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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
Thursday, February 13, 1992

8:00 am (25 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
8:25 am	<u>Hold</u> <i>Susy Peak</i>	Oval Office
8:30 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft)	Oval Office
8:45 am (30 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft)	Oval Office
9:15 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Chief of Staff</u>	Oval Office
9:45 am (45 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u>	Oval Office
<i>Marked</i> 10:30 10:30 am (40 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:10 am (5 min)	<u>Photo with Trude Feldman</u> (Fitzwater)	Oval Office
	(TAB A)	
11:15 am (20 min)	<u>Photo Opportunities</u> 1. James Caldwell (Zamaria) 11:24 11:25 2. Marianne McGettigan (Porter) 11:26 11:27 3. Mary Kate Grant (Demarest) 11:28 11:29 4. John Simpson (Zamaria) 11:30 11:32	Oval Office
	(TAB B)	
11:35 am (25 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
12:00 pm (60 min)	<u>Lunch with the Vice President</u>	Oval Office
1:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
1:30 pm (10 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Smith)	Oval Office
	(TAB C)	

UNP 02/12/92
6:00 pm



1:40 pm (5 min)	<u>Live Radio Interview with WKNE</u> (Smith) (Distributed Separately)	Oval Office
1:45 pm (10 min)	<u>Phone Interview with</u> <u>Lawrence Eagle Tribune</u> (Smith) (Distributed Separately)	Oval Office
1:55 pm (35 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
2:10 pm	Laure Firestone	
2:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Chief of Staff</u>	Oval Office
3:00 pm (45 min)	<u>Haircut</u>	West Basement

3:45 pm (75 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u>	Oval Office
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7:21 POTUS In	1:35 Kaughman, Smith In
8:23 Susy Peak ^e In	1:36 Live Radio Interview with WKNE Begins. (Lesslie Doppler)
8:28 ~~Peak~~ Peak Out	1:44 Interview with WKNE over
8:30 Scawcroft In	1:46 Phone interview with Lawrence Eagle Tribune Begins (Ed Acorn)
8:34 Gates, Alm. Howe, (b)(3)	2:07 Phone interview Ends
8:49 Skinner, Moore In	2:10 Smith, Kaughman Out
8:53 Gates, (b)(3) Out	2:11 Laurie Firestone In
8:55 VPOTUS In	2:43 Firestone Out
9:35 Scawcroft, Howe Out	2:44 Skinner In
10:23 Skinner Out	2:46 Moore, Calio In
11:07 Judy Smith In	2:59 Skinner, Moore, Calio Out
11:09 Smith Out	3:00 POTUS to Haircut
11:15 Trudy Feldman, Judy Smith, Fitzwater In, Skinner In	3:45 POTUS In
11:23 Feldman, Smith, Fitzwater Out	4:03 POTUS Out to Fitzwater's office
11:24 James Caldwell, Wife + Two Kids In	4:07 POTUS In Residence
11:25 " " " " Out	
11:26 Marianne McGettigan In	
11:27 " " Out	
11:28 Mary Kate Grant In	
11:29 " " " Out	
11:30 John Simpson, Wife, Two Kids and son-in-law In	
11:32 All Out, Fitzwater In	
11:43 Skinner, Fitzwater Out	
12:02 VPOTUS In	
1:06 VPOTUS Out	
1:17 Skinner In	
1:34 Skinner Out	

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

FEBRUARY 13th, 19 92

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	10:30 AM		10:37	MR. MARVIN BUSH	
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 10:31 A.M.
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	10:37 AM		10:40	MRS. BARBARA MELCHER	
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 10:38 A.M.
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	10:53 AM		10:57	MRS. CONSTANCE HORNER WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 686	TLKD-OK 10:55 A.M.
~~INC~~	~~PM~~				
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	11:10 AM		11:14	DIRECTOR RICHARD G. DARMAN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 6-6709	TLKD-OK 11:11 A.M.
~~INC~~	~~PM~~				
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	~~AM~~			MR. J. DORRANCE SMITH WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 930	TLKD-OK 12:43 P.M.
~~INC~~	~~PM~~		12:47		
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	~~AM~~			MR. RONALD C. KAUFMAN OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 6-2135	TLKD-OK 12:53 P.M.
~~INC~~	~~PM~~		12:57		

