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**TOAST IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN  
THE WHITE HOUSE \ JUNE 16, 1992 \ 8:00 P.M.**

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THIS NEW RELATIONSHIP HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE NEW RUSSIAN REVOLUTION -- AND THAT REVOLUTION OWES MUCH TO OUR GUEST TONIGHT. JUST AS CRISES SHOW THE METTLE OF A MAN, SO TOO THEY SHOW THE STRENGTH OF AN IDEA.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID F. DEMAREST *DD*  
FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *McG*  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED TOAST FOR STATE DINNER WITH  
PRESIDENT YELTSIN

I. SUMMARY

On Tuesday, June 16 at 8:15 p.m., you will deliver a dinner toast to President Yeltsin at the State Dinner, at the White House.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks, (approximately 5 minutes / cards), focus on the significance of this historic first U.S.-Russia Summit and emphasize President Yeltsin's courageous leadership.

McGroarty/Bunton  
June 12, 1992  
5:00 p.m.  
[YELTSIN]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TOAST IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
JUNE 16, 1992  
8:00 P.M.

Mr. President, Mrs. Yeltsin, distinguished guests: Barbara and I are delighted to welcome you here tonight. // As I said this morning as I welcomed you to the White House, and as I've seen today in our discussions -- this meeting marks a new kind of summit: not a meeting between two powers struggling for global supremacy -- but between two partners, striving to build a democratic peace.

This new relationship has its roots in the new Russian revolution -- and that revolution owes much to our guest tonight. Just as crises show the mettle of a man, so too they show the strength of an idea. When, back in August of 1991, the old guard threatened to take Russia backward -- Boris Yeltsin led the defense of democracy from the building Russians call the White House. The coup plotters set out to destroy democracy -- instead they made it stronger.

Mr. President, you've been described many times as a maverick -- a word coined in the American heartland to capture the independent streak that sets some individuals apart from the crowd. I think my fellow Texan Jim Baker would agree: You possess a certain spirit you find on the plains of West Texas.

Tonight we honor your courage -- and celebrate the new possibilities now open to us. Think back to the Cold War climate

that marked earlier summits, and how far we've come. How much safer, how much more hopeful -- to meet tonight as friends, united by common ideals. //

More than 150 years ago, Alexis de Tocqueville predicted that the U.S. and Russia would one day be the world's two great powers -- rivals for world dominance. We must prove that prophesy was only true for a time -- and that our two nations can forge a new future, in freedom. //

Our governments will work to build stronger ties, for the sake of peace and prosperity. Yes, we in this country must reach out -- provide the assistance that can help Russia's democratic revolution succeed. But the bonds that knit democracies together can never be created by government alone. Democracies grow together through the countless encounters that take place every day between private individuals and professionals, between business and labor, artists and educators -- in your country and mine.

Gone are the days when vast parts of our countries were off-limits to foreign visitors. Under our new Open Lands agreement, for the first time, Russian and American officials -- and more important, Russian and American citizens -- will be free to travel anywhere in each other countries -- to witness the customs and heritage that set us apart, and the common humanity that draws us together.

Tonight, Mr. President, I offer this toast in the spirit of friendship:

To the new partnership between our people; to the success of the new Russian revolution; and to the new world of freedom we seek.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVID F. DEMAREST

FROM: DAN MC GROARTY *DMG*

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS FOR TOAST AT THE RECIPROCAL STATE  
DINNER HOSTED BY PRESIDENT YELTSIN

I. SUMMARY

On Wednesday, June 17 at 8:15 p.m., you will deliver a toast at the Reciprocal State Dinner hosted by President Yeltsin in the Gold Room at the Russian Embassy in Washington.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks, (approximately 4 minutes / cards), focus on the accomplishments of this first U.S.-Russia Summit and pay tribute the progress Russia has made under President Yeltsin's leadership.

Please note: the translation will be consecutive. The closing Russian salutation means: "to many healthy and prosperous years."

McGroarty/Bunton  
June 15, 1992  
3:00 p.m.  
[RETURN.TST]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TOAST AT THE RUSSIAN EMBASSY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
JUNE 17, 1992  
8:15 P.M.

Mr. President, Mrs. Yeltsin, Ambassador and Mrs. Lukin:  
Barbara and I are honored tonight to be your guests. The warmth we feel tonight raises my hopes that this summit marks a turning point -- a chance to secure the kind of peace our people have been dreaming of for decades: the kind of peace that comes when two nations share a single ideal.

The promise of our new partnership is reflected in the agreements we signed today. We agreed today to historic reductions in our nuclear arsenals -- and to cooperate in disabling and destroying nuclear weapons. We began today to chart together a new future for mankind in space. We agreed to reduce military competition -- to work in common to end conflict. And we created a new foundation for our economic relations that will lead to greater trade and a more prosperous future for both our nations.

