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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR W. ROBERT PEARSON
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
AND DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Statement on Superbowl Tape

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

cc: David L. Chew

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Subject: Presidential Statement on Superbowl tape

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X 6534
Thank you

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4. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, WE SUGGEST AND THE WHITE HOUSE CONCURS IN THE RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU DO A VIDEOTAPE MESSAGE ON THE PRESIDENT'S BEHALF, IN WHICH YOU READ HIS MESSAGE TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE.

5. ALTHOUGH NEITHER THE WHITE HOUSE NOR STATE HAVE SEEN THE FINAL PRODUCT, WE ARE INFORMED BY RELIABLE SOURCES IN CHICAGO, FLUENT IN CHINESE, THAT THE FINAL, EDITED VERSION OF THE VIDEOTAPE IS A GOOD PRODUCT, WORTHY OF PRESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION. ESSENTIALLY WE SEE THIS AS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRESIDENT TO CONVEY A GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE WHICH WILL BE SEEN AND HEARD BY AN AUDIENCE ESTIMATED TO BE OVER 200 MILLION PEOPLE. THE VIDEOTAPE WAS MADE THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, AND THE ILLINOIS AND CHICAGO STATE AND CITY GOVERNMENTS. IT CONTAINS ADVERTISEMENTS BY MCDONNELL-DOUGLAS, HEWLETT-PACKARD, AND NIKE SHOES, BUT IN THE OPINION OF WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL, THE TAPE IS SO CONSTRUCTED THAT THE PLACE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS CLEARLY MAKE THEM A GOODWILL INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND NOT AN ENDORSEMENT OF THE FIRMS OR PRODUCTS ADVERTISED.

6. THE FIRM INVOLVED IS TLI INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION OF 233 EAST-WACKER DRIVE IN CHICAGO HEADED BY MS. LYRIC HUGHES. MS. HUGHES IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN BEIJING FRIDAY, MARCH 7 AT 9:00 PM ON CAAC FLIGHT 1302 AND WILL STAY AT THE GREAT WALL HOTEL. SHE WILL CONTACT THE EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL TO REACH YOU ABOUT YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR A VIDEOTAPING SESSION SATURDAY, MARCH 8. ~~THE TEXT THE PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE USED FOLLOWS. WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO CHANGE IT SOMEWHAT AND ADJUST YOUR PRESENTATION ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN VIEWS OF HOW BEST TO PRESENT THE PRESIDENT AND INTRODUCE THE GAME OF FOOTBALL. YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION OF YOUR REMARKS READY BEFORE MS. HUGHES' ARRIVAL.~~ *RETAIN*

7. BEGIN TEXT: GREETINGS FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A PLEASURE, TODAY, TO SHARE WITH YOU ONE OF AMERICA'S MAJOR SPORTING EVENTS. AT THE SUPERBOWL, THE TWO BEST FOOTBALL TEAMS IN THE US CHALLENGE EACH OTHER FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP. EACH TEAM HAS SPENT FIVE MONTHS COMPETING AGAINST ALL OTHERS AND, AT THE SUPERBOWL, THEY FACE EACH OTHER, THE ULTIMATE TEST.

FOOTBALL IS A SPORT UNIQUE TO NORTH AMERICA AND IT IS EXTREMELY POPULAR AMONG THE PEOPLE IN THE US. CHILDREN BEGIN PLAYING IT IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CONTINUE

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THROUGH UNIVERSITY. MANY OF THE BEST PLAYERS THEN GO ON TO PLAY PROFESSIONALLY. IT IS A RUGGED SPORT WHICH DEVELOPS BOTH A SPIRIT OF TEAM WORK AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION. ALSO, EACH TEAM IS BASED IN A MAJOR CITY. ALTHOUGH THE SPORT IS A PROFIT-MAKING BUSINESS AND EACH TEAM IS PRIVATELY OWNED, THE PEOPLE OF EACH CITY TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THEIR LOCAL TEAM. ALL OF THIS, OF COURSE, ADDS TO THE EXCITEMENT. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE GAME.

