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Friends of Ireland Luncheon
March 15, 2001
Draft #9

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Taoiseach [TEE-shock];¹ Members of Congress. [Others?; Majority Leader? Senator Mitchell? Rep. Moakley?]

I thank the Speaker for the invitation to come here to celebrate the shared history and heritage that unite Ireland and America. It is a great honor. And I promise to be briefer than the last time I spoke on Capitol Hill.

Some of you may be aware that I don't normally go for formal banquets like this. But I had a change of heart when I saw that the Speaker's menu included Tex-Mex. I just couldn't pass up the chance to try a green burrito.

On St. Patrick's Day, we all get to be Irish for a day. There has been a lot of speculation about whether I'm part Irish. In fact, I am. Some people even say I talk like James Joyce writes.

But I am going to speak to you very plainly today. Because I want to say a few words about an extremely important topic: peace in Northern Ireland. The United States will remain unwavering in its support of peace. We will remain unwavering in our support for all parties who show courage and leadership on behalf of peace. And we will remain unalterably opposed to anyone who would destroy peace by preaching or practicing violence.

Much of the progress toward peace in the past several years has been aided by the engagement of the United States. As I told Prime Minister Blair – and as I will tell Prime Minister Ahern tomorrow – the United States stands ready to continue that engagement. The reason is simple: peace in Northern Ireland is among America's our vital/strongest national interests.

¹ Honorific title of the Prime Minister (Gaelic)

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 21, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE GERSON
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH WRITING

FROM: **C. DEAN McGRATH JR.**
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. McGrath Jr.", written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **President's Opening Statement – Press Conference**
With Prime Minister Blair

The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced draft Presidential remarks and suggests the changes marked on the attached copy.

cc: Harriet Miers
STAFF SECRETARY

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REMARKS:

Please forward comments directly to Michael Gerson, x60170 by 11:00 AM TOMORROW, with a cc to us. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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Harriet E. Miers
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 62702

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February 24, 2001
Draft #5

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At the dawn of this new century, we face new threats and new challenges. And so we must rely on old friendships. Our task is to retain an alert and vigilant frame of mind [note: this phrase is from Churchill], and join together to do what we have always done: build a world that is more free, more peaceful, and more just. In that great task, the United States will find no better friend and ally than the United Kingdom.

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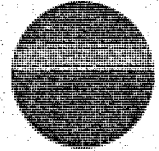
FROM: Bradford A. Berenson
Associate Counsel to the President

CC: Harriet Miers
Staff Secretary

RE: President Bush's Opening Statement for Press Conference with Prime Minister Blair

The Office of the Counsel to the President has reviewed the above-referenced document and has no objections or comments.

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We underscore our determination to counter the threat posed by Saddam Hussein -- and the need to ease the suffering of the Iraqi people. And we will work closely to deepen the trade and economic ties that are so vital to prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic.

Today, the United States and the United Kingdom reaffirm our common reading of history: that each of our nations stands taller when we stand together. Our nations helped to write the history of the last century. We defeated two mortal threats to civilization: Nazism and Soviet Communism. A decade ago we joined forces to defeat Iraq. These were extraordinary accomplishments.

At the dawn of this new century, we face new threats and new challenges. And so we must rely on old friendships. Our task is to retain an alert and vigilant frame of mind [note: this phrase is from Churchill], and join together to do what we have always done: build a world that is more free, more peaceful, and more just. In that great task, the United States will find no better friend and ally than the United Kingdom.

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It has been a real pleasure for Laura and me to spend time these past two days with Prime Minister Blair and his wife Cherie. And it has been a great honor to have them as our first foreign guests here at Camp David.

The first foreign leader to ever visit Camp David was Winston Churchill, in May 1943. Overall, seven different U.S. Presidents have hosted six different British Prime Ministers at Camp David. This reflects the close and unique bond that exists between our countries and our peoples. And it is this close bond that made us decide to meet early on in my Administration, in a personal setting.

The unique bond between our nations is rooted in our common language, common history, and common values. But most of all, it is rooted in our common interests around the globe. Our discussions these past two days have spanned the full-range of these interests. And they have been infused with the warmth and candor that we have come to expect of this special relationship.

The most important result of our talks is a reaffirmation by both our governments that NATO will remain the essential foundation of Transatlantic security -- and that we must strengthen our alliance to build a Europe that is whole, free and secure. Both governments also affirm our support for European efforts to assume a greater responsibility for European security. And we agree that the best way to do so was for the European Union to strengthen its defense capabilities in a manner that is fully coordinated, compatible and transparent with NATO.

We reaffirm our commitment to promoting peace and stability in the Balkans -- and agree on the need to work with our allies and partners so that peace relies less on outside military forces, and more on local institutions, international police, and civil authorities.

Both our nations will also work closely to meet the gathering threat of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them. We underscore our determination to counter the threat posed by Saddam Hussein -- and the need to ease the suffering of the Iraqi people. And we will work closely to deepen the trade and economic ties that are so vital to prosperity on both sides of the Atlantic. ✓

Most of all, the United States and the United Kingdom reaffirm our common reading of history: that each of our nations stands taller when we stand together. Our special relationship was forged in the heat of world war and steeled in the crucible of cold war. Today, it endures as we seek to build a future world of more freedom and more peace. ✓

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