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In Performance at the White House
July 30, 2001
Draft #3

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I want to thank you all again and wish you a good night.

Drafted by: Mike Gerson, Office of Speechwriting
Office: 202/456-0168
Cell: (b)(6)

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Date: 7/26/01 ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: 7/27/01 BY 10:00AM

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REMARKS:

Please send your comments directly to Krista Ritacco, x60170, no later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 27, 2001 and cc the Staff Secretary. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Harriet E. Miers
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
 Ext. 62702

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In Performance at the White House: The President's Own
July 30, 2001
Draft #5

What a great night. Laura and I want to thank our friends Nell Carter, Gerald McRaney, Larry Gatlin, and Toby Keith for a superb evening. And of course we must salute our featured performers, the United States Marine Band, led by Colonel Tim Foley.

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The American story has always been set to music. We marched to independence with a fife and drums.

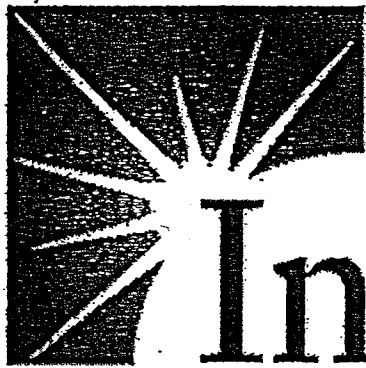
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RESPONSE:

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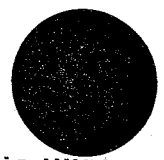
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RESPONSE:

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

'01 JUL 27 AM 10:04

July 27, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR KRISTA RITACCO

FROM: NEIL PATEL *m jdf*
STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: In Performance at the White House (7/30/01)

The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced draft Presidential remarks and suggests the changes marked on the attached copy.

cc: Harriet Miers
STAFF SECRETARY

Attachment

**OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

DATE: 07/26/01

DUE: 07/27/01 9:00AM

SUBJECT: In Performance at the White House (7/30/01)

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ACTION:

**PLEASE PROVIDE COMMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE STAFF SECRETARY
BY 9:00AM ON 7/27.**

APPROVE:

DISAPPROVE:

COMMENTS:

*I think everybody
calls him Jim Jones.
[Signature]
7/27/01*

RETURN TO: NEIL PATEL
STAFF SEC.
Rm: 284 Ext: 69000

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No legal objection or comment.

RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 12, 2001

Mr. William L. Ball, III
President
National Soft Drink Association
1101 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear William: *w.l.b.*

Thank you for your letter and the advance copy of *Amigo*.
I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

I hope all is well with you. Best regards.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
George W. Bush

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GWB/MAH/ckb-lynn (Corres. #2232062)
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PRESIDENT TO SIGN

GWB SIGNATURE/mah

September 7, 2001

Mr. William L. Ball, III
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National Soft Drink Association
1101 16th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear William:

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I hope all is well with you. Best regards.

Sincerely,

GWB

NATIONAL SOFT DRINK ASSOCIATION

William L. Ball, III
President

August 30, 2001

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you make your return to Washington, I thought you might enjoy having an advance copy of Amigo, a new album of classic Texas country music by my brother, David Ball.

It includes his just-released single, Riding with Private Malone, and a great mix of Texas swing and honky-tonk tunes, many of which David wrote himself. It's as good a record, if not better, than Thinkin Problem in 1994.

I hope you can find the time to listen and enjoy. If Texas Echo doesn't take you home, then there's no song that will.

Warmest regards and best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,



William L. Ball, III

Enclosure

1101 Sixteenth Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20036

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September 20, 2001

Mr. Michael Jackson
Neverland Valley Ranch
Los Olivos, California 91302

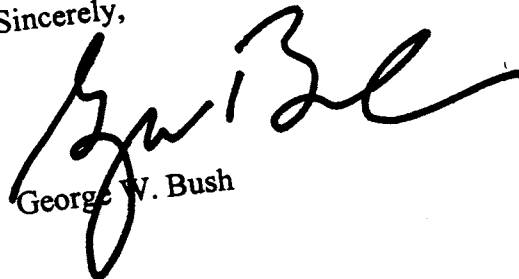
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George W. Bush

David Qvo 66756



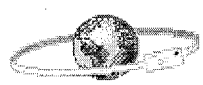
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To: Stuart W. Bowen/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc: Israel Hernandez/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: Jackson letter

