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So we've been here, and we are very grateful to you. We salute you. And I would like to just propose a toast to the health of President and Mrs. Endara and to that lasting, strengthening friendship between Panama and the United States of America.

Note: The President spoke at 1:15 p.m. at the Presidential Palace.

Remarks to the American Community in Panama City June 11, 1992

Thank you so very, very much for that warm welcome. And General Joulwan, thank you for the introduction. And may I salute not only the General but also Ambassador Hinton, our distinguished Ambassador. He and Mrs. Hinton, Mrs. Joulwan, and you in the Embassy staff, Mr. Ambassador, are doing a first-rate job here in Panama. And I salute you for your work, your career, and your dedication in representing the United States of America.

I want to greet the graduates, seniors at Balboa and Cristobal High who are graduating today. Let me say hello to the Panama Canal Commission members, the Smithsonian Institute office people that are here. And to all of you serving the cause of freedom across the continents and oceans, my thanks for your service to our great country and for your dedication to the United States of America. And may God bless you all.

Now I want to say a few words to the Americans here, but before I do that, I want to say a word to the citizens of Panama. My Spanish isn't very good, so I'm going to ask for a little translation. But I first want to thank President Endara, Vice President Ford, Mayor Correa for the warm welcome they gave to us from the minute we arrived. I am grateful to each and every one of them.

May I say to the people of Panama, Barbara and I will never forget the warm welcome you gave us as we drove in from the airport and indeed as we drove to this base, thousands of people along the road expressing their appreciation for our great country. And let me say to them, we appreciate Panama. We appreciate Panama's move to democracy, and no tiny little left-wing demonstration is going to set your democracy back.

May I say in conclusion to the people in Panama, democracy takes a while to solidify it, to perfect it. Democracy doesn't come easy. But I could sense in that crowd today and amongst the leaders today the determination to perfect and see Panama's democracy come to total fulfillment. And let me say to the people of Panama, Barbara and I are grateful for the welcome. The day of the dictator is over, and you should take great pride in what your country has done.

All right, now, to all you Yankees out here—[applause]. In fact, I think I'll go to work here; it's hot out there. But a special hello to those from this base, from other bases here in Panama. I know that some of you came a long, long way, an hour-and-a-half drive across the Isthmus to come and give us this tremendous welcome. And let me salute the seven from the Pacific side, Quarry Heights, Fort Clayton, Fort Kobbe, Howard, Albrook, Panama Canal-Rodman Naval Air Station, and Port Amador, and then the three on the Atlantic side, Fort Davis, Fort Sherman, and Galeta Island.

Working abroad, and Barbara and I have been there, is a learning experience in a way, managing diplomatic and domestic responsibilities. I just want you to know that we have tremendous respect, whether it's in the military, whether it's as civilians, for all who serve their country overseas. Your work, whether it was on the civilian side or on the military side, has helped give this wonderful country a chance for what we take for granted in the United States, that democratic experience and freedom. That's what your mission is about.

I know that a lot goes into planning a Presidential visit. I was on the receiving end of one of them over in China, and I thought I would never recover. But to all of those

who worked with the arrangements on this visit, let me simply say we will do what we said: We will leave on schedule. And you can get back to normal.

But before I do, before I leave and before Barbara leaves, let me just say that you all should take pride in knowing that you serve at a time when Panama is reaching an entirely new status in the community of nations. Those of you who took part in Just Cause and those of you who have come since must take great satisfaction in Panama's accomplishments. Don't let this little ripple out there today that took place in the plaza, a handful of people trying to disrupt this wonderful welcome, don't let it discourage you. I'd say the same to the people. You can feel the heartbeat here, and you are partly responsible for that wonderful feeling between Panama and the United States of America.

Justice and freedom have been restored. With each sunrise the people of Panama wake to liberty's greatest gift: free elections, free press, and free worship. I must say that the plaza where we came from, there's a history there of protest and also, vigil. But today that plaza is the people's park. And I wish every one of you could have seen the welcome we had before a handful of characters tried to disrupt it all. Each day you serve, you are visible reminders of freedom and democracy at work. You're laying a foundation for cooperation between our nations that will last for generations to come.

