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WASHINGTON

April 29, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Revised Address: Portuguese National

Assembly -- Lisbon, Portugal (4/27/85 -- 3:00 p.m. Draft)

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced revised Presidential address, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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FROM:

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ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Remarks: Toast at Luncheon With Prime Minister Soares -- Portugal

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

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FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Remarks: State Dinner Toast

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

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FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Remarks: State Dinner Toast, Madrid, Spain

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

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Hamback Castle, Bonn, Germany

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Departure Statement

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

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May 23, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Remarks: Fundraiser for Senator Paula Hawkins

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed remarks. The language on the bottom of page 3 and the top of page 4 should be carefully reviewed by the Departments of State and Justice. There has been conflicting testimony from those departments on the extent of the involvement of the Cuban and Nicaraguan governments in drug trafficking.

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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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Please provide any edits directly to Ben Elliott by 11:00 a.m. tomorrow, May 23rd, with an information copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Rohrabacher/BE) May 22, 1985 3:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: FUNDRAISER FOR SENATOR PAULA HAWKINS MIAMI, FLORIDA MONDAY, MAY 27, 1985

Thank you. It is an honor for me to be with you tonight in support of a Member of the United States Senate who has been absolutely indispensable to the cause of a strong America, Senator Paula Hawkins. Paula is an activist in the truest sense of the word. I've relied heavily upon her since getting to Washington. If you want to do me a favor, if you want to do the country a favor, make sure she goes back to the Senate for another 6 years. Can I count on you?

I was hoping you'd say that. It is always a treat for me to visit Florida. Wasn't the Fountain of Youth supposed to be around here somewhere? Seriously, though, youthful energy and excitement are so much a part of the political scene down here. There are few places in this country where people go about charting our political future with such gusto as you do in Florida. And you do it with a Latin rhythm.

I'd like to express my thanks to all of you tonight who have done so much over the years. The precincts you've walked, the stamps you've licked, the contributions you've made -- all have made a difference. People like Mac LaMore and Tibor Hollo [hollow] have given new meaning to the term committed.

You have more than your share of people committed to the cause. There's Jorge Mas and his team from the Cuban-American

Foundation. And then there's Carlos Perez, the Cuban firecracker, and his Concerned Citizens for Democracy. All of you, with your many hours of hard work and your matchless dedication to the cause of liberty, have contributed so much to the safety and well-being of our country. I know I speak for Senator Hawkins when I say thanks for all you've done. Pardon my borrowing a line, but when it comes to your support, I wouldn't leave home without it.

We Republicans have been blessed with grassroots supporters who are committed to the ideals of individual freedom, family values, free enterprise, and a strong America. While the other party has tried to build a coalition by segmenting America into warring factions -- pitting white against black, women against men, young against old -- we've taken a more positive path. The Republican Party has sought to unite our citizens by building on those fundamental beliefs that made America the great land that she is.

The door to our party is wide open, the welcome mat is out, and our agenda is opportunity and freedom for all. We don't promise quota systems and give-away programs. We promise to do what's right for America.

Senator Hawkins is, herself, probably the best example of how our party works. She is one of two Republicans in the United States Senate who happens to be a woman. That is two more than the opposition. Throughout the country hundreds of Republican women hold elected office. Last year there was a net gain of

95 Republican women elected to State and Federal legislative bodies -- the biggest jump in history of either party.

There's no predetermined number of women we feel obligated to run for office. Our strategy is straightforward. We simply run the best candidate. Again, pardon me for borrowing a line, but Republican women in public office get there the old fashioned way -- they earn it.

While we're on the subject, I'd also like to point out
Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole and Secretary of
Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler are making great
contributions to the success of our Administration. And although
she is no longer with us, it was an honor to have on our team an
individual who is a leading voice in the cause of human freedom,
Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick.

We Americans share a special burden. Freedom brings with it a tremendous responsibility, because it puts America's future in the hands of the people. What we do will determine if our country remains the free and decent place we want it to be.

Senator Hawkins has been an articulate champion of our cause. She has been a leading figure, for example, in the fight against drug trafficking, a menace to every family in America. She's been working within the legislative process to support those countries that are battling the drug traffickers and penalize those that are not. She's made it her business to expose the Cuban/Nicaraguan drug connection.

I have a message for Fidel Castro about the drug trade. You can tell America's television network people anything you want, but you're not going to get away with your dirty business.

We are moving forward on a broad front to attack the use of illegal drugs. Working with private and charitable organizations, with schools, churches and others, we are encouraging people, especially young people, not to get involved, and to help those already taking drugs to get off. I'm proud that Nancy has taken a personal interest in this positive initiative to win the drug war.

The other half of our strategy is a strong law enforcement/interdiction campaign aimed at stopping the drug flow before it reaches the customers. It is a complicated and frustrating job, but our commitment sends a message to every youngster in this country. Drug use is a threat, an ugly, life-destroying vice. And it is wrong. I'm pleased that the message seems to be getting through. Young people are turning away from drugs.

Let me add that one thing more and more young people are turning to is the Republican Party. Nothing gave me greater joy than the multitude of young faces evident everywhere we stopped during the 1984 campaign.

