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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Remarks: Luncheon with Hispanic Leaders

Richard Darman has asked that any comments on the above-referenced proposed remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by noon today. The brief remarks discuss the economy, citing the statistics of the recovery, and move on to Central American policy. They conclude with mention of Hispanics in the Administration. In that connection, the sentence beginning at line 5 on page 4 makes no sense. I assume the "not" should be deleted.

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

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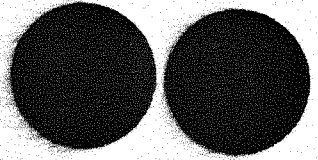
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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 3 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TOMORROW

SUBJECT: REMARKS: LUNCHEON WITH HISPANIC LEADERS

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any edits directly to Aram Bakshian by noon tomorrow, Thursday, August 4th, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President

(Rohrabacher/BE)  
August 3, 1983  
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LUNCHEON WITH HISPANIC LEADERS  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1983

Buenas tardes and welcome to the White House. It is a pleasure for me to have old friends here. And as I look out, I see so many of you who have been with me in campaigns over the years . . . well, let me just say to each of you, for all you've done, gracias.

For you, who played such an important role in getting me here, it is even more accurate when I add, "Mi casa es su casa."

I remember when I first understood the depth of meaning behind that expression. I was Governor of California and we had experienced one of those natural disasters which happens when too much rain comes all at one time. I was visiting an area that had been hard hit with mudslides and there, in one house, standing in the wreckage of what had been his living room, was an older gentleman of Mexican descent.

He looked at me and even in the midst of his adversity his dignity and courage remained firm and he greeted me with that most hispanic of welcomes, "Mi casa es su casa."

As a people, we are just now emerging from a time of great economic adversity and national uncertainty. Unlike the old gentleman I just mentioned, what we suffered was not a result of a natural catastrophe or something beyond our control. And it wasn't even a result of bad people or malice. No, our economic woes were a predictable result of years, perhaps decades, of irresponsible Government spending and taxing policies. With your

support we've changed those taxing and spending patterns and I am proud to tell you today, it's working.

When we got here, inflation was running at double-digit levels and had been doing so for 2 straight years, the worst inflation in 60 years. We've brought it down to 2.6 percent, the lowest 12 month rate in nearly 16 years.

When we got here, the prime interest rate had hit 21½ percent. Carefully and slowly we've brought that down to 10½ percent.

After years of almost no growth and declining real wages, last quarter the annual growth rate hit 8.7 percent and real wages are on the rise.

Productivity is up. Factory orders up. Retail sales up. Housing starts and auto sales are all up.

Now let me just say that this is not happening, as some would have us believe, by happenstance. We're restoring opportunity to hardworking people like yourselves to get America moving again. There's one way you can tell our program is beginning to work: They don't call it Reaganomics anymore.

We've managed to give the people a tax rate reduction and to start -- because this is a continuing struggle -- to get spending under control. But this is no time to let up. There are those who are constantly pushing to return to the disastrous taxing and spending patterns of the past. I hope I can count on you to stand with me to make sure that doesn't happen.

We can't let the people forget what it was like just three years ago. You can remember. Our people seemed to have

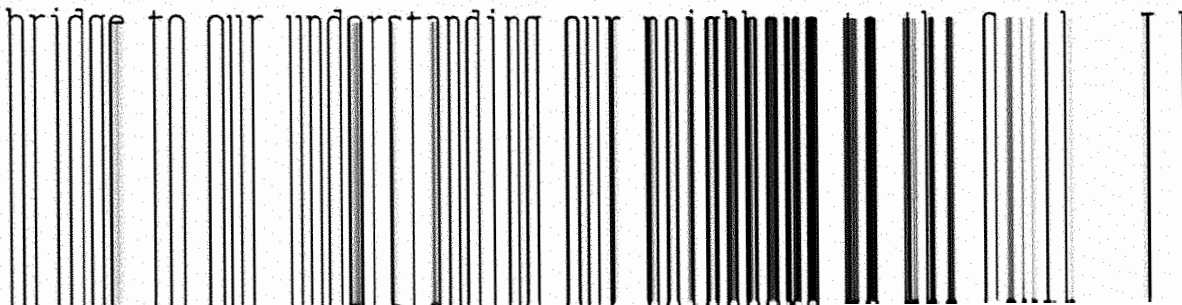


lost that optimism that is so characteristic of Americans. Some people were saying America's best days were behind us. Well, together we've turned the situation around and given the American people hope for the first time in years.

