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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 11/20/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: MONDAY, 11/23 2:00pm

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: TURKEY PRESENTATION  
 SUBJECT: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1992 - ROSE GARDEN

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**RESPONSE:**

*Called 1:00*

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

(Grossman)  
November 20, 1992  
Draft One  
TURKEY

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Molly Osborne

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SO TAKE IT EASY, TURKEY: WE'RE JUST HERE TO  
SERVE YOU.

O ~~SO I'VE GOT A QUESTION~~ <sup>But</sup> FOR ALL THE KIDS  
HERE TODAY: ~~SHOULD I LET THIS~~ <sup>SPECIAL</sup> TURKEY ~~LIVE?~~  
YES? ~~WELL, IT'S SETTLED THEN.~~ ~~THE BIRD~~  
~~LIVES.~~ <sup>will</sup> HE ~~WILL~~ BE GOING INTO EARLY RETIREMENT,  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

NOV 23 05:20  
November 23, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Turkey Presentation

We have reviewed the attached remarks and have no suggested changes. We approve the draft remarks in their present form.

*Should check to make sure no other countries  
have Thanksgiving Day.*

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR COMMUNICATION

FROM: *msj* ROBERT T. SWANSON  
ASSISTANT COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Turkey Presentation

At your request, Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. Minor comments on page one, no legal objection.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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