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

FEBRUARY 13th , 19⁹²

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	XAM		CONGRESSMAN ROBERT K. DORNAN OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. 202-225-2965	TLKD-OK 1:09 P.M.
~~INC~~	1:06 PM	1:11		
OUT	AM			
~~INC~~	PM			
OUT	XAM		FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD W. REAGAN OFC: BEVERLY HILLS, CA. 310-552-1980	TLKD-OK 1:20 P.M.
~~INC~~	1:11 PM	1:24		
OUT	AM			
~~INC~~	PM			
OUT	XAM		MS. DEBBIE STEELMAN (b)(6)	TLKD-OK 1:26 P.M.
~~INC~~	1:11 PM	1:28		
OUT	AM			
~~INC~~	PM			
OUT	XAM		MS. BRIDGET M. MONTAGNE OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 620	TLKD-OK 4:10 P.M.
~~INC~~	4:10 PM	4:11		
OUT	AM			
~~INC~~	PM			
OUT	XAM		MRS. KATHERINE SUPER (b)(6)	TLKD-OK 5:20 P.M.
~~INC~~	5:19 PM	5:29		
OUT	AM			
~~INC~~	PM			
OUT	XAM		MRS. PATRICIA A. PRESOCK OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 845	TLKD-OK 5:41 P.M.
~~INC~~	5:41 PM	5:44		

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

FEBRUARY 13th, 19⁹²

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	XAM			MR. CHARLES BARTLETT	
INC XXX	5:51 PM	6:00		(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 5:54 P.M.
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XAM			MRS. LAURIE FIRESTONE	
INC XXX	5:52 PM	5:54		OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 672	TLKD-OK 5:52 P.M.
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XAM			MR. MAX MARLIN FITZWATER	
INC XXX	6:17 PM	6:19		OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 704	TLKD-OK 6:17 P.M.
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XAM			MR. OSBORNE DAY	LW ON RECORDER TOLD PRESUS 6:26 P.M. PRESUS WILL TAKE
INC XXX	6:24 PM			(b)(6)	
OUT	AM				CALL UNTIL 9:30 P.M. 8:54 P.M.
INC	PM				
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				
OUT	XAM			MR. VAN CLIBURN	
INC XXX	6:27 PM	6:33		RES: FORT WORTH, TX. 817-738-4477	TLKD-OK 6:29 P.M.
OUT	AM				
INC	PM				

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

FEBRUARY 13th , 1992

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	AM		SECRET SERVICE COMMAND POST OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 6-2254	TLKD WITH AGENT DANIEL P. PETROLE 8:50 P.M.
INC	8:49 PM	8:51		
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	AM		MR. ROGER AILES	
INC	9:02 PM	9:39	(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 9:23 P.M.
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
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WASHINGTON

SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

1992

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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 13 February 1992

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0721	South Grounds
0723	Oval Office
1506	Barber Shop
1545	Oval Office
1604	Press Office
1607	Residence
1945	South Grounds
1950	Residence



News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1992
6:00 A.M. EST EDITION

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH SWIPES AT BUCHANAN -- President Bush, facing a challenge in next week's presidential primary, told the state legislature Wednesday the "liberation of the American economy has begun."
(Manchester Union Leader)

PANEL REJECTS BUSH'S LIMITED TAX PLAN -- The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday rejected along bitterly drawn partisan lines a scaled-back version of President Bush's plan to end the recession, and then Democrats began meeting in private to draft legislation aimed at providing tax relief for the middle class.
(Washington Post, UPI, Washington Times)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ARISTIDE DENOUNCES U.S. MOVES ON HAITI -- Deposed President Aristide accused some in the Bush Administration Wednesday of abandoning the fight against Haiti's military-dominated rule by easing the trade embargo and he denounced the U.S. policy of forced repatriation of his countrymen.
(Washington Post)

RUSSIA OFFERS TO REMOVE NUCLEAR WARHEADS FROM MISSILES -- Russia offered to separate its nuclear warheads from the missiles that carry them as part of a strategy to prevent an accidental triggering of a nuclear war.
(UPI)

NETWORK NEWS (Wednesday evening)

CAMPAIGN -- President Bush, kicking off his campaign in New Hampshire, had trouble on two fronts: from Patrick Buchanan and from Democrats.

