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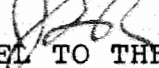
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 21, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Address: State of the Union
Address, Revised

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

cc: David L. Chew

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Gramm-Rudman-Hollings can mark a dramatic improvement. But experience shows that setting spending targets does not assure they'll be met. Tonight, I ask you again, give me what 43 governors already have -- a line-item veto. Give me the authority to veto waste, and I'll take the responsibility, I'll make the cuts, and I'll take the heat. This authority would not give me any monopoly power, but simply prevent spending measures from sneaking through that could not pass on their own. And if you think I've done wrong, you can stand up, be counted, and override my veto -- that's the way the system should work. And once we've made the hard choices, we should lock in our gains with a balanced budget amendment.

I mentioned that we will meet our commitment to national defense. We must meet it. Defense is not just another budget expense. Keeping America strong, free, and at peace is solely

the responsibility of the Federal Government; it is Government's prime responsibility. We have devoted 4 years trying to narrow a dangerous gap born of illusion and neglect. Yet the threat from Soviet forces, conventional and strategic, from the Soviet drive for domination, from the increase in state terror and espionage is, if anything, greater than the day we took office. This is not scare talk, this is reality. And closing our eyes will not make reality disappear. The Soviets must know that if America reduces her defense, it will be because of a reduced threat, not a reduced resolve.

I pledged we would hold real growth in defense spending to 3 percent. Our budget honors that pledge. May I now ask Congress to keep its end of the bargain. As Scoop Jackson said, in national security, the best politics is no politics.

Putting Government in working order will be a profound public good. We'll go from I.O.U. to A-O.K. But we need more.

The Magic of Opportunity -- unreserved, unflinching, unrestrained -- isn't this the calling that unites us? I believe our tax rate cuts for the people have done more to spur a spirit of risk-taking and help America's economy break free than any program since John Kennedy's tax cut a quarter century ago.

Now history calls us to press on, to complete efforts for an historic tax reform providing new opportunity for all and ensuring that all pay their fair share -- but no more. We've come this far. Will you join me now and we'll walk this last mile together?

You know my views on this. We cannot and will not accept tax reform that is a tax increase in disguise. True reform must be truly fair to all families. That means raising personal exemptions to \$2,000 -- for all families.

True tax reform must be an engine of productivity and growth. That means a top rate no higher than 35 percent; higher thresholds to protect wage-earners; reduced corporate rates and a competitive capital cost system. True reform will make us stronger and better, for a system that is finally pro-family and pro-jobs will be pro-future and pro-America.

As we knock down the barriers to growth, we must redouble our efforts for freer and fairer trade. We have already taken actions to counter unfair trading practices and to pry open closed markets. We will continue to do so. We will also oppose legislation touted as providing protection that in reality pits one American worker against another, one industry against another, one community against another, and that raises prices for us all. If the United States can trade with other nations on a level playing field, we can out-produce, out-compete, and out-sell anybody, anywhere in the world.

The constant expansion of our economy and exports requires a sound and stable dollar at home and reliable exchange rates around the world. We've begun coordinating economic and monetary policy among our major trading partners. But there's more to do, and tonight I am directing Treasury Secretary James Baker to undertake a study to determine if the nations of the world should convene to discuss the role and relationship of our currencies.

Never again can we permit inflation to destroy families' savings, interest rates to squeeze businesses and homeowners, or currency swings to cripple our farmers and other exporters.

Secure in our values, Americans are striding forward to embrace the future. We see it not only in our economy, but in 3 straight years of falling crime rates, as families and communities band together to fight pornography, drugs, and lawlessness, and to give back to their children the safe, and, yes, innocent childhoods they deserve.

We see it in the renaissance in education with rising S.A.T. scores 3 years in a row, last year's increase the greatest since 1963. It wasn't Government and Washington lobbies that turned education around -- it was the American people, who in reaching for excellence, knew to reach back to basics and traditional values. We must continue the advance by supporting discipline in the classroom; bilingual education that brings new Americans into the English-speaking mainstream; and vouchers that give parents freedom of choice.

