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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Remarks: Small Business Week

Richard Darman has requested that any comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by noon today. The remarks are to be delivered tomorrow. I have reviewed the remarks and see no legal objections. The President announces he will veto efforts to repeal the third year of the tax cut and indexing, but those positions are already clearly on the record.

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### WASHINGTON

May 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ARAM BAKSHIAN, JR.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Remarks: Small Business Week

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

cc: Richard G. Darman

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9

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### Remarks:

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> Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President (x2702)

Response:

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SMALL BUSINESS WEEK WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1983

Good morning and welcome to the Rose Garden. I am told you have an action packed week in our city, so we are honored to have you with us this morning. You are here today, because you have been selected from the millions of America's small business owners, representing the best of the entrepreneurial spirit in our Nation. You have, each in your own way, proven that the American dream of economic independence, of individual initiative, of personal excellence, can still be achieved through small business.

As we stand here together, I am vividly reminded of my own boyhood in Dixon, Illinois -- of the shopkeepers, the druggist, the feed store owner, all of those small town businessmen and women who made our town function -- building our community and along with it our Nation.

In so many ways you here today, and your colleagues across the country, represent America's pioneer spirit.

In just a few moments it will be my great privilege to announce the 1983 Small Business Winner of the Year, the 20th annual award of this special honor. It will be one of these three individuals: either Fred Luber, O.C. Branch or Louis and Fred Ruiz. I, for one, am certainly glad I didn't have to make the choice, because each of you has so much of which to be proud. It is gratifying to see among your ranks, a growing number of women and minority entrepreneurs, demonstrating that our economic

system is open and free to all who wish to pursue their dreams of success and offering an important method of advancement for those trying to better themselves.

Small business has also played a vital role in helping our country weather the economic storm from which we are now emerging. Small business laid off fewer workers than big business and it will be on the cutting edge of economic recovery. From July 1981 through December 1982, finance, insurance, and real estate -- a sector dominated by small firms -- actually gained about 65,000 new jobs while the service sector, also dominated by small firms, added some 528,000 new jobs.

I know much has been said and written about the high rate of small business failures. But the other side of the coin is that in 1981 a record of 580,000 new businesses were formed and, in 1982, some 560,000 new enterprises were begun. There is no question that we are all concerned about unemployment. And perhaps this is where small business plays its greatest role in the economy. Of the 2.8 million new jobs added from 1981, some 60 percent were in firms of less than 500 employees.

We know how important small business is and we've done our best to reestablish an economic environment where the small entrepreneur can thrive. First, we've successfully cut inflation from double-digits to less than a third of its former rate.

Second, we've been able to bring sky-rocketing interest rates down from a staggering 21.5 percent to 10.5 percent -- and we expect more progress here. Third, we've attacked the regulatory burden and we are continuing to slice away the needless red tape.

Fourth, we've succeeded in getting a prompt payments act on the books so that small firms doing business with the Government are paid promptly. Fifth, we're increasing Federal procurement from minority enterprise. Sixth, we've provided small business with more opportunity to participate in international trade, through the Export Trading Company Act. Seventh, we signed into law the Small Business Innovation and Research Act, assuring America's small high-tech firms a greater share of Government research and development.

Personally I'm convinced that this Administration's greatest contribution to small business and, indeed, to all Americans, is our package of tax reforms.

We've broken through tax barriers to capital formation and investment, and virtually eliminated estate taxes for a surviving spouse. Our tax indexing provision on individual tax rate cuts will make it easier for small business owners to fund and maintain their companies. These tax reforms are designed to spur saving, investment, and productivity.

There's an old economic axiom still true today that says,
"If people are not allowed to earn more by producing more, then
no more will be produced." Well, that's why our tax incentives
are critical to recovery. The third year of the tax cut and tax
indexing will enormously benefit small business people and
average working families. Repealing those rate cuts and indexing
would be a cruel blow to the American people and would probably
knock the wind right out of the recovery. Well, as long as my
veto counts for anything, I won't let that happen.

Now I know you have a full schedule. Earlier I said you reminded me of small town America and of the pioneer spirit. And you do. You also hold the promise of America's future. It is, after all, the small business sector that provides most of our innovations. It is in your dreams, your aspirations, that our future will be molded and shaped. You are the pioneers in America's last frontier -- best and endless frontier -- the free enterprise system.

I join all Americans in saluting you, the Small Business Winners of 1983. And now, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Louis and Fred Ruiz, from Tulare, California as the Small Business Persons of the Year.

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### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Draft Presidential Remarks -- Presentation

of Outstanding Exporter Awards

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by 1:00 p.m. today. The remarks are to be made at a Rose Garden ceremony Monday, at which the President will present the "E" and "E Star" awards to companies and organizations for opening export markets for American products. The remarks stress the importance of increasing exports to economic growth, and review some of our initiatives designed to aid exporters, including the Export Trading Company Act. I see no legal objections.

