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Memorandum

To: Members of the ASCF Board of Directors.

From: Robert H. Spiro, Jr.

Date: August 26, 2010

Subject: Proposed Initiative.

I have long thought that the President of the U.S., whatever his party, should often address the American people about unifying American ideals and the American Dream.

We are in a period of severe economic decline, and there is serious division among our people on many social, cultural and moral issues.

A constructive American President, eloquent and bold, can help restore the American spirit and American unity. And of course his Cabinet, the Congress and the Court, plus Governors and State Legislators, can participate in this clarifying endeavor. The President, who enjoys a "Bully Pulpit," must lead the effort.

Let the ASCF call on the President and American Leaders to lead the nation to commit the people to the following:

Loyalty and service to the Country

Honesty and integrity in public and private life

Promotion of tolerance and civility in public and also in family and Commercial life

Respect for others, charity to all, religious liberty

For immigrants: learn English early, study and respect America's History and ideals. Become an "American."

The ASCF could start a movement emphasizing patriotic and civic education.



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Perhaps we can find a compelling caption for a movement, such as Restoring the American Ideal, or Restoring the American Spirit, or the American Initiative.

If we could help heal America's spirit, help restore national health and unity, and help end the divisive state of national life, we would do a great service to our country, and indirectly this would be an enormous contribution to America and a great benefit to the ASCF.

Please give serious consideration to the above. Some may think it is too bold, too idealistic, impractical and totally unachievable. I agree. But please give it to your brief consideration.

In the foyer of the Reserve Officer's Association of the U.S., of which I was once the National Director, is a life-size statue of George Washington. It bears the simple quotation, attributed to him:

"Every citizen has a duty to serve his country."