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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 p.m. Friday 09/16

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: U.S. JAYCEES

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RESPONSE:

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OK, with suggested change on page 4, 263
Thomas G. Moore

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RESPONSE: TO: TONY DOLAN September 16, 1988

The NSC staff recommends the changes noted on the attached Presidential remarks.

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 For Paul Schott Stevens
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: ROBERT M. KRUGER
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT 

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: U.S. Jaycees

At your request, Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced remarks and, subject to the following comments, has no objection to them from a legal perspective.

The sentence in the first paragraph on the first page stating one example of the things that happen to people who stay in Washington too long does not, in our judgment, follow smoothly from the sentence which precedes it. This may be attributable, in part, to the use of the phrase "liberal opinion makers" in this sentence. Is the President suggesting that these liberal opinion makers have acquired the desire to raise taxes since coming to Washington or that they were not even liberal opinion makers at all before they arrived in town?

We also note the rather abrupt transition on page six between the penultimate and concluding paragraph. The lack of a fuller, more positive statement separating these paragraphs is particularly notable in light of the generally negative, partisan tone of the preceding paragraphs. The President's remarks should end on a more upbeat note.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

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DATE: 09/15/88 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 2:00 p.m. Friday 09/16

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RESPONSE:

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1988

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FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Address United States Jaycees

DATE: September 20, 1988

TIME: 11:45 am

DURATION: 15 minutes

LOCATION: 450 OEOB

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

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PARTICIPATION: No

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