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(NOONAN)

AUGUST 12, 1984

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BEN ELLIOTT *Be*
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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FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Bob*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Event with
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The NSC has reviewed the attached Presidential remarks at the event with the US Olympic Medalists and has made a minor suggested edit on page 3.

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As stated

cc: Richard G. Darman

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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August 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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FROM:

for KARNA SMALL *ek*

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Event with
US Olympic Medalists

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Sestanovich (for Fortier) concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Ben Elliott at Tab I.

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TAB I Memo to Ben Elliott with attached
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REMARKS:

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

RESPONSE:

NOTE: forwarded to @, RAB + MKD 2:00 pm 8/10

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

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August 10, 1984
11:30 a.m.

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To: WH-RM (EOP043)
From: WH-SPEECH (EOP047) Posted: Fri 10-Aug-84 19:02 EDT Sys 64 (126)
To: WH-OCA (EOP020)
Subject: speech/rr/revised/Olympic Medalists

(Noonan/BE)
August 10, 1984
7:00 p.m.

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Comments from: WH-OCA (EOP020) Posted: Sat 11-Aug-84 14:49 EDT Sys 64

Forwarded to the President yesterday.

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Comments from: WH-OCA (EOP020) Posted: Thu 9-Aug-84 11:41 EDT Sys 64

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER

SUBJECT: EVENT WITH U.S. OLYMPIC MEDALISTS
[Monday, August 13]

Please provide any comments/edits you may have directly to Ben Elliott (456-6266, Speechwriting Office) by 5 pm today, and an information copy to my office.

Thanks.

To: C.FULLER (EOP021)
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To: T.GIBSON (EOP028)
To: WH-RM (EOP043)
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10:30 a.m.

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