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Presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom

July 23, 2003

Draft #2 **3**

Good afternoon, and welcome to the
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pleased to see all of you, especially the
distinguished guests we honor today,
and your proud families. *i / view*

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For most recipients, this award is a
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Americans are not always in the mood for exquisite meals. Sometimes all we want is a hamburger at the drive-up window, and a lot of those windows are at the places named for the daughter of Dave Thomas. The late founder of Wendy's left school without a diploma, to begin working at a very young age.

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His great success as a restaurateur
allowed Dave to fulfill other ambitions in
life. He became a benefactor of good
causes, including the cause of adoption.
Dave himself was orphaned at an early
age, and many young men and women
today can thank Dave Thomas for
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At the height of his career, Dave
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Van Cliburn was last here in 2001,
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refined the gifts of a prodigy with the
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THE PRESIDENT

He has lived up to the high standards of
the music teacher who first inspired him
– his mother, Rildia Bee Cliburn. ^{Rildia} Today,
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THE PRESIDENT

Like Van, the scholar Jacques
Barzun also now lives in Texas – but Dr.
Barzun's life began 95 years ago in
Cretiel, France. He became an
American citizen in 1933, joined the
faculty of Columbia University, and
gained a reputation as a thinker of great
discernment and integrity.

THE PRESIDENT

From his first book, published 71 years
ago, to his latest – a bestseller
published in 2000 – Jacques Barzun
has influenced generations of serious
readers. Few academics of the last
century have equaled Jacques Barzun's
output, or influence – and today he has
the profound gratitude of his adopted
country.

THE PRESIDENT

Charlton Heston is known for his
portrayals of the most compelling
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Jackson ... and Captain George Taylor.
In the process, Charlton Heston himself
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The largeness of character that comes
across on the screen has also been
seen throughout his life – during
Charlton Heston's service in World War
Two, his leadership of a labor union, his
activism on behalf of civil rights in the
1960s, and his principled defense of the
Bill of Rights today.

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Charlton Heston has left his mark on our
country as an artist, as a citizen, and as
a patriot. | We are so honored he is with
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THE PRESIDENT

The most subversive act of this
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the people elected this dignified,
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Within a decade, the German Reich was
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most terrible weapons.

THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Teller joined the Manhattan Project,
and applied his disciplined mind to the
most urgent task America had ever
faced: to develop the atom bomb before
Hitler. / Dr. Teller contributed to the
success of that mission, and helped us
to meet other great national security
challenges during the Cold War.

THE PRESIDENT

In recent decades he has turned his
efforts to the great scientific and moral
task of building a defense against
ballistic missiles. / For a long life of
brilliant achievement and patriotic
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Professor James Q. Wilson may be
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America since the White House was
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Throughout his career, he has
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academic profession.

THE PRESIDENT

His theories and ideas are drawn from
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therefore have great practical value in
addressing social problems. / He writes
with authority on a range of subjects –
from the workings of government
bureaucracies, to the causes and
prevention of crime.

THE PRESIDENT

Whatever his subject, James Q. Wilson
writes with intellectual rigor, with moral
clarity, to the appreciation of a wide and
growing audience. Professor Wilson,
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Of the 108 Americans who have
served on the Supreme Court of the
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Byron White was the rare kind of person
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THE PRESIDENT

Whether playing football, or earning a
Bronze Star in World War Two, or
enforcing civil rights as deputy attorney
general, Byron White was tough and
determined. When he nominated his
close friend to the Supreme Court,
President John F. Kennedy called Byron
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THE PRESIDENT

Over the next three decades, Justice
White showed those qualities in majority
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dissenting opinions of great wisdom and
courage. When he passed away last
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loss of a superb judge and a great
American.

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THE PRESIDENT

John Wooden is also a Hall of Famer
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In a legendary career, Coach Wooden
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just 203 losses.

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His players included some of the greats,
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lives, as a teacher of the game – and as
an example of what a good man should
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THE PRESIDENT

Yet the true worth of this man – seen in
how he lived his life, and how he lost his
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[After the presentation:] And now,
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[After the presentation:] And now, Laura and I invite you to join us for a reception in honor of the Medal of Freedom recipients.

May God bless our recipients, and may God bless you all.

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Draft #3

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