Before we have a dialogue, instead of just having me get up here and give a speech, I'd like to mention one other area which is vital to all of us as Americans. You, as hispanic Americans, know well that our country had ignored Central and South America for too long. If we are to prevent the people of this important area from falling under the heel of Marxist dictators and spreading instability to our own borders, it will take a determined commitment. It will require economic and military aid, and national resolve.

So we're standing by our friends. We're using American economic and military power in the best tradition of Harry Truman: to protect the forces for democracy, economic opportunity, and peace against the expansion of Communism. The difference is, Harry Truman was helping countries thousands of miles away. We're trying to assist neighbors only a few hundred miles away. If we run away from our responsibilities so close to home, it won't be your grandchildren, but your children who will pay the price. So I just hope that I have your support in what we're trying to do.

You, as leaders in the hispanic community, can serve as a



My representative, Kathy Vilapondo, a young woman from Texas, will be keeping me up-to-date on your ideas and areas of concern.

We have many fine hispanic Americans, like Kathy, who are playing major roles in this Administration. The number of hispanics stands at 125 right now. But don't let anyone tell you these people are not being brought on board because of their ethnic background. They are hardworking and competent people, first and foremost professionals. So, we may like to point out that hispanics are playing a significant role -- hispanics like Joe Salgado, who comes from California, and has been brought to the White House to make personnel decisions -- but we're glad to have them because they are fine individuals.

Now, if you have any questions . . .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Statement Re: Announcing the  
Establishment of the President's  
Commission on Industrial Competitiveness

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced proposed remarks be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. The remarks review the purpose of the Commission, established by an executive order signed June 28, and stress the dynamic role of technological development in promoting American industrial competitiveness. The remarks are scheduled for tomorrow to accompany announcement of the Commission's members.

Attachment

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WASHINGTON

August 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ARAM BAKSHIAN, JR.  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*  
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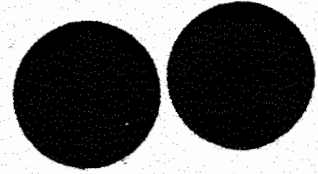
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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 3 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 A.M. TOMORROW

SUBJECT: STATEMENT RE ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

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Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(OPD/Elliott/AB)  
August 3, 1983  
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT: ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL  
COMPETITIVENESS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 1983

. On June 28, I signed an Executive Order establishing a Commission on Industrial Competitiveness. I charged the Commission with advising me and my Administration on ways to strengthen the competitiveness of U.S. industry.

This Nation's greatest competitive advantage in the past were ideas that helped America grow. We need to put the power of ideas to use again, for the good of our future. The United States needs our best minds to create technologies that will restore America's economic leadership in the 1980's. To sustain high rates of real economic growth, we must create new "miracles" of high technology -- miracles for both innovation, and for modernization of the major areas of our economy in manufacturing, agriculture and the service sector.

The Commission members I am appointing today are distinguished leaders from large and small businesses, from labor and from academia. They are ideally suited to guide us toward a national dialogue -- a discussion of the kinds of actions required by the public and private sectors to make U.S. industries more competitive in domestic and foreign markets. As announced on June 28, the Commission will be chaired by Mr. John Young, President of Hewlett-Packard.

The Commission will focus its attention on government and private sector actions in three major areas:



- Identifying the problems and opportunities of transforming new knowledge and innovations into commercial products, services and manufacturing processes.
- Recommending policy changes at all levels of government to improve the private sector's ability to compete in the international marketplace, and to maintain and create opportunities for American workers.
- Developing federal, technology policies to create a more favorable climate for industrial progress, by serving broad segments of the private sector, rather than specific industries.

The Commission will report to me and work closely with the Department of Commerce, the Office of Policy Development and the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

The increasingly rapid pace of technological advancement assures us that our economy will change constantly in the future. New developments in information processing, biology, and materials science are spawning sunrise industries. They are improving our quality of life and standard of living in ways few could have foreseen. Who would have thought, just a few years ago, that the cost of electronic components would fall to a level that makes personal computers affordable at home? These technologies are transforming all sectors of our economy and even our lifestyles. Not only can information processing capabilities improve the way farmers manage their livestock, provide the "brains" in a flexible manufacturing system, and keep track of

the paper flow in an office, they will also change the way we live.

Now some believe that the government must try to read these trends to determine which products, services and industries have a place in our future, and which do not. They would have government planners divert resources away from traditional industries and channel them into new fields. But the history of progress in America proves that millions of individuals making decisions in their own legitimate self-interest will decide more wisely than bureaucratic planners.

