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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM 5P906

DATE: 8/10/84

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FYI

SUBJECT: REMARKS: EVENT WITH U.S. OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

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## REMARKS:

The attached has gone forward to the President and is provided for your information.

RESPONSE:

not staffed.

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

Received  
1984 AUG 10 PM 12:07

(Noonan/BE)  
August 10, 1984  
11:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EVENT WITH U.S. OLYMPIC MEDALISTS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1984  
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There was something very special about this Olympics, there was a special spirit to it. You gave us all such a lift -- you gave us something to be unified around and cheer for together. I think you may have heard that cheer. It went something like "U...S...A!" It doesn't matter whether you won the gold, the silver or the bronze -- that cheer was for you.

The specialness of this Olympics was apparent from the beginning, when all of you marched into the Coliseum together. An Englishman watching from the stands looked out at you and was quoted as saying, "That's what the world loves about America, that wonderful casualness and confidence." You walked into the opening ceremonies with a special kind of pride, a vibrant and very human delight that was transmitted to the crowds and that was picked up by people watching throughout the country.

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As for those who did -- what greatness they showed us. Weren't you impressed by the athletes the other countries sent? The Korean boxers and the Chinese gymnasts, the Rumanian athletes and the Jamaicans and the Japanese . . . For a lot of us, one of the really indelible images of the games was of Gabriella Andersen-Schiess of Switzerland, walking dazed and dehydrated to the finish line, refusing to give up, pushing on even when all her strength was gone, summoning up just that last bit of reserve and crossing that line. What a hero she is.

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(8/9 10:30 a.m.)

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**REMARKS:**

Please provide any edits directly to Ben Elliott by 5:00 p.m. today, August 9th, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE: To Doc via elec mail

OK per Tom Callahan  
8/9/84  
1:25 pm

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

REC'D  
1984 AUG -9 AM 11:27

(Noonan/BE)  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1984

FOR: FILES

FROM: JUDY JOHNSTON

SUBJECT: Remarks: Event with U.S. Olympic Medalists

No comments were relayed on the attached remarks.

## OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

## MEMORANDUM

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## RESPONSE TO:

PAUL SIMMONS FOR ACTION

May I pls have any changes asap. Judy J

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

☐ Roger B. Porter  
 Director  
 Office of Policy Development  
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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence  
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1Name of Correspondent: Richard Dauman☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Remarks: Event with U.S. Olympic Medalists

## ROUTE TO:

## ACTION

## DISPOSITION

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		Referral Note: <u>phone reply to Ben Elliott</u>	<u>1/1</u>			<u>1/1</u>
		Referral Note:	<u>1/1</u>			<u>1/1</u>
		Referral Note:				

## ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action  
C - Comment/Recommendation  
D - Draft Response  
F - Furnish Fact Sheet  
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary  
R - Direct Reply w/Copy  
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## FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

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**CPn - Presidential Correspondence**  
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 S - Sealed  
 T - Telegram  
 V - Telephone  
 X - Miscellaneous  
 Y - Study

THE WHITE HOUSE

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*not sent  
advised  
of no  
objection*

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

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER  
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks for  
Meeting the U.S. Olympic Medalists

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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August 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD A. HAUSER

FROM: PETER J. RUSTHOVEN   
SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks for  
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Richard Darman's office asked us to provide comments directly to Ben Elliott by 5:00 p.m. today on the above-referenced draft remarks, which the President is scheduled to deliver on Monday, August 13, at ceremonies in Los Angeles to congratulate America's Olympic medalists.

The draft remarks make appropriate comments about the Olympians and all American connected with the Games, and present no legal or other problem on which our office need comment.

A memorandum for Elliott, with copy to Darman, is attached for your review and signature.

Attachment

**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**DATE: 8/10/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: FYISUBJECT: REMARKS: EVENT WITH U.S. OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

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## RESPONSE:

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Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

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1984 AUG 10 PM 12:07

(Noonan/BE)  
August 10, 1984  
11:30 a.m.

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Thank you.