And we must give back to our children their lost right to acknowledge God in their classrooms.

We are a Nation of idealists. We measure our progress by the highest standards and are not satisfied as long as any segment of society is shut out or left behind. Today there is a wound in our national conscience; America will never be whole as long as the right to life granted by our Creator is violated. For the rest of my time in this office, I shall do what I can to see that this wound is one day healed.

As we work to make the American Dream real for all, we must also look to the condition of America's families. Struggling parents today worry how they will provide their children the advantages their parents gave them. In the welfare culture, the breakdown of the family -- the most basic support system -- has reached crisis proportions; and we see the consequences in growing female and child poverty, child abandonment, horrible crimes and deteriorating schools. After a trillion dollars in poverty programs, the plight of the poor grows more painful. But the waste in tax dollars pales before the most tragic loss for America -- the sinful waste of human spirit and potential.

We can neglect these problems no longer. We must prepare for a future that will break the spider's web of dependency. Tonight, I am charging the Domestic Policy Council to present me by year-end an evaluation of current programs and a strategy of immediate actions to meet the financial, educational, social, and safety concerns of families -- a strategy for real and lasting emancipation.

Further, after seeing how devastating illness can destroy the financial security of a family, I am directing Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Otis Bowen, to report to me by year-end with recommendations on how the private sector and Government can work together to provide affordable insurance to those whose life savings would otherwise be threatened when catastrophic illness strikes.

Tonight, I also want to speak to America's younger generation -- because you're the ones who hold the destiny of our

Nation in your hands. With all the temptations young people face, it sometimes seems this permissive society asks superhuman feats of self-control. But the call of the future is too strong, the challenge too great, to get lost in the blind alleyways of dissolution, drugs, and despair.

Never has there been a more exciting time to be alive -- a time of rousing wonder and heroic achievement. As they said in the film, Back to the Future: "Where we're going, we don't need any roads."

Today, physicists peering into the infinitely small realms of sub-atomic particles find reaffirmations of religious faith, while astronomers look through telescopes that can see to the edge of the universe and, possibly, back to the moment of creation.

Research has already begun on an aerospace plane that will carry us to the Far East in 1 hour, and ease the commute up to our homes and factories in space. And the same technology transforming our lives with personal computers can solve the greatest problem of the 20th century. A security shield can one day render nuclear weapons obsolete and free mankind from the prison of nuclear terror.

America met the challenge and went to the Moon; America must meet the challenge to make strategic defense real for the citizens of planet Earth. We will meet this challenge together.

Let us speak of our deepest longing for the future -- to leave our children a land that is free and just in a world at peace. It is my hope that our fireside summit in Geneva and

Mr. Gorbachev's upcoming visit to America can lead to a more stable relationship. Surely no people on Earth hate war or love peace more than we Americans.

But we cannot stroll into the future with child-like faith. We cannot deny that our differences with a system that openly proclaims, and practices, its alleged right to command people's lives and export its ideology by force are deep and abiding; nor that our confidence in a regime that has violated so many agreements cannot be strong.

Logic and history compel us to accept that our relationship be guided by realism -- rockhard, clear-eyed, steady, and sure. Our negotiators in Geneva have tabled a proposal for a radical cut in offensive weapons by each side, with no cheating. The Soviets have now responded with a counter-proposal. If the Soviet government truly wants an agreement, there will be an agreement, and the whole world will be grateful.

But arms control is not the alpha and omega of peace. We know peace always follows in freedom's path. Conflicts erupt when the democratic will of people is denied. So we must prepare for peace not only by reducing weapons but by bolstering liberty and democracy however we can -- assisting allies, spreading opportunity, helping friends under seige, doing all we can to enlarge the family of free nations.

Unfortunately, for 40 years we have championed free markets at home while sometimes supporting central planning and high taxes abroad. These policies bore only barren fruit, plunging

the world's poor deeper into poverty, creating cultures ripe for infection by the communist virus.

Let us now have the courage of our convictions. Let us marshall our energies for a peaceful revolution of hope and opportunity across the world -- revolutionary progress brought forth by lower taxes, freer and fairer trade, a sound monetary system and, above all, the unalienable human rights of all God's children to follow their dreams and be all they can be.

