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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PHILLIPS RECEPTION
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1989

Headmaster McNemar, Members of the Board of Trustees,
Faculty and Students, Andover alumni.

Barbara and I want to thank you for that warm reception.
And for making this wonderful weekend possible. I'm sure you
feel the same way: Whenever we come back to Andover, in a real
sense we're coming home.

((You know, looking around this campus, school has changed a
lot since my days here. The students are so much younger. //
Can't understand it. // And so much smarter. // That I can
understand. // Nowadays, if a student brings an apple to a
teacher, the teacher might turn it town because he already has a
personal computer.)) //

But some things, thank goodness, haven't changed. And
knowing Phillips, never will. ((Landmarks like Bullfinch Hall.
Or the Chapel we've just come from. Or a building I'm especially
familiar with -- Day Hall, No. 23. Or, yes, the Cage -- this
Borden Gym.))

((Incidentally, don't let anyone tell you otherwise: There
are certain ^{privileges?} perks that come with being President. This is the
first time I've been allowed into a school gymnasium without
being told to take my shoes off.)) //

Buildings, of course, are symbols -- symbols of a mission: In this case, as I noted in my Chapel talk, what Phillips calls teaching "the great end and real business of living." To do unto others. To help education be the great equalizer and uplifter. That mission is Phillips. That mission spans the years.

When I was a student, for example, volunteerism thrived through our Society of the Inquirer. Today, you have the Blue Key. Both [mirror] service to Nation, and neighbor.

As a student, too, I learned about education through some marvelous teachers. I guess my favorite was in the 12th grade -- Professor A. B. Darling. // Some of you fellow elitist Ivy Leaguers may remember him. // Well, today, as Headmaster McNemar observed a few moments ago, a new generation of teachers are helping to challenge and inspire.

Back then, we loved sports. So do kids today. ((If you'll forgive me, here's a reference from the 1942 Potpourri: "Poppy Bush," it said, "was a powerful batter when at the plate." // ^{What happened to} Talk about truth in advertising.)) // And we tolerated public speaking. Yes, like kids do today. Remember how we used a P.A. megaphone for practice? Only we didn't call it that. We called it a "speak-o-phone." P.A. was our term for Phillips Academy -- "a term," our yearbook said, "used mostly by the inmates themselves."

Each of these facts enriched Phillips in the early '40s. A love of competition. The excellence of a faculty which embodied higher learning. The belief that we were put on earth to do

God's work. Fifty years ago, these facts helped forge friendships with faculty, administrators, and classmates. And reaffirm the character and citizenship that form the heart of Phillips Academy. Today, these truths are more relevant than ever. And make this such a special, even wondrous place.

This weekend, we celebrate the 200th anniversary of George Washington's visit to Phillips Academy. So let me close with General Washington's thoughts on his election to the Presidency.

"I am sensible that I am embarking by the voice of the people . . . on this voyage," he said, "but what returns will be made by them, Heaven alone can foretell." And then he added, "Integrity and firmness are all I can promise."

For ___ years, this Academy has sounded the clarion call of integrity and firmness. And God willing, will continue that mission for our children and their kids.

Thank you for what you've done. And will do in the future. And let me leave you with these final words from a great movie, Summer of '42, which captures the essence of the very year that I graduated from Phillips: "Life is made of comings and goings, and for everything we take with us we leave a part of us behind."

Thank you for inviting us -- thank you so very much.

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ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
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lot since my days here. The students are so much younger. //
Can't understand it. // And so much smarter. // That I can
understand. // Nowadays, with computers, bringing an apple to
the teacher has an entirely different meaning.))

Some things, of course, haven't changed. Things that
President Washington wrote about 200 years ago after he visited
Phillips Academy. For it was then that he said of education and
service: "Both [goodness and knowledge] form the noblest
character, and lay the surest foundation of usefulness to
mankind."

Many young men and women have passed through these halls
since Washington wrote those words. Even so, Phillips' mission
-- excellence in education -- remains as true in 1989 as it was
in 1789.

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PHILLIPS

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PHILLIPS CONVOCATION
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1989
10:00 A.M.

Headmaster McNemar, Members of the Board of Trustees,
Faculty, Students, and Administators, above all, Friends.

