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**WREATH LAYING \ NAVY MEMORIAL
MONDAY, DEC. 7, 1992 \ 3:00 P.M.**

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THESE HEROES MIRRORED MAN'S FIDELITY TO
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12/7/92

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DEC 4 P2:16

December 4, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:

DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*

FROM:

CHRISTINA MARTIN *CM*

SUBJECT:

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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

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Keith Hawn - NSC

Pearl Harbor LSD 52

Ross - DDG 61

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 1:00 p.m., TODAY, DECEMBER 4, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

No comment

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

Martin
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TO: DAN MCGROARTY

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The National Security Council Staff concurs subject to the indicated changes.

Brent Scowcroft
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No Intro - off stage

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 MONDAY, DEC. 7, 1992

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War embodies man's inhumanity to man. These heroes mirrored man's fidelity to honor. The men of Pearl Harbor knew the things worth living for were also worth dying for: Principle, decency, liberty, truth.

So it is in their honor that two new ships will join the fleet. The first, a new destroyer, will be named U.S.S. ROSS for Captain Donald Ross, hero and Medal of Honor winner at Pearl Harbor.

I met Don Ross at the memorial service commemorating the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor last December. He passed away in May of this year, but the destroyer U.S.S. ROSS will pay tribute to Captain Ross in a way that will always live.

The second ship is, in a sense, named for all who fought at Pearl Harbor. Indeed, for the entire generation of young men and women who entered the service inspired by the heroism of that day. To commemorate the sacrifice and honor of every Sailor, Marine, Soldier, and Airman who fought so valiantly on the 7th of

December 1941, we will be naming an Amphibious Dock Landing ship
U.S.S. PEARL HARBOR.

On that long-ago day of infamy, brave boys became men -- and
brave men became heroes.

In that spirit, let this wreath I place at the foot of the
memorial serve as a symbol of our gratitude and respect.

We can never properly repay these men. What we can, and
must, do is honor them, remember them. Remember, too, the lesson
we learned at Pearl Harbor -- that America will always stand fast
so that human liberty can stand tall.

May God bless all servicemen and their families -- those who
have served and those who are serving as we speak. May God bless
this great country, the United States of America. Thank you.

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