BUDGET -- President Bush's budget plan got a quick thrashing on Capitol Hill, and not just from Democrats.

TRULY -- NASA Director Richard Truly resigned, saying it was what the Bush Administration wanted.

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TRIP NEWS

BUSH SWIPES AT BUCHANAN Says 'Liberation Of Economy Has Begun'

MANCHESTER -- President Bush, facing a challenge in next week's presidential primary, told the state legislature Wednesday the "liberation of the American economy has begun." Bush, in New Hampshire for the closing days before Tuesday's critical primary, also took aim at Patrick Buchanan during several stops Wednesday.

A senior Bush-Quayle campaign official told reporters en route to New Hampshire the campaign "is prepared" to directly attack Buchanan with ads, hinting the attack would be focused on Buchanan's opposition to the Gulf War. Bob Teeter said of the closing days, "We are prepared for whatever happens in the last days."

(Michael Cousineau & Donn Tibbetts, Manchester Union Leader)

PRESIDENT FORMALLY ENTERS RACE Pressing Campaign, He Calls Government Too Big, Too Costly

CONCORD -- President Bush formally opened his reelection campaign Wednesday with a conservative manifesto against big government that was sharply at odds with the kinder, gentler themes that launched his drive for the White House four years ago.

In his announcement to a cheering crowd of supporters in Washington Wednesday morning, and in a day of campaigning in this conservative state, Bush returned to the rhetoric of the Reagan Era to press his primary campaign against Patrick Buchanan....

A senior campaign official traveling with Bush told reporters that Buchanan's opposition to a war that still evokes strong applause wherever the President mentions it will be the subject of Bush negative ads if they are deemed necessary in the final days of the New Hampshire campaign....

Another official said that with Bush now in a commanding lead heading into the primary, with no signs of visible erosion, the negative ads "probably won't be needed."

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

Bush Makes Campaign Official With Speech Promising Change

CONCORD -- President Bush, who for most of his presidency has touted a "stay the course" philosophy, formally launched his reelection bid Wednesday by discarding status-quo rhetoric and promising that his new ideal is to fight to "change America."...

Bush's visit drew widespread media attention, but Patrick Buchanan continued to gain on the President in a nightly tracking poll being done for the Globe and WBZ-TV by KRC Communications Research. In the two-night sample of 400 likely Republican voters, Bush's lead over Buchanan had slipped to 51-33 percent, down from the 50-29 percent lead he had enjoyed in the Monday and Tuesday night samples.

(Michael Kranish, Boston Globe)

Bush Launches Campaign By Lambasting Congress And 'Big Government'

BEDFORD -- A combative President Bush launched his 1992 campaign -- and lambasted Congress -- on Wednesday from the two places that matter most to him just now -- Washington and New Hampshire....

Unlike his frenzied, daylong visit last month to reassure New Hampshire voters that he cared about their hardship, Bush's seven-hour blitz Wednesday had a far stronger thrust: His economic recovery program will work, he said, only if a Democratic-controlled Congress passes it next month.

(Anne Groer, Orlando Sentinel)

Bush Makes It Official

MANCHESTER, N.H. -- President Bush Wednesday formally announced his candidacy for reelection, calling on Americans to ignore the "fresh faces" running against him and cast a vote for experience. An exuberant Bush reviewed his long resume as he wooed voters in Washington and New Hampshire and began what he admitted would be "a long campaign."...

After watching Bush shake hands inside the Backroom Restaurant here and elsewhere around the state, John Sununu said the event was "a little bit of the see-me, touch-me, feel-me part of the campaign." Campaign spokeswoman Victoria Clarke added: "In New Hampshire, this is what you do. This will be great because it will be all over the news tonight and tomorrow."

