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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks: Drop by  
Second White House Conference for Non-Career  
Executives (10/12 - 4:00 p.m. draft)

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Ben Elliott by 10:00 a.m. today. The brief remarks review the progress of the economic recovery and touch upon the improvement in our foreign relations. I have no objections.

Attachment

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October 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHWRITING OFFICE

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DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1 1Name of Correspondent: Richard G. DARMAN☐ MI Mail Report

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CONFERENCE FOR NON-CAREER EXECUTIVES (10/12 - 4:00 p.m. draft)

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Please forward any comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott, Room 100, with a copy to my office, by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

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(Parvin/BE)  
October 12, 1983  
4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROPBY SECOND WHITE HOUSE MANAGEMENT  
CONFERENCE FOR NON-CAREER EXECUTIVES  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1983

Thank you for coming today. It's always a pleasure to meet with the individuals responsible for making this Administration the force for change that it is, so I am delighted to see you all here.

I thought I might start today with the story about the out-of-town fellow who was riding in a New York City taxi cab. The cab driver was heading straight for a pedestrian crossing against a light when at the very last moment, he swerved, sparing the poor pedestrian. The driver, seeing his passenger's startled expression, explained, "You see, if you hit 'em, you gotta fill out a report."

Well, I'd like to fill out a report today on the progress we've made during our time here in Washington. I feel a little like the sales manager addressing his salesmen and saleswomen, because I want to tell you what a wonderful job you've been doing out there in your territories. You are meeting the goals; you are accomplishing what we came here to do. You are fulfilling our hopes to change the direction of this government.

I am sure you remember in 1980 when we asked the American people if they were better off than they were 4 years earlier? Well, today we can say that America is better off than she was 4 years ago, even 3 years ago. Inflation, which had been taking most Americans through the wringer at double digit rates,

is running at a remarkable 2.6 percent. And we did this in less than 3 years.

The prime interest rate was 21.5 percent. It's hard to realize now it actually got that high. It's like a bad experience you try to put out of your mind. But it was a staggering 21.5 percent. We reduced that by almost half to 11 percent, and you will see it going down further. Just think, if the previous administration had cut in half the prime rate they inherited -- as we have done -- they would have left us a rate of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  percent.

In the 5 years before we came to Washington, the tax take of the Federal Government doubled. Again, just think, if we hadn't arrived on the scene, the American people's taxes would again nearly have doubled by inauguration day 1985. Instead, we cut personal tax rates 25 percent across the board. And beginning in 1985, taxes will be indexed so that never again will inflation push Americans into higher and higher tax brackets.

Unemployment is, of course, of special concern, although it too is headed in the right direction -- downward. In July we had a drop that was the biggest one-month drop in unemployment in 24 years. And in September it dropped again, while the number of people working increased to an all-time high of 101.9 million. Now in spite of the fact the Democrats and the press love to wallow in the negative news, good things are happening out in that economy.

And if good things weren't happening, you wouldn't have a stock market that has set records. There wouldn't be the



increases in productivity, housing, construction, retail and auto sales -- all those things that show that a free economy with sound government policies can bring us prosperity once again.

Overseas we have direction as well. When we first came into office we began speaking up for the principles our Nation believes in. Papering over our differences with the Soviet Union serves only the Soviets' own propaganda purposes. We began speaking out against chemical warfare, against broken treaties, against the denial of human liberties. We began speaking up for freedom and democracy. And as Lebanon, Central America and other troubled regions of the world have shown, we've done more than just talk. And you know it's amazing. In my meetings with foreign leaders, they have told me how good it is to know again what the United States stands for. And, of course, the strengthening of our military defenses along with our ardent search for arms control, also tells both friends and enemies alike that our mission is peace through strength.

Our policies have direction at home and abroad, and it is thanks to you. And I just wanted to stop by to tell you that, because I realize it's not Cabinet Members or White House staff who do most of the work and planning. It's you, and you have my deepest appreciation and respect.

God bless you all. Now I imagine there are a few of you who would like to ask the boss some questions.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks: Luncheon  
with Ethnic Press (10/17 - 5:00 p.m. draft)

Richard Darman has asked that comments on the above-referenced remarks be sent directly to Ben Elliott by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. The remarks review the progress of the economic recovery and our effort to rebuild our defenses, and conclude with a discussion of our willingness to enter into verifiable and fair arms limitations agreements with the Soviets. I have no objections.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT  
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(10/17 - 5:00 p.m. draft)

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**REMARKS:**

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

Please forward any comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott, Room 100, by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow, October 18. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Rohrabacher/BE)  
October 17, 1983  
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: LUNCHEON WITH ETHNIC PRESS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1983

A little over 3 years ago I kicked off my 1980 campaign at a rally held in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. It is a memory I'll always cherish. There were many nationalities and family backgrounds represented in that rally, yet all of them were Americans.

