center. And these rioters came in and tried to break down the doors. Somehow, he managed to convince the rioters that they had met their match, and they turned away. And the traffic control system was safe and sound, and a legend was born.

I've just come from the hospital from seeing one of your own, one of the firefighters' own, Scott Miller. You talk about courage and you talk the way his fellow firefighters helped him, it's a great lesson for our whole country. Incidentally, he's a courageous man. They told me that what had happened to him was serious. But they also told me, the doctor, that because of his spirit, the same spirit

so many of you exemplified, that he's going to make it. He's fighting hard, and his wife was there and his kids—his kids weren't, but they were together as a family. I'll tell you, the doctors and nurses are rallying around, and he's getting the best possible care.

But here was another example of an innocent guy going out to help others, taking a shot from some hoodlum going by in a car. And we just cannot condone that sense of violence, that kind of violence, anywhere in this country for whatever reason. There's no explaining it. There's no rationalizing it. And I will try to take that message to the country day in and day out.

There was Captain Kaemmerer, a captain of a fire company which doused flames at an ammunition shop in the face of gunfire. Here's a guy going into what you might call a hostile environment anyway, firefighting captain, and fighting that.

We all know the case of the LAPD's Michael Strawberry, Darryl's brother. Darryl said, "Michael was my rock." Well, that's fine. And the LAPD have many, many such rocks, people doing a job and doing it well. And you were rocks, saving buildings and saving lives. These pictures that I was handed, I mean I'll tell, they make a profound impression on—I'm sure they make an impression on firefighters, but they make a profound impression on the layman to think about battling something this powerful and doing it with the heroism and the dedication you do.

So, really, what I wanted to do is drop in here trying to do it just as President of the United States, trying to leave the politics back there somewhere on the Potomac and come out here to see what I could see with my eyes and to give my heartfelt thanks to those—in this instance, highway patrolmen, firefighters—who have done so much for their country.

So that's my message, and it's a profound one in a sense that today and yesterday it was the riots in Los Angeles, tomorrow it'll be something else. And over the last years it's always been the same, the dedication, the selfless dedication. I don't want to think any of you guys would say you're overpaid, but you're doing something for your fellow man, and that in itself means an awful lot to your country.



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**THE BIBLE REMINDS US, "BLESSED ARE THE  
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**OFTEN, WITHOUT REST OR RESPITE. YOU SHOWED HOW CIVIL  
RIGHTS INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO BE FREE FROM FEAR AND FROM  
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**ALMOST SIX THOUSAND FIRES RESPONDED TO. NEARLY  
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SOCIETY MUST -- AND WILL -- STOP THOSE WHO SEEK TO BURN  
STORES / LOOT BUSINESSES / AND KILL FELLOW CITIZENS. //**

NO ONE CAN PAY YOU ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB YOU ARE SWORN TO DO: PROTECT EACH ONE OF US -- BLACK, WHITE, BROWN, YELLOW. ABOVE ALL, AMERICANS -- ALL CHILDREN OF A LOVING GOD. //

JAMES HENRY KNEW THAT. JAMES IS 41, AND BLACK. HE UNDERSTANDS WHAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TAUGHT: "INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE." // SO LAST WEEK HE BRAVED FIVE ATTACKERS TO HELP A HISPANIC MAN WHO'D BEEN BEATEN, ROBBED, AND RUN OVER BY A CAR. /

HE AND ANOTHER MAN HELPED PULL THE VICTIM TO THE SIDEWALK, GOT HIM A BLANKET, GOT THE PHONE NUMBER OF HIS FAMILY, AND STAYED WITH HIM UNTIL POLICE ARRIVED.

JAMES HENRY REFLECTED THE BEST -- NOT THE BEAST -- IN MAN. AMID THE CRAZE OF VIOLENCE, JAMES AND OTHERS LIKE HIM HELPED PUT AN END TO VIOLENCE. THEY KNEW THAT WHAT UNITES US MEANS FAR MORE THAN WHAT DIVIDES US. // LIKE YOU, THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT WHAT COUNTS ISN'T RACE, NATIONALITY, OR LANGUAGE -- BUT HOW WE LIVE OUR LIVES -- WHETHER WE LOVE, NOT HATE, ONE ANOTHER. /

LAST WEEK, THE VAST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES JOINED HANDS TO BIND A WOUND, AND HELP A NEIGHBOR. THEY SOUGHT AN AMERICA OF PEACE, EQUALITY, JUSTICE, AND RESPECT FOR THE LAW -- AN AMERICA OF HOPE.

THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY RESTORED LAST WEEK. NOT JUST ELECTRICITY OR WATER. NOT EVEN ORDER IN THE STREETS -- BUT HOPE. RESTORED IT AGAINST THE MURDEROUS CRIMINALS WHO PULLED MOTORISTS FROM CARS / WHO ATTACKED YOU WITH AXES / SHOT AT YOU AS YOU TRIED TO DO YOUR JOBS.