WE ALSO WANT TO WISH ALL OF YOU A PLEASANT AND PROSPEROUS YEAR OF THE TIGER. I AM CONFIDENT THE GROWING TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE WILL FURTHER PROSPER DURING THE COMING YEAR.
END TEXT.

B. WE HAVE NOTIFIED THE CHINESE EMBASSY HERE OF THIS SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE TO A PRESIDENTIAL VIDEOTAPE.

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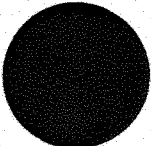
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT 

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Presentation of
National Medals of Science and Technology

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

cc: David L. Chew

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/7/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00 a.m. 3/10/86

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL MEDALS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Ben Elliott by 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 10th, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

(Gilder/BE)
March 7, 1986
11:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL MEDALS OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1986

Thank you and welcome to the White House. To paraphrase an earlier President: This must be one of the most extraordinary collections of talent and human intelligence that has ever come together in one room in the White House, with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone.

You know, one of the first times the White House played host to an event concerning science and technology was back in '76 -- 1876, that is. A demonstration of a recently invented device was put on here for President Rutherford B. Hayes. "That's an amazing invention," he said, "but who would ever want to use them?" He was talking about the telephone. I thought at the time he might be mistaken.

We've come a long way from those times, but I sometimes feel that, just like President Hayes, some of the journalists who cover our everyday political affairs here in Washington have a tendency to miss the real news, the transforming discoveries and achievements that you and your colleagues are making every day. I remember just a little over 5 years ago when all the headlines were of shortages. Every morning it seemed we read some new scare story telling us that the Earth's resources were about to run out for good, leaving our world poorer and shrinking our hopes for the future.

But at the same time, scientists, inventors and entrepreneurs were mining the most abundant resource in the

world -- the human mind and imagination. Men such as you, with the spirit of discovery, enterprise, and achievement, have been opening up new worlds of possibility and transforming all our lives for the better.

Whole industries have sprung up around what were, only a few years ago, merely ideas in the minds of inventors. New grains and agricultural techniques have alleviated hunger, new vaccines have conquered some of mankind's most dreaded enemies. Quantum leaps in technology are making possible greater prosperity and personal fulfillment than mankind has ever known.

In the computer industry, for instance, miraculous advances in productivity are now almost commonplace. Let me give you an example, although I'm sure you could provide many more. In one semiconductor plant in Pennsylvania in 1957, each worker produced five transistors a day for \$7.50 apiece. Today, each worker produces over a million semiconductors every day -- each one costing a fraction of a penny.

They say that about 90 percent of all scientific knowledge has been generated in the last 30 years alone, and we'll likely double it by the end of the century. Such an explosion of knowledge creates an unprecedented opportunity to expand the global economy -- to bring prosperity and hope to those corners of the world that for too long have known only deprivation and want. The United States must take the lead in making this happen.

You, who are on the cutting edge of human achievement, understand that freedom is not a luxury, but a necessity.

Freedom to think, freedom to imagine and create -- these are not privileges, but the very source of our life's bread and the hope of mankind's future.

How can Government aid the cause of human progress? We invest over \$13 billion a year in universities and Government laboratories -- many times more than any other country. This is an important role, but it is even more vital to knock down the barriers to progress that Government itself has created. That's why we've rolled back needless Government regulations, cut tax rates -- and we plan to cut them again.

Our tax cuts revitalized the entrepreneurial economy, creating over \$20 billion in new venture capital, over \$25 billion in new public stock offerings and an explosion of new business creation, with over 600,000 new companies forming every year for the last 3 years in a row.

This represents the application of knowledge to human needs on a massive scale -- much of it made possible by the breakthroughs of you and your colleagues. But as we look at the record of scientific achievement, there remains one area crying out for attention.