And to those imprisoned in regimes held captive by Soviet-bloc troops, to those beaten for daring to fight for freedom and democracy -- for their right to worship, to speak, to live and prosper in the family of free nations -- we say to you tonight: You are not alone Freedom Fighters. America will support with moral and material assistance your right not just to fight and die for freedom, but to fight and win freedom -- in Afghanistan; Angola; Ethiopia; Cambodia; and Nicaragua.

This is a great moral challenge for the entire free world. Surely, no issue is more important for peace in our own hemisphere, the security of our frontiers, the protection of our vital interests -- than to achieve democracy in Nicaragua.

Last year, this body provided \$27 million in humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters. This year, I will ask you to do more. Together, we can achieve an historic reversal and open the gateways to a freer, more peaceful, far happier future for all Americans from the north slope of Alaska to the tip of Tierra del Fuego.

What we accomplish this year, in each challenge we face, will set the stage not only for 1986 but for the rest of the decade; indeed for the remainder of the century. After all we've done so far, let no one say this Nation cannot reach the destiny of our dreams. America believes, America is ready, America can win the race to the future -- and we shall.

The American Dream is a song of hope that rings through the night winter air. Vivid, tender music that warms our hearts when the least among us aspires to the greatest things -- to venture a daring enterprise; to unearth new beauty in music, literature, and art; to discover a new universe inside a tiny silicon chip or a single human cell.


And tonight we can see, once again, that the American Dream is alive and well.

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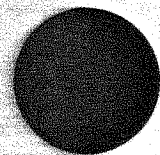
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Gramm-Rudman-Hollings can mark a dramatic improvement. But experience shows that setting spending targets does not assure they'll be met. Tonight, I ask you again, give me what 43 governors already have -- a line-item veto. Give me the authority to veto waste, and I'll take the responsibility, I'll make the cuts, and I'll take the heat. This authority would not

give me any monopoly power, but simply prevent spending measures from sneaking through that could not pass on their own. And if you think I've done wrong, you can stand up, be counted, and override my veto -- that's the way the system should work. And once we've made the hard choices, we should lock in our gains with a balanced budget amendment.

I mentioned that we will meet our commitment to national defense. We must meet it. Defense is not just another budget expense. Keeping America strong, free, and at peace is solely the responsibility of the Federal Government; it is Government's prime responsibility. We have devoted 4 years trying to narrow a dangerous gap born of illusion and neglect. Yet the threat from Soviet forces, conventional and strategic, from the Soviet drive for domination, from the increase in state terror is, if anything, greater than the day we took office. This is not scare talk, this is reality. And closing our eyes will not make reality disappear. The Soviets must know that if America reduces her defense, it will be because of a reduced threat, not a reduced resolve.

I pledged we would hold real growth in defense spending to 3 percent. Our budget honors that pledge. May I now ask Congress to keep its end of the bargain. As Scoop Jackson said, in national security, the best politics is no politics.

Putting Government in working order will be a profound public good. We'll go from I.O.U. to A-O.K. But we need more.

The Magic of Opportunity -- unreserved, unyielding, unrestrained -- isn't this the calling that unites us? I believe

our tax rate cuts for the people have done more to spur a spirit of risk-taking and help America's economy break free than any program since John Kennedy's tax cut a quarter century ago.

Now history calls us to press on, to complete efforts for an historic tax reform providing new opportunity for all and ensuring that all pay their fair share -- but no more. We've come this far. Will you join me now and we'll walk this last mile together?

You know my views on this. We cannot and will not accept tax reform that is a tax increase in disguise. True reform must be truly fair to all families. That means raising personal exemptions to \$2,000 -- for all families.

True tax reform must be an engine of productivity and growth. That means a top rate no higher than 35 percent; higher thresholds to protect wage-earners; reduced corporate rates and a competitive capital cost system. True reform will make us stronger and better, for a system that is finally pro-family and pro-jobs will be pro-future and pro-America.

