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Commissioner Jackson. I'd like to give you a comment. I think yesterday, Mr. President, in Los Angeles, we had a story told by a young man who is, today, 27 years old. His mother left under unusual circumstances. They lived in Nicholson Gardens, which is a public housing development in Los Angeles. At 17 he had to become the father, the mother of the family. His youngest brother was 2 months old when she left the home. He has raised every one of them.

But he said yesterday, the most important thing was his faith and commitment in God, and that he had to fight through a court system to keep his sisters and brothers. And now he has become an assistant manager at Nicholas Gardens. But he specifically said to us yesterday that without his deep abiding belief in God, that he could not have made it, and that was the driving force keeping him going every day.

The President. Isn't that fascinating? Gosh.

Governor Ashcroft. Mr. President, we thank you very much for coming and just hearing a little bit of the reflection of what we've been hearing around America from the Commission, and also hearing from individuals in Missouri. And these are the type of people, individuals who we've been hearing from in a variety of stops from one coast to the other. And they're inspiring to me in a lot of ways. They've fought through tough odds. Sometimes they've had bad starts. But the possibility of rescuing situations is coming on strong, putting families back together that had been apart, bringing children back into the home that had been in foster care.

We're inspired. You've given us a challenging but inspiring job. And we just want to thank you for letting us report to you on a little bit of an interim basis and letting us feel again the intensity of your personal concern on this issue.

The President. Well, I'm delighted. And thanks to the Commission members and also to the witnesses, or whatever we call them, these four families that shared this with us. I sit back there in Washington, and it really brings it home much more personally when you hear what individual families have done and are still doing.

As for you kids, next time we do this, it's going to be nice and cool. [Laughter] Next time that's the way it's going to be.

Thank you all so much.

Governor Ashcroft. We deliver the report in December. It will be cooler then.

The President. All right. That sounds far off now. [Laughter]

Note: The President spoke at 3:25 p.m. in Shelter Gardens Park. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

Remarks at the Show Me State Games in Columbia

July 24, 1992

May I salute our great Governor and thank him and all of you for that warm welcome. And to Mary Ann McCollum, our Mayor, thank you, ma'am, for welcoming us to your city, making us feel so at home. May I also salute Gary Filbert, the executive director of these wonderful games; Dr. Jerry Brouder, the chancellor of the university, from whom we've heard. I thought Stephanie, Miss Missouri, did a fantastic job singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" over there. And while we're passing out tributes, I thought that Jordan and Greg did okay on the Pledge of Allegiance, too. Never missed a beat. So thank you very, very much.

For me it's a great pleasure to be back here, several times I've been here, but back in Columbia. This is the one Tigers Den that I'm always happy to walk into. And everybody involved should take great pride in this fantastic Show Me Games. It's marvelous, and our congratulations go out, of course, to all the competitors. I have only one regret, not that I can't compete with you all but that I won't get to see you in action.

The Governor has told me what a marvelous event this is. The games now are, what, in their 7th year, but the spirit really is as old as America itself. And you're all here to do your best in a tough competition. The Olympic creed, I'm sure some of you are familiar with it, it really says it the best: "The most important thing is not to win but to

and restore the nation, represented by the American family. Games might well be. I know of the ones who have come from the midwest, so dad Terry, is here with four of the shooting competition that she says: "It's really members to be able to work hard to do the work hard, and we look like a Missouri

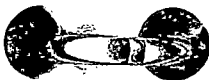


can relate to that. I've been a big part of the way back on the back in 1948 and the fifties, coaching a league team, and maybe not quite so much time carpooling with another that we were the president of my. [Laughter] Of my Little League. and swimming and lots of fishing. I went back to fishing and honest.



story about that Twain. One time I do some fishing. I know why he had to go on the train back to Chicago to the fellow he was done dead caught, Twain for a living. And I know the warden. Who allowed his cigar, the biggest darned cigarettes of America."

a little bit, but there's these games mean the winners alike. And the motto, "Show Sports are about character, about the time to



teach your son to shoot a bull's-eye or teach your daughter to throw a strike, you're teaching more than a skill, you're teaching values. Values like perseverance, sportsmanship, motivation, effort: priceless gifts that your kids will use long after you're gone.

Of course, the American family is under siege today from so many forces. But I have a plan to use Government to help keep these families together. And last year, we signed a new law that helps parents choose the quality of day care. Whether it's a school or relative's house or whether it's a local church, working parents ought to be able to choose where their children will be cared for. That keeps the family strong.

Similarly, you might ask about older kids who want to go to college but can't afford tuition. Well, yesterday we signed a new law expanding college financial aid, especially for middle-class families who are squeezed by rising costs.

