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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS,

SUBJECT: Request for Tape of President
Discussing Bing Crosby

Some time ago I recommended that we advise Mr. Deaver's office that the President should decline to provide a tape of his remembrances of Bing Crosby, to be used on a syndicated radio program styled as a tribute to Crosby. I prepared a letter for your signature to the president of the radio production firm stating our "policy" of not involving the President in such commercial activity. You requested that I review precedent on the matter, including activities concerning Bob Hope and James Bond. I polled the other attorneys and the most I could determine was that the "policy" was as stated, though it was often honored in the breach. The results of the James Bond taping - including the airing of television commercials with excerpts from the taping - serve more as a reminder of the need to adhere more strictly to the policy than as precedent for departure from it. The President was of course involved in the Bob Hope special, aired by NBC.

I have revised the memorandum to Sittmann to note that while exceptions have been made, we generally discourage participation by the President in this sort of commercial activity. The proposed letter to the company president need not be changed. There is no reason to alert him to the fact that we have made exceptions to our policy in the past.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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FFF:JGR:aea 9/6/83

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I am sorry that our response could not be more favorable. Thank you for writing, and best of luck with the production.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Ted LeVan
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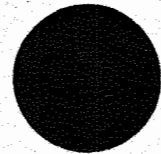
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*Pls check for president
(eg, James Bond
Bob Hope, etc)*

ID # 159175

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received (YY/MM/DD)83/08/03NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Ted LeVan☐ DC Mail Report

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SUBJECT: POTOM to tape segment for"Salute to Bing"

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Ted LeVan

☐ DC Mail Report

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mike Deaves,

For your consideration,
this is the outfit that
provided Joe Holmes and
me with a lot of
technical advice in
putting together RR's
Saturday radio b'cast
format.

They also offered to
do an audience-measure.

Jim Jenkins

159175

narwood productions, inc. 40 e. 49 st. • new york city 10017

July 26, 1983

*Bill
Smith 77*

The Honorable James Jenkins
Deputy Counselor to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

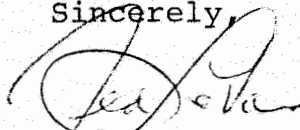
Narwood Productions, a radio production company for 26 years, is producing a three-hour tribute to Bing Crosby. The special program will be hosted by Skitch Henderson and broadcast Thanksgiving weekend on a network of 250 radio stations.

Among those participating are Kathryn Crosby, Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, Rosemary Clooney, Bob Crosby, Peggy Lee, The Andrews Sisters and many others who were associated with Bing during his long career.

We are hopeful that the President would be willing to tape a short segment on his remembrances or reflections of Bing Crosby, to be included in our "Salute to Bing."

Would you please contact me when you have a decision.

Sincerely,


Ted LeVan
President

TLV/bb

Musicfest

SALUTE TO BING

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Harry Lillis Crosby has sold more records than any other recording artist in history.

The immortal Bing Crosby. Who but Bing has woven such a dazzling, tuneful tapestry as "White Christmas," "Swingin' on a Star," "Don't Fence Me In," "Where the Blue of the Night Meets the Gold of the Day," "True Love," "Pennies From Heaven," and hundreds of other outstanding tunes?

Thanksgiving—that most special of American holidays. A time for family and friends. A time for celebration. A time for giving thanks and remembrances. A time for Bing Crosby.

Join us in the true Thanksgiving tradition as family members Kathryn, brother Bob, and a host of friends including Bob Hope, The Andrews Sisters, Rosemary Clooney, Mary Martin, Peggy Lee, Perry Como, Martha Raye, and many more showbusiness greats salute "Der Bingle."

Bing Crosby remains an incomparable song stylist, Academy Award winning dramatic actor, Bob Hope's comedy partner in the "Road" pictures, and an exciting entertainment phenomenon to this day.

Skitch Henderson, music veteran, dubbed "Skitch" by Crosby, hosts this 3-hour "Salute to Bing," Thanksgiving Weekend.

The glow of autumn in a special music-filled celebration targeted to capture a sizable audience share and boost sales. Complete with a specially-tailored advertising and promotion campaign.