Barbara and I want to thank you for the chance to revisit
the site of so many wonderful memories. And to celebrate such a
historic moment in the life of this academy.

Two hundred years ago, the Father of our Country visited one
of this country's oldest academies. ~~((And while it was a long
time ago that I attended this school, I want to rebuff the
slander that when George Washington paid his visit, I greeted him
personally)) //~~

I can't bear testimony to ^{President} ~~General~~ Washington's visit. But I
can speak briefly to my time here. For you see: I loved those
years. They did indeed teach "the great end and real business of
living." And even now, its lessons of honesty, selflessness, and
faith in God -- well, they enrich every day of our lives.

You know, it was in this very place that in June 1942, a
graduate of Phillips Academy gave our Commencement address. His
name was Henry Stimson. He was the Secretary of War. And he
observed how the American soldier should be "brave without being

brutal, self-reliant without boasting, [becoming] part of an irresistible might without losing faith in individual liberty."

I never forget^O those words. Which, believe me, is saying a lot. // Back in those days, Chapel was compulsory. So when a good sermon came along, it was more welcome -- and often rarer -- than a victory over Exeter. //

For __ years, Phillips Academy has embodied the qualities Secretary Stimson alluded to. And ^{it has} shown how we are one Nation under God. ~~So let us show how the definition of a successful life must include serving others. And thus honor the Good Shepherd who loves us in such a profound and personal way.~~

Each day, I'm reminded of that message. Which, after all, is the message of our years here -- and the message with which I close. Without God's help, we can do nothing. With God's help, ~~we can do everything~~ ^{there is nothing we cannot do} -- for our children, and for the world.

Thank you for inviting me, God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1989

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Some things, of course, haven't changed since the early
1940s. Like the education and service President Washington wrote
about after he visited Phillips Academy on that November day two
centuries ago. *that is outlined in a Phillip's Academy's*

"Both [goodness and knowledge]," *it is written Constitution* ~~he said then,~~ "form the
noblest character, and lay the surest foundation of usefulness to
mankind." Many young people have passed through these halls
since ~~Washington wrote those words.~~ *were written* Yet Andover's mission --
excellence in education -- remains as true in 1989 as it was in
1789.

The Andover mission states that education has always been the great equalizer and uplifter. And that public or private -- large or small -- the schools of America are precious centers of intellectual challenge and creativity. Yet they are more than that. For it is in school -- as it was for me at Phillips -- that we come to understand real values. The need to help the less fortunate. And make ours a more decent, more civil world.

As a student, for example, I saw community service thrive through the Society of Inquiry. Today, you have the Blue Key and Community Service Committee. All three reflect service to Nation, and neighbor.

As a student, too, I learned about education through some marvelous teachers. I guess my favorite was in the 12th grade -- Professor A. B. Darling. Well, today, as Headmaster McNemar observed a few moments ago, a new generation of teachers are helping to challenge and inspire.

Excellence in education. A belief that we were put on earth to do unto others. Back in the early '40s, this formed the essence and character of Phillips Academy -- and you can still feel its power today.

For Phillips has much to be proud of as it enters a new decade. Its curricula has never been more extensive. Its exchange program is broadening new horizons. Its minority recruitment and scholarship programs have brought new diversity to the student body. And keeping Phillips such a special, even

wondrous place. A place where we forge friendships with faculty, administrators, and classmates.

Even the Father of our Country was impressed by Phillips Academy. As he wrote his nephew in a letter after visiting this community. He said: "Schooling, board, washing, and lodging will not much, if any, I am told, exceed \$2 a week for each boy." Well, costs have changed a bit since then --but quality hasn't, and won't.

Thank you for ensuring Andover's excellence. And making one of America's oldest academies one of America's finest academies. Thank you for this occasion. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

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TO: KRISTEN GEAR

PHILLIPS ACADEMY - ANDOVER, MASS. (Kurt Smith)

X
IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO WHEN I ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL, BUT IT'S NOT TRUE THAT
WHEN GEORGE WASHINGTON PAID HIS VISIT, I GREETED HIM PERSONALLY.