All of us are descended from immigrants, most of whom came here looking for freedom and an opportunity to better their lot, and the lot of their families. America was a land of hope for so many who suffered the pains of tyranny and deprivation. America was a magic place where anyone willing to work hard could live a decent life.

And while our country had its flaws, the vision of opportunity was true enough for large numbers of immigrants to send back word of freedom and abundance.

Three years ago it seemed like something had gone terribly wrong. Stagnation and inflation were snuffing out the opportunity that had been the hallmark of our country. We were perched on the brink of an economic disaster and suffering a loss of confidence both at home and abroad. For the first time it was being said that America's best days were past. Well, the American people didn't believe that, and in the 1980 election their message was loud and clear: Do what is necessary, but make America strong again.

It's taken hard work and time, but we've turned a grave situation around. The economy is in the first phase of sustained

growth. We've brought inflation down from double digits to 2.6 percent for the last 12 months. Taxes skyrocketed in the years before we got here. We've given the people a 25-percent, across-the-board reduction in their personal income tax rates. We've also, through a highly-successful deregulation effort, trimmed 300 million hours of needless paperwork from the private sector and from State and local government.

Our economic recovery program made fundamental changes in Federal taxing, spending, and regulating policies. There are those who will suggest that the vitality now flowing throughout the economy is due to some uncontrollable cycle. But, we should never forget it was the policies of tax, spend, and inflate that knocked the winds out of our sails and stagnated our economy. And it's been the reversal of those policies and replacing them with a positive program aimed at economic growth that has put us back on the path to a better life for all our citizens. Along with this we have recaptured a spirit of optimism and hope.

In foreign affairs, we have reaffirmed our leadership and again made of ourselves an ally worthy of trust. We've begun a program to rebuild our defensive capabilities that were permitted to seriously erode during the last decade. We are firm in our belief that peace is more likely if the United States remains a strong force in the world.

One of our early decisions was to put the Battleship New Jersey back in fighting trim and recommission her. This was, we thought, an inexpensive and quick way to add needed firepower to the fleet. There were those who opposed the plan. I've found that whatever you propose there will always be a multitude of



reasons not to move forward; that's especially true when it comes to any commitment to improve our military strength. Well, the Battleship New Jersey is now playing a vital role in our defenses. I'm sure the Marines in Lebanon are thankful we ignored the critics and brought the New Jersey. I don't think it is any coincidence that shortly after they heard the New Jersey, with her 16-inch guns, was on the way, that the warring factions started making tangible progress toward a solution in that troubled land.

In the area of strategic weapons, we are working with our European allies to reestablish a strategic balance in Europe which was destroyed by the massive Soviet build-up of the last 10 years.

We've made clear, however, that no new weapons need be deployed. We have been, and continue to be, serious in our efforts to reach arms reduction agreements with the Soviets, especially in the area of intermediate range missiles. We are ready now, and we have been ready, to reach a meaningful agreement with them. We're standing by the door.

Let me emphasize today -- and I would respectfully urge the young people in Europe to reflect on this: It is not the United States and NATO which threaten peace. We have no intermediate range missiles in Europe and we are willing to forego them entirely. It is the Soviet Union, which has over 1,300 intermediate range missiles, which has been deploying the SS-20 at the rate of one per week, and which is threatening the countries of Europe. These are not actions of compromise, good

faith, and accommodation. They are actions of intimidation, pure and simple.

For our part, let me repeat: We stand ready to make any arrangement with the Soviets which will be verifiable and fair to all sides. This includes eliminating an entire class of strategic weapons, or at least a portion, and the more the better. But we cannot negotiate forever with ourselves. If Soviet intransigence continues, we will move forward to establish the balance and ensure NATO's deterrence.

Our goal, both in the economy and in protecting our national security, is to meet the mandate of the 1980 election: to make our country the strong Nation, the mighty force for good, that it is meant to be.