Government's legitimate role is not to dictate detailed plans, or solutions to problems for particular companies or industries. No, government serves us best when it provides us opportunity -- by protecting and strengthening the marketplace, by ensuring that the rules of free and fair trade, both at home and abroad, are properly observed, and by safeguarding the freedoms of individual participants.

In carrying out this role, the government must maintain fiscal policies which encourage personal initiative, and monetary policies which ensure stable prices. The lasting, non-inflationary growth we are building will facilitate the movement of capital toward promising economic activities. Stable economic growth will provide markets for new products and employment opportunities for workers displaced by changes in the way things are produced.

By establishing this Commission, we reaffirm this Administration's commitment to making sure that this government

will be a help not a stumbling block as U.S. industries compete in domestic and international markets, and attempt to open up new opportunities for all Americans.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Address: American GI Forum  
El Paso, Texas, Saturday, August 13, 1983

Richard Darman has asked for comments to be sent directly to Aram Bakshian by 10:00 a.m. today on the above-referenced Presidential remarks. The remarks dwell on the contributions of Hispanic Americans in the armed forces, and the role of the GI Forum in guaranteeing civil rights for Hispanics. The remarks then discuss the economic recovery, and the restoration of American military capabilities.

At page 5, lines 7-9, the draft states "and I have instructed the Justice Department to maintain a special vigilance with regard to your civil rights complaints." I know of no basis for this statement, and hope there is none. "Special" vigilance for Hispanic civil rights complaints can logically only mean something less for black civil rights complaints. Such a statement will lend support to the contention that we have cynically "written off" blacks and are actively courting Hispanics. Even if this is viewed as a defensible political strategy it cannot be pursued through preferential treatment with respect to civil rights complaints. I suggest substituting something like "and that our Justice Department is ever alert to safeguard your civil rights and those of all Americans."

I have noted this objection, along with more minor stylistic ones, in the attached draft memorandum.

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DATE: August 9 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m. TOMORROW

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: AMERICAN GI FORUM

EL PASO, TEXAS  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1983

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any edits/comments directly to Aram Bakshian by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, August 10, with an information copy to our office. Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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(Dolan/AB)  
August 9, 1983  
1:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: AMERICAN GI FORUM  
EL PASO, TEXAS  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1983

Thank you very much. Let me say right off that our Administration knows how interested and responsive John is to your concerns. John is easily one of the most experienced and powerful members of the Senate. He's been a great friend to you, he's one of the major reasons America is moving today towards strength and prosperity and I join with you in your salute to him.

Seeing John and all of you is a great pleasure -- you know it's an odd thing but the farther we get from Washington the better I feel. As a westerner, of course I do feel at home here in Texas. For one thing the food is better. You know about my inclinations in this area; after all, you're looking at the fella who served enchiladas to the Queen of England. I confess though that sometimes when my Cabinet meetings start to drag, I wish I had some jalapeno jelly beans to pass around -- then we'd see Government officials move quickly.

I relish every stop we make while we're on the road, but I have to tell you that this gathering today is one I've especially looked forward to. Speaking to the GI Forum gives me a chance to do something that not many American Presidents have done; to say something important to all Americans of Hispanic descent, something that should have been said a long time ago.

The GI Forum was founded by Hispanic Americans who wore our country's uniform, who fought in America's wars, who account for

some of the most astonishing acts of valor and personal sacrifice in the great and long history of our Nation's armed services. I don't think I have to recount those deeds to you; I know you are proud of them and I know they are part of the proud heritage you pass on to your children.

That's why I thought some of you might like to know about something that happened recently in Washington. No, you can relax, I don't mean the Congress finally managed to raise taxes or launch another raid on the treasury. Rest assured, we're keeping an eye out for that. What I want to mention is something that I think says a whole lot about Hispanic Americans, their valor as a people and their contribution to America's freedom.

You know, in the Pentagon there is a wonderful tradition of dedicating the hallways in that vast building to some of the great military figures in our history. Now, like myself most of you who were in the military probably didn't spend a whole lot of time in the Pentagon during your career. But, as President I have had a chance to see the exhibits, the memorabilia, and the personal effects in the hallways dedicated to great men like Generals MacArthur and Patton. And I think some of you may be familiar with the book by Raoul Morin, Among the Valiant. It notes that Hispanic Americans have a higher percentage of Medal of Honor winners than any other group in American history. Well, very recently there was a new dedication at the Pentagon, and that dedication was not to a single person to but to a hallway of names like \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm proud to tell you today that in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes there is now an exhibit called "Hispanics in America's Defense," the portraits of the 37 Medal

of Honor winners of Hispanic descent. I hear it's a real crowdpleaser and it ought to be. I hope many of you have a chance to visit it, but whether you get there or not -- it's something you should all be very proud of.

