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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

October 31, 1984

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT HISPANIC STAMP PRESENTATION

The Rose Garden

11:45 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Having spent so much of my life in California, I've always been aware of the many contributions that Americans of Hispanic descent have made to our country. And the pride, the dignity of the Hispanic community has been a source of strength, a deep well of inspiration from which America has drawn in good times and bad, during peacetime and in times of danger and conflict.

Americans of Hispanic descent have added so much to our way of life, in government service, in the private sector, in the arts and in every aspect of our culture.

And today, we gather to pay a special tribute to Americans of Hispanic descent who have placed their lives on the line in the defense of America.

The Postmaster General, at our suggestion, today is issuing a stamp commemorating this awe-inspiring record of courage and valor. And this stamp is the result of a concerted effort on behalf of the 10 surviving Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients, the United States Postal Service and the Department of Defense. It's a fitting tribute to the men and women who have given such service to the cause of freedom.

It was 174 years ago when Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rang the bells in his village. Like the sounding of our Liberty Bell, he was proclaiming to the world his people's resolve to live in freedom. That same love of freedom still rings in our hearts today, especially in the hearts of our fellow citizens of Hispanic descent has been demonstrated time and again.

When danger threatened our republic, Hispanics, as this stamp underscores, have been in the forefront of the defense of our freedom and independence. Thirty-seven of them, an incredible number, have received our highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

It was my honor to have presented the Medal of Honor, the last one awarded, to an Hispanic American, to Master Sergeant Roy Benavidez.

I've gotten to know Roy. He and the nine other Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients visited me here at the White House this spring. And when I met and spoke with them, I could clearly see that it was the values they were taught as children that gave them the strength to be the kind of men they grew up to be. (Applause.)

These values, devotion to family and respect for God, love of country and respect for honest work, these are the ingredients that have molded the character of Americans of Hispanic descent. This is the stuff of which heroes are made.

There's a place in Illinois that underscores what I'm saying. In the town of Silvis, in an Hispanic neighborhood, there's a street on which lived 22 very special American families. From these 22 families, 84 men served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The two Sandoval families on that street sent 13 men, 6 from one

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family, 7 from the other. Three Sandoval sons never came back. They and five others who gave their lives for our freedom are honored by a special monument. Their street, once just plain second street, is now Hero Street, U.S.A. (Applause.)

There's an even bigger monument, and it's the one in the heart of every man, woman and child in this country who are thankful for the precious liberty we enjoy and grateful to those to whom we owe such a debt. The stamp that we issue today is our way of giving a heartfelt message to our wonderful Hispanic neighbors who have fought for their country, individuals to whom we owe so much. And the message is: You are truly American heroes.

I'd like to thank all of you for joining with us here today in this tribute. Thank you and God bless you (applause.)

(The stamp is presented.) (Applause.)

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11:53 P.M. EST

HISPANIC STAMP PRESENTATION

WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. HAVING SPENT MUCH OF MY LIFE IN CALIFORNIA, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AWARE OF THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS AMERICANS OF HISPANIC DESCENT HAVE MADE TO OUR COUNTRY.

THE PRIDE AND DIGNITY OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF STRENGTH -- A DEEP WELL OF INSPIRATION -- FROM WHICH AMERICA HAS DRAWN IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD, DURING PEACETIME, AND IN TIMES OF DANGER AND CONFLICT. AMERICANS OF HISPANIC DESCENT HAVE ADDED SO MUCH TO OUR WAY OF LIFE, IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, IN THE ARTS, AND IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR CULTURE.

TODAY, WE GATHER TO PAY A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO AMERICANS OF HISPANIC DESCENT WHO HAVE PLACED THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE IN THE DEFENSE OF AMERICA.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, AT OUR SUGGESTION, TODAY IS ISSUING A STAMP COMMEMORATING THIS AWE-INSPIRING RECORD OF COURAGE AND VALOR. THIS STAMP IS THE RESULT OF A CONCERTED EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE TEN SURVIVING HISPANIC MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS, THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. IT IS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE GIVEN SUCH SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.

IT WAS 174 YEARS AGO WHEN FATHER MIGUEL HIDALGO Y COSTILLA RANG THE BELLS IN HIS VILLAGE. LIKE THE SOUNDING OF OUR LIBERTY BELL, HE WAS PROCLAIMING TO THE WORLD HIS PEOPLE'S RESOLVE TO LIVE IN FREEDOM. THAT SAME LOVE OF FREEDOM STILL RINGS IN OUR HEARTS TODAY, ESPECIALLY IN THE HEARTS OF OUR FELLOW CITIZENS OF HISPANIC DESCENT.

