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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

## Office of the Press Secretary (Normandy, France)

For Immediate Release

June 6, 1984

## REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT TO CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Winfield House London, England

11:33 A.M. (L)

THE PRESIDENT: Meeting with conservative MPs, I thank you, Mr. Peter Viggers, and I thank all of you for your kind words and for your strong support for our efforts to preserve peace with freedom in our troubled world.

Your remarks are particularly timely today, being the 40th anniversary of D-Day, as the Ambassador said. In all the 20th century, D-Day stands as the shining example of what free nations can do when united and inspired by mankind's highest ideals.

I understand that your group is composed of Members of Parliament who were elected for the first time last June. And please accept my congratulations on the honor you've been accorded in joining the Mother of Parliaments. As younger Members of the House of Commons, you've reached maturity in a divided world. You may have heard that I come from a slightly older generation. Ours lived as adults through the most severe test in history for freedom-loving people.

So, I'm very gratified to see that those vital lessons learned by my generation -- lessons about the wisdom of collective defense and about the need for allied strength and unity to defend free institutions -- have been learned as well by all of you.

Today in Europe, peace through strength is not a slogan. It is a fact of life. There is another important lesson we've learned: While we remain strong, we must always be ready for reconciliation, ready to resolve differences with our adversaries and resolve them peacefully at the negotiating table.

I want you and your fellow citizens in Britain to know the United States is seeking and we will continue to seek cooperation with the Soviet Union to make our world a safer place. Continued public support for collective security in all NATO countries is absolutely essential. I thank you for all that you're doing to foster that support. You can be proud that you're members of a fraternity within the free nations who have assumed the heavy burden of working for both peace and liberty.

Just recently in Washington, I met with sixteen Foreign Ministers that make up the Alliance. And I couldn't help but think, as we sat around the table, there has never in history been such an alliance, dedicated to the preservation of peace and freedom.

With wisdom and courage, peace and freedom will not be lost again — they can and will be preserved. We can live up to Winston Churchill's vision of freedom in 1941. He looked at the past and saw light which flickered; he looked at his time and saw light which flamed; but he looked at the future and saw "a light which shines over all the land and sea." He had another statement. He said that "When great forces are on the move in the world, we learn that we are spirits, not animals and that there is something going on in time and space and beyond time and space which, whether we like or not, spells duty."

Well, I thank all of you very much. And I feel greatly honored. God bless all of you. (Applause.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

MEETING WITH CONSERVATIVE M.P.'S

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(Elliott)
June 5, 1984
6:00 p.m.

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May 31, 1984
3:00 p.m. to NSC

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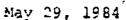
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#### MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM HENKEL

FROM:

JAMES HOOLEY

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR M.P. EVENT

In our last conversation on this matter, you indicated that the preferred time and day was for morning on June 6, prior to the departure for Normandy. Charles Bakaly and Jack LaCovey would like to have the date reconsidered; apparently, there are plans for network coverage (live) of the departure for Normandy, and they don't feel that the M.P. event is a good way to utilize that coverage. In addition, they feel that it will not be a good story to tack on to the Normandy day.

Therefore, the proposed scenario below is suggested for another time, possibly June 5, when we have no other media events planned. Please advise at your earliest convenience whether or not there is any reconsideration possible on the June 6 date.

### PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR M.P. EVENT

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The event would be modeled on a "Rose Garden" scenario, with the President and the supportive M.P.s (approx. 25) appearing before the press on the back Terrace of Winfield House.

The M.F.s would be gathered on the terrace prior to the President's arrival outside. Press coverage would consist of expanded pool. Upon announcement, the President would come out on the terrace and shake hands with the M.P.s. (An alterantive would be to have the M.P.s , eet the President inside for tea first, then come outside with him).

The highest-ranking M.P. would read the text of their letter to the President and the press (we will have the text beforehand), and the President will briefly respond. The President would be surrounded at the podium by the M.P.s, much like a Rose Garden event.

The event would end with either the President inviting the M.P.s inside for a brief tea, or by the President departing and the M.P.s remaining to answer questions from the press.

### Presentation of Letter to the President by Conservative Members of Parliament

A delegation of approximately 25 Conservative members of Parliament will meet with you on June 6 at 1030 a.m. to present you with a letter of welcome and appreciation for your strong support of NATO. This presentation is being arranged and led by Peter Viggers, who has just taken over from Winston Churchill as head of the Tory "Campaign for Defense and Multilateral Disarmament". He also coordinates Conservative back bench public affairs efforts to combat the campaign for nuclear disarmament. Foreign Secretary Howe gave his strong personal endorsement to the Conservative politicians' request for this meeting. We expect that this meeting will evoke considerable media coverage in Britian and help offset the effort of anti-nuclear demonstrations which may take place during the visit. At the same time you can have an impact on a group of younger politicians who are important to the Conservative Party's future.

After thanking the group for its warm welcome, you may want to use this opportunity to stress your strong commitment to NATO and to point out its accomplishments. Also you may wish to reiterate our aims of maintaining a strong deterrent while we seek to engage the Soviets in meaningful arms negotiation. In closing you might commend the group on its important work in maintaining public support for the vital role of NATO.

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