Mr. President, the progress we've made would not have been possible without Russia's commitment to democratic reform. From the role and rights of an elected Parliament -- to the rule of law -- to the right of every individual to live, work and worship as they wish: Russia is moving forward in the difficult task of democracy-building.

In this effort, Russia will draw its strength from defenders of heritage and history like Solzhenitsyn. From crusaders for universal human rights like Sakharov. From the men and women without number who kept faith when faith was forbidden -- who spoke the truth, when speaking truth cost lives. // From men and women like the tens of thousands who last August rallied to the Russian Parliament -- to your White House, Mr. President -- to lay claim to a democratic future. //

Mr. President, the American people want to see Russia reach that democratic destiny. I pledge to you tonight our commitment to support you on your journey. Across the boundaries of language and culture, across the old Cold War chasm of mistrust, we feel the pull of common values. In your revolution, we see echoes of this nation's past. In your hopes and dreams -- we see our own. //

Tonight, I raise my glass:

To our gracious hosts, President and Mrs. Yeltsin; To the people of Russia; To the success of the new Russian Revolution - and our new partnership in freedom. [I wish you: Mnogaya leta!]

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

6/11/92

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00PM, FRIDAY, JUN 12

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT, OFFICIAL VISIT OF  
PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN OF RUSSIA

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOAST (JUNE 16, 1992, THE WHITE HOUSE)

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REMARKS:

~~MCGROARTY~~  
Please provide comments on the attached directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN 2:00PM, FRIDAY, JUNE 12. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

TOAST FOLDER

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

McGroarty/Bunton  
June 11, 1992  
3:00 p.m.  
[YELTSIN]

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To that beginning, I want to add tonight a challenge -- a bold approach to build the trust that endures: I challenge the American people to bring ten thousand Russian students to live and learn in this country. To open their hearts and homes -- learn from your young people the hopes and dreams that shape the new Russia. //

[Proverb?: From freedom comes friendship.] //

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PORTER'S  
COMMENTS

McGroarty/Bunton  
June 11, 1992  
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SUBJECT: TOAST (JUNE 16, 1992, THE WHITE HOUSE)

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**RESPONSE:**

*See comments*  
*R. Howard may submit comments at a later time*

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

McGroarty/Bunton  
June 11, 1992  
3:00 p.m.  
[YELTSIN]

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT, OFFICIAL VISIT OF  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
JUNE 16, 1992  
10:00 A.M.

Mr. President, Mrs. Yeltsin, distinguished members of the Russian delegation -- welcome to the United States. And of course, all of you who have come here to mark this historic moment: Welcome to the White House. //

Mr. President, today marks the beginning of a new era -- a new kind of summit: not a meeting between two powers struggling for global supremacy -- but between two partners, striving to be friends. // This meeting drives a final nail into the old antagonisms that kept our people apart -- and kept the world on the edge of war. //

Your nation is embarked on a great experiment -- a new Russian revolution -- with democracy as its goal. The progress Russia has made, and the promise of more to come, owes much to the courage and vision of President Boris Yeltsin. Like Peter the Great, you are redefining Russia's understanding of itself -- redefining Russia's role in the world. But, for the first time in modern Russian history, a leader claims as his authority not the dispensation of history -- but a democratic mandate. //

Already, Mr. President, we are transforming our relations -- with benefits not simply to our two nations, but to the world.

Think back to the Cold War, with its clear and present dangers. Today, the threat of a cataclysmic conventional war has vanished with the Warsaw Pact -- and the threat of a nuclear nightmare is more distant now than at any time since the dawn of the nuclear age. // Mr. President, I say this with a sense of pride, a sense of awe -- and above all, a sense of history: there is no greater gift to the people of America and Russia and all the world than an end to the awful specter of global war.

But our celebration must be tempered with a renewed sense of mission -- for our challenges are far from over.

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 6/11/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00PM, FRIDAY, JUN 12

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT, OFFICIAL VISIT OF  
 SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BORIS YELTSIN OF RUSSIA

TOAST (JUNE 16, 1992, THE WHITE HOUSE)

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 Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this  
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 Thank you.

RESPONSE: *Add Line p. 2*

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

McGroarty/Bunton  
June 11, 1992  
3:00 p.m.  
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10:00 A.M.

Mr. President, Mrs. Yeltsin, distinguished members of the Russian delegation -- welcome to the United States. And of course, all of you who have come here to mark this historic moment: Welcome to the White House. //

Mr. President, today marks the beginning of a new era -- a new kind of summit: not a meeting between two powers struggling for global supremacy -- but between two partners, striving to be friends. // This meeting drives a final nail into the old antagonisms that kept our people apart -- and kept the world on the edge of war. //

Your nation is embarked on a great experiment -- a new Russian revolution -- with democracy as its goal. The progress Russia has made, and the promise of more to come, owes much to the courage and vision of President Boris Yeltsin. Like Peter the Great, you are redefining Russia's understanding of itself -- redefining Russia's role in the world. But, for the first time in modern Russian history, a leader claims as his authority not the dispensation of history -- but a democratic mandate. //

Already, Mr. President, we are transforming our relations -- with benefits not simply to our two nations, but to the world.