X
I WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT COMING BACK HERE. I THINK I STILL HAVE SOME
DETENTION TIME I DIDN'T COMPLETE.

I'M HERE TODAY AS LIVING PROOF THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO SURVIVE CAFETERIA FOOD.

THIS SCHOOL WASN'T NEARLY AS MODERN BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN I WENT HERE. BACK
THEN, KIDS WERE AFRAID TO SNEAK A SMOKE IN THE BATHROOM BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNEW
WHEN SOMEONE MIGHT TIP IT OVER.

X
SCHOOL HAS CHANGED A LOT SINCE MY EARLIER DAYS. NOWADAYS, IF A STUDENT BRINGS
AN APPLE TO A TEACHER, THE TEACHER MIGHT TURN IT DOWN BECAUSE HE ALREADY HAS
A PERSONAL COMPUTER.

MORE...

TO: KRISTEN GEAR (CONT'D)

TEXAS VIETNAM MEMORIAL (Kurt Smith)

TO THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN A THANKLESS WAR, THE TIME HAS COME TO SAY THANK YOU.

IF THE TEXAS HEROES WE HONOR TODAY COULD SPEAK, THEY MIGHT SAY 'WE DON'T EXPECT TO BE PRAISED, BUT WE WANT TO BE REMEMBERED.' WE HEAR YOUR VOICES, WE WILL REMEMBER YOU ALWAYS, AND THIS MEMORIAL IS A TANGIBLE TESTAMENT TO OUR ETERNAL THOUGHTS.

THE BRAVE BOYS WHO WENT TO VIETNAM HAD TO ENDURE TWO WARS. THE FIRST WAS THE BATTLE IN CRUEL SWAMPS AND JUNGLES ABROAD, AND THE SECOND WAS THE BATTLE FOR RESPECT AND RECOGNITION HERE AT HOME. IF ULTIMATE VICTORY WAS DENIED THEM IN THE FIRST, VICTORY IS FINALLY THEIRS IN THE SECOND.

THE WORDS OF A SONG DEAR TO ALL OUR HEARTS COME TO MIND, ON A DAY WHEN WE HONOR THE BRAVE SONS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR THEIR COUNTRY. "THE EYES OF TEXAS ARE UPON YOU."

ON THIS SPECIAL DAY, WE ALSO REMEMBER THE MIA'S. THEY ARE MISSING IN ACTION, BUT THEY ARE NOT MISSING FROM OUR THOUGHTS. THEY ARE MISSING FROM OUR LIVES, BUT NOT FROM OUR HEARTS.

WHILE PRISONERS OF WAR ARE AN INEVITABLE RESULT OF ARMED CONFLICT, WE MUST NEVER ALLOW OUR VETERANS TO BECOME PRISONERS OF NEGLECT.

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DOUG GAMBLE

TO: KRISTEN GEAR (CONT'D)

REAGAN PORTRAIT UNVEILING (Kurt Smith)

I'M GLAD TO SEE PRESIDENT REAGAN BACK AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR MORE THAN ONE REASON. I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO OPEN THE LOWER DRAWER IN THE OVAL OFFICE DESK.

LIKE THE PORTRAIT OF DORIAN GREY, PERHAPS THIS PORTRAIT OF THE REAGANS WILL START TO LOOK OLDER -- BUT IT'S CERTAINLY APPARENT THAT THEY NEVER DO.

WITH 11 GRANDKIDS, I'VE ALREADY HAD MY PORTRAIT DONE, BUT FINGERPAINTING DOESN'T QUITE MATCH WHAT WE'RE UNVEILING TODAY.

THIS GIVES ME SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO. NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE MIGHT WANT TO SEE THE PRESIDENT BOILED IN OIL NOW, YOU KNOW YOU'LL BE PAINTED IN OIL LATER.

I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THE ~~██~~ ARTIST DECIDED TO GO WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ORIGINAL HAIR STYLE.

