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George Bush, 1992 / May 27

...this century, America has
 More than once, we've
 conflict and turned back mortal
 But as a Nation, we have
 we can lead when there
 on the doorstep. We have
 proved and proved again we can win the war.
 Now we must wage the peace.

Once again, to this wonderful graduating
 class, I wish you well. I wish you Godspeed,
 and thank you all for this warm welcome.
 May I thank the families that have labored
 in sweat to provide this wonderful day for
 these wonderful Midshipmen, now to be En-
 signs or Lieutenants. Welcome, congratula-
 tions to the Class of 1992. And may God bless
 the United States of America, the freest,
 greatest country on the face of the Earth.
 Thank you very much.

*Note: The President spoke at 10:45 a.m. at
 the Navy/Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.
 In his remarks, he referred to Lawrence Gar-
 rett III, Secretary of the Navy; Rear Admiral
 Thomas C. Lynch, Superintendent of the U.S.
 Naval Academy; and Midshipman 1st Class
 Robert Boehning, an honorary graduate.*

Remarks in a Roundtable Discussion With the Mount Paran Christian School Community in Marietta, Georgia

May 27, 1992

The President. Thank you, Dr. Walker,
 and all of you for taking your time. But what
 I wanted to do is just say a couple of brief
 remarks and then listen to you.

Tomorrow there's a report coming out on
 the schools. It's an NAEP report. I think it
 will be announced by the Education Depart-
 ment. And it's got some troubling statistics
 in it, conclusions in it about kids: Too much
 television; not enough reading, parents read-
 ing to the kids, kids doing reading. And I
 just wish Barbara were here because she
 spends a great deal of her life encouraging
 families to read together and teachers and
 kids to read together. But this report is going
 to say that we've got a long way to go.

Having said that, I am told that this school
 sets a pretty darn good example for the rest
 of the State, community, and Nation really
 in terms of parental involvement which we
 think is absolutely fundamental and also in
 terms of teacher-kid relationship. So what I
 want to do is to hear from you as to how
 you think it's working.

We think in America 2000 we have a good,
 strong education program. It puts emphasis
 on school choice. When I got out of the Navy
 a jillion years ago—it's on my mind because
 I was at the Naval Academy graduation
 today; did not go there—but when I got out
 of the service we had the GI bill. You could
 choose whether you wanted to go to what-
 ever school. Similarly, in some of the grant
 programs for higher education you can
 choose. We think choosing public, private,
 religious schools makes all schools better.
 Competition never hurt anything. And we
 think it is a good way to go. So choice is
 a part of our America 2000 program. And
 then part of it is simply, in a revolutionary
 way, redesigning American education. But
 not dictating from Washington. Say here's a
 community; you come up with what you
 think is best for your community. Here's an
 urban area, and you all decide what you think
 is best.

And so this is our approach, and we've got
 a great Secretary of Education, Lamar Alex-
 ander. Dr. Roger Porter, over here, is with
 me in the White House, is an expert on not
 only what we're trying to do but I think on
 American education. So if you ask me ques-
 tions I can't answer later on in the question-
 and-answer period, I'll just simply turn to
 Roger.

But I'm told that it works for you, that
 you're getting good results. And I'd like to
 know from all of you, board members, stu-
 dents, whether that conclusion is correct, and
 if so, why.

Jim, I met your headmaster down there,
 and I don't know whether we have an order
 here, but maybe he's a good one to start it
 off.

Participant. I think something a lot of
 Americans are not aware of is that the Japa-
 nese did this very thing about 15 years ago
 in Japan. They had a system that was pri-
 marily a state system that had bogged down,

Letter of Condolence to Lawrence Welk, Jr.

May 19, 1992

Dear Larry,

Barbara and I send to you and all your family our most sincere condolences. Your great and admired Dad set a wonderful, wholesome example for this Country. His personal story inspired us all and his music had broad appeal. Lawrence Welk was truly a great American.

Please convey our deepest sympathy and special prayers to all in your family.

Sincerely,

George Bush

Note: This letter follows the text as released by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Nomination of William Arthur Rugh To Be United States Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates

May 19, 1992

The President today announced his intention to nominate William Arthur Rugh, of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. He would succeed Edward S. Walker, Jr.

Since 1989, Ambassador Rugh has served as Director of the Near East and South Asia Bureau at the U.S. Information Agency. Prior to this he served as Ambassador to the Yemen Arab Republic, 1984-87, and as Deputy Chief of Mission in Damascus, Syria, 1981-84. He also served in a number of other positions in Cairo, Jidda, and Riyadh.