As we knock down the barriers to growth, we must redouble our efforts for freer and fairer trade. We have already taken actions to counter unfair trading practices and to pry open closed markets. We will continue to do so. We will also oppose legislation touted as providing protection that in reality pits one American worker against another, one industry against another, one community against another, and raises prices for us all. If the United States can trade with other nations on a

level playing field, we can out-produce, out-compete, and out-sell anybody, anywhere in the world.

The constant expansion of our economy and exports requires a sound and stable dollar at home and reliable exchange rates around the world. We've begun coordinating economic and monetary policy among our major trading partners. But there's more to do, and I am tonight directing Treasury Secretary James Baker to undertake a study to determine if the nations of the world should convene to discuss the role and relationship of our currencies.

Never again can we permit inflation to destroy families' savings, interest rates to squeeze businesses and homeowners, or currency swings to cripple our farmers and other exporters.

Secure in our values, Americans are striding forward to embrace the future. We see it not only in our economy, but in 3 straight years of falling crime rates, as families and communities band together to fight pornography, drugs, and lawlessness, giving back to their children the safe, and, yes, innocent childhoods they deserve.

We see it in the renaissance in education with rising S.A.T. scores 3 years in a row, last year's increase the greatest since 1963. It wasn't Government and Washington lobbies that turned education around -- it was the American people, who in reaching for excellence, knew to reach back to basics and traditional values. We must continue the advance by supporting discipline in the classroom; bilingual education that brings new Americans into the English-speaking mainstream; and vouchers that give parents freedom of choice.

And we must give back to our children their lost right to acknowledge God in their classrooms.

We are a Nation of idealists. We measure our progress by the highest standards and are not satisfied as long as any segment of society is shut out or left behind. Today there is a wound in our national conscience; America will never be whole as long as the right to life granted by our Creator is violated. For the rest of my time in this office, I shall do what I can to see that this wound is one day healed.

As we work to make the American Dream real for all, we must also look to the condition of America's families. Struggling parents today worry how they will provide their children the advantages their parents gave them. In the welfare culture, the breakdown of the family -- the most basic support system -- has reached crisis proportions; and we see the consequences in growing female and child poverty, child abandonment, horrible crimes and deteriorating schools. After a trillion dollars in poverty programs, the plight of the poor grows more painful. But the waste in tax dollars pales before the most tragic loss for America -- the sinful waste of human spirit and potential.

We can neglect these problems no longer. We must prepare for a future that will break the spider's web of dependency. Tonight, I am charging the Domestic Policy Council to present me by year-end an evaluation of current programs and a strategy of immediate actions to meet the financial, educational, social, and safety concerns of families -- a strategy for real and lasting emancipation.

Further, after seeing how devastating illness can destroy the financial security of a family, I am directing Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Otis Bowen, to report to me by year-end with recommendations on how the private sector and Government can work together to provide affordable insurance to those whose life savings would otherwise be threatened when catastrophic illness strikes.

Tonight, I also want to speak to America's younger generation -- because you're the ones who hold the destiny of our Nation in your hands. With all the temptations young people face, it sometimes seems this permissive society asks superhuman feats of self-control. But the call of the future is too strong, the challenge too great, to get lost in the blind alleyways of dissolution, drugs, and despair.

Never has there been a more exciting time to be alive -- a time of rousing wonder and heroic achievement. As they said in the film, Back to the Future: "Where we're going, we don't need any roads."

Today, physicists peering into the infinitely small realms of sub-atomic particles find reaffirmations of religious faith, while astronomers look through telescopes that can see to the edge of the universe and, possibly, back to the moment of creation.

Research has already begun on an aerospace plane that will carry us to the Far East in 1 hour, and ease the commute up to our homes and factories in space. And the same technology transforming our lives with personal computers can solve the

greatest problems of the 20th century. A security shield can one day render nuclear weapons obsolete and free mankind from the prison of nuclear terror.

America met the challenge and went to the Moon; America must meet the challenge to make strategic defense real for the citizens of planet Earth. We will meet this challenge together.