Attachment

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR ARAM BAKSHIAN, JR.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

1:00 FRIDAY

DATE: May 19, 1983 ACTION

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: May 20, 1983

SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS -- PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING EXPORTER AWARDS

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Remarks:

Please forward comments/edits directly to Aram Bakshian, with a copy to my office, by 1:00 tomorrow, Friday, May 20.

Thank you.

Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President (x2702)

Response:

(Maseng/AB) May 19, 1983 5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESENTATION OF OUTSTANDING EXPORTER AWARDS MONDAY, MAY 23, 1983

Thank you very much, and welcome to the White House. It's always a pleasure to welcome America's entrepreneurs to our beautiful national home set on these lovely grounds. I know the high-risk, rough and tumble world of business you come from is no Rose Garden, so you deserve to spend some time here once in a while.

Since this is World Trade Week, there couldn't be a better time to receive you and present your well-deserved "E" and "E Star" awards for achievement in exporting. America's future growth and prosperity depend on how well we find, open and compete in foreign markets.

Exports mean jobs for our people, profits for our businesses and growth for our economy. Already, one out of eight manufacturing jobs and one in three agriculture jobs relate directly to exporting. Yet 90 percent of American manufacturers do not export at all. We believe there are tens of thousands of American enterprises -- many of them small and medium-sized businesses like some of yours -- that could compete successfully in foreign markets but don't. There is a \$2 trillion market out there just waiting for us. I know we have the talent, skills and products to compete; we just need to encourage American business to take up the challenge. Those of you here have been in the forefront of the export effort so far. We hope your highly successful and profitable examples will encourage others.

Our Administration has a plan to help our exports. First, we are laying an economic foundation of noninflationary growth, incentives and thrift. Second, we are working with our trading partners to open more markets to you and move toward trading practices that are at once more free and more fair. Third, we have taken the lead in assisting international financial and trade institutions. We hope that by encouraging more stable and growth-oriented economies abroad we will not only create more international demand for our goods, but we will also bolster freedom, democracy and world security.

One of the legislative achievements I am most proud of is the Export Trading Company Act. Enacted last year, it is already providing thousands of small and medium-sized businesses with new opportunities in foreign trade. By removing impediments to trade and permitting more efficient sale of American products abroad, we believe this act will increase our exports by up to \$11 billion by 1985. That could translate into hundreds of thousands of jobs for our people.

But the real key to export expansion lies in the efforts of people like you who have the vision to see an opportunity and the gumption to take the chance. We are all grateful for your initiative and cheer your success. Congratulations on not only the awards we present you today, but on the hard work that won them for you.

And now it is my privilege to present the President's "E" and "E Star" awards for excellence in exporting.

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTSON

SUBJECT:

Remarks: Presentation of Coast Guard Gold Lifesaving Medal Posthumously

to Arland Williams, Jr.

Richard Darman has requested that any comments on the above-referenced remarks be submitted directly to Aram Bakshian by close of business today. Arland Williams, Jr. was the individual who, during the Air Florida tragedy, passed the helicopter rescue line to five others, forsaking his own rescue. When the helicopter returned a sixth time, Williams had disappeared.

I have no legal objection to the brief remarks. The last sentence of the first full paragraph on the second page is awkward, because of the shift from the second person to the third person. This could be corrected by changing the second "their" to "your."

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CC: John

### THE WHITE HOUSE

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COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective. We do, however, find the last sentence of the first full paragraph on the second page awkward. awkwardness could be alleviated by changing the second "their" to "your."

My lack of objection presupposes that (1) there is no Mrs. Arland Williams, Jr., and (2) there is now evidence that Williams was, in fact, the "unknown hero" (there was quite a bit of debate at the time, especially after the bodies were recovered).

cc: Richard G. Darman

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### REMARKS:

Please provide any edits directly to Aram Bakshian by c.o.b. today, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

**RESPONSE:** 

(Rohrabacher/AB) June 2, 1983 11:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESENTATION OF COAST GUARD
GOLD LIFESAVING MEDAL
POSTHUMOUSLY TO ARLAND WILLIAMS, JR.
JUNE 6, 1983

Today we honor Arland Williams, Jr. Many Americans are aware of his heroism, yet few of us knew his identity. Those of us who know of his bravery have remembered him only as the "Unknown Hero." We award this medal to his memory in the hope that it will provide the recognition he deserves.

It wasn't far from here, where on January 13, 1982, Air Florida flight 90 crashed into the Potomac shortly after take off. All of us were glued to our television sets, watching live coverage of an incredible rescue scene. In the freezing cold, we watched as a helicopter hovered over the crash site, dropping a line to those few survivors who huddled on the tail section of the plane.

