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WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE SO MANY DISTINGUISHED LEADERS OF THE ARAB-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE TODAY. AND I'M GLAD TO SEE CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL HERE, TOO.

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I AM HONORED THAT YOU COULD BE WITH US TO DISCUSS THE VITAL ISSUE OF OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY, BOTH ABROAD AND AT HOME.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE JUST BEEN BRIEFED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE PERSIAN GULF, AN ISSUE OF CRITICAL CONCERN TO EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM.

YOU MORE THAN MOST UNDERSTAND WHAT IS AT STAKE. OUR ACTION IN THE GULF IS NOT ABOUT RELIGION, NOR IS IT ABOUT GREED, CULTURE, OR IMPERIALIST AMBITIONS -- AS SADDAM HUSSEIN WOULD HAVE THE WORLD BELIEVE. OUR ACTION IN THE GULF IS ABOUT OUR DETERMINATION TO STAND UP TO AGGRESSION -- AND TO PRESERVE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF NATIONS.

IT IS ABOUT KEEPING OUR WORD AND STANDING BY OUR FRIENDS. IT IS ABOUT OUR VITAL NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS AND ENSURING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD. IT IS ABOUT PRINCIPLE.

OUR OBJECTIVES REMAIN CLEAR: IRAQ MUST WITHDRAW FROM KUWAIT COMPLETELY, IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT CONDITION. \\ KUWAIT'S LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT MUST BE RESTORED. \\ THE SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE PERSIAN GULF MUST BE ASSURED. \\ AMERICAN CITIZENS ABROAD MUST BE PROTECTED. \\

AND FINALLY, A FIFTH OBJECTIVE CAN EMERGE FROM THESE: A NEW WORLD ORDER, IN WHICH THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, EAST AND WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH, CAN PROSPER AND LIVE TOGETHER.

THE EXTENT OF WORLD COOPERATION IN CONDEMNING SADDAM HUSSEIN IS UNPRECEDENTED.

THE CONCEPT OF BURDEN-SHARING IS GAINING ACCEPTANCE, WITH OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS -- FROM BRITAIN AND FRANCE TO GERMANY, JAPAN AND THE ARAB WORLD -- CONTRIBUTING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES, AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THOSE COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE. IN FACT, SINCE SADDAM HUSSEIN'S UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON KUWAIT, MORE THAN TWENTY COUNTRIES HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL FOR HELP FROM THE GULF NATIONS TO PROVIDE DEFENSIVE ASSISTANCE AGAINST IRAQ. INDEED, IRAQ STANDS ALONE AGAINST THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL HAS STRONGLY CONDEMNED SADDAM HUSSEIN'S ACTIONS NO LESS THAN SEVEN TIMES. UNITED AGAINST AGGRESSION, THE WORLD COMMUNITY IS WORKING TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS PEACEFULLY.

WE MUST ALSO RESIST SADDAM HUSSEIN'S ATTEMPTS TO LINK THE IRAQI INVASION WITH OTHER REGIONAL CONFLICTS. THIS IS MERELY AN EFFORT TO CREATE ADDITIONAL PRETEXTS SO THAT HE CAN STAY IN KUWAIT. WE WILL NOT BE DISTRACTED. ONCE THE GULF CRISIS IS ON ITS WAY TO RESOLUTION, WE WILL TURN AGAIN TO THE PEACE PROCESS.

OUR POSITION IS CLEAR AND CONSISTENT, CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338. THESE NEGOTIATIONS MUST INVOLVE TERRITORY FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND RECOGNITION FOR ISRAEL, AND LEGITIMATE POLITICAL RIGHTS FOR THE PALESTINIANS.

AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ. OUR MISSION IS TO OPPOSE THE INVASION ORDERED BY SADDAM HUSSEIN.

