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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PLAZA BELISARIO PORRAS
PANAMA - 6/11/92

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 9, 1992

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FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*
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DATE: 6/5/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 P.M. MONDAY 6/8

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PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

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RESPONSE:

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DATE: 6/5/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 P.M. MONDAY 6/8

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PLAZA BELISARIO PORRAS
PANAMA CITY, PANAMA

SUBJECT: _____
JUNE 11, 1992
2:00 P.M.

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RESPONSE:

No comments
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PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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Ext. 2702

02 JUN 5 P6:25

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Panama's economic growth last year was the highest in the hemisphere and unemployment has been cut in half.

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The long ~~term~~ partnership between our countries is embodied in the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties, and I want to confirm today in the strongest possible terms; the United States will honor and fulfill those Treaties in every aspect and detail. The Panama Canal will pass to Panama on December 31, 1999.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Plaza Belisario Porras

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have noted a few suggested changes on the draft.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may help in any other way.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: SEN. SPECTER FUNDRAISER HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA JUNE 9, 1992

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Thank you.

RESPONSE:

No Comment
- R. Brady may submit comments at a later time

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

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(Grossman/Ferguson)
June 4, 1992
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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: SEN. SPECTER FUNDRAISER
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
JUNE 9, 1992

- o [Acknowledgements]. You all know the reason I'm here. \ Bob Mumma's thinking of building a golf course on his property. \\ Of course -- we're here for Arlen. Arlen's known for saying: "Just get it done." Well, we're here to help him do just that.

- o Arlen knows how hard, how frustrating it can be to "just get things done" in a town where being Republican means being outnumbered. There is gridlock in government because there are roadblocks in Congress -- and the American people deserve better. \\

- o Voters are frustrated -- they're tired of the status quo and they're calling for change. But they also know there's a flip-side to change -- it's called trust: trust to make the right decisions and block the wrong ones. Arlen's worked for that trust. So have I.

- o For four years -- and with Arlen's help -- I've worked to create a legacy of good jobs, of strong families, of lasting peace. As President, I have an obligation to think about more than just the next election -- I have a duty to think

about the welfare of the next generation. Let the cynics ask: "What's your vision?" It's what I see in the eyes of my grandchildren -- it's there in the face of every child. It's no more. It's no less. My vision is their future.

- o Think of how much the world has changed already: the Cold War is won, Eastern Europe is free, South America is flourishing, and in the Gulf: freedom for a tiny country -- victory for a big idea. For generations, Americans fought and sacrificed -- often for children they'd never see, or grandchildren they'd never hold. Yes, there's a peace dividend -- it's called peace. And it belongs to them.

- o Republican leadership has helped change the world -- and here's what we're doing to help change America: Free trade -- because Americans aren't afraid to meet -- and beat -- the competition. Health care reform: because our families, our children, deserve affordable, accessible, health care. Education reform: with proposals like school choice -- we're putting the vital, fundamental decisions back in the hands that run the home and raise the family. Legal reform: because when your neighbor's just as likely to serve you a subpoena as a cup of coffee -- something's got to change. Government reform: because government is too big and spends too much. The Democrats say: More money. I say: you don't fix a broken car by giving it more gas. \\

- o That's why I've called for a balanced budget amendment. Runaway government spending is threatening the economic future of our country. Every American family has to live within its means -- and it's high time the federal government did the same. Another way to carve out the pork? I can do it with a pen. I'm asking Congress: if you're serious about cutting spending -- give me the line-item-veto. \\
- o So far I've talked about what government can do. But government alone won't solve our problems. Ask yourself: what keeps a kid in school \ off the streets \ and away from drugs? Not government. Family. Too many Americans feel that their country's on the wrong track. How do we get it back on track? We take the first step when we put the family first.
- o Government can -- and must -- reform education. But parents must read to their children and teach them a love of learning. Government can -- and must -- fight crime. But families must instill the respect for others' property and the value of others' lives. Government can -- and must -- foster economic competitiveness. But the work ethic is learned at home. Barbara Bush is right: "What happens in

your house is more important than what happens in the White House."

- o We have inherited a great country from those who came before. But we have also borrowed America from all those who will come after. We know that America is great because America is good. It's up to us to make it even better.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DANIEL MCGROARTY

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

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Plaza Belisario Porras,
Panama City, Panama

Pursuant to Phil Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection, provided "our Hemisphere's" is substituted in place of "South America's" on page 3, line 19. This change is required by the fact that geographically Panama is part of the North American continent.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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RESPONSE:

June 9, 1992

To: Dan McGroarty

NSC clears with the noted changes.

cc: Philip Brady

[Signature]
Brent Scowcroft

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PHILLIP D. BRADY
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2:00 P.M.

