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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAN MCGROARTY *DM*
FROM: ANDREW FERGUSON *AF*
SUBJECT: RADIO ADDRESS ON GI BILL FOR CHILDREN

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(Ferguson/Grossman)
June 25, 1992
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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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RESPONSE:

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Assistant to the President
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(Ferguson/Grossman)
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SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Radio Address on GI Bill
for Children

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

If you have any questions or we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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REMARKS:

Please provide comments on the attached directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, with a copy to this office NO LATER THAN NOON, TOMORROW, THURSDAY, JUNE 25.
 Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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This proposal is in the greatest American tradition. Forty-eight years ago this week, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the GI Bill, creating scholarships that veterans could use at any college -- any college of their choice. The GI Bill created opportunity for Americans who never would have had it -- and in so doing, helped to create the best system of colleges and universities in the world.

We can do it again -- this time with a GI Bill for Children, helping state and local governments create the best elementary and secondary schools in the world.

My proposal is based on some fundamental truths. I believe that parents are their children's first teachers. Parents, not bureaucrats, know what's best for their children. Parents, not the government, should choose their children's schools.

For too long, we've shielded schools from competition -- allowed them a damaging monopoly power over our children. This monopoly turns students into statistics and parents into pawns. Let's be clear about who's hurt most by the present system. It's not the wealthy -- they can already afford to send their children to whichever school they choose. The GI Bill for Children will give low- and middle-income families more of those choices. Whether it's the public school down the street or across town, whether it's a parochial or Yeshiva or Bible school -- parents should be able to decide which school will best teach their kids.

By injecting competition into our education system -- by allowing parents to choose their children's schools -- we can break the monopoly, provide the catalyst to open up opportunities for our kids, and create genuine change in our schools.

Abraham Lincoln said: "Revolutions do not go backward," and all across the country -- from Pennsylvania to California, from San Antonio to Indianapolis -- the school-choice revolution is gaining steam. I met with many leaders of that movement at the White House this week. They are the true heroes of school reform. They aren't afraid to stand up to the status quo -- to say, loud and clear, that when it comes to educating our kids,

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The protectors of the status quo should understand: this revolution will succeed. With or without their help, we will create the finest schools for our children and grandchildren, and we will do it by restoring to education the truest American principles: freedom and opportunity and choice.

Thank you for listening. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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