**RESPONSE:**

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Assistant to the President  
Ext. 2702

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AUGUST 11, 1984

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN ELLIOTT *Ben*

SUBJECT: Olympic Medalists Ceremony

*Don't bother to  
do over - I've changed  
my copy.  
RR*

Attached is a revised draft of your remarks to the U.S. Olympic Medal winners on Monday. It incorporates your edits and a few small editorial and research changes.

On page 1, paragraph 3, the reference to Carl Lewis breaking Jesse Owens' record is not yet a fact, but is written on what is viewed as a certainty for Saturday. Should Lewis fail, we will delete this reference.

On page 3, paragraph 1, the words "more records were broken than ever before," has been changed to "a lot of records were broken."

At the request of Advance, we added language at the end for your presentation of an American Eagle to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.,

Thank you.

(Noonan/BE/RR)  
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1984 AUG 10 12:08

(Noonan/BE)  
August 10, 1984  
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The President has seen \_\_\_\_\_

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The specialness of this Olympics was apparent from the beginning, when all of you marched into the Coliseum together. An Englishman watching from the stands looked out at you and was quoted as saying, "That's what the world loves about America, that wonderful casualness and confidence." You walked into the opening ceremonies with a special kind of pride, a vibrant and very human delight that was transmitted to the crowds and that was picked up by people watching throughout the country.

I couldn't help but think that if the people of the world judged Americans by what they saw of you, then they think, "Americans? Well, they're generous and full of serious effort, they're full of gait and high spirits, they're motivated by all the best things...and do they bring home the gold, or what?"

I want to take a moment here to single out and say thank you to the uncelebrated people in the story: your coaches and trainers, your parents and friends. All the quiet people who stood behind you when the shot rang out and the race began. Every hero knows that no hero does it alone. The people who stood behind you deserve our thanks. The way I see it, there ought to be an Olympic event in Moral Support. They'd get a perfect ten.

I want to say too that the city of Los Angeles did a marvelous job. What terrific people in this town. Just about everyone in this city had to put him or herself out in some way, one way or another, while the Games were on. They not only did it, they did it with a smile. They won the admiration and thanks of the entire country. And I think a guy back East summed it up when he was sitting around with his family during the games one day. He said, "L.A. has a lotta class, a lotta style." Don't you think he was right?

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The 23rd Olympiad of the modern era is over but it will never be forgotten. It was attended by more countries than ever before -- there was more competition than ever before -- there was more brilliant talent than ever before -- and, incidentally, more records were broken than ever before. A few countries -- very few -- did not attend. But at least now we know why the Soviets said they felt so insecure about coming. If I thought I'd lose a lot of gold while visiting another country I might think twice too! The Games were a triumph -- a triumph of friendly and generous competition, a triumph of fellowship, a triumph of the spirit. It turned out nothing could mar the Games, nothing could detract. It turned out the only losers of the 23rd Olympiad were those who didn't -- or couldn't -- come.

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Thank you all very much, and God bless you.

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August 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN ELLIOTT *Ben*  
SUBJECT: Olympic Medalists Ceremony

Attached is a revised draft of your remarks to the U.S. Olympic Medal winners on Monday. It incorporates your edits and a few small editorial and research changes.

On page 1, paragraph 3, the reference to Carl Lewis breaking Jesse Owens' record is not yet a fact, but is written on what is viewed as a certainty for Saturday. Should Lewis fail, we will delete this reference.

On page 3, paragraph 1, the words "more records were broken than ever before," has been changed to "a lot of records were broken."

At the request of Advance, we added language at the end for your presentation of an American Eagle to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.

Thank you.

(Noonan/BE/RR)  
August 11, 1984  
10:30 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EVENT WITH U.S. OLYMPIC MEDALISTS  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 1984  
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And now, you remember that right before the Games you gave me a gift of all your Olympic team pins. Today I want to return the favor. I have a gift for the future U.S. Olympics Hall of Fame. It is the American Eagle, and it is given to honor the members of America's Team at the '84 Games -- because you soared to greatness.