Let us speak of our deepest longing for the future -- to leave our children a land that is free and just in a world at peace. It is my hope that our fireside summit in Geneva and Mr. Gorbachev's upcoming visit to America can lead to a more stable relationship. Surely no people on Earth hate war or love peace more than we Americans.

But we cannot stroll into the future with child-like faith. We cannot deny that our differences with a system that openly proclaims, and practices, its alleged right to command people's lives and export its ideology by force are deep and abiding; nor that our confidence in a regime that has violated so many agreements cannot be strong.

Logic and history compel us to accept that our relationship be guided by realism -- rockhard, clear-eyed, steady, and sure. Our negotiators in Geneva have tabled a proposal for a radical cut in offensive weapons by each side, with no cheating. The Soviets have now responded with a counter-proposal. If the Soviet government truly wants an agreement, there will be an agreement, and the whole world will be grateful.

But arms control is not the alpha and omega of peace. We know peace always follows in freedom's path. Conflicts erupt

when the democratic will of people is denied. So we must prepare for peace not only by reducing weapons but by bolstering liberty and democracy however we can -- assisting allies, spreading opportunity, helping friends under seige, doing all we can to enlarge the family of free nations.

Unfortunately, for 40 years we have championed free markets at home while sometimes supporting central planning and high taxes abroad. These policies bore only barren fruit, plunging the world's poor deeper into poverty, creating cultures ripe for infection by the communist virus.

Let us now have the courage of our convictions. Let us marshall our energies for a peaceful revolution of hope and opportunity across the world -- revolutionary progress brought forth by lower taxes, freer and fairer trade, a sound monetary system and, above all, the unalienable human rights of all God's children to follow their dreams and be all they can be.

And to those imprisoned in regimes held captive by Soviet-bloc troops, to those beaten for daring to fight for freedom and democracy -- for their right to worship, to speak, to live and prosper in the family of free nations -- we say to you tonight: You are not alone Freedom Fighters. America will support with moral and material assistance your right not just to fight and die for freedom, but to fight and win freedom -- in Afghanistan; Angola; Ethiopia; Cambodia; and Nicaragua.

This is a great moral challenge for the entire free world. Surely, no issue is more important for peace in our own

hemisphere, the security of our frontiers, the protection of our vital interests -- than to achieve democracy in Nicaragua.

Last year, this body provided \$27 million in humanitarian assistance to the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters. This year, I will ask you to do more. Together, we can achieve an historic reversal, open the gateways to a freer, more peaceful, happier future for all Americans from the north slope of Alaska to the tip of Tierra del Fuego.

What we accomplish this year, in all the challenges we face, will set the stage not only for 1986 but for the rest of the decade; indeed for the remainder of the century. And after all we've done so far, let no one say this Nation cannot reach the destiny of our dreams. America believes, America is ready, America can win the race to the future -- and we shall.

The American Dream is a song of hope that rings through the night winter air. Vivid tender music that warms our hearts when the smallest child aspires to the greatest things -- to venture a daring enterprise; to unearth new beauty in music, literature, and art; to discover a new universe inside a tiny silicon chip or a single human cell.


And tonight we can see, once again, why the American Dream is alive and well.

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January 21, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Reception
for Republican National Committee

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

cc: David L. Chew

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DATE: 1/17/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: Tues., 1/21, 10:00 am

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
(Jan. 17 - 4:30 pm draft)

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1986

Good afternoon and welcome to the White House. It's a pleasure and an honor to welcome you. Special greetings to Senator Paul Laxalt, General Chairman of the party; to Frank Fahrenkopf, chairman of the Republican National Committee; and to Betty Heitman, party Co-Chairman. Paul, Frank, and Betty, each of you has labored long and hard. I know everyone here joins me in giving you our thanks.

Now, in just a moment I'll be greeting each of you personally, but first permit me to say a few words about our party and the challenges that lie ahead -- sort of a state of the party address to get in practice for the State of the Union next week.