Thank you all for this warm welcome. [Acknowledgements: Mayor Correa of Panama City, etc.] Finally, I want to salute my host. When President Endara took office, he inherited a legacy no leader would envy: years of mis-rule that shattered Panama's economy -- and tore apart the public trust. In these difficult circumstances, President Endara has disbanded the security forces that threatened democracy, liberalized the economy -- and has helped restore the freedoms that give democracy its meaning. / But I know your President would be the first to say none of these steps would have been possible -- without the spirit and strength of the Panamanian people.

I am deeply honored -- delighted to spend even a short time in Panama -- in a nation that stands as a testament to the rising tide of democracy across the Americas.

In the history of Panama, this plaza has often been a rallying point for protest -- a gathering place for those who dreamed of a new destiny in democracy. Behind me stands the Chamber of Commerce -- seized on the day three years ago known simply as Black Friday, its white walls painted black to symbolize a strongman's power -- and the death of the democracy movement. It was here during the dark days of dictatorship that

Panamanian mothers came to light a candle in the night for truth and justice.

And it is here today that the new Panama affirms a future in freedom. For in Panama, and all across this hemisphere, history has spoken: the day of the dictator is over. //

I know that even the events of three short years ago -- the turmoil and the triumph -- grow more distant each day. For the people of Panama, every-day concerns demand attention: Food to be put on the table. Children to care for. Work to be done.

Yes, there is work -- but ^{Panamanians} people can hope. ^{And their} Yes, children ^{(of a better, prosperous future for them and their children,} ~~must eat -- but they~~ can dream. Freedom has made these things possible for the people of Panama. Beyond the problems of the present is the promise of a better future.

The measure of this or any other nation is never its material wealth or natural riches. The true strength of a nation is measured in human spirit. And in this spirit -- in the drive and determination of its people -- Panama is truly blessed. //

As fellow inhabitants of this hemisphere, as fellow democrats, as friends -- I salute what Panama has accomplished with the return of democracy:

After years in which the ruling regime made Panama an international outcast -- Panama is once more a respected member of the world community.

After years of public corruption that robbed the people, Panama is ^{experiencing} ~~once more poised for~~ an economic revival. ^{This economic} a revival is a

Panama's economic growth last year [9.3 percent] was the highest in the hemisphere and unemployment has been cut in half.

tribute to your energy and your entrepreneurial spirit, and it

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~~That~~ investment and growth and jobs means ~~work and hope~~ and a better future for even the least fortunate among you.

After years of being ruled over and held down -- Panama is confident. Panama is proud. Panama is free. //

Our two countries share common interests:

~~A common interest in a future free from the scourge of~~
~~We share a common vision of~~
drugs. / Yes, in my country, our work is far from over: we must continue doing all we can to drive down demand for illegal drugs -- but we must also work to dry up supply. As your partner, I can applaud Panama's real progress in the battle we wage every day against drug trafficking and drug money. It is a war we will wage until / we / win.

We share a common interest in a future of free trade. As Bridge to the Americas and gateway to Europe and Asia -- Panama knows as few other nations can that free trade is its link to progress and prosperity.

~~We share a~~ ^{have a} ~~common interest in~~ ^{commitment to} the environment. Every nation now sees that environmental threats know no borders. Even in Panama, the destruction of South America's tropical rainforests poses a long-term threat to the watershed in the Panama Canal. Global problems demand global solutions.

Finally, our two nations share a deep devotion to a sacred ideal. / In this square stands a memorial to Belisario Porras -- patron President of a free and independent Panama. Porras does not stand alone -- but is guided by twin ideals: democracy and freedom.

The long partnership between our countries is embodied in the 1977 Panama Canal Treaties, and I want to confirm today in the strongest possible terms the United States' commitment to honor and fulfill those Treaties in every aspect and detail. The Panama Canal will pass to Panama on December 31, 1999.

Freedom and democracy led Panama in the early years of this century -- in your first days as a new nation. Freedom and democracy will lead Panama to a proud future in the new century ahead. //

Now, with the return of democracy, we see this square as it was meant to be: a monument not to Panama's past -- but to its future. Not to what once was -- but to what will be. //

Thank you once again for this warm welcome. May God bless the people of Panama -- and may God keep Panama now and always proud, independent and strong.

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John Spaworth

PLAZA BELISARIO PORRAS \ PANAMA CITY, PANAMA
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1992 \ 2:00 P.M.

THANK YOU PRESIDENT ENDARA FOR THOSE KIND WORDS.

MRS. ENDARDA [ANA MAE]. VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD.
MAYOR CORREA OF PANAMA CITY. MR. BOSCO VALLARINO.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THIS WARM WELCOME.

I SALUTE PRESIDENT ENDARA -- WHO HAS HELPED RESTORE
THE FREEDOMS THAT GIVE DEMOCRACY ITS MEANING. /
DEMOCRACY IS ON THE MOVE. FREEDOM IS ON THE MOVE. AND
I KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT WOULD BE THE FIRST TO SAY NEITHER
OF THESE ADVANCES WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE -- WITHOUT
THE SPIRIT AND STRENGTH OF THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE.