Thank you and now I know you have some questions. . .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Toast: Emperor's Banquet  
(Imperial Palace) (Tokyo, Japan)  
Thursday, November 10, 1983  
(10/31/83, 6:00 p.m. draft)

Richard Darman has asked that we send comments on the above-referenced remarks directly to Ben Elliott as soon as possible. The remarks, to be delivered at a banquet hosted by the Emperor of Japan, review the ties of friendship between Japan and the United States. The proposed toast includes, as is appropriate for the occasion, specific mention of the Emperor and the manner in which he symbolizes Japan's history and traditions. I have reviewed the proposed remarks, and find no objection to them.

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November 1, 1983

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

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 by NOON TOMORROW, TUESDAY, November 1, 1983, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

(Rohrabacher/BE)  
October 31, 1983  
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL TOAST: EMPEROR'S BANQUET  
(IMPERIAL PALACE)  
(TOKYO, JAPAN)  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1983

Your Majesty, Mr. Prime Minister and Mrs. Nakasone,  
distinguished ministers, ladies and gentlemen:

You have honored us with a splendid and unforgettable  
occasion this evening, and we express our sincere thanks to you.

One hundred and thirty-one years ago, our two countries  
began gradually to build ties which today have blossomed into one  
of the most significant relationships between two countries  
anywhere in the world.

When our people first met, on shores not too far from here,  
we had difficulty understanding each other. Few cultures and  
histories could have been more different than our two were in  
1852.

Today, the language of our two countries is still different,  
but we understand and appreciate each other as never before. We,  
in fact, depend on each other and benefit beyond calculation from  
our relationship. We are not only major trading partners; we are  
also cooperating in a host of international and political  
endeavors to strengthen peace and increase prosperity beyond our  
borders. Basic to all our efforts are the close and cooperative  
ties we have built between our people, from young students who  
study in each other's schools and universities, to the daily  
interaction of our businessmen, politicians, scientists, creative  
artists and athletes.



The multitude of personal and professional relationships is like millions of threads binding us together with a strength and resilience that will not be broken. The ties between our people are based on common ideals and values, but beyond this our people like and admire each other.

Americans appreciate the energy and honesty of the Japanese. And while in the arena of business we are indeed competitors, we are friendly competitors and we respect one another.

If friendship has meaning it can be found in the honest feelings and commitment between our two peoples. As the American philosopher Emerson wrote, "The only way to have a friend is to be one." The American people admire Japan, its great progress, its people's fortitude and dedication, its splendid and delicate culture, its increasingly vital role in world affairs.

We admire you, your Majesty, because you symbolize this nation's history and traditions and represent the dramatic transformation of these beautiful islands and stalwart people. Your love of country and for Japan's democratic institutions, your devotion to science, to the search for truth, your deep attachment to nature around you -- these and many other aspects of your life, and that of your splendid family, give your people strength and unite them in their beliefs and ideals.

Your Majesty, every spring from all over the United States Americans come to their Capital in Washington, D.C., to view the beauty of cherry blossoms. This beauty is a gift of Japan. The cherry trees were presented to us by the city of Tokyo in 1912. Last year the flower association of Japan presented 1 million

flowering cherry tree seeds to the people of the United States, so this beauty can be spread throughout our country. In January of this year, our National Arboretum presented flowering dogwood seeds to your country.

These flowers can serve to remind us of the beauty of our friendship. Unlike these trees which blossom only once a year, let the flower of our friendship be a never-ending blossom.

Our two countries, beginning their relationship in confusion and uncertainty, now are the closest of friends and partners. My visit to your country has reaffirmed my confidence in the future of our relations. May they ever be as close as they are today! Ladies and gentlemen, I ask you to join me in a toast to the Emperor of Japan!

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Signing Ceremony  
for Martin Luther King Holiday Legislation  
Wednesday, November 2, 1983  
(10/31/83; 6:30 p.m. draft)

Richard Darman has asked that we send comments on the above-referenced remarks directly to Ben Elliott by noon today. The remarks review the progress of civil rights in America from the segregationist era to the present, and the contributions of Dr. King to that progress. The remarks make specific reference to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and note that the President recently signed into law the longest extension of the latter act.

On page 2, lines 24-26, the remarks state "The Civil Rights Act of 1964 had prohibited racial discrimination of all kinds." This is of course inaccurate; that act prohibited specific types of discrimination (e.g., public accommodation, federally-assisted programs), always with the requirement of state action. I recommend simply deleting "of all kinds."