THIS HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED TIME AND AGAIN. WHEN DANGER THREATENED OUR REPUBLIC, HISPANICS -- AS THIS STAMP UNDERSCORES -- HAVE BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE DEFENSE OF OUR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. THIRTY-SEVEN OF THEM -- AN INCREDIBLE NUMBER -- HAVE RECEIVED OUR HIGHEST MILITARY AWARD.

IT WAS MY HONOR TO HAVE PRESENTED THE MEDAL OF HONOR, THE LAST ONE AWARDED TO AN HISPANIC AMERICAN, TO MASTER SERGEANT ROY BENAVIDEZ.

I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW ROY. HE AND THE NINE OTHER HISPANIC MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS VISITED ME HERE AT THE WHITE HOUSE THIS SPRING. WHEN I MET AND SPOKE WITH THEM, I COULD CLEARLY SEE THAT IT WAS THE VALUES THEY WERE TAUGHT AS CHILDREN THAT GAVE THEM THE STRENGTH TO BE THE KIND OF MEN THEY GREW UP TO BE.

THESE VALUES -- DEVOTION TO FAMILY AND RESPECT FOR GOD, LOVE OF COUNTRY AND RESPECT FOR HONEST WORK -- THESE ARE THE INGREDIENTS THAT HAVE MOLDED THE CHARACTER OF AMERICANS OF HISPANIC DESCENT. THIS IS THE STUFF OF WHICH HEROES ARE MADE.

THERE IS A PLACE IN ILLINOIS THAT UNDERSCORES WHAT I AM SAYING. IN THE TOWN OF SILVIS, IN AN HISPANIC NEIGHBORHOOD, THERE IS A STREET ON WHICH LIVE TWENTY-TWO VERY SPECIAL AMERICAN FAMILIES. FROM THESE TWENTY-TWO FAMILIES, EIGHTY-FOUR MEN SERVED IN WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM. THE TWO SANDOVAL FAMILIES ON THAT STREET SENT THIRTEEN MEN -- SIX FROM ONE FAMILY, AND SEVEN FROM THE OTHER. THREE SANDOVAL SONS NEVER CAME BACK. THEY AND FIVE OTHERS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR FREEDOM ARE HONORED BY A SPECIAL MONUMENT -- THEIR STREET, ONCE NAMED SECOND STREET, IS NOW HERO STREET, U.S.A.

THERE IS AN EVEN BIGGER MONUMENT AND IT IS THE ONE IN THE HEART OF EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IN THIS COUNTRY WHO ARE THANKFUL FOR THE PRECIOUS LIBERTY WE ENJOY AND GRATEFUL TO THOSE TO WHOM WE OWE SUCH A DEBT. THE STAMP WE ISSUE TODAY IS OUR WAY OF GIVING A HEARTFELT MESSAGE TO OUR WONDERFUL HISPANIC NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY, INDIVIDUALS TO WHOM WE OWE SO MUCH. THAT MESSAGE IS: YOU ARE TRULY AMERICAN HEROES.

I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR JOINING WITH US TODAY IN THIS TRIBUTE. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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(Rohrabacher/RR)
October 31, 1984
9:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HISPANIC STAMP PRESENTATION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1984

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I've gotten to know Roy. He and the nine other Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients visited me here at the White House this spring. When I met and spoke with them, I could clearly see that it was the values they were taught as children that gave them the strength to be the kind of men they grew up to be. These values -- devotion to family and respect for God, love of country and respect for honest work -- these are the ingredients that have molded the character of Americans of Hispanic descent. This is the stuff of which heroes are made.

There is a place in Illinois that underscores what I am saying. In the town of Silvis, in an Hispanic neighborhood, there is a street on which live twenty-two very special American families. From these twenty-two families, eighty-four men served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The two Sandoval families on that street sent thirteen men -- six from one family, and seven from the other. Three Sandoval sons never came back. They and five others who gave their lives for our freedom are honored by a special monument -- their street, once named Second Street, is now Hero Street, U.S.A.

