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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM AWARDS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1992

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAN MC GROARTY

FROM: ED WALTERS 

SUBJECT: PROPOSED REMARKS FOR NATIONAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM AWARDS

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TODAY, EVERY MAN ON THE STREET IN MOSCOW REALIZES WHAT AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD -- IT IS HUMAN NATURE TO BE FREE. JUST AS NATURE ABHORS A VACUUM, SO DOES HUMAN NATURE ABHOR THE ABSENCE OF FREEDOM.

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THE NATIONAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM WAS CONCEIVED BY PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY -- WHO, TRAGICALLY, DID NOT LIVE TO AWARD IT.

WHEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON AWARDED THE MEDAL TO ITS FIRST RECIPIENTS, HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD INTENDED THE AWARDS AS -- AND I QUOTE -- "A MEANS OF NATIONAL THANKS AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE SELFLESS EFFORT AND THE BRILLIANT TASK." IN A SENSE, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT WHAT I CALL A POINT OF LIGHT, BECAUSE THE DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE MUST INCLUDE SERVING OTHERS.

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ISAAC STERN, ONE OF THE GREATEST VIOLINISTS OF OUR TIME WHO HAS BROUGHT MUSIC TO COUNTLESS OTHERS, AND I. M. PEI, THE MODERNIST ARCHITECT WHOSE WORK GRACES SKYLINES WORLDWIDE.

TO MUCH OF AMERICA, JOHNNY CARSON WAS LATE NIGHT TV. WITH DECENCY AND STYLE, HE'S MADE AMERICA LAUGH AND THINK.

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[MILITARY AIDE READS CITATIONS OF MEDAL WINNERS, WHO RECEIVE THE AWARDS.]

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than NOON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

No comments

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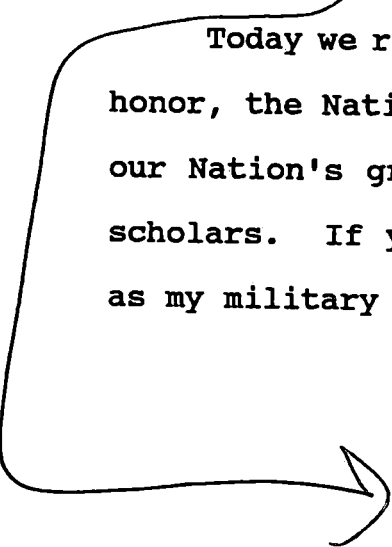
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RESPONSE: TO: DAN MCGROARTY December 9, 1992

The NSC staff concurs with the draft presidential remarks.

cc: Phillip D. Brady *[Signature]*
Brent Scowcroft

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

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WASHINGTON

December 8, 1992

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Medal of Freedom Awards

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

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we may help in any other way.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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RESPONSE:

Does this seem appropriate - I'd think we should say a line or two about each or that we'd need to vote that Audrey + Ella being honored but unable to attend. PHILLIP D. BRADY Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary Ext. 2702

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Their names read like a roll call of American heroes. Harry Shlaudeman, a tireless crusader for democracy who came out of retirement two years ago to ensure Nicaragua's peaceful transition to democracy. David Brinkley, the elder statesman of broadcast journalism. Richard Petty, who rose from humble beginnings in Level Cross, North Carolina, to become the King of stock car racing.

General John M. Vessey was the ultimate never-say-die soldier -- the last four-star combat veteran of World War II to retire. General Vessey came out of retirement to counsel President Reagan and me and to help us reach full accounting of all our Vietnam veterans. Elie Wiesel is another type of veteran of World War II, who survived the Holocaust and still today keeps watch against the forces of hatred. Isaac Stern, one of the greatest violinists of our time who has brought music to countless others, and I. M. Pei, the modernist architect whose work graces skylines worldwide.

To much of America, Johnny Carson was late night TV. He's put America to sleep for 30 years. [[And Johnny, I don't care what you say, I still think Dana Carvey does a better impersonation of you than he does of me.]]