As I know, as we saw tragically just yesterday, there are times when some of your comrades are called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice. I want you to know as Commander in Chief that we honor the memory of Corporal Hernandez here today, a veteran of Desert Storm, and the memories of all the proud, brave men and women in uniform who gave their all in the service of their country. The most fitting tribute to their memory and to their sacrifice is to complete the work they began. And therefore, we will continue to help the Panamanians build on their progress in strengthening democracy and developing their economic system so that future generations can share what you all have helped start, this new beginning.

We're going to work together to secure a future of free trade, a link to economic recovery,

progress, and prosperity. Our countries are going to work together to bring an end to that dreadful narcotic trafficking that are poisoning the kids in Panama and poisoning the kids in the United States. We will not fail in crushing the narco-traffickers.

And so to each and every one of you, our profound thanks for your service. Once again, to President Endara and his colleagues, my sincere thanks for the warmth of the welcome and, much more important, for what Panama is doing as now a newly found proud member of the family of nations, moving down the path to democracy and freedom. It is a wonderful example.

Now we head off to the Environmental Conference down there in Rio. And I look forward to that because we're taking down there a sound, forward-looking message on the measure of the environment. And I believe that we're going to go just fine.

But thank you all for the service to the greatest, freest country on the face of the Earth, the United States of America. Thank you very much.

Note: The President spoke at 3:25 p.m. at Albrook Air Force Base. In his remarks, he referred to Gen. George Joulwan, commander in chief, Southern Command, and U.S. Army Cpl. Zak A. Hernandez who was killed June 10 by gunmen in Panama.

Statement on the Balanced Budget Amendment

June 11, 1992

Today's vote in the House shows that we are close to realizing a goal that the overwhelming majority of Americans support, adoption of a balanced budget constitutional amendment. The Democratic leadership's proposal was soundly defeated, and our bipartisan amendment came within just nine votes of getting the two-thirds needed to pass.

A balanced budget amendment is absolutely essential to the economic health of America. We cannot continue to burden our children and grandchildren with crippling Federal deficits.

AMERICAN COMMUNITY GREETING \ ALBROOK MILITARY BASE
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1992 \ 2:40 P.M.

THANK YOU GEN. JOULWAN FOR THAT INTRODUCTION.

HELLO TO AMBASSADOR HINTON. MRS. HINTON. AMBASSADOR,
YOU AND THE EMBASSY STAFF ARE DOING A FIRST RATE JOB
HERE IN PANAMA, AND I SALUTE YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING
WORK REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES. //

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CRISTOBEL HIGH WHO GRADUATE TODAY. LET ME SAY HELLO TO
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FINALLY, A SPECIAL HELLO TO THOSE OF YOU FROM OUR OTHER BASES HERE IN PANAMA -- I KNOW MANY OF YOU MADE THE HOUR AND A HALF LONG DRIVE ACROSS THE ISTHMUS TO COME GIVE ME THIS TREMENDOUS SEND-OFF. // LET ME SALUTE THE SEVEN FROM THE PACIFIC SIDE: QUARRY HEIGHTS, FORT CLAYTON, FORT KOBBE [CO-BE], HOWARD, ALBROOK, PANAMA CANAL-RODMAN NAVAL STATION, AND FORT AMADOR. THE THREE ON THE ATLANTIC: FORT DAVIS, FORT SHERMAN, AND GALETA ISLAND.

WORKING ABROAD IS ALWAYS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE -- MANAGING DIPLOMATIC AND DOMESTIC RESPONSIBILITIES. LAST FRIDAY, DEN MOM BISA WILLIAMS FROM THE EMBASSY AND SOME OF THE CUB SCOUTS FROM PACK FIVE VISITED THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE -- THEY WALKED DOWN PRESIDENT'S HALL WHERE FIVE STAFF MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT: THERE'S A STAFF FOR LAW, JUSTICE, CONSISTENCY, OBEDIENCE, AND WORK. ONE YOUNG SCOUT ASKED "WHERE'S THE ONE FOR FOUN" // NOW HE'S GOT THE RIGHT IDEA. //

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WE JUST CAME FROM PLAZA PORRAS -- A PLACE THAT HAS SEEN PROTEST AND VIGIL. TODAY PLAZA PORRAS IS THE PEOPLE'S PARK.

