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DATE: 05/01/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON 05/02

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH
(05/01 draft one)

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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow no later than NOON on Thursday, 05/02, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

May 2, 1991

The NSC staff concurs as amended with Presidential Remarks: Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, May 6, 1991.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH
ROOM 450
MONDAY, MAY 6, 1991
10:00 A.M.

-PACIFIC AMERICAN

Mr. Solomon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Dunne, Mr. Haas, ladies and gentlemen, my fellow Americans.

An Oriental proverb says, "The two words, 'peace' and 'tranquility,' are worth a thousand pieces of gold." Well, my pleasure in welcoming you to the White House would be worth a thousand times that total. //

We gather today in a special month -- Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. And as special friends. In particular, I want to thank three people. Jeanie Jew, who created the idea of Heritage Month. / Frank Horton, the chief sponsor of the Heritage Month legislation. / And Ruby Moy, Chairman of the Congressional Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Caucus. //

Most of all, we assemble here for a special reason: To salute a community that has enriched America's community -- socially, culturally, economically, spiritually. //

((Someone once told me of a restaurant in China where three American tourists walked in wearing the most outlandish safari clothes, complete with Panama hats, backpacks, videocameras, a brace of walkmans, and a few Chinese phrases picked up from a stateside friend who happens to own a wok. //

((The friends stood around looking for a waiter, and finally one asked in a loud voice: "How do we attract attention?")) // That's one way to attract attention. You've chosen another way: Quietly, through excellence, with the values of your lives.

Those values are discipline and self-sacrifice. An abiding belief in work. A soaring love of freedom. Values that brought your parents, grandparents, and some of you to America. Values that are now uplifting America.

I think, for example, of pioneers like An Wang, founder of Wang Laboratories. / Or Henry Tang and I.M. Pei. / Or Seiji Ozawa. / Or physicist Leo Esaki. / Or Sichan Siv of our White House staff. //

Most of you know his story. In 1976, Sichan escaped from Cambodia, spent three months in a refuge^c camp in Thailand, and finally made his way to the United States. Since then, to quote his words, "I have experienced the real values of freedom, peace, prosperity, independence, and democracy. The correct spelling of these words is A-M-E-R-I-C-A." //

Like you, Sichan Siv came to find a better life. And you're finding it. You came to ^{help} build a better America. And you're building it. Creating new jobs. Enhancing our our schools, the law, our small and large businesses. In short, honoring your heritage by the lives you lead. //

For that, I congratulate you. / In a personal sense, having served as Ambassador to China, I thank you. / And let me leave

you with an Oriental proverb. It goes, "One generation opens the road upon which another generation travels."

You have opened the road of opportunity and human dignity. In coming years, I know that future generations will salute you on their travels. / Thank you for coming here, and God bless the United States of America.

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