That exhibit is only a small sign of what I see when I visit our military installations or ships throughout the world -- Hispanic names and faces everywhere. For me, those names are a sign of all you have given and continue to give to America. America has always been blessed by the ethnic diversity of her people and the rich heritages they brought to our shores, but the contribution of Hispanic Americans -- your devotion to country, your belief in the values of family, work, neighborhood and religion -- these are among our most precious gifts.

And so today, as perhaps the first President who has really had the chance to say this to you -- and on behalf of every American -- I want to thank Hispanic Americans who have served so valiantly in our armed forces and who serve today. Yours is a record of honor and devotion that makes not just you, but every American proud.

But you know better than most that Hispanic Americans have not always been remembered for their service or valor, have not always been treated as they deserved -- as gallant patriots and as a people of dignity and worth entitled to the respect and admiration of their fellow citizens. I am sorry to say that this was particularly true right at the end of World War II. How terribly ironic it is that those who had fought so valiantly for their country should return home to confront discrimination in education, health care, housing, employment, and other areas.

But true to your traditions, your response to discrimination was unhesitating and courageous. One of your number, Doctor Hector Perez Garcia, a physician and surgeon in Corpus Christi, founded this forum. Under Dr. Garcia's leadership a few veterans gathered to fight for the rights of Mexican Americans -- and then within only a year's time there were over 100 chapters in Texas alone. Word of your courage and your success spread throughout neighboring States and then the entire Nation. Today you have 500 chapters in approximately 200 cities in 33 States upholding the rights of Hispanic Americans.

As you fought for the rights of Hispanic American everywhere, you helped preserve the dream that began this country: the dream of Government that worked for the people and not the other way around, the dream of equal justice under the law, of the right of every man, woman, and child to enjoy the blessings of liberty, not as a function of their class or background, but only because they bore the simple title -- that proudest of all boasts: "I am an American." The fight you waged against discrimination was every American's fight. Your efforts made America better for all of us, and today, on behalf of all your countrymen, I thank you for that too.

As Americans of Hispanic descent increasingly take their rightful place in the front ranks of our Nation's leadership, I hope you will never forget what you owe to those who began so much here in Texas 25 years ago. Doctor Garcia, all of us pay tribute to you today. I know I speak for everyone here when I say to you, sir: "Viva usted muchos anos en buena salud." [May

you live many good years in health.] And I might add: "Y con dinero." [And with wealth!]

Now I don't need to tell you that the struggle against discrimination is not over. It is never over. And, I want you to know that this Administration stands beside you as you continue the struggle. I think most of you know there are more than 125 Hispanics in key positions in this Administration, and I have instructed the Justice Department to maintain a special vigilance with regard to your civil rights complaints. I hope you know, too, of the excellent working relationship we have had with the GI Forum. And I particularly want to single out in this regard, the efforts of your national chairman, Jose Cano. We have not always agreed in every particular but I think your distinguished Chairman would agree we have worked well together to accomplish a great deal. My pledge to him is my pledge to you: You have a friend in Washington. As long as I am there, the Oval Office will be a place of warmth and hospitality for Hispanic Americans.

Ladies and gentlemen, the concern you have shown for justice for your own people is in the best tradition of America, but you should be especially proud that even in the 1970's, when the demands of special interest politicians were in full cry, you always advanced your own cause within the framework of advancing your country's interest first.

We have just emerged from the special interests era, a sad era when political coalitions were built with an eye towards what's good for the next election, not what's good for the country. There are some people who would have the American

people forget what that kind of politics did to this Nation, especially to Americans who were not on the higher rungs of the social economic ladder. For it was those Americans -- many of them of Hispanic descent -- who suffered the most from the economic mess left to us in 1980. It was those Americans who were deprived of the only chance they ever really wanted: the chance to show how far and how fast their God-given talents and personal dreams could take them in a free society.