There can be no doubt that these are historic times for the Republican Party. Six years ago when the opposition held the White House and both houses of Congress, our Nation was foundering and the American people knew it. Today Republicans have restored the country to greatness -- and the people know that, too. Our defenses are being rebuilt. Employment is at an historic high, and the stock market is setting new records. Throughout the land, there's a new sense of pride in ourselves and confidence in our future.

Perhaps this shows up most dramatically among our students. Ten years ago, Republican candidates were routinely booed on college campuses -- believe me, I know from experience. But

during the campaign of 1984, nothing gave me a greater lift than to appear before college students -- to hear them applaud the age-old American values of freedom and individual achievement. Yes, America is back -- and it's Republicans who've brought her back.

So it is today that we face an enormous opportunity -- the opportunity to replace the defeated Democratic coalition with our own coalition dedicated to freedom and economic growth. Last year alone, some 300 State and local officials left the Democratic Party to register as Republicans. Among young people, Republicans hold a commanding lead. Indeed, a 1985 Gallup poll showed that, among 18-to-29-year-olds, only 31 percent prefer the Democrats while 38 percent support the G.O.P.

This year we'll be able to make gains across the country. In State legislatures, we can take vital steps toward Plan 1991 -- the effort to win Republican control of crucial State houses in time for redistricting. In gubernatorial races, our prospects are outstanding. Thirteen of the 28 Democratic incumbents are retiring, and Republican veterans like Henry Bellmon and Winfield Dunn are staging comebacks. In at least four States -- Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, and South Carolina -- strong Republican challenges are shaping up.

Here at the national level, we should remain powerful in the House and retain control of the Senate -- I've looked at the figures, and I have a hunch we may even pick up a Senate seat or two. And I want you to know that I have a special place in my heart for the freshman Republican senators who were elected with

me back in 1980. Let's make it our goal to re-elect all four -- Paula Hawkins, Mack Mattingly, James Abdnor, and Alfonse D'Amato.

These campaigns are going to take hard work, money, and dedication. Each of you has shown the ability to bring together all three, and I want to remind you again -- because it can't be said too often -- that in participating in electoral politics, even at unglamorous levels, you're helping to shape American history. You have my personal thanks; but most important, you'll have the gratitude of generations to come.

At the same time, we'll have to remember that the G.O.P. is doing well now because we've shown our ability to govern -- and that to keep on governing, we'll have to stage plenty of battles this year right here in the Nation's capital.

None will be more important than the struggle over tax reform. Last year our proposal emerged from the House of Representatives and moved on to the Senate. There are several important corrections we'll be working for, among them a return of the full \$2,000 personal exemption for itemizers as well as non-itemizers. Young families starting out in new homes, beset with mortgage payments and all the other costs of raising children, urgently need the full exemption -- and we're going to make sure they get it.

As far as the top rate is concerned, in our minds 35 percent is a round number -- exactly half the 70 percent we started with 5 years ago. The final bill must also include incentives for American industry, and effective dates will have to be ironed out so that investment decisions aren't disrupted or delayed due to

uncertainty. Any tax reform worth the name must give significant relief to the middle class -- that's really the bottom line.

To accomplish all this, we'll need your unstinting support. But I'm convinced that, together, we Republicans can produce a tax reform that will produce powerful incentives to work, save, and invest, leading our country on into a time of unparalleled prosperity.

The second great challenge will be meeting the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget requirements in a responsible way. We intend to stress efficiency and a lovely word called privatization. If the private sector can provide certain services more efficiently and better, then we intend to let it.

There's no question that Gramm-Rudman-Hollings is going to demand some hard choices, and retaining a consensus for our defense buildup won't be easy as every special interest lines up against the one interest that is essential to all Americans -- the number one interest of a strong and secure defense. That's why I'm once again asking for your help. Let your voices be heard in all 50 States -- and please, make sure they echo loud and clear here in Washington.


Together, we can lay the foundations for a Republican America in the 1990's and beyond. A Republican America -- my friends, that's shorthand for an America of strength, freedom, prosperity, and pride. And isn't that why we all got into politics in the first place? Thank you, and God bless you all.

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January 27, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Briefing on the
State of the Union for Treasury Employees

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

cc: David L. Chew

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