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4:00 p.m. *PR*

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~~Well, I think we can all be happy that America is no longer hesitant to honor any individual who did us the honor of serving as gallantly as Roy Benavidez.~~

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM: CATHI VILLALPANDO *C.V.*

SUBJECT: Remarks for Hispanic Stamp Presentation
Wednesday, October 31, 1984

The draft Presidential remarks are fine as written except for Page 3, Paragraph 1, Sentence 2; the phrase "Hispanic neighbors" can also denote citizens of neighboring Latin American countries. The phrase "Hispanic-American neighbors would be clearer.

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

NOTE FOR DANA ROHRBACHER

FROM: PAUL B. SIMMONS

RE: HISPANIC STAMP EVENT

I'm told Roy Benavidez is to attend this event, making it impossible not to single his case out since the President himself awarded the Medal of Honor to him.

To avoid odious comparisons, not to mention a double entendre on p. 2 ("limbo"), between his treatment as a war hero and his now-fabled mistreatment at the hands of the Social Security bureaucracy, I suggest the red-lined sentences on p. 2 be struck and be replaced with a reference to the honor RR had in personally awarding the medal to this gallant man.

To denigrate the Carter Administration in this case is, I fear, to open the transom for Mondale or Roybal or someone to snipe at RR: ("Well, better to be cautious in documenting a Medal of Honor Case than to do this man the dishonor of stealing his hard-earned Disability benefits . . .").



OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 10/29/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 pm todaySUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HISPANIC STAMP PRESENTATION

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RESPONSE TO:

☐ John A. Svahn
 Assistant to the President
 for Policy Development
 (x6515)

☐ Roger B. Porter
 Director
 Office of Policy Development
 (x6515)

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 10/29 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 P.M. TODAYSUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HISPANIC STAMP PRESENTATION
(10/29 - 12:00 Noon draft)

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RESPONSE:

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cc: RGD

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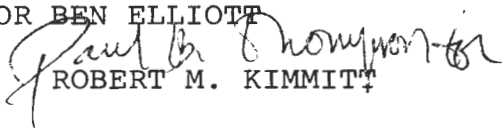
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

FROM:


ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT:

Draft Presidential Remarks for
Hispanic Stamp Presentation

The NSC has reviewed the attached draft Presidential remarks for the Hispanic stamp presentation and has made some suggested changes on page 2.

Attachment

As stated

cc: Richard G. Darman

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RESPONSE:

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RESPONSE:

Ben: Have suggested changes on p.2. Event must be kept non-political in tone.

Thanks
Jim Ciccin

cc: RGD

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(Rohrabacher/BE)
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RESPONSE:

No objections but perhaps President should be reminded of Benavidez SS disability problems (now resolved.)

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

FROM: WENDELL L. WILLKIE *WLL*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks:
Hispanic Stamp Presentation

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks
and has no legal or other substantive objection to them.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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NOTE FOR DANA ROHRBACHER

FROM: PAUL B. SIMMONS

RE: HISPANIC STAMP EVENT

I'm told Roy Benavidez is to attend this event, making it impossible not to single his case out since the President himself awarded the Medal of Honor to him.

To avoid odious comparisons, not to mention a double entendre on p. 2 ("limbo"), between his treatment as a war hero and his now-fabled mistreatment at the hands of the Social Security bureaucracy, I suggest the red-lined sentences on p. 2 be struck and be replaced with a reference to the honor RR had in personally awarding the medal to this gallant man.

To denigrate the Carter Administration in this case is, I fear, to open the transom for Mondale or Roybal or someone to snipe at RR: ("Well, better to be cautious in documenting a Medal of Honor Case than to do this man the dishonor of stealing his hard-earned Disability benefits . . .").

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OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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RESPONSE TO:

☐ John A. Svahn
 Assistant to the President
 for Policy Development
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☐ Roger B. Porter
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
STAFFING MEMORANDUM RESPONSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM: LEE L. VERSTANDIG *lee*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Remarks: Hispanic
Stamp Presentation

I have reviewed the subject remarks and have no comments/edits on them.

Thank you.

cc: Ben Elliott.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM:

CATHI VILLALPANDO *C.V.*

SUBJECT:

Remarks for Hispanic Stamp Presentation
Wednesday, October 31, 1984

The draft Presidential remarks are fine as written except for Page 3, Paragraph 1, Sentence 2; the phrase "Hispanic neighbors" can also denote citizens of neighboring Latin American countries. The phrase "Hispanic-American neighbors would be clearer.

Enclosure