EACH DAY YOU SERVE, YOU ARE VISIBLE REMINDERS THAT FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WORK. YOU ARE LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR NATIONS THAT WILL LAST FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. AND I KNOW AS WE SAW TRAGICALLY JUST YESTERDAY THERE ARE TIMES WHEN SOME OF YOUR COMRADES ARE CALLED UPON TO MAKE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW AS YOUR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF THAT WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF SPECIALIST HERNANDEZ TODAY -- A VETERAN OF DESERT STORM -- AND THE MEMORIES OF ALL THE PROUD, BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM WHO GAVE ALL IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY. THE MOST FITTING TRIBUTE TO THEIR MEMORY AND SACRIFICE IS TO COMPLETE THE WORK THEY BEGAN. THEREFORE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HELP THE PANAMANIAN BUILD ON THEIR PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPING THEIR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL -- SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN SHARE IN THIS NEW BEGINNING.

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WE WILL WORK TOGETHER TO SECURE A FUTURE OF FREE
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ALL OF YOU ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF OUR JOINT
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EXCITING PLACE AND TIME THIS IS -- THE FUTURE IS GREAT
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TO YOU, SERVING THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM ACROSS CONTINENTS
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TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MAY GOD BLESS YOU
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID F. DEMAREST *DFD*
FROM: JEANNIE BUNTON *JB*
SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMERICAN COMMUNITY GREETING, ALBROOK
MILITARY BASE, PANAMA

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, June 11 at 2:40 p.m. you will deliver a brief greeting to 10,000 members of the American community at Albrook Military Base. The audience includes Embassy, military, and Panama Commission personnel, and their dependents.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks, (approximately 6 minutes / cards), focus on the significant role these Americans are playing in Panama's return to democracy.

Bunton
8 June 1992
[PANGREET]
Draft Four

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ALBROOK MILITARY BASE
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1992
2:40 P.M.

Thank you Ambassador Hinton for that introduction. You and the Embassy staff are doing a first rate job here in Panama, and I salute you for your outstanding work representing the United States. // Hello to South Comm. Commander-in-Chief General Joulwyn. Congratulations to the Seniors at Balboa High and Cristobel High who graduate today. Let me say hello to the members of the Panama Canal Commission and the Smithsonian Institution office. // Thank you all for coming.

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Our countries will continue to work together to bring an end to the flow of narcotics and money laundering. //

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/9/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN COMMUNITY GREETING,
SUBJECT: ALBROOK MILITARY BASE, PANAMA - THURS. 6/11/92 - 2:40 pm

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DARMAN	☐	☒	PETERSMEYER	☐	☒
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CALIO	☐	☒	SMITH	☐	☒
DEMAREST	☐	☒	YEUTTER	☐	☒
FITZWATER	☐	☒	FINDLAY	☐	☒
GRAY	☐	☒	KAUFMAN	☐	☒
HOLIDAY	☐	☒	MCGROARTY	☐	☒

REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

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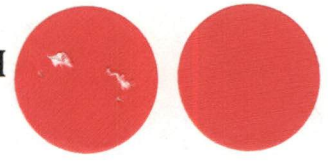
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DATE: 6/8/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: TUES. 6/9/92 2:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: AMERICAN COMMUNITY GREETING

SUBJECT: ALBROOK MILITARY BASE - THURS. 6/11/92 - 2:40

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 p.m., TUESDAY, JUNE 9, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

June 9, 1992

TO: DAN MCGROARTY

The NSC Concurs with the noted changes.


Brent Scowcroft

cc: Philip D. Brady

12:54 PM 9 JUNE 92

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

2 JUN 8 P3:14

Bunton
8 June 1992
[PANGREET]
Draft Two

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~~[The only U.S. military installations in Central and South~~
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So I want to say a special thank you to *Ambassador Hinton and all of you on* ~~the Number Two~~ at our Embassy here -- David Beall. You and the Embassy staff ^{you} are doing a first rate job here ^{in Panama} and I ~~at the front lines of democracy.~~ ^{salute you for your} ~~Ambassador Hinton told me about your~~ ^{representing the United States.} outstanding contributions ~~here in Panama.]~~

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RESPONSE:

TO: DAN MCGROARTY

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Brent Scowcroft

cc: Philip D. Brady

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Assistant to the President
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Bunton
8 June 1992
[PANGREET]
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- R. Brady may respond at a later time

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Bunton
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WASHINGTON

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: American Community Greeting

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR DANIEL MCGROARTY

FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: American Community
Greeting, Albrook Military Base

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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