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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM:

STEPHEN RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Presidential Remarks: Drop-by Arab-American
Briefing

Pursuant to Jim Cicconi's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter. We have no legal objection to the draft remarks, subject to the following changes:

1. Page 3, first full paragraph, second line, delete "discrimination and" and insert in its place "acts of". This change avoids a presidential assertion concerning discrimination that could be used against us in the current negotiations over the civil rights bill.
2. Page 3, third full paragraph, delete the third and fourth sentences. These sentences are misleading because we understand that the Justice Department refers some hate crimes reports to local authorities rather than the FBI for investigation. Further, because of resource constraints and the need to prioritize cases, the President cannot guarantee that all cases will be investigated and prosecuted, particularly those referred to local authorities. The remarks seem complete without these two sentences, but if it is considered necessary to say something about prosecution of hate crimes, we suggest inserting "The Attorney General and I are committed to vigorous enforcement of the law in this area."
3. Page 3, fourth full paragraph, delete the word "enacted" and insert in its place "supported enactment of".

As a further comment, we question whether the problem of hate crimes involving Arab-Americans is sufficiently serious to deserve as much attention as it receives in the remarks. If such crimes are not a serious and growing problem, it would appear to play into Saddam Hussein's hands for the President to exaggerate the situation.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 9/20/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 9/21/90 10:00 AMSUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DROP-BY ARAB-AMERICAN BRIEFING

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 10:00 AM, Friday, September 21, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

Grant/Grossman
September 20, 1990
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**BRIEF REMARKS: DROP-BY ARAB-AMERICAN BRIEFING
ROOM 450 E.O.B.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1990
TIME?**

Welcome to the White House. It's a pleasure to see so many distinguished leaders of the Arab-American community here today.

((I'm going to keep my remarks brief, because in the words of the famous Arab-American poet, Kahlil Gibran, "We shall never understand one another until we reduce the language to seven words." I've got a few more than seven words today, but please indulge me.))

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 Undersecretary Wolfowitz has just briefed you on the current situation in the Middle East, 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, or culture -- 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.

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 Iraq is unprecedented. The concept of burden-sharing has gained 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.

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} ~~discrimination~~ and hatred. There is a sad irony that while our brave soldiers fight aggression overseas, hate-mongers here at home are perpetrating their own brand of cowardly aggression. The current Iraqi situation has meant a disturbing increase in hate-mongering. **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 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.~~

This Administration ^{supported} ~~enacted~~ 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 our multinational troops -- men and women of every religion and color -- who are fighting for justice 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, I am reminded of an old Arabian proverb: "God is with those who persevere." With God's help, we shall persevere -- and we shall overcome.

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