(Paul Bedard, Washington Times, A1)

Bush Announces Candidacy, Claiming Reagan Mantle

MANCHESTER -- Seeking to blunt the right-wing threat from Patrick Buchanan in New Hampshire, President Bush Wednesday reached for the conservative political mantle of Ronald Reagan in formally announcing his candidacy for reelection, then promptly flew here to campaign....

Bush campaign aides said their strategy for the New Hampshire primary rested on letting as many voters as possible see Bush and, as in Wednesday's events, even touch him -- the sort of "retail campaigning" that he credits for his rise to the presidency.

(Andrew Rosenthal, New York Times, A24)

Bush Launches Campaign, Seeks Support For Domestic Programs

President Bush formally declared he is a candidate for reelection, then spent the day campaigning for his embattled domestic programs as well as for himself.... The tone of Bush's address differed from his election announcement of October 1987, when he linked himself closely with Ronald Reagan's conservative causes such as aid to the Contras and skepticism toward the Soviet Union.... Wednesday's announcement was intended to highlight Bush's strength as a leader not only of the nation but of the world.

(Michel McQueen & John Harwood, Wall Street Journal, A20)

**BUSH RESURRECTS CONSERVATIVE THEMES
AS HE KICKS OFF HIS CAMPAIGN**

BEDFORD -- With a touch of Reagan-era nostalgia, President Bush resurrected conservative campaign themes Wednesday as he tried to give his polls a nudge and cut his only Republican challenger down to size.

The President shucked off his usually pragmatic persona and donned the robes of a conservative ideologue as he rallied against the size and interference of the government he has helped run for the past 12 years. (Timothy McNulty, Chicago Tribune)

BUSH VOWS BETTER DAYS AND VICTORY

BEDFORD -- President Bush, grinning widely, made his way down a Bedford Mall corridor Wednesday, shaking hands and signing autographs. After formally announcing his candidacy and declaring "I will win," he was clearly relishing his encounters with New Hampshire voters.

As he did elsewhere in his one-day tour, Bush reminded voters here of the Desert Storm victory and his economic recovery plan, coupled with a vow of better days ahead. His intention: Tie up the final strings for eliminating a challenge from Patrick Buchanan, opening the door to his reelection. (Judy Keen, USA Today, 5A)

BUSH OPENS ATTACK ON BUCHANAN IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANCHESTER -- President Bush opened his reelection drive with an indirect assault on Patrick Buchanan as a candidate who would send the U.S. into isolationism and make bad economic times worse....

A senior Bush adviser said Buchanan will doubtless get 30 percent in the primary and that even if he got more, there would be no repeat of 1968, when Lyndon Johnson pulled out of the race. "If he (Bush) wins by only one vote, that's not going to dissuade us," said the adviser. (Steve Holland, Reuter)

**BUCHANAN WELCOMES HIS RIVAL
Bush Challenger Sees Efforts Vindicated**

OSSIPEE -- For Patrick Buchanan, the appearance of his rival, President Bush, in New Hampshire Wednesday meant only one thing: The Buchanan for President campaign has arrived.

"He's discovered New Hampshire; it's on the map," Buchanan told about 150 people who gathered to hear him at the town hall here. "He's brought in Air Force One once, and now twice, and now he's going to come in again. He's brought all his surrogates in to come after me and to say various things about me, his old friend."

The White House, Buchanan insisted at another stop, is approaching "panic stage." Later, in Wakefield, a town in the foothills of the White Mountains where the unemployment rate is 22 percent, Buchanan delivered what for a Republican is the ultimate insult. "I don't know the difference between what Mr. Bush has done with the economy and what Michael Dukakis would have done," he said. (E.J. Dionne, Washington Post, A27)

NATIONAL NEWS

CLINTON RELEASES '69 LETTER ON HIS DRAFT DEFERMENT Aversion To War, Concern For 'Political Viability' Detailed

MANCHESTER -- Gov. Clinton Wednesday made public a 22-year-old letter in which he thanked an ROTC recruiter "for saving me from the draft" during the Vietnam War....

