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**LIGHTING OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE  
ELLIPSE \ THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1992 \ 5:00 P.M.**

**THANK YOU, JOE (REILEY, PRESIDENT OF  
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT OF PEACE) FOR THAT KIND  
INTRODUCTION. SECRETARY MANUEL LUJAN. JIM  
RIDENOUR (DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE).  
AND LET ME ALSO THANK THE ENTERTAINERS WHO  
HAVE MADE THIS EVENT SO SPECIAL:**

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**LEE GREENWOOD; LUCIE ARNAZ; KESHIA KNIGHT  
PULLIAM; WILLARD SCOTT (SANTA CLAUS); THE  
CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF MARYLAND; CAST OF "A  
CHRISTMAS CAROL", AND THE U.S. COAST GUARD  
BAND.**

**BARBARA AND I ARE PLEASED ALL OF YOU  
COULD JOIN US THIS EVENING. IT'S WONDERFUL  
TO LOOK OUT THERE AND SEE SO MANY SMILING  
FACES -- ESPECIALLY THE LITTLE ONES.**

THERE IS SOMETHING MAGICAL ABOUT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. NO MATTER WHAT OUR AGE, IT TAKES US BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN WE TOO WERE CHILDREN. AS ADULTS, WE NEED TO STOP A MINUTE AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE CHILDREN WHO SURROUND US.

THIS IS THEIR HOLIDAY. AN ENTIRE SEASON DEDICATED TO THE IMPACT OF ONE CHILD ON THE WORLD. THERE IS A LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM THESE KIDS.

LOOK AT WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO THEM -- THE PEOPLE THEY LOVE. AND THEIR LOVE EXTENDS BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO INCLUDE FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, CLASSMATES -- YES, EVEN TEACHERS -- ALL WITHOUT CONDITIONS AND PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS.

BARBARA AND I WANT TO DEDICATE THIS TREE TO THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA . . . FOR THEY ARE MORE THAN OUR FUTURE . . . THEY ARE OUR PRESENT.

THEY REMIND US THAT WE MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PEACE -- SIBLING RIVALRIES NOT WITHSTANDING. WHICH BRINGS US TO THE SMALLER TREES -- 57 OF THEM -- THE PAGEANT OF PEACE. THEY ARE DEDICATED TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD WHO ENDURE A LIFETIME'S WORTH OF PAIN AND TERROR LONG BEFORE THEIR CHILDHOOD HAS RUN ITS COURSE. THEY ARE THE CHILDREN OF SOMALIA, THE CHILDREN EVERYWHERE WHO LIVE IN FEAR AND WANT.

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OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH THEM AND THE ONES THEY CHERISH . . . MAY THEIR FAMILIES BE SAFE AND THE FIGHTING END SOON.

AND LET US ALSO PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES WHO ARE DOING THEIR DUTY VINDICATING THE VALUES OF AMERICA AND THE SPIRIT OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON IN A FAR-OFF LAND. WE SALUTE THEM AND THEIR SELFLESS DEVOTION TO COUNTRY.

FROM BARBARA AND ME AND OUR ENTIRE  
FAMILY: WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS, A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR AND  
LOVE THAT WILL OUTSHINE THIS TREE YEAR ROUND.  
GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.

[THROW SWITCH ILLUMINATING CHRISTMAS TREE.]

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### WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/7/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LIGHTING OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE  
SUBJECT: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 5:50 p.m.

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

2 DEC 7 P4:30

December 7, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAN MC GROARTY *DMcG*  
FROM: CHRISTINA MARTIN *CM*  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS AT LIGHTING OF THE NATIONAL  
CHRISTMAS TREE

I. SUMMARY

On Thursday, December 10th at 5:50 p.m. you will deliver brief remarks to an audience of several thousand at the Lighting of the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (approximately 5 minutes / cards) focus on children.

Martin/Bunton  
Dec. 2, 1992  
11:15 a.m.  
Draft One  
STAR

PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LIGHTING OF THE NATIONAL  
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THE ELLIPSE  
THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1992  
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Lucie Arnaz; Lee Greenwood; actress Keshia Knight Pulliam;  
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Guard Band.]

Barbara and I are pleased all of you could join us this  
evening. It's wonderful to look out there and see so many  
smiling faces -- especially the little ones. It seems the kids  
have their eyes trained on this stage -- some from box seats atop  
their parent's shoulders and others teetering on their toes in  
hopes of catching an unobstructed glimpse . . . of Santa Claus.  
(You know, I ought to be used to this by now, for years I've been  
upstaged by Barbara and her fan clubs, then Millie and her book,  
and now Santa seems to be stealing the spotlight . . . or is  
Willard Scott?)

There is something magical about the month of December. No  
matter what our age, it takes us back to the days when we too  
were children. You remember . . . when suits and ties were  
considered strictly Sunday attire. And Barbara, remember what it  
was like when you couldn't wait to grow up so you could spend all  
day walking around in high heels? The passage of time has done

more than complicate our dress code -- it's complicated our lives. It used to be that at this time of the year we had one thought, one goal: to stay off the list that Ole St. Nick was checking twice. Now we worry about the office, rush hour, scheduling and . . . oh, yes, Christmas . . . baking, decorating, making travel plans, mailing Christmas cards, and the age old dilemma -- what to get the man who has everything.

We need to stop a minute and take a good look at the children who surround us. This is their holiday. An entire season dedicated to the impact of one child on the world. There is a lesson to be learned from these kids. Look at what is most important to them -- the people they love. And their love extends beyond the immediate family to include friends, neighbors, classmates -- yes, even teachers -- all without conditions and preconceived notions.