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THE DECENT PEOPLE IN CRENSHAW, IN PICO [PEE KOE] UNION, IN KOREATOWN NEEDED YOU. / WHEN THE CALL WENT OUT TO THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL'S COMPANY A: "FIRST ONES IN -- LAST ONES OUT."

I'VE HEARD THE STORIES ABOUT RICH PEREZ -- THE "LONE GUNMAN" -- THE ONLY ARMED OFFICER GUARDING L.A.'S TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

DAVID DEMAREST *DD*

FROM:

CURT SMITH

SUBJECT:

HIGHWAY PATROL/FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST

On Friday, May 8, at 7:30 a.m., you will attend a breakfast with California Highway Patrol officers and "foot-soldier" fire fighters at Fire Station 26 in Koreatown. Your remarks (five minutes, cards) highlight acts of heroism and human-interest that have occurred over the past week.

**\*\* NOTE:** Steve Ruda, whose quote is used at the end of the speech, is a Captain who will be attending the breakfast.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HIGHWAY PATROL/FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST  
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Fire fighters, police officers, fellow Americans. It is an honor to be with men and women who last week acted heroically on behalf of good. / I speak for every American when I say: Thank you from the bottom of my heart. //

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Almost six thousand fires responded to. Nearly twelve thousand arrests. Thousands of buildings saved -- along with untold lives. / That is just one legacy of your work. Here's another: You showed how society must -- and will -- stop those who seek to burn stores / loot businesses / and kill fellow citizens. //

No one can pay you enough to do the job you are sworn to do: Protect each one of us -- black, white, brown, yellow. Above all, Americans -- all children of a loving God. //

James Henry knew that. James is 41, and black. He understands what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. taught: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." // So last week he

braved five attackers to help a Hispanic man who'd been beaten, robbed, and run over by a car. / He and another man helped pull the victim to the sidewalk, got him a blanket, got the phone number of his family, and stayed with him until police arrived.

James Henry reflected the best -- not the beast -- in man. So did another hero, an 18-year old named J.T. -- we may never know his full name -- near the corner of Florence and Normandie Avenues. / J.T. watched someone set a pickup truck on fire. So he took off for home, grabbed some water, and put out the flames. J.T. would have been proud of two other heroes -- an elderly black couple who pulled up to the 77th Street police station. Inside their car was a Latino man they had found. He had a gunshot wound in the head. // The man lived because of people who dared to help.

Amid the craze of violence, these people helped put an end to violence. They knew that what unites us means far more than what divides us. // Like you, they understood that what counts isn't race, nationality, or language -- but how we live our lives -- whether we love, not hate, one another. / Last week, the vast majority of people in Los Angeles joined hands to bind a wound, and help a neighbor. They sought an America of peace, equality, justice, and respect for the law -- an America of hope.

That's what you really restored last week. Not just electricity or water. Not even order in the streets -- but hope. Restored it against the murderous criminals who pulled motorists

from cars / who attacked you with axes / shot at you as you tried to do your jobs.

The decent people in Crenshaw, in Pico [PEE koe] Union, in Koreatown needed you. / I heard the stories about Scott Miller, a fire fighter shot in the face while driving a fire truck / or Michele Kaemmerer, captain of a fire company which doused flames at an ammunition shop while braving gun fire / or Michael Strawberry of the LAPD, who was wounded while trying to restore order on the streets of his hometown. //

Darryl Strawberry said of his brother: "Michael was my rock." So were each of you -- saving buildings and lives. Your ability to work together provides a model for the spirit we need to confront the problems of our cities. / To put partisan differences aside and try some new approaches to the problems of poverty / inequality / lack of opportunity. I'll be talking about those problems in coming days. I'll need your help, your thoughts, your support, and your prayers. Let's build on our beginnings -- to bring Americans into our family -- not drive them away. //

The Good Book reminds us: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Each day, you put your lives on the line so that justice can be color-blind -- so that our Nation can be one. //

I was reading the other day some words from Steve Ruda, a Captain of the L.A. Fire Department. He was talking about his high school -- Our Lady Queen of Angels High School in Mission

Hills. He said: "I learned the importance of service there. I never lost that sense of mission to care for others more than myself."

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POLICE/FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST  
LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 6, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT  
THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*  
FROM: CURT SMITH  
SUBJECT: HIGHWAY PATROL/FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST

On Friday, May 8, at 7:30 a.m., you will attend a breakfast with California Highway Patrol officers and "foot-soldier" fire fighters at Fire Station 26 in Koreatown. Your remarks (five minutes, cards) highlight acts of heroism and human-interest that have occurred over the past week.