Ambassador Rugh graduated from Oberlin College (B.A., 1958); Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (M.A., 1961); and Columbia University (Ph.D., 1964). He was born May 10, 1936, in New York, NY. Ambassador Rugh is married, has three children, and resides in Maryland.

The President's News Conference With Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada

May 20, 1992

The President. I'm just delighted to have had this visit with Prime Minister Mulroney of Canada, welcoming him back to the White House.

I think we covered an awful lot of ground in a short time. And just a couple of observations: I know that many are focusing on our trade issues, in particular on trade disputes. Well, that's natural. We've got this enormous, this immense trade that goes on between our two countries. And our bilateral trade is increased by \$30 billion since the inception of the Free Trade Agreement in 1989 and now stands at a volume of nearly \$200 billion. I believe that this trade is of enormous benefit to the two economies and demonstrates vividly the value of that Free Trade Agreement. And because of the large trade between the U.S. and Canada, there are bound to be some bumps in the road.

We have existing mechanisms for dispute settlement. We are using them, including the FTA itself. And as a consequence, I can report that we're making progress in overcoming some of our recent problems. I told the Prime Minister, who forcefully presented Canada's case, that I would work with our administration to see that these disputes receive proper high-level consideration before they go to some form of action. I think this will help. But in any event, we discussed frankly the problems.

We also talked about a wide range of international issues, including the coming summit, including the G-7. So we had a very good conversation. And in the Bush view, our administration view, this relationship between Canada and the United States is very, very important to the people of the United States of America.

So, welcome back, sir.

The Prime Minister. Thank you, Mr. President.

As the President said, we had a very far-reaching discussion on a lot of subjects. I'd be happy to take whatever questions are appropriate.

But I tried to focus on what our priority problem is at this point in time, and it's trade. And for some time, Canadians have been troubled and angered by the attitude adopted by some people in Washington on major trade issues. Rather than move quickly to resolve or prevent irritants, the tendency was to retaliate against Canadian products by threatening to impose demonstrably unfair penalties on Canadian imports. These actions create uncertainty for investors and exporters and undermine the fundamental intent of the Free Trade Agreement.

The President has called me a number of times over the last few weeks, conscious of some of these difficulties that have arisen in a very complex and important trading relationship. We agreed at this meeting today to follow up on it. So we had a very constructive review of these issues.

We both intend to raise the level of commitment to resolve and to reduce disputes, to give a higher level of attention in order to manage the relationship and these issues. The President and I are going to work personally to that end. We both recognize that healthy trade between us is vital to recovery. We are the United States' best customer by far, and the United States is ours. We can help each other in terms of economic recovery by reducing the temperature and getting rid of a lot of these irritants, rather than allow them to fester and grow to important status.

For example, Canada's merchandise trade surplus was \$3.1 billion in the first quarter, as announced this morning, the largest surplus since the second quarter of 1990, and for the first quarter, Canada's exports to the United States are up 8.8 percent from last year. As the President has pointed out, even in a difficult recessionary period, the growth in trade between Canada and the United States is up very impressively. That means jobs in the United States and jobs in Canada, and we have to keep that going.

It was a very instructive and helpful meeting, and I thank the President and his advisers and counselors and Cabinet ministers for that.

Canada-U.S. Trade

Q. Who are these mysterious "some people"? Are you suggesting that the President

himself may not know who in his administration, in your view, is discriminating against Canadian trade?

The Prime Minister. I've already indicated, and you know full well, that a lot of the action is initiated by industry, by interest groups, by lobbying interests in isolation from some of the fundamental objectives of the Free Trade Agreement. And in some cases, as dispute mechanisms have pointed out, they may or may not have validity. Sometimes the United States wins; sometimes we win.

What concerns me is not that. That's normal. What concerns me are demonstrably unfair matters being initiated and allowed to grow and fester when they should have been dismissed because the object of the Free Trade Agreement was to make it a model for the rest of the world or certainly a model for this hemisphere. And anything that vitiates that undermines the effectiveness of what is a very valid and helpful instrument for both of us. That's what I was talking about.

Q. Mr. President, do you agree that we have not been fair?

The President. I agree that when you have a trading situation that's as broad and as big as we have, there are bound to be some disputes. What we've agreed today is to be sure that we engage early on at proper levels to see that some of those disputes can be avoided. Some may not. Some may have to go to arbitration or to be adjudicated in legal manners. But I think we can do a better job of trying to avoid disputes. And that's what the spirit of these conversations were all about.