The phrasing of the sentence noting that the President signed the longest extension of the Voting Rights Act, bottom of page 2 to the top of page 3, strikes me as too self-congratulatory in tone. I suggest ending the sentence with "vote" on the last line of page 2, deleting the remaining clause, and substituting the following new sentence: "Our commitment to the right to vote was recently reaffirmed when Congress passed and I signed into law the longest extension of the Voting Rights Act since its passage."

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1983

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

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10-31-83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TOMORROW

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING  
HOLIDAY LEGISLATION  
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## REMARKS:

Please provide edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 by NOON TOMORROW, Tuesday, November 1, 1983, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

## RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman  
 Assistant to the President  
 Ext. 2702

(Robinson/BE)  
October 31, 1983  
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING  
HOLIDAY LEGISLATION  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1983

Mrs. King, members of the King family, distinguished members of the Congress, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen:

I'm pleased to welcome you to the White House, the home that belongs to all of us, the American people.

When I was thinking of Dr. King's contributions to our country, of the man we're honoring today, a passage from the American poet John Greenleaf Whittier came to mind: "Each crisis brings its word and deed." In America in the fifties and sixties the crisis was racism. The man whose words and deeds in that crisis stirred our Nation to the very depths of its soul was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King was born in 1929 in an America where, because of the color of its skin, a tenth of the population lived a life of degradation. Black Americans were taught in segregated, inferior schools. They were forced into the worst jobs in the South, toiling in the hot fields for subsistence wages, and crowded into the worst ghettos in the North. They were refused entry into hotels and restaurants and made to use separate facilities. In a Nation that proclaimed "liberty and justice for all" the black American was living with neither.

In one city, a rule required all blacks to sit in the rear of public buses. But when, in 1955, a brave woman named Rosa Parks was told to move to the back of the bus, she said no. A young minister in a local Baptist church, Martin Luther King,



then organized a boycott of the bus company -- a boycott that stunned the country. Within 6 months the courts had ruled the segregation of public transportation unconstitutional.

Dr. King had awakened something strong and true -- a sense of the indivisibility of justice, a sense that among white and black Americans, as he later put it, "their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone."

In the years after the bus boycott, Dr. King made civil rights his life's work. Across the country he organized boycotts, rallies, and marches. Often he was beaten or unjustly imprisoned, but he never stopped teaching non-violence. "Work with the faith," he told his followers, "that unearned suffering is redemptive."

On a sweltering August day in 1963, Martin Luther King addressed a quarter of a million people at the Lincoln Memorial. If American history grows from two centuries to 20, his words that day will never be forgotten. "I have a dream today . . . I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood."

In 1968, this brave and visionary leader was gunned down by a brutal assassin, his life cut short at the age of 39. But those 39 short years had changed America forever. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 had prohibited racial discrimination of all kinds. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 had made certain that from then on, black Americans would get to vote, and I might add that

I recently signed into law the longest extension of the Voting Rights Act since its passage. But most important, the consciences of tens of millions of Americans had been touched. Across the land, people had begun to treat each other not as blacks and whites, but as fellow Americans.

Now our Nation has decided to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., by setting aside a day each year to remember him and the just cause he stood for. We've made historic strides since that day in 1958 when Rosa Parks refused to go to the back of the bus. As a democratic people, we can take pride in the knowledge that we Americans recognized a grave injustice and took firm action to correct it. And we should remember that in far too many countries, people like Dr. King never have the opportunity to speak out at all.

But traces of racism still mar America, so each year on Martin Luther King Day, let us not only recall Dr. King, but rededicate ourselves the commandments Dr. King not only believed in, but lived every day: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart," and, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." And I just have to believe that if all of us -- young and old, Republicans and Democrats -- do all we can to live up to those commandments then we will see the day when Dr. King's dream comes true, and in his words, "All of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning . . . 'land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

Thank you, and God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Reception  
for St. George Students -- Monday,  
November 7, 1983

Richard Darman has asked that we send comments on the above-referenced remarks directly to Ben Elliott by noon today. The remarks express appreciation -- both the President's and the students' -- for the servicemen who rescued the students. This draft of the remarks is to be expanded with examples of military heroism in Grenada.

In the last paragraph on page 2 the remarks note that the students have expressed their respect and appreciation for the servicemen in their public statements. The last sentence of the paragraph urges the students to honor those who died by continuing to speak out. Such an explicit admonition, in my view, cheapens what the students have said thus far and certainly will diminish the impact of any future statements. Such direct prompting from the President will make any subsequent student statements seem contrived, and the President will be portrayed by the cynical media as crassly trying to use the students to defend his actions. The students have willingly and sincerely done so already without prompting. I recommend deleting the last sentence.