**\*\* NOTE:** Steve Ruda, whose quote is used at the end of the speech, is a Captain who will be attending the breakfast.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HIGHWAY PATROL/FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992  
7:30 A.M.

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L.A. - FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992

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**RESPONSE:**

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Please see  
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Thank you.

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

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TODAY, 3:00 p.m.

DATE: 5/6/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: TODAY, 3:00 p.m.

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L.A. - FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992

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**RESPONSE:**

TO: DANIEL B. MCGROARTY

May 6, 1992

The NSC staff concurs in the proposed presidential remarks.

*Brent Scowcroft*  
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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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

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*See Comments  
Mary Pat Sheel for DS*

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: LEE S. LIBERMAN *LSL*

SUBJECT: Police/Firefighters Breakfast Remarks

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cc: Phil Brady

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: POLICE/FIRE FIGHTERS BREAKFAST  
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Fire fighters, police officers, fellow Americans. It is an honor to be with men and women who last week acted heroically on behalf of good. / I speak for every American when I say: Thank you from the bottom of my heart. //

The Bible reminds us, "Blessed be the peacemakers." Last week, you stood tall for peace -- braving fire and fury for days without end: Often, ~~without warm food~~ -- often, without rest. <sup>respites.</sup> You showed how civil rights include the right to be free from fear and from violence. //

Almost six thousand fires responded to. Nearly 12,000 thousand arrests. \_\_\_ buildings saved -- along with untold lives. / That is just one legacy of your work. Here's another: You showed how society must -- and will -- stop those who seek to burn stores / loot businesses / and kill our fellow citizens. //

No one can pay you enough to do the job you are sworn to do: Protect each one of us -- black, white, brown, yellow. Above all, Americans -- all children of a humane and loving God. //

James Henry knew that. James is 41, and black. He knows, as Martin Luther King said, that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." // So last week he braved five attackers to help a Hispanic man who'd been beaten. / He helped pull the

*I heard the stories. about*

~~Those who seek only to burn and kill deserve -- and should receive -- no sympathy. They are savages, barbarians -- and you opposed them frontally. / Opposed them through heroes like Scott Miller, a firefighter shot in the cheek while riding on a fire truck / or Michele Kaemmerer, captain of a fire company which doused flames while braving gun fire / or Michael Strawberry of LAPD, who was wounded while trying to restore order on the streets of his hometown. //~~

Darryl Strawberry said of his brother: "Michael was my rock." / So were each of you -- saving buildings and lives so that we can now attack the problems of poverty / inequality / lack of opportunity. // I'll be talking about those problems in coming days. I'll need your help / your thoughts / your support / your prayers. // ~~Last week, you made America proud.~~ Now, let's build on those beginnings -- to bring Americans into our family -- not drive them away. //

The Good Book reminds us: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Each day, you put your lives on the line so that justice can be color-blind -- so that our Nation can be one. //

I was reading the other day some words from Steve Ruda, a captain of the LA Fire Department. He was talking about his high school -- Our Lady Queen of Angels High School in Mission Hills. He said: "I learned the importance of service there. I never lost that sense of mission to care for others more than myself."

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victim to the sidewalk, got him a blanket, got the phone number of his family, and stayed with him until police arrived. //

James Henry reflected the best -- not the beast -- in man. So did another hero, an 18-year old named J.T. -- we may never know his <sup>full</sup> name -- near the corner of Florence and Normandie Avenues. / J.T. watched a <sup>someone</sup> ~~they~~ set a pickup truck on fire. So <sup>J.T.</sup> ~~he~~ took off for home, grabbed some water, and put out the flames. / He would have been proud of two other heroes -- an elderly black couple who pulled up to the 77th Street police station. Inside their car was a Latino man they had found. He had a gunshot wound in the head. //

Amid the craze of violence, these people helped put an end to violence. They knew that what unites us means far more than what divides us. // Like you, they understood that what counts isn't race, or religion -- but how we live our lives -- whether we love, not hate, one another. / Last week, the vast majority of Los Angeles joined hands to bind a wound, and help a neighbor. / ~~No longer silent, it said: "Enough is enough. We demand an~~ <sup>they sought</sup> ~~America of peace, equality, and law -- an America of hope."~~ //

That's what you really restored last week. Not just electricity or water. Not even order in the streets -- but hope. / Restored it against the criminals who pulled motorists from cars / who attacked you with axes / shot at you as you tried to do your jobs. / ~~These criminals make my blood boil.~~ //

~~The thugs I speak of are the mortal enemy of the decent people in Crenshaw, in Pico [PEE koe] Union, in Korea Town. I needed~~  
~~you.~~  
~~and you~~  
~~were there.~~  
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~~That's what you showed last week -- caring, serving, loving,~~  
giving. / We all have a lot to do, but you've helped make a new  
start possible. Thank you, God bless you, and the United States  
of America.

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