Q. Is the trade agreement jeopardized by this dispute?

The President. No. From our standpoint, we've got this agreement. I've cited for you the figures of advanced trade as taken place under the agreement. But what we've got to iron out are the differences, and they are overwhelmed by the common ground.

If you're referring to the NAFTA, I don't believe so. I think we just had a report on our side from our very able Ambassador, Carla Hills, who filled us in, and I detected no pessimism at all from her.

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The Prime Minister. Helen [Helen Thomas, United Press International], from our point of view on that, we were very encouraged by the undertaking given today by the President to elevate the degree of attention that this trading relationship will receive in Washington by the administration. Often-times things get out of hand, but they tend to get less out of hand if the President is keeping an eye on it himself. That's what the President is going to work through his administration to make sure that they don't grow into the problems that they've become.

Q. What about Murphy Brown?

[At this point, a question was asked in French and answered by the Prime Minister in French.]

Q. Do you think Murphy Brown is a bad role model, sir?

NAFTA

Q. Mr. President, will you be personally involved in the North American free trade agreement negotiations and talk to the Prime Minister about any barriers to completing those talks?

The President. Oh, sure. But I'm not going to be the negotiator. We've got a very able, experienced team that knows far more about the detail than I know, and they have my full confidence. But I have such a relationship with the President of Mexico and the Prime Minister of Canada that they feel free to call me on these matters, and I feel free to call them. If we are needed to finalize these agreements, clearly, all of us want to be involved, all three of us.

Canada-U.S. Trade

Q. Prime Minister, do you feel you've received the kind of assurances that will allow you to tell Canadians they will no longer be subject to the kind of action you yourself described as harassment?

The Prime Minister. Well, we'll have to see. But I also mentioned at that time, as you'll remember, that I was satisfied that President Bush was a free trader and a fair trader. I've consistently mentioned that. I believe that the kinds of harassment that we've seen must stop. I think that the President understands that. He understands my concerns and has indicated that at the highest

level he plans to work with Secretary Baker and Carla and Brent and others to make sure that this is conducted in such a way that it is brought to a halt, not to preclude valid cases from coming forward on both sides, not to prevent that but to make sure that things that ought not to go forward, don't.

"Murphy Brown" Television Show

Q. Let's get it over with, sir—Murphy Brown. [Laughter]

Q. —Vice President Quayle's criticism of Murphy Brown, and also his statement that a lack of family values led to the L.A. riots?

The President. Everybody give me a Murphy Brown question. I've got one answer right here for you. [Laughter] What's your Murphy Brown question?

Q. What's your answer?

The President. What's the question? You're getting four different questions.

Q. Do you agree that she's not a good role model?

Q. Can a TV sitcom really influence a legitimate—

The President. All right, are you ready for the answer?

Q. Yes.

The President. All right, this is the last Murphy Brown question.

Q. Maybe.

The President. This is the last Murphy Brown answer, put it that way. [Laughter]

No, I believe that children should have the benefit of being born into families where the mother and a father will give them love and care and attention all their lives. I spoke on this family point in Notre Dame the other day. I've talked to Barbara about it a lot, and we both feel strongly that that is the best environment in which to raise kids. It's not always possible, but that's the best environment. I think it results in giving a kid the best shot at the American dream, incidentally. It's a certain discipline, a certain affection. One of the things that concerns me deeply is the fact that there are an awful lot of broken families. So that's really the kind of guidance I would place on that. I'm not going to get into the details of a very popular television show.

Q. You're contradicting your Press Secretary.

Urban Aid Initiatives

Q. Mr. President, the Senate has almost doubled the amount of emergency funds in the supplemental for American cities. Is that acceptable to you?

The President. Which was it?

Q. The Senate has virtually doubled the amount of money in the emergency supplemental for Los Angeles and other cities. Is that acceptable to you? And also, sir, have you ruled out anything in terms of financing the programs that you're talking about, particularly taxes?

The President. We will be meeting this afternoon. I've appointed the Chief of Staff, who is already engaged with the leadership. I believe the meeting is going to be this afternoon with the leadership. I'm not familiar with what the Senate has done. There was one version of the bill that is unacceptable to us.

But here's my view on what we ought to do: There are some things that we agree on with Congress, have nothing to do with how you pay for it, but there are some things that are well within the budget agreement that can be done and where both Congress and the executive branch has shown an interest. It is my view that we ought to focus on those. "Weed and Seed" is one; enterprise zones is another. My pitch to the leaders is, look, you've got your priorities over here, and we've got ours. But let's do something that will help the people not just in Los Angeles but people that need jobs in the inner cities.