And finally, two special medal recipients who could not be with us today. By doctors' orders, Ella Fitzgerald and Audrey Hepburn are unable to join us. Ella Fitzgerald has changed the face of jazz since she was discovered as a teenager -- she is an American music legend. And Audrey Hepburn, whose acting career put her among our most talented artists, but whose work with the International Children's Emergency Fund put her in our hearts. I wish they could join us today so that I recognize them personally, on behalf of our nation.

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CITATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDALS OF FREEDOM,
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Ambassador Harry Shlaudeman is one of America's most decorated and masterful foreign service officers. In almost four decades of service to eight Presidents, he has faced ~~adverse~~ every challenge
~~circumstances, crises, and war~~ with personal bravery and professional skill. He demonstrated his loyalty again in 1990, when at the request of the President, he came out of retirement to serve as Ambassador to Nicaragua and helped ensure that nation's peaceful transition to democracy. For his decades of meritorious service, courageous diplomacy, and protection of our interests abroad, the United States commemorates the service of Ambassador Harry Shlaudeman.

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DAVID BRINKLEY

The name David Brinkley is synonymous with television news. From his days as NBC's White House correspondent to his time as co-anchor of the Huntley-Brinkley Report to his Sunday morning show on ABC, David Brinkley has explained the complexities of current events
~~government~~ to generations of Americans. With the wisdom of experience and a wry wit, he has informed our decisions and held our leaders accountable. The United States recognizes his contributions to broadcast journalism.

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RICHARD PETTY

In the world of professional racing, there is only one King. Richard Petty is more than racing's monarch, he is an American legend. From humble beginnings in Level Cross, North Carolina, Number 43 became one of racing's finest -- and fastest. Winning a record 200 races and seven Daytona 500 victories, Richard Petty found freedom at 175 miles per hour. The United States honors this American hero for exemplifying the ~~American dream~~ and the dedication and drive that makes this nation great.

GENERAL JOHN M. VESSEY

General John M. Vessey was the last four-star combat veteran of World War II to retire from active duty. A self-described "mud soldier," the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff never forgot the men in the field, and he returned from retirement to search for soldiers missing in action in Vietnam. His wise counsel to two Presidents has helped to break an impasse with Hanoi, culminating in Vietnam's recent offer to provide all information about Americans missing in action. The United States honors General John M. Vessey, a soldier/statesman who would not leave anyone behind.

ELIE WIESEL

Few people have seen a darker side of humanity than Elie Wiesel. During World War II, he saw most of his family killed while imprisoned in the Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps. And yet this author, philosopher and winner of the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize still sees the promise of human tolerance, learning, and faith. He challenges people of all religions to remember the Holocaust, that it may never happen again. His deeply spiritual life and literature remind us that to protect freedom's flame, we must remember that which threatens it. The United States honors this keeper of that flame, Elie Wiesel.

ISAAC STERN

Since his debut 56 years ago, Isaac Stern has become one of the world's pre-eminent violinists. His warm and vibrant interpretations have brought him international acclaim and our nation's highest honor for artistic merit, the National Medal of Arts. But even beyond his triumphant career, Isaac Stern has enriched the human spirit by broadening the scope of music -- supporting artists from all corners of the world; helping to found the National Endowment for the Arts; and rescuing Carnegie Hall from the wrecking ball. For his support of the arts and his lifetime of achievement, the United States recognizes master violinist Isaac Stern.

I.M. PEI

Perhaps the most famous architect in the world today, I.M. Pei's architectural feats represent the pinnacle of classic modernism. ~~The designer's~~ name, Ieoh Ming, means "to inscribe brightly," ~~and~~ his buildings have illuminated skylines worldwide. I.M. Pei has found beauty in simplicity and boldness in geometry, setting the standard for modern architecture. For the legacy of artistic elegance he has inscribed in our cities, America honors I.M. Pei.

ELLA FITZGERALD

Discovered as a teenager at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem, Ella Fitzgerald and her swing style of vocal jazz transcend the times. As a cultural ambassador, her trademark scat captivates audiences, and her impressive vocal range stretches across oceans and political boundaries. Honored by the Kennedy Center for her lifetime achievements, inducted into the Jazz Hall of Fame, and awarded a Medal of Arts, it is fitting that the United States honors this "First Lady of Song".

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