NARWOOD PRODUCTIONS

40 E 49 ST NYC 10017 (212) 755-3320

26 YEARS OF UNMATCHED SPECIALIZED RADIO PROGRAMMING

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Taping: BBC Documentary Film
Tribute to John Wayne

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Ben Elliott by noon today. The remarks praise John Wayne, portraying him as the epitome of American values. I have no objection to the substance of the remarks.

I am, however, somewhat troubled by the absence of a consistent policy governing our willingness to permit the President to participate in these private, commercial tributes. I did not work on approval of this particular event, but I think we are seeing evidence of what we often say will happen when we deny requests for Presidential endorsements of charitable efforts: once you do one it becomes impossible to turn down countless others. I know there's only one John Wayne - but there's only one Bob Hope, James Bond, Bing Crosby, etc., etc., etc.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING OFFICE

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Taping: BBC Documentary Film
Tribute to John Wayne

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks,
and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: Richard G. Darman

FFF:JGR:aea 10/3/83

bcc: FFFielding
JGRoberts
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WASHINGTON

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 9/30/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON MONDAY, OCT. 3SUBJECT: TAPING: BBC DOCUMENTARY FILM TRIBUTE TO JOHN WAYNE
(9/30 - 6:00 p.m. draft)

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DEAVER	☐	☒	McMANUS	☐	☐
STOCKMAN	☐	☐	MURPHY	☐	☐
CLARK	☐	☐	ROGERS	☐	☐
DARMAN	☐	☒	ROLLINS	☐	☐
DUBERSTEIN	☐	☐	SPEAKES	☐	☐
FELDSTEIN	☐	☐	SVAHN	☐	☐
FIELDING	☒	☐	VERSTANDIG	☐	☐
FULLER	☐	☐	WHITTLESEY	☐	☐
GERGEN	☒	☐	ELLIOTT	☐	☒

REMARKS:

Please provide any edits directly to Ben Elliott, Room 100, by noon Monday, October 3rd, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

(Rohrabacher/AB)
September 30, 1983
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: BBC DOCUMENTARY FILM TRIBUTE TO
JOHN WAYNE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1983

To many people throughout the world, John Wayne was more than a man; he was the personification of an American ideal. He portrayed heroic individuals who were willing to take a stand, men with courage and conviction. He represented the type of person most Americans deeply admire, the kind of person whose character withstood the perils of the frontier and the savagery of war. We would like to think that he reflected the kind of individual to whom we owe our freedom.

I was privileged to know John Wayne, both as a professional and a friend. By the time I met him he was already a superstar, yet he was never too busy to lend a helping hand and to get involved. He was active with me during some turbulent years in the Screen Actors Guild and I learned quickly that strength of conviction was part of his personality off camera as well as on.

When I left the film business for a new career in politics, the Duke, as we all knew him, was very supportive. He remained a close friend to Nancy and me over the years. He was always willing to do his part to support those in the political world who he believed would strengthen America; and for a professional actor his involvement took a certain degree of courage.

But, John Wayne's greatest contribution to America, and thus to the world, was providing a self-image to Americans that challenged us to live up to what we professed to be. The sweat and heroism of ordinary people, people little different from us

today, built a wilderness into a land of liberty and material abundance. John Wayne reassured Americans that they were a living part of that heritage . . . and that just as our forefathers and mothers built a great country, we too are capable of meeting the challenges we face as a free people.

This is the message of John Wayne.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Taping - 2) International
Song Festival - 3) Texas GOP Fundraiser

Richard Darman has asked that we send comments directly to Ben Elliott on the above-referenced remarks by 8:00 a.m. October 26. The International Song Festival remarks stress the role of music as a unifying force, and, presumably because the audience is in Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula, the contributions to our society of Hispanic Americans.

The Texas GOP Fundraiser remarks discuss Beirut and Grenada, asserting that we will not yield to terrorists in Beirut and that the Grenada effort is already bearing fruit in greater stability with prospects of democratic elections. The remarks then move on to the economic recovery, responding to the drought problems in West Texas by noting that 28 counties are covered by disaster declarations, and that declarations for five more counties are being processed.