AS YOU WELL KNOW, LOVE OF JUSTICE, RESPECT AND DIGNITY ARE PRINCIPLES AS DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN THE ARAB TRADITION AS THEY ARE IN THE WESTERN TRADITION. AND THESE ARE QUALITIES EMBODIED IN THE TWO AND A HALF MILLION AMERICANS OF ARAB DESCENT -- WITH ORIGINS FROM MOROCCO TO THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. JUST LIKE SO MANY WHO COME TO AMERICA, ARAB IMMIGRANTS PURSUED NEW BEGINNINGS. THEY CAME IN SEARCH OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY. UNFORTUNATELY, TODAY SOME ARAB-AMERICANS ARE THE VICTIMS OF APPALLING ACTS OF HATRED.

THERE IS A SAD IRONY THAT WHILE OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS FIGHT AGGRESSION OVERSEAS, A FEW HATE-MONGERS HERE AT HOME ARE PERPETRATING THEIR OWN BRAND OF COWARDLY AGGRESSION. DEATH THREATS, PHYSICAL ATTACKS, VANDALISM, RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE, AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ARAB-AMERICANS MUST END. \\\

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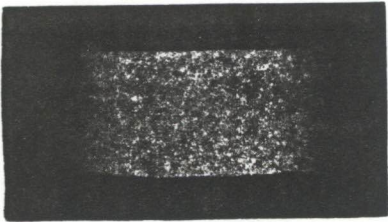
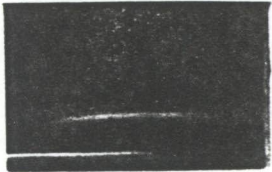
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THIS ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTED ENACTMENT OF THE HATE CRIMES LEGISLATION BECAUSE BIGOTRY AND HATE STILL EXIST IN THIS COUNTRY. HATE BREEDS VIOLENCE, THREATENING THE SECURITY OF OUR ENTIRE SOCIETY. AS I SAID WHEN I SIGNED THE BILL: ALL AMERICANS MUST JOIN TOGETHER TO RID OUR COMMUNITIES OF THE POISON OF PREJUDICE, BIAS AND DISCRIMINATION. \\\

AMERICA IS HOME TO MILLIONS OF MUSLIMS -- WHO ARE FREE TO LIVE, WORK AND WORSHIP IN ACCORD WITH THE TRADITIONS AND TEACHINGS OF ISLAM. SIMILARLY, AMERICA IS ALSO HOME TO MILLIONS OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS, ALSO FREE TO LIVE WORK AND WORSHIP. SURELY THE MULTINATIONAL TROOPS -- MEN AND WOMEN OF EVERY RELIGION AND COLOR -- WHO ARE NOW ON DUTY IN THE GLARE OF THE DESERT SUN, ARE AN EXAMPLE TO US HERE. THEY PROVE THAT A CRISIS ABROAD IS NO EXCUSE FOR DISCRIMINATION AT HOME. \\\

AS WE REFLECT ON OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT IN THE
GULF, WE SHOULD REMEMBER AN OLD ARAB PROVERB: "GOD IS
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RESPONSE:

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *W*
FROM: MARY KATE GRANT *MKG*
SUBJECT: DROP-BY ARAB-AMERICAN BRIEFING

I. SUMMARY

Attached for your review are draft remarks for the drop-by Arab-American briefing, scheduled for Monday, September 24, at 3:10 p.m. in Room 450 of the E.O.B. You will be addressing approximately 200 Arab-Americans from around the country.

II. DISCUSSION

Your remarks (5 to 7 minutes/speechcards) restate our objectives in the Persian Gulf, touch on the international response to the crisis, and strongly condemn bigotry and hate-violence against Arab-Americans.

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Grant/Grossman
September 21, 1990
8:00 p.m.
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I am honored that you could be with us to discuss the vital issue of our collective security, both abroad and at home. I understand that you have just been briefed on the current situation in the Persian Gulf, an issue of critical concern to everyone in this room.