There was heroism that day, but none so magnificent as the man who time and again passed the rescue line to other survivors, insuring their safety at great risk to his own life. He passed that line to others five times, and then when the helicopter went back for him, he was gone.

The scriptures tell us that one can have no greater love than to lay down his life for a friend. Arland Williams gave his life for all of us. His courage and decency in the midst of crisis live on to inspire all of us to live up to our ideals. The description in Time magazine said, "If the man in the water

gave a lifeline to the people gasping for survival, he was likewise giving a lifeline to those who observed him."

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate his parents, Arland and Virginia Williams, for the job they did as parents. The values you taught your son held firm. No parents can be prouder than to know that their child had the courage and unselfishness to act as their son did on that tragic January afternoon.

And to his children, Arland and Leslie, you, too, have much of which to be proud. I know you miss your dad, but he has given all children something to look up to.

The Coast Guard Gold Lifesaving Medal we award Arland Williams, Jr. today is reserved for those who have demonstrated exceptional bravery in the rescue of others from drowning, shipwreck, or other perils of the water. Mrs. Williams, I hope you will accept it in your son's behalf: with it goes the admiration of all who respect courage and honor.

WASHINGTON

June 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Remarks: Luncheon with President's Roundtable on Capital Formation

Richard Darman has requested that comments on the above-referenced proposed remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by noon today. The brief remarks are innocuous, reviewing Administration efforts to promote capital formation and asking for the Roundtable's views on further measures. I see no legal objections.

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WASHINGTON

June 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ARAM BAKSHIAN, JR.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LUNCHEON WITH PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE ON CAPITAL FORMATION FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1983

- -- Well, I'm delighted to welcome you to the White House.

  And may I say I'm honored to be with some of the best and brightest minds in the country in the area of capital formation.
- -- You know the challenge we face. Our highest priority is to get America back on the cutting edge of growth.

  I think incentives for greater savings and investment are the key to restoring strong growth and our industrial competitiveness.
- -- Our Administration has tried to substantially improve
  the rate of capital formation in the country. Taken
  together, our personal tax rate reductions, the new
  incentives for IRAs and Keogh accounts, the accelerated
  cost recovery system, and the preservation of the
  investment tax credit add up, I believe, to a powerful
  collection of new incentives.
- rates have been cut back; inflation and interest rates have been knocked down from their painfully high levels. And now I think we're beginning to see the payoff with a stronger stock market and record levels of new business incorporations.
- -- Unfortunately, the prospect of large federal budget deficits over the next several years is hurting capital

- formation. We are trying hard to get those outyear deficits down.
- -- This session today is the first of many I hope to have on a wide range of important issues. I hope these sessions will provide me some fresh views in dealing better with these challenges. I would welcome any ideas you might have on capital formation.

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Remarks for Reception of Baltic Americans

Richard Darman has requested that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by noon today. The remarks are to accompany the President's signing of the Proclamation designating June 14 as Baltic Freedom Day, authorized and requested by Public Law 97-196. The remarks review the Soviet snatching of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania in 1940 and subsequent Soviet efforts to subjugate those Baltic cultures. The remarks urge the Soviets to concentrate on meaningful negotiations in Geneva rather than silly gestures such as the proposal for an Atom-Free Baltic. Mention is also made of the recent intrusion of "unidentified submarines" into Norwegian and Swedish waters. The bluntness of the remarks may ruffle some State Department feathers, but I have no legal objections. I have noted a grammatical error in the remarks in the proposed memorandum to Bakshian.

Attachment

#### WASHINGTON

June 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ARAM BAKSHIAN, JR.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING.

COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

NOON FRIDAY

DATE:	June 9, 1983	ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:	June 10, 1983

SUBJECT: RECEPTION FOR BALTIC AMERICANS

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### **REMARKS:**

Please forward comments/edits directly to Aram Bakshian, with a copy to my office, by Noon tomorrow, Friday, June 10.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR BALTIC AMERICANS MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1983

Welcome to the White House. Today we are gathered to draw attention to the plight of the long suffering Baltic people and to affirm to the world that we do not recognize their subjugation as a permanent condition.

The Soviet occupation of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania is a living reminder of the cynical agreement between Soviet Russia and Nazi Germany that precipitated the Second World War. The Soviets would like the world to forget this dark chapter of history, but it is something the Baltic people, and freedom-loving people everywhere, can never forget.

The Soviet Union invaded these small but proud countries in 1940. Then in June of 1941, only days before Hitler turned on his partners in the Kremlin, the Soviets arrested tens of thousands, executed many, and began a mass deportation to Siberia. At the end of the war, the horror continued as hundreds of thousands were sent to the gulag.