Today many of those who still practice the politics of the past are pleading for your votes. They want to take you back to the days of diminishing opportunity, of special interest politics, of tax and tax, spend and spend. Let me remind you of what those days were like. In the decade of the seventies, it was special interest politics that tripled Federal spending. In the 5 years from 1976 to 1981 it was special interest politics that doubled Federal taxes. All that spending and all that taxing steadily mounted until it was draining every bit of life and energy out of the economy. Jobs and opportunities were drying up and it was hurting lower income Americans more than anyone.

Think back to the desperation felt in so many American households as the weekly paycheck grew smaller and smaller and the weekly grocery bill grew higher and higher -- much of it thanks to Federal taxation and Federally inspired inflation. When we took office, we had the worst inflation since the Second World War, interest rates at 21-1/2 percent, and business failures and unemployment on the rise. The real purchasing power of the American family had taken a nosedive of \_\_\_\_\_ in

\_\_\_\_\_ years but all the politicians could recommend was the same medicine that had made the patient sick in the first place. They said we suffered from a malaise but they told us it was our fault; that we wanted too much, that we had to give up our hopes and cut down on our expectations, that we had to tell our children not to dream, as we once dreamed.

The bureaucratic profiteers were in full control -- even as the economy was collapsing around them they could only come up with more and more schemes to superintend their disasters and run our lives -- even down to restricting credit cards and supervising thermostats.

But, there's a strain of pride and independence and common sense that runs through this country that no fast-talking, chicken-in-every-pot politician has ever really escaped for long. From the very beginning of this country, our people have had an uncanny knack for reminding politicians who's really in charge here, who it is under the American Constitution that has the final say.

And so the people spoke. They spoke for their future and their children's future. They spoke for change.

And that's when this Administration went to work even as the special interest politicians predicted doom and disaster. They said we couldn't do it, they fought us all the way -- but we cut the growth in Federal spending by 40 percent. They said we couldn't do it, they fought us all the way -- but we cut every American's income taxes by 25 percent. They said we couldn't do it, they fought us all the way -- but we enacted a wide ranging package of other tax cuts, like abolishing the marriage penalty

and increasing individual retirement account deductions. They said we couldn't do it, they fought us all the way -- but we came up with the most important reform of them all. Next year your income taxes will be indexed to the rate of inflation and that means you won't be pushed into higher and higher tax brackets by inflation.

In a little over 2-1/2 years we've moved from economic disaster to economic growth. The results are coming in: We cut the prime rate by about half; we brought inflation down by 80 percent; we've got the economy growing at an annual rate of 8.7 percent; we've increased by \_\_\_\_\_ the purchasing power of the average American family of four. And last month we had the biggest percentage drop in the unemployment picture in more than 23 years.

But it doesn't stop with the economy. Remember a few years ago when American prestige seemed to decline with every new crisis, when Soviet intervention on four continents was going unchecked and even unnoticed? Remember when American embassies were sacked, when our hostages were taken, when our Government seemed to permit itself to be intimidated by every two-bit dictator in this hemisphere and elsewhere? Remember how our national defenses were crumbling?

Today our defenses are being rebuilt. The Soviet Union's attempts to force itself on the rest of the world are checked, and we are moving ahead forcefully with the hard bargaining that will result in realistic and verifiable arms control treaties.

Let me say here something about a foreign policy area I know you have a special interest in. Our policy in Central America



can be very simply put and clearly understood: We want to see the peoples of those nations escape the poverty and oppression of their pasts, we want to see them move toward societies where democratic rights are protected and a decent standard of living is assured. We will bend every effort though economic and technical assistance to help them accomplish this goal, but I know you agree with me when I say we also know this much with certainty: They'll never have a chance to build that kind of future, that kind of freedom and prosperity, if they are surrendered to the tender mercies of Fidel Castro, Colonel Quaddhafi, and their superintendents in Moscow. We can't let that happen; we won't let it happen. The goal of our policy south of the border is plainly stated: The Americas belong to the peoples of the Americas and nobody else.

Now I realize of course that the naysayers and doomcriers are not exactly going to trip over each other in giving this Administration credit for our strengthened foreign policy, our updated defenses, or our economic recovery. And I don't really fault them: They have some problems I can sympathize with -- just think of all those campaign speeches that have to be rewritten.

The record itself is clear, I don't believe that you and the rest of the American people will let the the special interest politicians forget the facts of history. Because the American people didn't know how to take no for an answer, because they believed in their future, and because they rejected the counsels of retreat and retrenchment, because they supported this Administration's efforts to get our measures through the

Congress, America is growing in pride and strength at home and abroad.