And I think we'd all agree that it's pretty simple; you ought to be able to climb the ladder of education and reach your dream. And that's what we're trying to do. We're advancing ideas to make buying homes more affordable, to increase the tax exemptions for children. And for families on welfare, we want to create incentives for them not to fall apart but to hang in there, to stay together.

This morning, or just this afternoon, John, I met with Governor Ashcroft. You know, he is heading a very important Presidential Commission, a National Commission on America's Urban Families. And to get more ideas, we met to discuss what we can do to put the family back in the winner's circle.

Now, I've gone on a little longer, but I'm worried that Vernon Kennedy of Mendon might pick up his javelin and show me that I've been talking too long. So let me end. And let me just say that the family remains our most potent weapon as a Nation. America will always be first so long as we put the American family first.

Here in Columbia, and I'm sure the people from the rest of the State know about this, I think one of the favorite sons of Columbia is a graduate of Hickman High. He went on to make quite a name for himself: Sam Walton. He was a great achiever; we all know that. But he always knew that his

greatest legacy would be the children he gave to the world. And that's why he made sure, in his own words, that his kids "received your everyday heartland upbringing based on the bedrock values, a belief in the importance of hard work, honesty, neighborliness, and thrift."

And I know that in this sophisticated age, some people might find those home truths a little corny. But I don't, and I know you don't, either. We know what Sam Walton knew: Fashions come and go, but the old bedrock values never go out of style.

Let me say as I end this speech, I salute the mentors, the coaches, the mothers, the dads who bring out the best in these kids. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and the Nation's heart for what you are doing, not just to inculcate into these kids this competitive spirit but to hold together the American family in the process.

Now it is my pleasure to lead the athletes in the Olympic oath. And I leave here inspired. And let me just say, may God bless the United States of America, our great country. Thank you very, very much.

Note: The President spoke at 4:38 p.m. in Hearnes Center at the University of Missouri. In his remarks, he referred to Stephanie Patterson, Miss Missouri, 1992; Jordan Rentschler, Girl Scout Troop #382; Greg Mees, Boy Scout Troop #4; and the late Samuel M. Walton, founder of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

Proclamation 6461—Buffalo Soldier Day, 1992

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By the President of the United States
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RESPONSE:

Called at 2PM (MK)
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RESPONSE:

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(P. Brady may respond at a later time)

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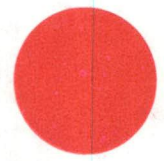
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TO: DAN MCGROARTY

July 23, 1992

The NSC staff concurs with the presidential remarks as amended.

Brent Scowcroft
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cc: Phillip D. Brady

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Show-Me State Games

We have reviewed the attached remarks 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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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/21/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: WED. 7/22/92 3:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SHOW-ME STATE GAMES
SUBJECT: COLUMBIA, MISSOURI - 7/24/92

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122 x2930, no later than 3:00 pm., WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
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(Ferguson/Grossman)

July 17, 1992

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SHOW-ME STATE GAMES
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1992
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(Acknowledgments) It's a great pleasure to be back in
Columbia -- this is ^[NOTE: MISSOURI'S MASCOT IS THE LION NOT THE LION.] one Lion's Den I'm always happy to walk into.
I want to congratulate Gov. Ashcroft, all the staff and
volunteers for doing such a great job putting the Show-Me State
Games together. My heartiest congratulations go to all of you
competitors.

These games are now in their seventh year, but the spirit
behind them is as old as America herself. You're all here to do
your best in tough, honest competition. The Olympic creed says
it best: "The most important thing is not to win but to take
part ... not to have conquered but to have fought well."

You come from all parts of the state, from all walks of
life, from every age group. Your youngest competitor, Aaron
Chartier, from right here in Columbia, is all of four years old.
He's a swimmer. Your oldest competitor, Vernon Kennedy of
Mendon, is 85 years young. I understand Mr. Kennedy specializes
in throwing javelins -- I may ask him to join me on the campaign
trail.

I'm particularly pleased to hear of the many families who'll
be competing over the next few days. The Bohmonts, for example,
have come from Sparta to join in the games. It's the middle of
haying season, so dad Terry couldn't make it -- but Cindy Bohmont

is here with four of her kids to participate in the shooting competitions.

Listen to what Mrs. Bohmont says: "It's so easy these days for family members to be doing their own things. We work hard to do things as a family. We work hard and we play hard." That sounds like a Missouri family to me.

I think I can relate. Family sports have always been a big part of the Bush family life. I remember, way back on the plains of West Texas, coaching my sons' Little League teams -- and I know Barbara remembers, too, although maybe not so fondly. She spent so much time carpooling our kids, we'd get thank-you notes from the president of Exxon.