I think it would be better to delete any reference to the pending disaster declarations, particularly in these political fundraising remarks. The reference strongly suggests that the review of the possible disaster declarations will be influenced by political considerations. I have attached a draft memorandum making this point; in light of the short turn-around, I have also taken the liberty of raising it orally with Elliott, who agreed to make the requested change.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
ACTING DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING OFFICE

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
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cc: Richard G. Darman

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STOCKMAN	☒	☐	MURPHY	☐	☐
DARMAN	☐	☒	ROGERS	☐	☐
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FELDSTEIN	☒	☐	SVAHN	☒	☐
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HERRINGTON	☒	☐	Henkel	☒	☐
			Fischer	☐	☒

REMARKS:

Please provide comments/edits on the attached Presidential tapings directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 EOB with an information copy sent to my office by 8:00 a.m. TOMORROW, Wednesday, October 26.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

OCT 25 1983

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

(Robinson/BE)
October 25, 1983
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: TEXAS GOP FUNDRAISER
(DALLAS, TEXAS)
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1983

Senator Tower, Governor Clements, Chairman Strake, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Events earlier this week have made it impossible for me to be present in Dallas this evening, but I'm pleased to be able to speak to you.

In two places this week, Beirut and Grenada, Americans lost their lives or were wounded in the midst of efforts to protect human life, defend freedom, and foster peace.

In Beirut, American peacekeepers were killed by a despicable terrorist attack. Let's be clear: We will not yield the ground on which those Marines and sailors died to the terrorists who killed them, but instead redouble our labors to help the people of Lebanon find peace.

In Grenada, the effort in which American fighting men and those of six other nations were involved is already bearing fruit. The disorder that reigned on the island -- disorder that included shooting in the streets and the murder of the Prime Minister -- is being replaced by stability; and the communists who took the island last week in a bloody coup are being replaced by administrators of goodwill who will prepare Grenada for democratic elections.

At the White House on Tuesday, Prime Minister Eugenia Charles of Dominica said that under Marxist rule "Grenadians have

never been given the chance to choose for themselves the country that they want." Now, at last, they will have that chance.

The tragedy in Beirut and the landing in Grenada -- both events that were thrust upon us -- have rudely interrupted the routine of our daily lives. We all grieve over the loss of so many splendid young men. But we can honor their memory best not by shrinking from our role in the world, but by remaining resolute.

Here at home, we're making firm progress with the economy. The prime rate is almost half what it was when we took office. Inflation has plummeted by four-fifths to under 3 percent during the past year. Factory orders, retail sales, and housing starts are up; the stock market has come back to life; and the American worker's real wages are rising for the first time in 3 years.

Today the gross national product that showed zero growth in 1980 is growing faster than economists thought possible. Last quarter the GNP grew at an annual rate of 7.9 percent, proving that the recovery is still going strong.

Yes, we still face some economic troubles, but we're gaining on all of them. Here in Texas, farmers in the West are suffering from a severe drought. Secretary of Agriculture John Block has declared 28 counties disaster areas, and declarations for 5 more counties are being processed. These declarations make West Texas farmers eligible for emergency low interest loans to help them through the rough times. And the payments-in-kind program is also buffering the effects of the drought. More than \$900 million worth of corn, sorghum, wheat, cotton, rice and

other commodities is being given to farmers participating in the program. All in all, farm benefits going to Texas this year total some \$1.6 billion.

On the national level, unemployment is still too high, but it's dropping fast and since December over 2 million Americans have found jobs. Today our Nation employs more men and women than ever before.

I want to thank each of you for all the time and labor you've given to the cause that unites us. All of us share a dream. It's a dream of an America that offers opportunity to all her citizens, a dream of ~~America~~ America as a powerful force for peace among the nations. With courage and determination, we're making that dream come true.

Thank you and God bless you.