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AND WHAT A MAGNIFICENT EXAMPLE OF THAT SPIRIT AND
STRENGTH WE HAVE HERE IN YOUR GREAT MAYOR -- MAYIN
[MY-EEN] CORREA.

I AM HONORED -- DELIGHTED TO BE HERE IN PANAMA --
IN A NATION THAT STANDS AS A TESTAMENT TO THE RISING
TIDE OF DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE AMERICAS. I SALUTE EACH
AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY AND
FREEDOM. //

THROUGHOUT PANAMA'S HISTORY, THIS PLAZA HAS OFTEN
BEEN A GATHERING PLACE FOR THOSE WHO DREAMED OF A NEW
DESTINY IN DEMOCRACY.

IT WAS IN THIS PLAZA THAT PANAMANIAN WOMEN CAME TO PRAY FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE. BEHIND ME STANDS THE PANAMANIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -- DURING THE DARK DAYS OF DICTATORSHIP, ITS WHITE WALLS WERE PAINTED BLACK TO SYMBOLIZE A DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT IN MOURNING. THESE WALLS ARE BLACK NO MORE!

TODAY DEMOCRACY IN PANAMA HAS BEEN REBORN. AND, AS I LOOK AT YOUR FACES THIS MORNING I KNOW THAT NO ONE WILL EVER AGAIN TAKE AWAY YOUR HARD WON FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

BUT FOR THE PEOPLE OF PANAMA, EVERY-DAY CONCERNS ALSO DEMAND ATTENTION: FOOD TO BE PUT ON THE TABLE. CHILDREN TO CARE FOR. WORK TO BE DONE.

YES, THERE IS MORE TO DO -- BUT NOW THE PEOPLE OF PANAMA CAN HOPE. YOUR CHILDREN CAN DREAM. FREEDOM HAS MADE THESE THINGS POSSIBLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF PANAMA. BEYOND THE PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT IS THE PROMISE OF A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL.

AS FELLOW INHABITANTS OF THIS HEMISPHERE, AS FELLOW DEMOCRATS, AS FRIENDS -- I SALUTE WHAT PANAMA HAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE RETURN OF DEMOCRACY: PANAMA IS ONCE MORE A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

AFTER YEARS OF PUBLIC CORRUPTION THAT ROBBED THE PEOPLE, PANAMA IS BEGINNING TO EXPERIENCE ECONOMIC REVIVAL. UNEMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF -- AND PANAMA'S GROWTH RATE LAST YEAR WAS THE HIGHEST IN THIS HEMISPHERE. THIS REVIVAL IS A TRIBUTE TO YOUR ENERGY, YOUR HARD WORK, AND TO YOUR GREAT SPIRIT.

AFTER YEARS OF BEING RULED OVER AND HELD DOWN -- PANAMA IS PROUD. PANAMA IS RESPECTED. PANAMA IS FREE.

TODAY PANAMA AND THE U.S. ARE ONCE AGAIN PARTNERS; LET ME ALSO REAFFIRM TO YOU IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS ONE OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR PARTNERSHIP: THE UNITED STATES WILL HONOR AND FULFILL THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES IN LETTER AND IN SPIRIT. // AND I AM PROUD AS I KNOW YOU ARE THAT ALREADY, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PANAMA CANALS IS A PANAMANIAN.

WE SHARE A COMMON VISION: A WORLD FREE FROM THE SCOURGE OF DRUGS. I PLEDGE TO YOU THIS: WE WILL STAND AT YOUR SIDE IN THE FIGHT TO DEFEAT THE NARCO-TRAFFICKERS WHO ARE POISONING OUR CHILDREN. NO MORE TRAFFICKERS. NO MORE DRUGS.

PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE ALSO WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD HERE IN THE AMERICAS SOMETHING THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN -- A COMPLETELY DEMOCRATIC HEMISPHERE WHERE TRADE IS FREE ACROSS ALL OUR BORDERS AND A BETTER LIFE IS SHARED BY ALL OUR CITIZENS.

FINALLY, OUR TWO NATIONS SHARE A DEEP DEVOTION TO A SACRED IDEAL. IN THIS SQUARE STANDS A MEMORIAL TO BELISARIO PORRAS -- PATRON PRESIDENT OF A FREE AND INDEPENDENT PANAMA. PORRAS DOES NOT STAND ALONE -- BUT IS GUIDED BY TWIN IDEALS: DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM. / FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY LED PANAMA IN ITS FIRST DAYS AS A NEW NATION. FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WILL LEAD PANAMA TO A PROUD FUTURE IN THE NEW CENTURY AHEAD. //

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THIS WARM WELCOME. MAY
GOD BLESS THE PEOPLE OF PANAMA -- AND MAY GOD KEEP
PANAMA STRONG, INDEPENDENT AND FREE -- NOW AND FOREVER.
[FUERTE, INDEPENDIENTE, Y LIBRE.]

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