You know, it seems to me that the special interest politicians and the naysayers have some explaining to do to us. They are the ones who said we couldn't do it, but we did it. They are the ones who said it wouldn't work, but it's working. And never forget, they are the ones who fought us all the way and are still fighting us today.

You know, the theme of this convention is the Hispanic American renaissance. During your discussions I hope you can bear in mind the real message I have for you today, a message that goes far beyond the statistics I've recited or the economic growth that we're enjoying. For the fundamental question before you today is not only the Hispanic American renaissance but the American renaissance. Do we keep America upward bound and on the move again? Or do we return to the days of big Government, of economic stagnation? Will we hold fast to the values of work and family, or will we return to never-ending Government intrusions into how we spend our paychecks and how we raise our children?

There isn't time here today to outline all the other initiatives we have taken in this Administration to give back to the American people control over their own lives and destinies. Even as we were fighting to restore prosperity at home and our prestige abroad, we dealt firmly and imaginatively with the menace of crime and drugs that has cost us so dearly, especially here in Texas. We've expanded the success of the South Florida Task Force by establishing 12 similar task forces throughout the Nation including one in Houston. That means more than 1200 new

investigators and prosecutors will be cracking down on the drug racketeers. We've launched a frontal assault on organized crime with the recent appointment of a Kefauver-style commission, headed by a distinguished jurist, that will hold regional hearings throughout the country. In the area of education, we've spoken out on a national level for the end to the politicizing of education -- for bringing excellence back to our schools and better opportunity for our schoolchildren.

Here then are the questions before you and before every American in the years ahead: Will we be better off with a future aimed at growth and opportunity or one bogged down in lowered expectations and economic decline? Will we choose a future with a booming private sector where young men and women can climb as far and as fast as their native talents will take them? Or will Hispanic Americans face a future with an ever-expanding Government that multiplies taxation and bureaucracy while it suffocates enterprise and initiative? Will we be better off relying on our pride, respect, and accomplishments as a people or must we sink into dependency through Government busing and quotas and all the other elaborate social schemes dreamed up in Washington during the past 40 years?

And what about our national security? Which road will we take there? Will we be better off with a future where America's interests are firmly protected and defended, or will we choose a future where the only clear goal seems to be a deal cut at almost any price with America's adversaries in the world?

Hispanic Americans are at the threshold -- I think you can sense your own power, the extent to which you will influence

America in the next generations. The decisions you make in the next few years will have an enormous and powerful impact on our society. As we move toward the end of this century and into the next, you will be increasingly in positions of power in America -- and your fellow Americans will look to you for leadership and guidance.

I urge you today to remain true to the values -- the devotion to God, family and country -- that have made you the proud people you are today. I urge you to hold fast to the dreams you have always had for your children; to reject those who say that your dreams cannot fashion your future, that your destiny is not in your own hands but in the hands of unelected bureaucrats and social engineers in Washington. Yes, cherish those dreams, cherish them because they are what brought you or your fathers, or their fathers to this country and have contributed so much to America's growth and vitality.

"America is a willingness of the heart," F. Scott Fitzgerald once said. Well, the hearts of Hispanic Americans have always been willing. You have defended America on a thousand battlefields, you have strengthened our economy, enriched our culture, broadened our perspectives. "A man will not sell you his life for all the money in the world," William Manchester once wrote of his days as a Marine in the South Pacific, but "He will give it you for a piece of colored ribbon." You have always understood this better than most, you have known that the values, the faith, and the dreams of a people mean far more to them than a thousand promises of an easy life or a comfortable existence. You have reminded us that independence, honor, and devotion to

country and family are more than just words. You have stood by those values, you have lived them, and you have been an inspiration to your children and your countrymen.

As I said when I began, I have come here today to thank you for all that. But I came here, too, to speak of the future and to challenge you to the role you must play in it. Because the people have spoken for change, America is better off today than she was a few years ago. Now it is in your hands to continue that progress -- through this century and the next. Don't let America sink back into the boredom and mediocrity of collectivism, into the politics of envy, protest, and special interests. Keep America upward bound, on the move, keep her always that shining city, that inspiration, "That last, best hope," to all the oppressed and helpless of the world. God bless you -- and God bless America.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 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: Draft Presidential Address Before the  
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Tampa on  
Friday, August 12 (8/9 2:00 p.m. Draft)

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft Presidential address and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective. In the course of the remarks, however, the President would refer to several companies, and we are endeavoring to check with appropriate government officials to ensure that those companies have not been engaged in any activities that would make such references inadvisable.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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