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(Noonan)
May 21, 1986
Draft

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY ARLINGTON CEMETERY ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

MONDAY, MAY 26, 1986

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Today is the day we put aside to remember fallen heroes, and to pray that no heroes will ever have to die for us again. It is a day of thanks for the valor of others, a day to remember the splendor of America and those of her children who rest in this cemetery and others.

It is a day to be with the family, and remember. I was thinking this morning that across the country children and their parents will be going to the town parade, and the young ones will sit on the sidewalks and wave their flags as the band goes by. And later maybe they'll have a cookout or a day at the beach. And that's good, because today is a day to be with the family, and remember.

This place of many memories is a good place to start. So many wonderful men and women rest here, men and women who led colorful, vivid and passionate lives. There are the greats of the military -- Bull Halsey and the Admirals Leahy, father and son -- Admiral Perry, and Black Jack Pershing and the GI's General, Omar Bradley... Great men all, great military men. And there are others.

Here in Arlington rests a sharecropper's son who became a hero to a lonely people. Joe Louis came from nowhere but he knew how to fight, and he galvanized a nation when, after Pearl

Harbor, he put on the uniform of his country and said, "Don't ask if God's on our side -- what's important is we're on God's side."

Audie Murphy is here, Audie Murphy of the wild wild courage -- for what else could is it when a man stands atop a tank utterly exposed, stops an enemy advance, saves lives and rallies his men, all of it singlehandedly.

Michael Smith is here, and Dick Scobee, both of the space shuttle Challenger. Their courage wasn't wild but thoughtful, the mature and measured courage of career professionals who took prudent risks for great reward -- in their case, to advance the sum total of knowledge in the world. They are only the latest to rest here; they join other great explorers, like Grissom and Chaffee and White...

And Oliver Wendell Holmes is here, a great jurist, a great fighter for the right. A poet searching for an image of true majesty wouldn't rest until he came up with this: "Holmes dissenting in a sordid age." He served in the Civil War, and he might have been thinking of the crosses and stars of Arlington when he wrote, "At the grave of a hero we end, not with sorrow at the inevitable loss, but with the contagion of his courage; and with a kind of desperate joy we go back to the fight."

All of these lives were different, but these men shared this in common: they loved America very much, there was nothing they wouldn't do for her, and they loved with the sureness of the young.

It is hard not to think of the young in a place like this, for it is the young who do the fighting and the dying when a

peace fails and a war begins. Not far from here is the statue of the three servicemen -- the three fighting boys of Vietnam. It too has majesty, and more. Perhaps you've seen it, three rough boys walking together, looking ahead with a steady gaze. There's something wounded about them, a kind of resigned toughness, but there is an unexpected tenderness too: at first you don't notice, but the three are touching each other, supporting each other, helping each other keep on.

I'm sure that veterans of Vietnam will gather today, some of them by the wall, and they'll still be helping each other keep on. They were quite a group, the boys of Vietnam, boys who fought a terrible and vicious war without enough support from home, boys who were dodging bullets while we were debating their every move. It was often our poor who fought in that war; it was the unpampered boys of the working class who picked up those rifles and went on the march. They learned not to rely on us, they learned to rely on each other. And they were special in another way: they chose to be faithful, they chose to reject the fashionable skepticism of their time, they chose to believe and answer the call of duty. They had the wild wild courage of youth; they seized certainty from the heart of an ambivalent age; they stood for something.

And we owe them something, those boys. We owe them a promise to always remember -- always remember -- that peace is a fragile thing that needs constant vigilance, constant attention. We owe them a promise to look at the world with a steady gaze and, perhaps, a resigned toughness, knowing that we have

adversaries in the world and challenges, and the only way to meet them and maintain the peace is by staying strong.

That, of course, is the lesson of this century, a lesson learned in the Sudetenland, in Poland, in Hungary, in Czechoslovakia, in Cambodia. If we really care about peace we must stay strong. If we really care about peace we must, through our strength, demonstrate our unwillingness to accept an ending of the peace. We must be strong enough to create peace where it does not exist and strong enough to protect it where it does.

That is the lesson of this century and, I think, of this day. And that is all I wanted to say. The rest of my contribution today is to leave this great place to its peace, a peace it has earned.

Thank you, all of you. God bless you, and have a day full of memories.

(Noonan) May 20, 1986 Draft

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEMORIAL DAY EVENT AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA MONDAY, MAY 26, 1986

Today is a day to remember fallen heroes, and to thank the heroes who protect our liberties and our peace. And we see in this sea of white crosses and grave markers the physical representation of those who gave their utmost and then passed from the stage.

"I am the grass, I cover all" said the poet. Those who rest here do so in the easy comraderie of peaceful souls.

So Arlington, this hallowed place where heroes rest, is many things -- a reminder and an encouragement, a lesson and an epiphany.

But it is also something else. I thought this as we were driving by some time recently. I thought that it is touching that so many men and women of the service still choose to be pand at other rational commences. I think buried here It says something that they choose to be buried

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And when they come here they join such a group, so many colorful, varied, men and women.

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If you see one on the street give 'em a smile and maybe a small salute. That's your future there, and a potential savior call 'em, write 'em, be good to them.

In a hard world that makes terrible demands, a world of moral questions and intellectual challenges and that seems sometimes to confuse right and wrong they seized certainty from the heart of an ambivalent age.

And thank God for that; and them.

And so today let's remember them all, and be heartened by their memories.

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they put on the uniform of their country, and stood proudly when that flag went by

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and thank God for that; and them.

And so today let's remember them all, and be heartened by their memories. Wonderful people but the nature of man is pretty unchanging and we have as many wonderful people as we did them so let's raise a glass of lemonade to them.

And God bless them and you.