Stuart -- per our chat a bit earlier, a draft letter for the President's signature (or autopen). Background: Michael Jackson has pulled together nearly a hundred artists, entertainers and athletes (ranging from Tiger Woods to Amy Grant to the Backstreet Boys to Tom Petty) to produce a song entitled "What More Can I Give" intended to raise \$50mm for relief. We tried to put together a call today but because of other events that didn't happen -- though Karl, Margaret, et al felt it would be a good idea. Therefore, we are reverting to a simple letter of thanks that we could potentially fax to them in the studio this afternoon. Attached is a very simple draft letter. Please advise on thoughts and next actions -- and please forgive if I am not following sop. Thanks. DK



Jackson letter.doc

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October 9, 2001

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Hunter

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hunter:

Thank you so much for your kind words. I am honored to serve as President.

I look forward to the challenges ahead and appreciate knowing that I can count on your support as we work together to focus on so many issues of importance to Americans. Laura joins me in sending best wishes.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH A

George W. Bush

GWB/ws (Corres. #2246623)
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WHcc:

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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FAX TO: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

FAX # : (202) 224-0776

3 PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET

FROM: Sid & Helen Hunter

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(903) 892-4942 (office)

(903) 813-1877 (Fax)

MESSAGE: We had written this letter to our President concerning our son and the poem he had written for a contest aboard his ship, the USS Ticonderoga. He is a Texan and we thought the President would be interested in reading his poem and essay. We did not know how to go about getting this letter to the President, so, we thought you could help. Thank you so much for seeing that the President will receive this letter. We met you last year when the NAHB met in DC in April. We appreciated you so much for meeting with our group from Texas Association of Builders. We appreciate everything that you'll do for us there. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Sid A. Hunter

Helen F. Hunter

Sid & Helen Hunter

Sid & Helen Hunter



September 20, 2001

President George W. Bush
White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

Our son, Fire Controlman First Class, Michael L. Hunter, entered his poem and essay that he had written for the Independence Day Contest aboard his ship, the USS Ticonderoga.

When he wrote the poem he did not have any idea that in less than three months he would be defending his country in the manner he is right now. His ship was deployed on Wednesday, September 12, 2001. He had only been back at home for two weeks from a four month deployment to South America.

The Herald Democrat, our local newspaper, published the poem and essay written by Michael on July 20, 2001; and, also, included some history of the USS Ticonderoga. The Surface Warfare magazine is printing the poem and essay in the Sept-Oct issue.

Michael is a 1984 graduate of Sherman High School and has served in the navy for over 12 years. His home base is Pascagoula, MS. He lives in nearby Moss Point, MS with his wife, Carol, and two sons, Michael Joshua and Brandon.

Below is the poem and essay that Michael wrote:

"The British are coming", cried Paul Revere
Stand up let's fight, our time is here.
"The British are coming", he cried.
Our Freedom's at stake, our Liberty, our Pride.
Patriots stepped forward to defend their rights,
They stood behind the Stars and Stripes.
Battles were fought; some lost, some won.
Our forefathers died to unite us as one.
The war was over, and the land was ours,
The shout of Freedom rang out to the stars.
Many a life was lost during it all,
Those true to their country answered its call.
Tyranny had no place in this land,
for the visions of it's people were to make it grand.
July the 4th 1776 was the day,
the birth of our great nation, those that oppose it will pay.

Sid & Helen Hunter

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"Freedom, Equality, the Pursuit of Happiness. This what Independence Day is all about. Our forefathers fought and died so that we would hold our own destiny. These rights that we have and often take for granted came at no small price, and continue the need to be defended. As have those who have served before me, I will defend this great country of mine and I will fight to preserve Freedom and Liberty for the future of our nation. Independence Day is to be celebrated as a day of Victory as well as a day of Remembrance for all those who fought and died to gain our Freedom and those who fought and died to preserve it throughout our nation's history. I am an American Soldier, a United States Navy Sailor."

At 2:00PM on July 4, 2001, Michael was given the special privilege of tolling the ship's bell 13 times honoring the 13 colonies that signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776. At the close of his reading, he called the ship's company to attention as they cited The Pledge of Allegiance together as One Ship, One Crew for One Country.

We pray that:

GOD BLESS AMERICA

GOD BLESS OUR PRESIDENT AND ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY

GOD BLESS ALL THOSE MEN AND WOMEN DEFENDING OUR COUNTRY

Sincerely,

Sid A. Hunter
Helen F. Hunter

Sid & Helen Hunter