Of course, it didn't stop with Little League -- there were hunting trips, swim meets, tennis lessons and lots of fishing. There's one great drawback to fishing with your kids -- they keep you honest. I'm reminded of a story about that great Missourian, Mark Twain. One time Twain snuck off to do some fishing. It was off-season -- which is why he had to sneak around. But on the train back home, he couldn't resist bragging to the fellow next to him. After he was done describing all the fish he'd caught, Twain asked the guy what he did for a living. The reply: "I'm the state game warden -- who are you?" Twain almost swallowed his cigar. "Sir," he said, "I'm the biggest damn liar in the whole United States."

Twain was stretching it a bit, but there's no stretching how much these games mean to fans and competitors alike. I like your

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SHOW-ME STATE GAMES \ COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1992 \ 4:30 P.M.

GOVERNOR ASHCROFT. MAYOR MARY ANNE MCCOLLEM. GARY
FILBERT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SHOW-ME STATE GAMES.
DR. JERRY BROUDER, CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
MISSOURI. LET ME THANK MISS MISSOURI, STEPHANIE
PATTERSON, FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE YOUNG
SCOUTS, JORDAN RENTSCHLER AND GREG MEES, FOR THE PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE.

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IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE BACK IN COLUMBIA -- THIS IS
ONE TIGER'S DEN I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO WALK INTO. I WANT
TO CONGRATULATE GOV. ASHCROFT, ALL THE STAFF AND
VOLUNTEERS FOR DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB PUTTING THE SHOW-
ME STATE GAMES TOGETHER. MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS
GO TO ALL OF YOU COMPETITORS.

THESE GAMES ARE NOW IN THEIR SEVENTH YEAR, BUT THE
SPIRIT BEHIND THEM IS AS OLD AS AMERICA HERSELF.

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YOU'RE ALL HERE TO DO YOUR BEST IN TOUGH, HONEST COMPETITION. THE OLYMPIC CREED SAYS IT BEST: "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO WIN BUT TO TAKE PART ... NOT TO HAVE CONQUERED BUT TO HAVE FOUGHT WELL."

YOU COME FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE, FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, FROM EVERY AGE GROUP. YOUR YOUNGEST COMPETITOR, AARON CHARTIER, FROM RIGHT HERE IN COLUMBIA, IS ALL OF FOUR YEARS OLD. HE'S A SWIMMER.

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YOUR OLDEST COMPETITOR, VERNON KENNEDY OF MENDON, IS 85 YEARS YOUNG. I UNDERSTAND MR. KENNEDY SPECIALIZES IN THROWING JAVELINS -- MAYBE I'LL ASK HIM TO JOIN ME ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL.

THIS YEAR'S SHOW-ME GAMES TAKE PLACE AT A MOMENTOUS MOMENT IN HISTORY. WHILE YOU ARE WARMING UP AND WORKING OUT ... OUR OLYMPIC ATHLETES WILL BE DOING THE SAME IN BARCELONA.

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THEY'LL BE COMPETING AGAINST LONG JUMPERS FROM CROATIA
... SLOVENIAN BOXERS ... LITHUANIAN BASKETBALL PLAYERS
... AND POLE VAULTERS FROM THE UNIFIED TEAM.

THESE PLACES DIDN'T EVEN BREATHE FREE ... JUST FOUR
YEARS AGO.

THE SIMPLE FACT IS ... THE COLD WAR IS OVER. WE
WON. THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD SAID ... SHOW ME AN
IDEOLOGY THAT WORKS? SHOW ME A WAY OF LIFE I CAN ASPIRE
TO? GUESS WHAT? WE SHOWED THEM."

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I'M RUNNING FOR A SECOND TERM ... BECAUSE I
BELIEVE THAT NOW THAT WE HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD ... WE
CAN CHANGE AMERICA.

YOU SEE ... THE NEW WORLD BRINGS BOTH CHALLENGES
... AND OPPORTUNITIES.

THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE CAN COMPETE ... NOW
THAT MORE AND MORE NATIONS ARE PLAYING OUR GAME.

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ONCE WE WIN THIS COMPETITION ... AND WE WILL ...
OUR CHILDREN WILL ENJOY PROSPERITY THAT WE CANNOT
IMAGINE. I BELIEVE THAT.

COMPETING IN THIS NEW WORLD IS NOT GOING TO BE
EASY. IT WILL REQUIRE THAT WE CHANGE OUR WAY OF DOING
BUSINESS.

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WHILE I PROMISE NOT TO GIVE A POLITICAL SPEECH
TODAY ... I DO WANT TO SAY THAT ONE OF MY TOP THREE
PRIORITIES ... IS TO STRENGTHEN AND RESTORE THE
BUILDING BLOCK OF OUR NATION --- THE AMERICAN FAMILY.

THESE "SHOW ME" GAMES MIGHT AS WELL BE CALLED ...
"THE FAMILY GAMES." I KNOW OF THE BOHMONTS, FOR
EXAMPLE, WHO HAVE COME TO SPARTA TO JOIN IN THE GAMES.