In the second sentence on page 3, the President states: "Well we didn't invade Grenada, we rescued Grenada." I do not agree with the effort to avoid use of the term "invade." Of course we invaded Grenada, as we invaded France on D-Day. There is no reason to pretend we did not, and doing so sets up an easy target for media sniping (as was done on all three networks last evening). I recommend deleting the second and third sentences on page 3 and substituting: "Well we rescued Grenada; the Soviets enslaved Afghanistan" or something similar.

Attachment

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Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective. We do, however, recommend deleting the last sentence on page 2. The students have, thus far, spontaneously and sincerely praised the actions of the servicemen and the President. Anything that could be perceived as "prompting" of the students by the President would certainly diminish the impact of any subsequent statements the students might make, and the cynical media can be expected to focus on any such prompting.

We are also uncomfortable with the assertion in the second sentence on page 3. We did invade Grenada, just as we invaded France on D-Day. Asserting that we did not erects an easy target for media sniping and detracts from the true distinctions between our actions in Grenada and those of the Soviets in Afghanistan. We recommend deleting the second and third sentences on page 3 and substituting "Well we rescued Grenada; the Soviets enslaved Afghanistan" or something similar.

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**DATE: 11/3/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TOMORROWSUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR ST. GEORGES STUDENTS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1983 (11/3/83; 6:00p)

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott in Room 100 by NOON TOMORROW, FRIDAY, November 4, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

(Parvin/BE)  
November 3, 1983  
6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR ST. GEORGES STUDENTS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1983

I am so glad to meet you -- students and soldiers alike -- and be able to say it officially: welcome home. I can't tell you when I've been so happy, and I might add relieved, to have such guests in the Rose Garden. So a very warm and grateful welcome to you all.

Let me tell you how this little get-together came about. I'm actually playing matchmaker today. You students sent me so many moving telegrams of appreciation about the military fellows who rescued you, I thought it might be nice if you had the chance to tell them yourselves.

In letter after letter, you spoke of your deep respect for those who risked their lives, and in some circumstances, gave their lives so that you would be safe. A great many of you said you believed you'd be dead or held hostage today if it weren't for the courageous men whose business it is to be courageous -- our soldiers, sailors and airmen. I wish I could give every military person who participated in the Granada rescue copies of your telegrams and letters.

Some of you also wrote of your anger. You said certain people belittled the danger you were in. And I must say, this angered me as well. It is very easy for those smug know-it-alls in their plush, protected offices in Washington and New York to say you were in no danger. But I wonder how many of them would have traded places with you?

Some of our fellows didn't make it back. Ted and Jann Stathos wrote me a letter, as so many of you did, and I'd like to read just one small passage because it says so much. "While we waited for the Rangers to evacuate our campus at Grand Anse we experienced many chilling and sad moments. The most upsetting of these was the sight of an American helicopter being shot down by enemy fire. There were tears in everyone's eyes as we scanned the ocean water for the sight of any survivors. We knew then how much our lives meant to the brave men fighting for our safety."

Today I would like to tell you of other acts of heroism that you probably didn't know about. [Examples of military heroism in Grenada to be provided.]

From your letters to me, I know how deep your gratitude -- even affection -- is for these men. Some of you have asked how you can express that respect and appreciation. Well, you have been doing a marvelous job already. Nothing could make those fellows prouder than the statements you've made to America about their bravery and devotion to a cause larger than themselves. A few years ago, it seemed America forgot what an admirable, absolutely essential need there is for a nation to have men, and yes women, who would give their lives to protect their fellow citizens. What you saw 10 days ago was called patriotism. What those men did for you, they would do for any American in trouble. And the way you can best honor those fellows who died in Grenada is to speak out about what you saw and what you felt as they risked their lives for yours.



Unbelievably, a reporter the other day asked me what was the difference between our invading Grenada and the Soviets invading Afghanistan. Well we didn't invade Grenada, we rescued Grenada. After I answered the question, I thought of another answer that basically describes the total contrast between Soviet and American society. The difference between our rescue of Grenada and the invasion of Afghanistan is that in Afghanistan the people aren't meeting the soldiers with friendly waves and flowers and fruit. I think that tells it all.

Now, I don't want to take up all the time. But it is good to have both students and servicemen together under more peaceful circumstances. And, would you do me a favor? When you leave today, try not to be as dramatic as last time. But thank you for coming and God bless you all.