You more than most understand what is at stake. Our action in the Gulf is not about religion, nor is it about greed, culture, or imperialist ambitions -- as Saddam Hussein would have the world believe. Our action in the Gulf is about our determination to stand up to aggression -- and to preserve the sovereignty of nations. It is about keeping our word and standing by our friends. It is about our vital national security interests and ensuring peace and stability in the world. It is about principle.

Our objectives remain clear: Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait completely, immediately and without condition. \\ Kuwait's legitimate government must be restored. \\ The security and stability of the Persian Gulf must be assured. \\ American citizens abroad must be protected. \\ And finally, a fifth objective can emerge from these: a new world order, in which the nations of the world, east and west, north and south, can prosper and live together.

The extent of world cooperation in condemning Saddam Hussein is unprecedented. The concept of burden-sharing is gaining acceptance, with our allies and friends -- from Britain and France to Germany, Japan and the Arab world -- contributing troops and supplies, and economic assistance to those countries affected by the economic blockade. In fact, since Saddam Hussein's unprovoked attack on Kuwait, more than twenty countries have answered the call for help from the Gulf nations to provide defensive assistance against Iraq. Indeed, Iraq stands alone against the world community. The United Nations Security Council has strongly condemned Saddam Hussein's actions no less than [eight] times. United against aggression, the world community is working to resolve the crisis peacefully.

We must also resist Saddam Hussein's attempts to link the Iraqi invasion with other regional conflicts. This is merely an effort to create additional pretexts so that he can stay in Kuwait. **We will not be distracted.** Once the Gulf crisis is on its way to resolution, we will turn again to the peace process.

Our position is clear and consistent, calling for negotiations based on U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. These negotiations must involve territory for peace, security and recognition for Israel, and legitimate political rights for the Palestinians.

As I have said before, we have no quarrel with the people of Iraq. Our mission is to oppose the invasion ordered by Saddam Hussein. As you well know, love of justice, respect and dignity are principles as deeply embedded in the Arab tradition as they are in the Western tradition. And these are qualities embodied in the two and a half million Americans of Arab descent -- with origins from Morocco to the Arabian Peninsula. Just like so many who come to America, Arab immigrants pursued new beginnings. They came in search of freedom, justice and equality.

→ Unfortunately, today some Arab-Americans are the victims of appalling acts of hatred. There is a sad irony that while our brave soldiers fight aggression overseas, a few hate-mongers here at home are perpetrating their own brand of cowardly aggression. Death threats, physical attacks, vandalism, religious violence, and discrimination against Arab-Americans must end. \\\

Hate crimes have no place in a free society and we will not stand for them. \\\

I have been appalled by reports of discrimination against Arab-Americans. I condemn such acts and will continue to condemn them.

This Administration supported enactment of the Hate Crimes legislation because bigotry and hate still exist in this country.

Hate breeds violence, threatening the security of our entire society. As I said when I signed the bill: All Americans must

join together to rid our communities of the poison of prejudice, bias and discrimination. \\

America is home to millions of Muslims -- who are free to live, work and worship in accord with the traditions and teachings of Islam. Similarly, America is also home to millions of Christians and Jews, also free to live work and worship. Surely the multinational troops -- men and women of every religion and color -- who are now on duty in the glare of the desert sun, are an example to us here. They prove that a crisis abroad is no excuse for discrimination at home. \\

As we reflect on our ongoing commitment in the Gulf, we should remember an old Arab proverb: "God is with those who persevere." With God's help, we shall persevere -- and we shall prevail. \\

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Thank You,

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I ask all Americans to report any incidences of hate crimes to your local police, as well as the Justice Department Hate Crimes line. Any threats, violence or discrimination motivated by religion, race, or ethnicity will not be tolerated. All legitimate allegations reported **will be investigated** by the FBI. If substantiated, they **will be prosecuted** to the fullest extent of the law.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: HOLLY WILLIAMSON *HW*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Arab-American briefing

Please see the comments on the attached draft, noting Justice's comments in particular. They felt deletion of most of page 3 and the one sentence on page 4 was necessary because there is no evidence or back-up for it. There may be some incidence of violence to the Arab-American community, but the text suggests a large wave of violence, which is not accurate. Justice's Civil Rights Division shows no investigations at this point -- not that there couldn't be in the future -- but why suggest this when it is not happening at this time? Justice suggested instead to expand the discussion of Christians, American-Jews et al. all working together.