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IT'S THE MIDDLE OF HAYING SEASON, SO DAD TERRY COULDN'T MAKE IT -- BUT CINDY BOHMONT IS HERE WITH FOUR OF HER KIDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOOTING COMPETITIONS.

LISTEN TO WHAT MRS. BOHMONT SAYS: "IT'S SO EASY THESE DAYS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE DOING THEIR OWN THINGS. WE WORK HARD TO DO THINGS AS A FAMILY. WE WORK HARD AND WE PLAY HARD." THAT SOUNDS LIKE A MISSOURI FAMILY TO ME.

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I CAN RELATE. FAMILY SPORTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A BIG PART OF THE BUSH FAMILY LIFE. I REMEMBER, WAY BACK ON THE PLAINS OF WEST TEXAS, COACHING MY SONS' LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS -- AND I KNOW BARBARA REMEMBERS, TOO, ALTHOUGH MAYBE NOT SO FONDLY. SHE SPENT SO MUCH TIME CARPOOLING OUR KIDS, WE'D GET THANK-YOU NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT OF TEXACO.

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OF COURSE, IT DIDN'T STOP WITH LITTLE LEAGUE -- THERE WERE HUNTING TRIPS, SWIM MEETS, TENNIS LESSONS AND LOTS OF FISHING. THERE'S ONE GREAT DRAWBACK TO FISHING WITH YOUR KIDS -- THEY KEEP YOU HONEST. I'M REMINDED OF A STORY ABOUT THAT GREAT MISSOURIAN, MARK TWAIN. ONE TIME TWAIN SNUCK OFF TO DO SOME FISHING. IT WAS OFF-SEASON -- WHICH IS WHY HE HAD TO SNEAK AROUND. BUT ON THE TRAIN BACK HOME, HE COULDN'T RESIST BRAGGING TO THE FELLOW NEXT TO HIM.

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AFTER HE WAS DONE DESCRIBING ALL THE FISH HE'D CAUGHT, TWAIN ASKED THE GUY WHAT HE DID FOR A LIVING. THE REPLY: "I'M THE STATE GAME WARDEN -- WHO ARE YOU?" TWAIN ALMOST SWALLOWED HIS CIGAR. "SIR," HE SAID, "I'M THE BIGGEST DARN LIAR IN THE WHOLE UNITED STATES."

TWAIN WAS STRETCHING IT A BIT, BUT THERE'S NO STRETCHING HOW MUCH THESE GAMES MEAN TO FANS AND COMPETITORS ALIKE. I LIKE YOUR MOTTO: "SHOW ME WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF."

((THAT'S QUITE A DIFFERENCE FROM LIFE BACK IN WASHINGTON, WHERE THE MOTTO IS MORE LIKE: "SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE MADE UP.")) SPORTS ARE ABOUT CHARACTER -- ABOUT SHAPING CHARACTER AND NOURISHING IT. WHEN YOU TAKE THE TIME TO TEACH YOUR SON TO SHOOT A BULLS' EYE, OR TEACH YOUR DAUGHTER TO THROW A STRIKE, YOU'RE TEACHING MORE THAN A SKILL: YOU'RE TEACHING VALUES LIKE PERSEVERENCE, SPORTSMANSHIP, MOTIVATION, EFFORT -- PRICELESS GIFTS YOUR KIDS WILL USE LONG AFTER YOU'RE GONE.

OF COURSE ... THE AMERICAN FAMILY IS UNDER SEIGE TODAY ... FROM SO MANY FORCES. BUT I HAVE A PLAN ... TO USE GOVERNMENT ... TO HELP KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER.

LAST YEAR ... I SIGNED A NEW LAW ... THAT HELPS PARENTS CHOOSE QUALITY DAY CARE. WHETHER IT'S A SCHOOL ... OR RELATIVES HOUSE ... OR A LOCAL CHURCH ... WORKING PARENTS OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO CHOOSE WHERE THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE CARED FOR.

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AND WHAT ABOUT OLDER KIDS ... WHO WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE ... BUT CANNOT AFFORD TUITION?

JUST YESTERDAY ... I SIGNED A NEW LAW ... EXPANDING COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID ... ESPECIALLY FOR MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES WHO ARE SQUEEZED BY RISING COSTS.

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TO ME ... IT'S PRETTY SIMPLE. WHETHER YOUR PARENTS WORKED THE FARM ... OR TOILED IN THE STEEL MILL ... OR FRIED CHICKEN IN A RESTAURANT ... YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO CLIMB THE LADDER OF EDUCATION ... AND REACH YOUR DREAMS!

THIS IS WHAT WE'VE DONE ... BUT IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING.