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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



DATE: 10/29 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 P.M. TODAY

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: HISPANIC STAMP PRESENTATION
(10/29 - 12:00 Noon draft)

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REMARKS:

Please forward any edits/comments directly to Ben Elliott, with a copy to my office, by 4:00 p.m. TODAY. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

*See comment
in attached
memo
FRW
10/29/84*

Richard G. Darman
 Assistant to the President
 Ext. 2702

(Rohrabacher/BE)
October 29, 1984
12:00 p.m.

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

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

October 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO: BEN ELLIOTT
FROM: AL KEEL 
SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Remarks:
Hispanic Stamp Presentation

We have reviewed the proposed Presidential remarks and
have no comment.

cc: Dick Darman
Dave Gerson

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