Dear Mr. Sutphin:

This is in follow-up to my earlier letter to you regarding your invitation for the President to deliver an address at the Memorial Day services at Arlington Cemetery on May 26, 1986 at approximately 10:05 a.m.

Again, we appreciate your extending this opportunity to the President and are pleased to write that the President and Mrs. Reagan accept your invitation. This has been entered on their calendars for Monday, May 26, 1986. Mr. James Hooley, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Presidential Advance, will be in touch with you regarding coordinating the details for this appearance by the President and First Lady.

The President's acceptance of this invitation should not be announced to anyone until official notification is given by the white House Press Office, and any public announcement of this event must be coordinated with that office.

You should be aware that certain physical facility requirements exist for any Presidential appearance. The costs associated with these requirements are generally the responsibility of the host and are summarized on the attached list.

if you wish to alter the current plans for this event in any way, such as changing any part of the format, the location, the participants or the attire, please convey the proposed change to the Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. Director, Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

iir. Robert F. Sutphin
The G. A. R. Memorial Day
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

5/13/86

MEMORANDUM

TO:

RICHARD RILEY (Coordinate with James Hooley)

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. JM

SUBJECT:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING:

Participate in Memorial Day Ceremonies

DATE:

May 26, 1986

TIME:

Approximately 9:30 am

DURATION:

1 hour 30 minutes

LOCATION:

Arlington National Cemetery

REMARKS REQUIRED:

Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY

PARTICIPATION:

Yes

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

K. Barun
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M. Daniels
T. Dawson
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J. Erkenbeck
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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR

MONDAY, MAY 26, 1986

EVENT: MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

THE PRESIDENT'S PARTICIPATION

WEATHER

Wreath-Laying

Partly Cloudy

Remarks

Mid-Upper 70's

DRESS

Men's Dark Business Suit

Ladies' Afternoon Dress

ADVANCE

LAKE, JAMES BRENNAN, JOSEPH LEAD PRESS USSS

WHALEN, RON

WHCA MILITARY AIDE

CREA, LCDR VIVIEN HILDEBRAND, JOANNE

TRIP COORDINATOR

CONTACT

Presidential Advance Office: 202/456-7565

JAMES L. HOOLEY
JOANNE HILDEBRAND

	GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS						
9:25 a.m.	Proceed to South Lawn	and board motorcade.					
	MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS						
	<u>Lead</u>						
	Spare	P. Roussel J. Kuhn					
	Limo	THE PRESIDENT Mrs. Reagan					
	Follow-up						
	Control	W. Henkel Dr. B. Smith Military Aide					
	Support	R. Riley J. Hooley Ofcl. Photographer Medic					
	WHCA						
	Press Van I						
	Press Van II						
	Ambulance						
	<u>Tail</u>						

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed to motorcade for boarding.

9:35 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart The White House en route Arlington National Cemetery.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

9:45 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive Arlington Cemetery, North Side Amphitheatre.

NOTE: A 21-Gun salute will greet THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan upon arrival at the gates of the Cemetery.

Met by:

Major General John L. Ballantyne, U.S. Army

Mrs. John Ballantyne (Ann)
Mr. Robert F. Sutphin, President, The
 Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day
 Corporation

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER ONLY

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

Staff will be escorted to viewing area at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by General and Mrs. Ballantyne and Mr. Sutphin, proceed along color cordon to Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

See TAB A for diagram.

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THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by General and Mrs. Ballantyne and Mr. Sutphin, arrive Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by General Ballantyne, proceeds to grav line.

Refer to TAB A for diagram.

NOTE: Mrs. Reagan, Mrs. Ballantyne and Mr. Sutphin will remain on toe marks directly behind THE PRESIDENT throughout wreath-laying ceremony.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

National Anthem

NOTE: At the conclusion of the National Anthem, the Wreath Bearer will present the wreath to THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by the Wreath Bearer, proceeds to the Tomb, places the wreath and returns to gray line.

Refer to TAB A for diagram.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

Four Muffled Ruffles and Taps

Thirty Seconds of Silence

9:55 a.m. THE PRESIDENT, joined by Mrs. Reagan, Mrs. Ballantyne and Mr. Sutphin, and accompanied by General Ballantyne, departs the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier en route Memorial Display Room.

Refer to TABS A & B for diagrams.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

Staff will be escorted through Memorial display Room directly to reserved seats in Amphitheatre.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by General and Mrs. Ballantyne and Mr. Sutphin, arrive Memorial Display Room.

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NOTE: General Ballantyne will proceed directly onto stage in Amphitheatre. Mrs. Ballantyne will be escorted to reserved seat in boxes.

10:00 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by Mr. Sutphin, depart Memorial Display Room en route Amphitheatre off-stage announcement area.

Refer to TAB B for diagram.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by Mr. Sutphin, arrive Amphitheatre off-stage announcement area.

Ruffles and Flourishes Announcement (off-stage) "Hail to the Chief"

10:05 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by Mr. Sutphin, proceed onto dais and are seated.

See TAB C for seating diagram.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

Call to Order

Presentation of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Invocation

Posting of Colors

Welcoming remarks by General Ballantyne.

Mr. Sutphin introduces THE PRESIDENT.

10:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT makes remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

10:30 a.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks and, joined by Mrs.

Reagan and accompanied by General Ballantyne, departs

Amphitheatre en route Memorial Display Room.

Refer to TAB B for diagram.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

Staff will be escorted through Memorial Display Room directly to motorcade for boarding.

MOTORCADE ASSIGNMENTS

Same as on arrival.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by General Ballantyne, arrive Memorial Display Room.

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10:35 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by General Ballantyne, depart Memorial Display Room and proceed along honor cordon to motorcade for boarding.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER ONLY

10:40 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart Arlington National Cemetery en route The White House.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

10:50 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive The White House and proceed inside.

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