(Elliott edit).
October 25, 1983
5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: INTERNATIONAL SONG FESTIVAL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1983

Bienvenidos [BEE-EN-VEN-EE-DOS]. I am very happy on behalf of the American Government and people to welcome all of you to this 12th International Song Festival of the International Television Organization, O.T.I. I am also pleased to greet the 200 to 300 million people in Latin America and Europe who are watching this important event via satellite.

This festival vividly shows the power of music to cross frontiers and bring people of diverse backgrounds and traditions closer together in harmony. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the 19th century U.S. poet, once remarked, "Music is the universal language of mankind." What we are about to see tonight is living witness to those words. However, Longfellow in his time could not have possibly imagined how satellite technology would give people everywhere almost instantaneous communications through radio and television, and our common musical idiom.

I thank O.T.I. for designating our Capital, Washington, D.C., as this year's festival site. This is the first opportunity we in the United States have had to host this magnificent event. It is appropriate that the United States should serve as a host. We are extremely proud of our Hispanic heritage -- a heritage that has meant so much to our country from earliest colonial days to the present. Hispanic Americans have worked shoulder to shoulder with their compatriots of other ethnic backgrounds to make our Nation what it is today. In

recognition of this substantial contribution, I was proud to proclaim the week beginning September 12th, 1983, as National Hispanic Heritage Week.

I would also like to congratulate the Spanish International Television Network for its significant public affairs role in our Nation and for bringing this telecast to millions of viewers here and in other countries. S.I.N. has, for the last 20 years, helped give Hispanic Americans the recognition they so rightly deserve. It has been a catalyst for the great strides made by Hispanic Americans during that period.

It is very reassuring to me that despite whatever grave economic and political problems face the Americas, 23 nations will be united together tonight for the next 3 hours via satellite television. This is a remarkable demonstration of the fundamental strength of the cultural ties which unite our peoples. This festival is proof to me once again that there is more that unites us in this hemisphere than could ever divide us. Together I know that we in this hemisphere can, with the help of our long-term friends in Spain, Portugal, and elsewhere, surmount the serious challenges of our day. I wish all of the contestants success. In fact, you already are winners of a larger contest. You are truly musical ambassadors of your countries who have conquered our hearts with your individual and collective messages of friendship. Buena suerte y que dios los bendiga a todos [BWAY-NA SWEAR-TAY EE KAY DEE-OHS LOS BEN-DEE-GAH AH TOE-DOS].

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Tappings
1) Operation Opportunity Conference
2) Tune in Awards Dinner

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced draft tapings be sent directly to Ben Elliott by noon today. The Tune In Awards Dinner salutes voluntarism and applauds those receiving awards, including Jay Rockefeller and Cardinal Cooke. The OPIC conference remarks stress the progress of the economic recovery and the Administration's support for Americans trying to do business abroad. I have no substantive objections, but have noted two technical ones in the attached draft memorandum for Elliott.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

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October 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING OFFICE

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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REMARKS:

PLEASE forward any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott, with a copy to my office, by 12:00 Noon tomorrow. Thank you.

1. ~~Operation Opportunity Conference~~ (10/27, 5:00 p.m.)
2. National Association of Realtors (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)
3. ~~Time in Awards Dinner~~ (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)

- RESPONSE:
4. Vietnam Veterans (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)
 5. International Rescue Committee (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)
 6. Federal Office Automation Conference (10/27 - 5:00 p.m.)

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
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5:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: TUNE IN AWARDS DINNER
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18; 1983

Good evening to all of you at the Tune-In Dinner in New York. I'd like to take a moment and share with you some thoughts on the great American tradition of voluntarism. Ever since America was founded, we've been a Nation of volunteers. The spirit that moved Betsy Ross to create the original stars and stripes has been woven into our national fabric. From the candy-striper working at the hospital to the Salvation Army Captain, the spirit of helping others spans the spectrum of American life. Voluntarism ties us to the values and traditions that have made us a good and caring people. It is a reminder that this country was built by people working together.

In 1981, when I called for a renewed volunteer effort in America, Jane Pickens Hoving answered that call by founding Tune-In New York. Her idea of using the telephone to put people in touch with those who needed them created a powerful force, which has placed volunteers in over 5,000 non-profit organizations in the New York area. Jane, I don't know whether you are there tonight, but that is quite an accomplishment, and I speak for so many when I say thank you.