What we do, our efforts to make America a better country, are for them. Illegal drugs are only part of the crime epidemic. For far too long our legal system has resembled a jigsaw puzzle of complicated roadblocks through which our law enforcers were forced to maneuver in order to do their job. I'm proud to say

that with the strong support of Senator Hawkins, we passed in 1984 a Comprehensive Crime Control Act that is a major step toward re-establishing balance to the criminal justice system.

Strengthening law enforcement is a vital part of the Republican commitment to protect the family, and protecting the family is not a secondary issue for our party. The family is the most important interest group of all. I'd like to take this opportunity to commend Senator Hawkins for all she has done concerning child abuse and missing children. She authored legislation 4 years ago which helped establish a Center for Missing and Exploited Children in the Nation's capital. She's been working diligently to enlist private support and activate the communities in this crusade. Paula, I know that just last Friday, at a ceremony you helped organize, you were presenting awards to corporations and businesses that have done so much to help find missing children. This is what real leadership is all about.

Paula Hawkins is a <u>unique</u> Senator who fights for children and the victims of drug abuse. She speaks for the powerless who, because they represent no voter block, are too often forgotten by the system.

Paula Hawkins is a Senator of accomplishment. She has authored 32 bills and amendments which have passed the Senate and gone on to become law, an amazing record for a freshman Senator. We can expect even more from her during her second term. She's earned a second term.

Of course the sanctity of the American family means little if our country is not secure. These last 4 years we have moved

forward to rebuild America's military strength, which was neglected during the late 1970's. I can't tell you how vital Republican control of the Senate has been in this effort. The opposition often acts like a weaker America is a safer America. They sometimes talk like the problems of the world can be traced to the United States. As Jeane Kirkpatrick puts it, they blame America first. Many of our detractors seem to operate under the assumption that the United States and the Soviet Union are moral equals.

Like it or not, these are some of the ideas that will come to the fore if the other party regains control of the Senate. With Senators like Paula Hawkins in majority, we can count on common sense and courage to rule the day. Republicans know it is strength, not weakness, that will ensure the peace. We are fully aware of the threat communism poses to human freedom. And we think any suggestion that we are morally equivalent with the Soviet Union is an insult. This is a democratic country of free people, a democratic country where all people enjoy the right to speak, to worship God as they choose, and live without fear. We are far superior, not equivalent, to any totalitarian regime, and we should be darn proud of it.

In Central America today, our ideals are being put to the test. The freedom of our friends and neighbors to the South is at stake, as is the security of the United States. I'm happy to say that Paula Hawkins is one elected official who didn't have to wait until Daniel Ortega went to Moscow before she realized that he is a communist.

Many of those opposing our efforts have steadfastly refused to acknowledge that the rulers of this regime now controlling Nicaragua, by their own admission, are hard-core communists who consider themselves part of the international communist movement. Many of our own elected officials act as if they don't believe the communists are playing a significant role in the communist insurgency in El Salvador. This despite the fact that top defectors from the El Salvadoran guerrillas have been telling us they receive guidance, training, and vast amounts of explosives and ammunition from their communist friends in Managua.

Nicaragua today equals aggression, pure and simple. For the sake of peace in Central America, for the security of our own country, we cannot permit these communists to succeed.

Closing our eyes and making a wish, which seems about the only course of action our opponents will support, won't make this threat go away. We need to back up those governments targeted by the communists, and it is imperative that we support those brave individuals who are putting their lives on the line to bring democracy to Nicaragua.

The freedom fighters are a shield for Nicaragua's democratic neighbors, preventing the communist regime from focusing its full strength on subversion and aggression. Helping the Democratic Resistance is an act of defense and totally consistent with the United Nations and the Organization of American States charter. Most important, the freedom fighters are the last hope for democracy in that troubled country. Those who would have us

abandon them and the people of Nicaragua are cutting off our chances to avoid a major crisis in Central America.

Lincoln's words ring as true today as they did over a hundred years ago: "Our defense," he said, "is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere. Destroy this spirit, and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your door."

And let's recognize the truth that Fidel Castro is behind much of the trouble in Central America. His psychopathic hatred of America and his ideological commitment to communist tyranny has impoverished his country and oppressed its people. Thomas Jefferson once said, "Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppression of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day." Well, the communists understand this and that's why they are deathly afraid of the free flow of information. And that is why I am exceptionally proud that, at long last, Radio Marti is on the air -- and Radio Marti will stay on the air.

I am grateful for all the support Paula Hawkins has given in getting Radio Marti in operation. The jamming of Radio Marti, which we will overcome, is a personal confession by Castro of the brutal and dictatorial nature of Castro's regime.

It underscores his distrust of the judgment of his own people. Castro's jamming with its dull and constant humm, devoid of value except to overwhelm meaningful sounds and ideas, is the sound of tyranny; it is the sound of failure and desperation.

I firmly believe the tide of history is moving away from communism and into the warm sunlight of human freedom. Castro's frantic attempts to block the truth shows how badly communism has failed. To win this struggle, to preserve our way of life, to maintain the peace, we must be strong and true to our ideals. Together we can meet the challenge. Future generations, not only in the United States, but throughout the hemisphere, will be grateful for what we do today. We are passing to them the most precious gift of all, liberty.