I believe that our nuclear dilemma presents us with some of the major unfinished business of science. We have begun research on a non-nuclear defense against nuclear attack. As I said before, yesterday's impossibilities have become commonplace realities today. Why should we start thinking small now? In protecting mankind from the peril of nuclear destruction, we must

be ambitious. We can't lock ourselves into a fatalistic acceptance of a world held in jeopardy.

In this area, most especially, we must approach the future with vision and hope that reach for the greatest possibilities. Only if we try can we succeed.

You know, people who say it can't be done remind me of a story. (At my age, practically everything reminds one of a story.) Back in 1842, the royal astronomer in Great Britain studied Charles Babbage's new "analytical engine" -- the forerunner of the modern computer -- and pronounced it worthless. His foresight was almost equaled a half century later, when the head of the U.S. Patent Office advised President McKinley to abolish the Patent Office, because, he said, "everything that can be invented has already been invented."

If science has taught us anything, it's taught us not to be modest in our aspirations. That fact, I have to confess, is my secret agenda for bringing you all here today. After lunch is over, I'm going to ask all of you to turn your attention to the budget problem.


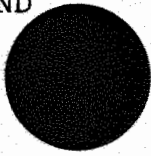
Well, congratulations. You are all heroes in the cause of human progress. God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS  
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: View Display of
Confiscated Weapons at State Department

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

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**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VIEW DISPLAY OF CONFISCATED WEAPONS AT
THE STATE DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1986**

Secretary Shultz, Assistant Secretary Abrams, and you gentlemen. Thank you for this eye-opening presentation. Thomas Jefferson once said, "If the people know all the facts, the people will never make a mistake." Well, it's frustrating at times that information like what we have heard today does not seem to be percolating through to the public. Even some well-intentioned elected officials seem to be operating under outrageously false assumptions.

These captured weapons are much more than just proof of Nicaraguan complicity in crimes against its neighbors. These weapons suggest the magnitude of a sophisticated Communist effort to deceive. Rifles, machine guns, and grenade launchers left by the United States in Vietnam did not just miraculously appear in the hands of the insurgents in El Salvador. Those who supplied these weapons wanted the American people to believe the big lie: That the guerrillas in El Salvador and other Central American countries are independent of any Communist strategy of expansion. The purpose behind providing these American weapons was obviously to convince Americans, especially journalists, that the insurgents were arming themselves by picking up weapons left by fleeing El Salvadoran troops.

One doesn't need to be privy to secret information to see what's been happening. What we've been hearing and seeing today is public information and can lead to only one conclusion. The

Nicaraguan Communists, while proclaiming their total innocence, are using their country as a staging area for aggression against their neighbors. Their campaign of internal repression and external aggression is being aided and abetted by the Soviet Union, Vietnam, Cuba, Libya, and others. No single country, especially the fledgling democracies of Central America, can stand alone against this kind of concerted international Communist effort.

If nothing is done to counter this subversive aggression, Americans will, in the not too distant future, look to the South and see a string of anti-American Communist dictatorships. If that happens, it will do no good to ask who is to blame. It will be an irreparable disaster. That is what we are asking responsible Members of Congress in both parties to prevent.

America needs to hear the testimony of individuals like the ones we have with us today who were on the inside of the other side. Senor Castellanos was a former rebel comandante in El Salvador. He offers first-hand knowledge of the vicious crime the Communist regime in Managua is perpetrating on the people of El Salvador. Alvaro Baldizon, a former member of Nicaragua's State Security forces, was disillusioned by the repression and the shroud of lies in which the Communists draped themselves. These two, and the others with us today, are only a few of the many who deserve to be heard by decision makers. I would hope that all Members of Congress who have not had a chance to speak with them will take the time to do so.

What we heard from these brave men confirms that the Communists have been waging one of the most professionally managed campaigns of lies, distortion, and manipulation in memory. The masters of deceit have outdone themselves, but Americans can and will see through the smoke screen. Their goal is to paralyze us, to prevent us from doing what is necessary to save Central America, but they will not succeed. Ultimately, in a free society the truth will be heard. Today, I think we've got before us some facts that the American people need to hear.

Thank you.