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TO: KRISTEN GEAR
2 Pages

MARSHALL COLEMAN FUNDRAISERS - VIRGINIA (Kurt & Dan)

I BELIEVE THAT THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR IS GOING TO MARSHAL ENOUGH VOTES TO WIN THIS ELECTION. AND THEN HE'S GOING TO MARSHAL VIRGINIA'S RESOURCES, TO PUT THIS STATE ON THE RIGHT TRACK FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

I DON'T BLAME THE OTHER SIDE IF THEY'VE LOST SOME OF THEIR FOCUS LATELY. IT'S HARD TO KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE FINISH LINE WHEN YOU'RE BUSY LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER.

REGGIE JACKSON WAS CALLED "MR. OCTOBER" BECAUSE HE ALWAYS CAME THROUGH WHEN THE BIG GAME WAS ON THE LINE. WELL I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT MARSHALL COLEMAN IS "MR. NOVEMBER."

THREE DAYS AGO WAS HALOWEEN, BUT NO ONE HAS WORN A BETTER DISGUISE THAN THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, WHOSE BEEN MASQUERADING AS SOMETHING HE'S NOT SINCE THIS RACE BEGAN.

WHEN MARSHALL COLEMAN BECOMES GOVERNOR OF THIS GREAT STATE, THE VIRGINIA STATE HOUSE WILL HAVE A FRIEND IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

MORE...

TO: KRISTEN GEAR - VIRGINIA FUNDRAISERS (CONT'D)

(NORFOLK) I GUESS THERE ARE ~~■~~ CERTAIN PERKS THAT COME WITH BEING PRESIDENT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN ALLOWED INTO A SCHOOL GYMNASIUM WITHOUT BEING TOLD TO TAKE MY SHOES OFF.

(NORFOLK) NANCY LIEBERMAN KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT COMING FROM BEHIND AND WINNING THE GAME AT THE FINAL BUZZER -- AND BELIEVE ME, SO DOES MARSHALL COLEMAN.

(NORFOLK) I'M ALL FOR BASKETBALL IN A GYM LIKE THIS, BUT I DON'T THINK THE VOTERS OF VIRGINIA WANT A STATE GOVERNMENT THAT DRIBBLES AWAY OPPORTUNITY AND SLAM-DUNKS THE TAXPAYER.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (NORFOLK) I KNOW THERE ARE SOME FINE MUSEUMS HERE IN NORFOLK, BUT NONE OF THEM HAVE ANY ARTIFACTS AS OLD AS SOME OF THE IDEAS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. *

(RICHMOND) EDGAR ALLEN POE'S HOUSE IS A POPULAR ATTRACTION HERE IN RICHMOND. HE WAS A MAN OF MYSTERY -- BUT IT'S NO MYSTERY WHY MARSHALL COLEMAN IS CLOSING THE GAP IN THE GOVERNOR'S RACE AND HEADING FOR VICTORY.

* NOTE: The 'museum' line would also work for Richmond, which has the Virginia Museum and the Confederate Museum.

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TO: KRISTEN GEAR

POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK (Kurt Smith)

FROM WASHINGTON TO WARSAW, FROM KANSAS TO KRAKOW, FROM GREEN BAY TO GDANSK, AMERICANS ARE LINKED IN SPIRIT WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE IN THEIR BRAVE STRUGGLE FOR OPPORTUNITY, PROSPERITY AND FREEDOM.

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK. IT IS NOT ONLY BRIGHTENED BY THE LASTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES, IT IS ILLUMINATED BY THE GLOW FROM THE NEW FLAME OF LIBERTY, SHINING ALL THE WAY FROM POLAND.

AMERICA'S PRIDE IN THE PROGRESS THE POLISH PEOPLE ARE MAKING TODAY, IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THEIR GOALS TOMORROW.

POLAND'S STRUGGLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AMERICA'S STRUGGLE, AND PERHAPS THAT'S WHY IT SEEMS THAT POLISH HEARTS AND AMERICAN HEARTS OFTEN BEAT AS ONE.

ALTHOUGH BORN IN A SHIPYARD, POLAND'S QUEST FOR ~~LIBERTY~~ THE BLESSINGS OF DEMOCRACY WILL NOT BE SMOOTH SAILING. BUT THE VISION OF THE CAPTAINS, AND THE COURAGE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE EMBARKED ON THIS JOURNEY, WILL ENSURE THAT THE SHIP OF LIBERTY ARRIVES SAFELY IN PORT.