Thank you and God bless you.

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW

STAFF SECRETARY

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Dropby Briefing for Senior Administration Appointees

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective. A word appears to be missing in the fourth sentence of the first full paragraph on page 4.

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#### **REMARKS:**

Please submit any comments, edits or recommendations to me by NOON tomorrow. Thank you.

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PRESEDENT TAL TREMARKS:

DROPBY BRIEFING FOR SENIOR ADMINISTRATION APPOINTEES TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1985

You're probably wondering why I called this meeting.

I know that's an old line, but seeing so many of you here leaves me with an uncustomary loss for words. The last staff meeting I attended this large was Pat O'Brien's half time talk in The Spirit of Notre Dame.

Come to think of it, some of that old Rockne spirit is just what we need today because, ladies and gentlemen, it is half time, and to a great extent the rest of our season depends on how well you and I perform when we leave here in a few minutes.

I'll be the first to agree that, thanks to the support of the American people and to the people gathered here today in this fancier-than-usual locker room, we've had a pretty good opening half. We've pulled America back from the edge of economic disaster, got her economy growing again, and renewed her confidence and spirit.

Let's not take any of these accomplishments for granted. I don't think history will. Believe me, sitting in the Oval Office for a few years is a good way to fully realize the enormous momentum toward spending growth, tax increases, and higher deficits that were built up over many decades. The fact we have been able to deal with the juggernaut of Big Government -- slow it down significantly in the case of spending growth and reverse it in the case of rising taxes -- is cause for more than just a little satisfaction. Had we permitted this momentum to remain

unchecked, not only would we have been without the economic recovery of the last few years, but interest rates and inflation, according to several economic projections, would together have hit an incredible 20 to 25 percent. And that would have meant the collapse of our economic strength and even posed a grave threat to our Nation's social cohesion and political stability.

So, yes, we can take satisfaction that we don't have to deal now with what might have been; that we averted disaster and brought forth instead a sustained economic expansion. But the task before us is still sizable: to consolidate our gains and to get on with the business of ensuring economic growth and prosperity for the rest of this decade and well beyond that.

And that just isn't going to happen until we straighten out the chaos that is our tax code. Our current tax system burdens some of our citizens too heavily while permitting others to avoid paying their fair share; it makes honest people feel like cheats and lets cheats pose as honest citizens. It encourages the underground economy and wastes millions of man-hours on needless paperwork and regulations. It drives money needed for growth and investment and jobs into unproductive tax shelters; it acts as the single biggest obstacle to enterprise and economic expansion. To put it simply: our tax system is unfair, inequitable, counterproductive, and all but incomprehensible -- as I have mentioned before, even Albert Einstein once wrote to the I.R.S. for help with his 1040.

So, we're here today for one reason: to carry out the rest of our economic game plan for America. We're determined to stop

the trauma of April 15th by ending the nightmare of tangled requirements and complicated rules every American faces at income tax time. We have it within our power to simplify the tax code, to stimulate growth, to strengthen families, to promote family values, and to keep the American economy expanding. We have it within our power to simplify the tax code and to do it this year.

I'll be talking on the air tonight about the details of our plan; but there's one overriding theme to the plan, and one message I ask you to take out there during the second half.

You see, sometimes Government officials in this city get the idea that reality is too complicated for the folks back home, that you can't really be candid with them about your problems and your game plan, that you have to manipulate them or maneuver around them.

The truth, of course -- and this was the whole premise our Founding Fathers built our Government on -- is that over the long run the uncommon wisdom of the common people is far greater than that found in any gathering of Washington officials or politicians. All the people ever want of their elected and appointed leaders is that we go to them directly, give them the unvarnished facts, and rely on them to make the right decision.

This is just what we've done for 4-1/2 years. The story of these years is the story of the American people's overwhelming response to our confidence in them. They've supported us because they detected the ever present undertone, the basic premise behind all the things we said and did: that we believe with the Founding Fathers that America's greatness and her economic and

social progress come from the people and not the artful dodgers who too often bring forth regressive and stultifying monsters like our present tax code.

So that's our message: we trust the people; we trust their energy, their talent, their creativity; we trust them with the American economy, with our future, with our country. And here's our message about this tax program. We want to get Government off their backs and out of their pockets so the people will be free to create and grow and reach undreamed of heights. We want to liberate the American people, turn them loose and their collective genius for enterprise and innovation. We believe that by ending the maze of Government regulations in our tax code, cutting through the thicket of favors to the special interests, and lowering tax rates for all, the American economy can strengthen and expand and run the opposition right off the field.

Franklin Roosevelt called America, "the land of unending challenge." Winston Churchill said, "the tenacity, the will-power and self-devotion of her people are endless."

I believe that. You believe that. There's a championship season at stake; so let's go, team. And this time, it isn't just the Gipper we're going to win this one for; we're going to win it for the people who sent us here, who believe in us just as we believe in them. This fight for tax reform is for them, for their future, for their children's future.

Thank you.