Barbara and I want to dedicate this tree to the children of America . . . for they are more than our future . . . they are our present. They remind us that we must love one another in order to achieve peace -- sibling rivalries notwithstanding.

Which brings us to the smaller trees -- 57 of them -- The Pageant of Peace. They are dedicated to the children of the world who endure a lifetime's worth of pain and terror long before their childhood has run its course. They are the children of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the children of Somalia, the children everywhere who live in fear and want. Our prayers are with them

and the ones they cherish . . . may their families be safe and the fighting end soon.

[And let us also pray for our Armed Forces who are doing their duty vindicating the values of America and the spirit of the Christmas season in a far-off land. We salute them and their selfless devotion to country.]

And finally, my wish for you this holiday -- my apologies if this sounds syrupy -- is a love that is young at heart. Let us look at every child we encounter as an opportunity to reflect upon unconditional acceptance. For the skeptics out there in the audience -- stoics and scrooges alike -- let me remind you that this is not a new concept. After all, it was the Wise Men who sought out the infant Jesus.

From Barbara and me and our entire family: We wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a happy and healthy New Year and love that will outshine this tree year round. God bless you all and Merry Christmas.

[THROW SWITCH ILLUMINATING CHRISTMAS TREE.]

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

92 DEC 2 P1:28

DATE: 12/2/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FRIDAY, 12/4/92 COB

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 SUBJECT: THE ELLIPSE - THURSDAY, 12/10 - 5:00pm

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than COB, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*Called 11:00*

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

Martin/Bunton  
Dec. 2, 1992  
11:15 a.m.  
Draft One  
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 December 4, 1992

RESPONSE:

TO: DAN MCGROARTY

The NSC staff concurs with the draft presidential remarks. Please see additional note at end.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

*Brent Scowcroft*  
 Brent Scowcroft

*Do we need reference to Yule holidays?*  
**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
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 and Staff Secretary  
 Ext. 2702

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[ THEM AND THEIR SELFLESS DEVOTION TO COUNTRY & DUTY ]

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
FOR COMMUNICATION

FROM:

*me/for*

ROBERT T. SWANSON  
ASSISTANT COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Lighting of the National  
Christmas Tree

At your request, Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. Comments as indicated.

Attachment

cc: Phillip D. Brady

Martin/Bunton  
Dec. 2, 1992  
11:15 a.m.  
Draft One  
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1 DEC 2 AM: 53

PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LIGHTING OF THE NATIONAL  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
THE ELLIPSE  
THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1992  
5:00 P.M.

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 SUBJECT: THE ELLIPSE - THURSDAY, 12/10 - 5:00pm

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RESPONSE:

*No Comments.  
Thank you.*

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Lighting of the National  
Christmas Tree

We have reviewed the attached draft 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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DATE: 12/1/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: THUR. 12/3/92 NOON

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

SUBJECT: PENSION BUILDING

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RESPONSE:

**PHILLIP D. BRADY**  
 Assistant to the President  
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 Ext. 2702

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November 24, 1992  
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON  
PENSION BUILDING  
TAPING DATE???

To all the performers -- Julie, Peabo, Midori, Neil, the Army's Herald Trumpets, and these two magnificent choirs: Soul Children of Chicago, and the Naval Academy Glee Club -- what a glorious performance! From the Bush family, and on behalf of all those watching this evening, thank you for sharing your wonderful gift of music with us.

The Christmas season reminds me of a favorite Bible verse, which reads, "Though I have the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am nothing... So faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love."

This holiday season is a special time for all of us to open our hearts just a little wider. You won't find the meaning of Christmas on a shelf at the toy store, or under your tree on Christmas morning. The real meaning of Christmas is sharing the love in your heart and the joy in your soul. Giving of yourself is the best gift anyone can ask for.

So, in all the preparations for this festive holiday season, take a moment to celebrate, in your own way, God's gift to us -- his son, the Lord, Jesus Christ. Help a neighbor in need... take a hot meal to a homeless shelter... make sure every child has someone they can turn to... someone who knows their name. It

takes just a moment to care, and the rewards will sustain your spirits for a lifetime.

May God bless each and every one of you, and may He grant us everlasting peace. Merry Christmas.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 10, 1992

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
IN NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Ellipse  
Washington, DC

5:50 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Joe, for being the President of the Christmas Pageant of Peace. And may I salute Lucy Arnaz and Lee Greenwood, Keshia Knight Pulliam; the world's greatest weatherman, who missed it tonight, Willard Scott; the Children's Chorus of Maryland; the cast of A Christmas Carol -- great of them to come down. And, of course, the U.S. Coast Guard Band.

And Barbara and I are very pleased that all of you could be here tonight. It's wonderful to see so many smiling faces in spite of the adversity. It's especially wonderful to see the children. And this is their holiday, an entire season dedicated to the impact of one child on the world. And there's a lesson to be learned from these young people here. Look at what's most important to them -- the people they love.

And Barbara and I want to dedicate this Christmas tree to the children of America, for they are more than our future, they are our present, and they remind us that we must love one another in order to achieve peace. We must love another. And our prayers are with them and the ones they cherish.

And may I simply say, let us think of the children of Somalia, too, the children everywhere who live in fear and want. And our prayers are with them. And may their families be safe and fighting -- the sporadic fighting over there -- end soon.

And let us also say a special prayer for our Armed Forces who are doing their duty, vindicating the values of America -- (applause) -- and the spirit of Christmas in this far-off land. We salute them and their selfless devotion to country.

And for Barbara and me and from our entire family, we wish you all a Merry Christmas, a happy and healthy New Year, and love that will outshine this tree year-round.

God bless you all, and God bless our great country, the United States of America. Merry Christmas. (Applause.)

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