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FROM: Dan Toft x4657

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# DARMAN'S OFFICE COMMENTS.

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last week on Hill: Congressman Leach → introduce new exchange prog. w/ Soviet Union, but got killed 2 days ago.

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Ambassador Hicks was born March 16, 1938, in Baltimore, MD. He presently resides in Camp Springs, MD.

### Remarks at the State Dinner for President Boris Yeltsin of Russia

June 16, 1992

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the White House. Mr. President and Mrs. Yeltsin, and distinguished guests all, Barbara and I are delighted to welcome you here tonight on a day that I think history will record as something very, very special. I am very pleased with the arrangements that we were able to work out with President Yeltsin today. I think it's good for mankind. I think it's good for the generations here and the generations to come. So you're here on an historic occasion, and we couldn't be more pleased.

Mr. President, tonight's dinner is a little bit more formal than the blue jeans and sweaters that we wore back up there at Camp David in February, but I believe the progress we made today would not have been possible without that private time we spent together and then without the hard work of our Secretary and your Foreign Minister, our Secretary of Defense, your Defense Minister, our Ambassador, your Ambassador. As I said this morning as I welcomed you to the White House, this meeting marks a new kind of summit. Not a meeting between two powers that are struggling for global supremacy but between two partners striving to build a democratic peace.

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Mr. President, you've been described many times as a maverick, a word coined in the American heartland to capture the independent streak that sets some individuals apart from the crowd. Well, I think our fellow Texans Jim Baker and Bob Strauss would agree you possess a certain spirit that you find on the plains of the West. And tonight we honor your courage and celebrate the new possibilities now open to us.

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*Note: The President spoke at 8:20 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.*

### Remarks at the United States-Russia Business Summit

June 17, 1992

Thank you all very much. Mr. President. Thank you, Barbara. Please be seated. Let me just say what a joy it is to be here with Secretary Franklin, who's really taken off and doing a superb job for us at Commerce, and then, of course, giving me this opportunity in front of all our business leaders to salute President Yeltsin.

Yesterday was indeed an historic day, and I was proud to be at his side as we carved out a whole new approach to arms reduction; something big, something important, something that's going to benefit not only present generations but generations to come. And so you are most welcome here, sir.

Let me, before we hear from our special guest, President Yeltsin, let me just make a few comments on the business side of things. The U.S.-Russian Business Conference is important work. I will follow up in every way I can with the United States Congress to get them to pass the "FREEDOM Support Act." Let me be very clear to the American people: We are not supporting the "FREEDOM Support Act" simply because it benefits Russia. It is my view that the "FREEDOM Support Act" will benefit the United States of America and will benefit world peace and will benefit democracy and freedom.

So I ask the support of everyone in this room, after yesterday's historic accomplishments, to join me in working that Hill up there, Congress, get them to go along and support the "FREEDOM Support Act." President Yeltsin will be talking about this, I'm sure, when he makes an historic address to the United States Congress, but I just wanted everyone here to know how committed we are. And yes, it's a tough political time

and all of that, but it is in the interest of the United States of America to pass this act, and I need your help.

Later today we're going to conclude major treaties and agreements related to this new foundation between us: trade, bilateral investment and tax treaties, as well as the OPIC and Ex-Im agreements. Also effective today the United States will properly extend most-favored-nation status to Russia.

But my message to this conference is simple: Neither Government programs nor multilateral assistance is going to get this job done. Neither of those can do it. Private sector participation in the economies of Russia and the other states, especially involvement by American business, is critical to the success of Russia's bold venture into free markets. And that participation must be on a vast scale, measured in billions of dollars, for the challenge to be met.

To that end, I'm pleased to announce that OPIC, headed by Fred Zeder, who's so well-known to everybody here, OPIC is going to have an agreement between the U.S. and Russia, and that one enters into force today. This agreement's going to permit OPIC to provide investment insurance to American private investors. It's also going to provide additional financing and investor services for joint ventures in other products in the Federation. With OPIC and Ex-Im everyone wins. Russia can tap into the ingenuity of American business in our capital goods, our know-how, and our technology, which are indeed the best in the entire world. In my view that help will enable Russia to develop its food and health sectors, recover its energy resources, privatize state industries, and convert military plants to civilian production.

Now Boris Yeltsin, President Boris Yeltsin, talked to us in great detail about this yesterday. I can just assure you from what he told me then and from what our business-oriented and able Ambassador, Bob Strauss, has been telling me all along, he understands this. He understands their need for change. He understands the fact that they've got to do some streamlining themselves.

But what we want him to know while he's here is that we are interested in moving forward vigorously with private-sector participation to help not only Russia but certainly to