I'm still feeling that we have an opportunity to get it done that way. I can't comment on the Senate bill, except to say the one I saw yesterday, Kennedy-Hatch, is not acceptable to the administration, and we made that clear to the leaders. But let's get the common ground and try to do something to help people. Then we can have the debate and the votes and the countervotes as to whose plan, Senate plan, House plan, administration plan. I still think we can get it done that way.

Q. What about taxes, sir? Have you ruled out taxes?

Thailand

Q. Can you comment, please, on the situation in Thailand? Some people are comparing this to Tiananmen Square. As far as I know you haven't mentioned it yet. What is—

The President. Well, we're very concerned about the instability in Thailand, very concerned about the violence that we've seen there, and we've made this position known to the Thais. In fact, our Ambassador had a meeting just yesterday with the Prime Minister on this. So let's hope that it calms down there.

Q. [Inaudible]—says that you are personally involved in helping to get loan guarantees for the—[inaudible]. Were you, sir? And were you at the time aware of—

The Prime Minister. I'll be happy to take these domestic questions at—

Q. Murphy Brown was more important, sir?

The Prime Minister. I didn't take Murphy Brown. Let me ask a question: Who is Murphy Brown? [Laughter]

I'll be happy to answer it later, Joe [Joe Schlesinger, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation].

"Murphy Brown" Television Show

Q. Was it a mistake for Murphy Brown to portray an unwed mother in that show?

The President. I told you. You must have missed what I said, Pat [Patrick McGrath, Fox News]. I said I've just taken the last Murphy Brown question and tried to put it in a serious context that I hope the American people can understand. That's it.

Next for the Prime Minister here. We want fairplay here.

[At this point, a question was asked in French and answered by the Prime Minister in French.]

President's Approval Rating

Q. Sir, I was just wondering, based on your own experience, have you been able to give the President any personal advice on how to handle this plummet in the polls that he's experienced recently?

The Prime Minister. Jim [Jim Miklaszewski, NBC News], I remember a time when President Reagan was here. And

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there was a front-page story in the New York Times in August of 1987 that said, "President Reagan's popularity has just plummeted to 59 percent." Right then I knew the difference between Canada and the United States; it's language. The word "plummet" does not mean the same in Canada as it does in the United States. So from where I'm sitting in the polls, I'm seeking advice, not giving any. [Laughter]

Family Values

Q. Mr. President, do you agree with the Vice President that a lack of family values helped lead to these riots in Los Angeles? And do you think the California welfare reforms could ameliorate this?

The President. I think we'd have a much more stable environment everywhere in our country if we had more families, put it this way, if the kids had the advantages of two-parent households. It's not always easy. It's not always possible. But I really believe that is stabilizing. I think the decline in the family as this country's known it over the years is a discouraging factor, and I think it offers kids much less hope. I believe that if we had more stable families with a loving mother and father, and fathers taking their responsibility more seriously, that it would add to stability in the community, yes.

Abortion

Q. Mr. President, the heart of the question seems to be whether or not there should be an abortion if you don't have a father. Can you specifically address—

The President. No, my position on abortion is well-known.

Q. But the two are in conflict here because the producer of the show says, "Well, then, you should ensure the right to abortion." Can you specifically address the main question?

The President. I'm not going to get—I don't know that much about the show. I've told you, I don't want to answer any more questions about it. I just tried to put it in terms of—John [John Cochran, CBS News] was asking about my view on stability of the family, I think. But I just can't go into the details.

Q. In this case, she chose to have a child and chose not to have an abortion. Do you applaud that?

The President. Well, as you know, I don't favor abortion. And I think that opting for life is the better path.

Q. Mr. President—

The President. Prime Minister, got one for him?

Canada-U.S. Trade

Q. Any progress this morning on softwood lumber?

The Prime Minister. I indicated to the President that while we were encouraged by the reduction from 14.5 to 6.51, we still feel that this is a very unfair penalty on softwood exports from Canada that really do a lot of good for the United States. In fact, all that penalty is doing at the border is adding \$1,000 or \$2,000 to the cost of an average house in the United States, which is why the Governors in the Pacific Northwest are opposed to it. So what we're going to do is take this, under the Free Trade Agreement, under chapter 19, for resolution under the dispute settlement mechanism. I believe that Canada has a strong case and hopefully will win.

Spotted Owl Habitat Protection

Q. President Bush, on the domestic side of the lumber supply issue, do you think that Secretary Lujan's alternative owl plan will help to reduce the shortage of lumber and to keep prices down?