Cabinet Affairs agrees with Justice's comments.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Drop-By Arab-American Briefing

We have noted our comments on pages three and four of the attached draft. We recommend that the third sentence of the first full paragraph on page three be deleted. Stating that "the current Iraqi situation has meant a disturbing increase in hate-mongering" sounds strange given what else the current Iraqi situation means - 160,000 American young men and women at risk, a cost of billions of dollars, the post cold war balance, etc. The paragraph communicates a strong message without this sentence and would be improved if the sentence were simply deleted.

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If you have any questions or we can help in any other way, please let me know.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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**BRIEF REMARKS: DROP-BY ARAB-AMERICAN BRIEFING
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No comment

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Remarks for Arab-American
Groups

Attached at Tab A is the NSC's marked up version of the draft remarks for the President's meeting with Arab-American groups on Monday, September 24. One other thought that should be included is that much of the prejudice directed against Arab-Americans and Arabs generally comes from ignorance, disinformation, and stereotyped images (i.e., Arabs are terrorists or oil sheikhs). We need to overcome this through better communications and by building bridges with Arab-Americans like these groups and with Arabs working and studying in the United States.

Attachment

Tab A Draft Presidential Remarks

cc: Jim Cicconi

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 4773 - White House Conference on
Small Business Authorization Act
Sponsors - Rep. LaFalce (D) New York and 16 others

Last Day for Action

October 8, 1990 - Monday

Purpose

Provides for a National White House Conference on Small
Business in 1994.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Small Business Administration	Approval
General Services Administration	No objection
Council of Economic Advisers	No objection
Department of Justice	Defers

Discussion

H.R. 4773 would require the President to convene a National White House Conference on Small Business between January 1 and April 1, 1994. The Conference would make recommendations for executive and legislative action affecting small business. It would also review the status of recommendations of a similar 1986 conference. The National Conference would be preceded by at least one conference in each State.

Delegates and alternates to the National Conference would be elected at the State conferences, which would begin no earlier than December 1, 1992. In addition, each Governor and Member of Congress could appoint one delegate and one alternate. The President could appoint 100 delegates and alternates. Only small business owners, employees, or officers could be elected or appointed.

The Conference would be coordinated by an 11-member commission appointed by the President. At least seven commissioners would be small business owners, employees, or officers. No more than six commissioners could be of the same

political party, and none could be officers or employees of the Executive branch or Congress. The commissioners would serve without pay, but could be reimbursed for expenses. The President would designate the commission's chairperson, who would appoint an executive director.

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H.R. 4773 would authorize appropriations of \$5 million for FY 1992 or any year thereafter for conference-related purposes. No SBA funds not specifically appropriated for the Conference could be spent on it. SBA would provide necessary assistance for the organization of the State conferences.

Conclusion and Recommendations

In her enrolled bill views letter, the SBA Administrator notes that SBA opposed H.R. 4773 "because of the extensive outreach the SBA already provides to small businesses and because of the costs imposed on them and on the taxpayer. . . ." Nevertheless, SBA recommends approval of the enrolled bill because "[t]his proposed forum . . . would underscore the Administration's commitment to the nation's small business concerns"

In its enrolled bill views letter, the Department of Justice advises that it finds no constitutional problems with H.R. 4773.

We join SBA in recommending approval of H.R. 4773, which passed both Houses of Congress by voice vote.



Richard G. Darman
Director

Enclosures