Today it is no coincidence that a large percentage of people living in these occupied countries are not of Baltic descent. The Soviets have tried their best to Russify the Baltic peoples, as they have with so many of the other oppressed minorities within the Soviet Empire. The Catholic Church and the worship of God, once at the heart of Baltic culture, has been brutally suppressed. Any legitimate attempt at independence from Moscow

has been smashed -- any tangible effort to preserve their national identity has been denied.

It seems ironic that those responsible for this brutality are now proposing what they call an Atom-Free Baltic, a Nordic nuclear-free zone -- especially since unidentified submarines have recently violated the territorial waters of Norway and neutral Sweden. This kind of conduct doesn't lend itself to a spirit of trust. I urge the Soviets to concentrate on the serious negotiations in Geneva, instead of making meaningless gestures.

Last week, as you are aware, I unveiled a new arms control proposal. We hope that the Soviets will take this offer seriously. We've demonstrated flexibility. The ball is now in their court. We are seeking verifiable and equitable agreements because we are firmly convinced that such agreements are in the interest of both our countries, and all the people of the world.

However, we should never delude ourselves as to just who and what we are dealing with. I can promise you: We will not in the process of seeking peace be lured from our moral commitment to those captive peoples who are now held in bondage.

There are those, of course, who believe we should muffle our criticism of totalitarianism in the mistaken notion that this will further the cause of peace. We Americans want nothing more than to remain free and at peace. Nevertheless, ignoring reality, giving up the moral high-ground, refusing to speak the truth, will not engender the respect needed for the preservation

of peace and human liberty. Totalitarian regimes must know that free men will not cower; only then can conflict be avoided.

I'm happy to report that after the Williamsburg Summit

I've never been so confident that freedom and peace can be

preserved. The leaders of the Western democracies, gathering

there in the cradle of liberty, met as friends and allies. A new

spirit is emerging in the West -- a comraderie of decent and free

people. We have the strength of our convictions and we are not

afraid.

June 14th, the day in 1941 when the massive deportation of Baltic people began, is a day which reaffirms our commitment to our ideals. The people of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania -- and all the other captive nations -- look to the United States. We must keep the peace, and we will. We must also keep the beacon of freedom shining, and from that sacred responsibility we will never shrink.

Last year the Congress unanimously passed Public Law 97-196, proclaiming June 14th Baltic Freedom Day. I will now read and sign the proclamation making this designation:

Public Law 97-196 97th Congress

### Joint Resolution

Designating "Baltic Freedom Day".

June 18, 1982 [S.J. Res. 201]

Whereas the people of the Baltic Republics of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia have cherished the principles of religious and political freedom and independence; and

Whereas the Baltic Republics have existed as independent, sovereign nations, belonging to and fully recognized by the League of Nations; and

Whereas the people of the Baltic Republics have individual and separate cultures, national traditions and languages, distinctly foreign to those of Russia; and

Whereas the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.) in 1940 did illegally seize and occupy the Baltic Republics and by force incorporate them against their national will and contrary to their desire for independence and sovereignty into the U.S.S.R.; and Whereas the U.S.S.R. since 1940 has systematically removed native

Whereas the U.S.S.R. since 1940 has systematically removed native Baltic peoples from their homelands by deporting them to Siberia and caused great masses of Russians to relocate in the Republics, thus threatening the Baltic cultures with extinction; and

thus threatening the Baltic cultures with extinction; and
Whereas the U.S.S.R. has imposed upon the captive people of the
Baltic Republics an oppressive political system which has
destroyed every vestige of democracy, civil liberties, and religious
freedom; and

Whereas the people of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia find themselves today subjugated by the U.S.S.R., locked into a union they deplore, denied basic human rights, and persecuted for daring to protest; and

Whereas the United States stands as a champion of liberty, dedicated to the principles of democracy, human rights, and religious freedom, and opposed to oppression; and

Whereas the United States, as a member of the United Nations, has repeatedly voted with a majority of that international body to uphold the right of other countries of the world to determine their fates and be free of foreign domination; and

Whereas the U.S.S.R. has steadfastly refused to return to the people of the Baltic States the right to exist as independent republics separate and apart from the U.S.S.R. or permit a return of personal, political, and religious freedoms: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress of the United States recognizes the continuing desire and the right of the people of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia for freedom and independence from the domination of the U.S.S.R. and deplores the refusal of the U.S.S.R. to recognize the sovereignty of the Baltic Republics and to yield to their rightful demands for independence from foreign domination and oppression and that the fourteenth day of June 1982, the anniversary of the mass deportation of Baltic peoples from their homelands in 1941, be designated "Baltic Freedom Day" as a

Baltic Freedom Day. symbol of the solidarity of the American people with the aspirations of the captive Baltic people and that the President of the United States be authorized and requested to issue a proclamation for the observance of Baltic Freedom Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved June 18, 1982.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY-S.J. Res. 201:

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 128 (1982): June 9, considered and passed Senate. June 14, considered and passed House.

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