The President. I think one thing it will do is see that fewer people are thrown out of work. And that I think is very important to many, many thousands of families in the Northwest. And what effect that particular decision is going to have overall on price, I just can't say. Whether it increases supply enough that the price will go down or not, I just don't—I haven't seen an economic analysis of that particular decision.

Q. Mr. President, what is your—

The President. We need—it's his turn, the Prime Minister's turn.

The Prime Minister. Okay, Hilary [Hilary MacKenzie, MacLean's Magazine]

Canada-U.S. Trade

Q. Prime Minister, behind the trade dispute, is there a fundamental problem that Americans don't understand Canadian sensitivities on the trade issues?

The Prime Minister. No, I don't think that. I think the answer is the one that the President and I have referred to, that what it needs is an upgrading within the administration. In regard to the care and concern of—look, this is the most important trading partnership. A lot of Americans think their best trading partner is Japan. Wrong. Others think it's Europe. Wrong again. It's Canada. And the beauty of the trading relationship with Canada, unlike many others that the United States has, is that this \$200 billion a year at the end of the year is in rough balance. The Americans are not carrying a big deficit to speak of in their trade with Canada. This kind of very valuable relationship has to be nurtured and looked after and admired for what it is. Otherwise, it could go the wrong way.

So it has nothing to do with Canadian sensitivities. It has a lot to do with upgrading this on the American side so that the American administration and people understand the importance of them not only to us but to them, and to use this as a model for trading agreements elsewhere in the world. I think it could be mutually beneficial.

The President. Marlin has signaled that we have time for one question each, if that's agreeable, Mr. Prime Minister.

Q. Mr. President, are you worried about Ross Perot?

Q. Mr. President, can you tell me if you believe that Canada has been harassed by decisions on trade cases brought by senior advisers, including the man who is now your deputy campaign manager?

The President. I believe that we ought to look at the whole picture. And I believe that that enormous trading relationship has been marred by a very few number of disputes. And I can understand it when people feel very strongly on a deal, whether it's lumber or whether it's autos or whatever else it is that's contentious. I'm inclined to look at the whole picture and see it relatively free of dispute.

But when there is a dispute, I can understand the passions being very high. We've got to try to avoid the disputes before they take place, and when they do take place, each side has every right to take it to adjudication.

So I'm not going to try to characterize it, but when the Prime Minister feels strongly about something like that and tells me of his strong feeling, clearly I want to do what I can, working with our bureaucracy, see that any feeling of harassment is eliminated. We'll work to eliminate these, get rid of the disputes before they happen. But then, if they have to happen because we have diverse interests, we'll try to peacefully and harmoniously settle them.

So that's the way—I can understand the passions on issues on both sides of the border. But I believe that we can, with this spirit that the Prime Minister has outlined here, minimize the chance for future disputes arising, and that's what I think is coming out of this meeting.

So when he presents me with strong feeling, the view of Canada on some very contentious issue, I don't take offense; I say, "Hey, let's try to work it out." And similarly, I expect that when we go forward with something we feel very strongly about, and there are recent cases there, the Prime Minister says, "Well, let's see whether we can't resolve that." Sometimes they have difficulties in Canada. They have provincial governments; they have central government, and we try to be understanding of that.

So I don't want to be standing here next to a good friend of the United States of America and a good free trader in some contentious mode. The meeting, albeit Brian Mulroney presents his case very forcefully—but I would simply say the meeting, as far as I'm concerned, some of it is let's find ways to avoid the disputes before they get to the point where one side or another feels harassment.

The Prime Minister. David [David Halton, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation], final question.

Q. Was there any discussion, sir, of the argument being made by some U.S. Senators that softwood lumber shouldn't even be allowed to go to a panel because it's exempted under the original FTA ruling?

The Prime Minister. No, we didn't get into the details of it, David, beyond what the President and I have indicated. But given the fact that we think that 6.51 is still unacceptable, we're going to take it to a chapter 19.

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Dinner with Prime Minister
Mulroney, Canadian Embassy

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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SUBJECT: _____

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm.122, x2930, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, with a copy to this office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

May 20, 1992

Good job. NSC Staff clears with one change.

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the departments on foot . . . ^a au pied, if you will.))

Just as you saluted the special relationship between our two
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and the friendship shared by our two families. I appreciate the
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by telephone. ((Thanks to our phone habits, from what I've seen,
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look forward to a visit at Kennebunkport or Camp David by
Caroline, Mark, Nicholas, and Benedict.

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people of Nova Scotia, in particular the families of the miners

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