To the gold medal award winners -- Thornton Bradshaw, Leonard Goldenson, John Kluge and Tom Wyman -- gentlemen, let me say your contributions to voluntarism speak well for both yourselves and your organizations. Voluntarism grows when it is communicated, and I commend your example of leadership.

It's also appropriate that John D. Rockefeller IV be honored as the volunteer of the year for 1983. Jay represents the ideals of voluntarism that have characterized the Rockefeller family for four generations. Jay Rockefeller and his family recognized long ago that voluntarism is most powerful when it is accepted as a life-long commitment.

I would also like to say a few words about a close personal friend, someone I am going to miss very much . . . Terence Cardinal Cooke. Cardinal Cooke is being honored posthumously this evening with the inspirational award. He was such an inspiration and a comfort to both Nancy and me. And toward the end when Nancy and I last saw him; he radiated faith as never before. His individual achievements are far too numerous to mention here. But his dedication to humanity, his devotion to New York and his discipleship to God stand as testaments to the true power as divine inspiration. Cardinal Cooke recognized this God-given power and succeeded in transmitting it to the world. ✓

In addition to those who have received awards, all of you there tonight are helping the volunteer cause by supporting this dinner. I personally know voluntarism works, I've seen it time and time again, and I'm glad you all share that same feeling. By volunteering, we renew ourselves in the freedom and spirit that is America. Congratulations to Tune-In on your first benefit gala. May there be many, many more.

Thank you and God bless you all.

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PRESIDENTIAL TAPING: OPERATION OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE
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Good afternoon. I'm delighted to have this chance to speak to Operation Opportunity. I understand there are some 7 to 10 thousand chief executives in the audience, and I want to congratulate you for working to enlarge foreign opportunities for American business.

As businessmen, I'm sure you remember only too painfully the economic mess of over-taxing and spending that had led to record inflation and interest rates 3 years ago.

Well, when we took office, we went right to work to clean up that mess.

We cut the growth of federal spending, pruned needless regulations, reduced tax rates, provided new incentives for business investment and enacted a historic reform called tax indexing -- a reform that means government will never again benefit from inflation at the expense of the people.

Today, just two years after we set those programs in place, we're moving from economic recovery to economic expansion. The prime rate is about half what it was when we took office. Inflation has plummeted by three-fourths to under 3 percent for the past year. Retail sales are up; the stock market has come back to life; real wages rose at the beginning of '82 for the first time in 3 years and are still climbing.

Last quarter the real Gross National Product grew at an annual rate of 7.9 percent, proving that the recovery is here to

stay. Unemployment is still too high, but it's dropping fast, and since December more than 2 million Americans have found jobs.

The dollar is much stronger than before, which makes exporting difficult. But, to help American business, we're working tirelessly to knock down barriers and promote free trade. We understand, though, that some of our foreign competitors have taken advantage of the openness of our economy, so we're insisting that everyone who does business here has to play by the rules -- not only free trade, but fair trade.

At the same time, we're publicizing various kinds of assistance our government offers to Americans doing business abroad. Today Secretary of Agriculture John Block, Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige, U. S. Trade Representative Bill Brock, and others will tell you about an array of valuable services at your disposal.

While governments in other countries have given their own businesses active support, for years our own government had only hampered and harassed American business. Well, whatever the attitude of Administration's in the past, this Administration understands that vigorous American business means new jobs at home and greater prosperity around the world.

American improvements in fertilizers and land-use have made the Mid-West the earth's granary and increased agriculture productivity around the globe. Our medical profession and pharmaceutical companies have made breakthrough after breakthrough. And the telecommunications that link nations and are making it possible right now for me to address groups of you

across America and in London owe their existence to American innovations.

All over the world today, people eat better and live longer, less subject to famine and disease, than ever before in history -- thanks in a large part to innovations and world trade developed by American business. No, American business has nothing to apologize for and a great deal to be proud of. And in this Administration, you have an unabashed friend.

Keep up the good work, and God bless.