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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL

AND FAMILIES SPASO HOUSE MOSCOW, USSR

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1988

As we prepare to depart from Moscow, Nancy and I wanted to let all of you know how important your efforts have been to what we have accomplished. On behalf of the entire group and our fellow citizens, we want to thank you for all that you have done both during this week and over the past months.

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scrutiny that require you, in turn, to adopt careful practices of secrecy. No, it is not an easy life, but I know it can be a fascinating and rewarding one.

I am impressed by your willingness as Americans to temporarily sacrifice so much of your personal freedom so that you can be here, where you work for America and its larger goal of greater freedom for the whole world.

Our Embassy here, of course, is the formal representation of the United States in the Soviet Union. But it has been all of you and all that you have done that has truly made the Embassy a piece of home away from home for us this week. I realize that you are regularly called upon for assistance by visiting Members of Congress and other U.S. officials, and I know that they are grateful as well for all your help.

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Thank you, and God bless you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

TO: TONY DOLAN

CL: GRISCAM DAWSON

FROM JAMES L. HOOLEY

Deputy Assistant to the President Director of Presidential Advance

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RE: SPEWIH TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL

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IN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE, AS INDICATED ON ATTACHED COPY. ALSO, REFERENCE
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GOOD IDEA - MRS R. WILL VISIT THOSE.

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DATE: 05/17/88	ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY:	C.O.B.	Wednesday	05/18

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES (05/17 5:00 p.m. draft)

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RESPONSE:

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May 18, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR ANTHONY R. DOLAN

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND

DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM:

C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR.

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Meeting with Embassy

Personnel and Families

Counsel's office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks, and we do not believe it is accurate to state that our embassy in Moscow is "formally United States territory." Pursuant to Article 22 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (both the U.S. and U.S.S.R. are parties), the U.S. embassy is inviolable and Soviet agents may not enter. However,

[t]he inviolability of diplomatic premises does not mean that they are to be considered as altogether outside the application of the law of the receiving state -- a foreign enclave within its territory . . . [T]he premises are not extra-territorial and the head of mission cannot himself assume general powers of jurisdiction . . . [For example] a crime committed in a foreign embassy is a crime committed in the [receiving state] and the offender, if not protected by diplomatic immunity is liable to prosecution in [the receiving state's] courts. Nor -- the question of political asylum apart -- may diplomatic premises be used as an asylum for fugitives from justice.

J. L. Brierly, The Law of Nations, An Introduction to the International Law of Peace (6th ed., edited by Sir Humphrey Waldock, 1963) at 260-261, notes omitted.

Except as noted above, we have no legal objection to these remarks being delivered by the President.

Thank you for submitting this matter for our review.

cc: Rhett B. Dawson

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RESPONSE: TONY DOLAN:

May 20, 1988

NSC clears, with changes as marked.

Paul Schott Stevens Executive Secretary

CC: Rhett Dawson Ext. 2702

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It is better to be making the news than taking it; to be an actor rather than a critic.

- Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result.
- There are men in the world who derive as stern an exaltation from the proximity of disaster and ruin, as others from success.

Victory is the beautiful, bright-colored flower. Transport is the stem without which it could never have blossomed.

The River War [1899]

Terminological inexactitude.

Speech in the House of Commons [February 22, 1906]

The maxim of the British people is "Business as usual."

Speech at the Guildhall [November 9, 1914]

Politics are almost as exciting as war, and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times.

Remark [1920]

By being so long in the lowest form [at Harrow] I gained an immense advantage over the cleverer boys. . . . I got into my bones the essential structure of the ordinary British sentence—which is a noble thing. Naturally I am biased in favor of boys learning English; I would make them all learn English: and then I would let the clever ones learn Latin as an honor, and Greek as a treat.

Roving Commission: My Early Life [1930]

It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations. Bartlett's Familiar Quotations is an admirable work, and I studied it intently. The quotations when engraved upon the memory give you good thoughts. They also make you anxious to read the authors and look for more.

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Come on now, all you young men, all over the world. You are needed more than ever now to fill the gap of a generation shorn by the war. You have not an hour to lose. You must take your places in life's fighting line. Twenty to twenty-five! These are the years! Don't be content with things as they are. "The earth is yours and the fullness thereof."

battle. — Edward R. Murrow, I Can Hear It Now [1933-

Quoted by John F. Kennedy on conferring honorary citizenship on Churchill [April 9, 1963]. See Roosevelt and Churchill, 781.

Enter upon your inheritance, accept your responsibilities.

- You will make all kinds of mistakes; but as long as you are generous and true, and also fierce, you cannot hurt the world or even seriously distress her. She was made to be wooed and won by youth.
- Decided only to be undecided, resolved to be irresolute, adamant for drift, solid for fluidity, all-powerful to be impotent.1

While England Slept [1936]

- Dictators ride to and fro upon tigers which they dare not dismount. And the tigers are getting hungry.2
- I have watched this famous island descending incontinently, fecklessly, the stairway which leads to a dark gulf.
- The German dictator, instead of snatching the victuals from the table, has been content to have them served to him course by course.

Speech on the Munich agreement, House of Commons [October 5, 1938]

That long [Canadian] frontier from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, guarded only by neighborly respect and honorable obligations, is an example to every country and a pattern for the future of the world.

> Speech in honor of R. B. Bennett, Canada Club, London [April 20, 1939]

I cannot forecast to you the action of Russia. It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.

Radio broadcast [October 1, 1939]

For each and for all, as for the Royal Navy, the watchword should be, "Carry on, and dread nought."

Speech on traffic at sea, House of Commons [December 6, 1939]

I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.3

> First Statement as Prime Minister, House of Commons [May 13, 1940]

Of Stanley Baldwin's policies.

²He who rides a tiger is afraid to dismount. — WILLIAM SCARBOROUGH, Chinese Proverbs [1875], no. 2082

³Mollify it with thy tears, or sweat, or blood.—John Donne, An Anatomy of the World [1611], I. 430-431
Year after year they voted cent per cent, / Blood, sweat, and tear-wrung millions—why? for rent!—Byron, The

Age of Bronze [1823], XIV

See Prescott, 481:2, and Garibaldi, 509:7

Their sweat, their tears, their blood bedewed the endless plain. - Winston S. Churchill, The Unknown War [1931], referring to the armies of the czar before the Russian Revolution

Churchill referred to his promise of blood, toil, tears,

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