Battling to salvage his endangered candidacy, Clinton said in a news conference here that he was releasing the letter because it had been leaked to ABC News as part of a "dirty tricks" campaign by "George Bush and the Republican Party." But ABC Wednesday night identified its source as a Democrat and a former officer in the University of Arkansas ROTC unit....

Clinton said Ted Koppel of ABC News had told him Wednesday morning that "ABC received the letter from two different sources, both of whom got it from the Pentagon." Clinton said the tactics were reminiscent of those used by President Nixon's allies in the days of Watergate to sabotage Democratic opposition to his reelection....

Wednesday night, ABC said the letter's source was Clinton Jones, a Democrat who was second in command of the Arkansas ROTC unit in 1969 and who was angry because Clinton "signed a contract (with the ROTC) and did not honor it. Koppel told The Post he had informed Clinton Wednesday afternoon that he had rechecked ABC's sources and "we are now satisfied the original source was not the Pentagon" or any Republican Party official.

(David Broder & Thomas Edsall, Washington Post, A1)

Clinton Charges More 'Dirty Tricks' Over Draft Questions

MANCHESTER -- ...Clinton charged that "George Bush and the Republican Party will do anything it takes to win. That's what they did in 1988 and that's what they'll do in 1992. And the fact that this leak apparently occurred just before the New Hampshire primary can be no coincidence."

Rep. McCurdy flew back to Washington to demand an FBI investigation of the leak. He wrote FBI Director Sessions that the leak raised concerns "that this incident reflects a decision in the Administration that any actions undertaken to damage the Clinton campaign are permissible." (James Brosnan, Scripps Howard)

PENTAGON DENIES CLINTON FILE EXISTS

Gov. Clinton's charge that the Pentagon leaked a damaging anti-draft letter from his Selected Service file was denied by officials, who said no such file exists now. "We don't have a file containing letters on him or anyone else from that era. All we have is a classification summary sheet," said Lew Brodsky, a spokesman for the Selected Services Committee.

(Michael Hedges, Washington Times, A11)

**BEFORE AIRING A WORD, NETWORK TRIGGERS
PRESS FUROR OVER CLINTON AND DRAFT**

MANCHESTER -- ABC News found itself Wednesday in the unusual position of having triggered a press furor about Gov. Clinton and the draft before broadcasting a single word....

Ted Koppel said in a telephone interview that he mistakenly gave Clinton "erroneous information" about a Pentagon connection. But, he said, "we went back to our source" and "we are now satisfied the original source was not at the Pentagon" or connected to the Republican Party. "I think he was a little hasty in immediately pointing the finger at the Administration," Koppel said....

George Stephanopoulos, Clinton's deputy campaign manager, expressed skepticism about ABC's account. "Their story is changing.... They say the letter comes from the Pentagon and now they continually back away from it," he said.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A25)

NON-CANDIDATE CUOMO RIPS GOP'S 12-YEAR RULE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- Gov. Cuomo, in what sounded like a campaign speech, said Wednesday night that 12 years of Republican rule had created national despair, but stopped short of offering himself as the Democratic alternative....

Cuomo said 12 years of Republican rule had plunged Americans "into an abyss so deep they can barely see light." He denounced supply-side economists for draining the national budget of revenue needed to build roads and pay for social programs.

He also attacked President Bush for attempting to make welfare an issue in the upcoming campaign, arguing the federal government should increase welfare payments.

(Major Garrett, Washington Times, A5)

DEMOCRATS' WORRIES DEEPEN ABOUT THEIR CANDIDATES

MANCHESTER -- With President Bush formally a candidate for reelection, Democratic officials are becoming increasingly anxious that their candidates are so weak that the campaign may be over before it has begun.

Despite polls that say Republican Bush can be defeated fairly easily, none of the Democratic Party's front-runners has either caught fire or been able to shake off potentially crippling controversies.... The officials also think time is running out for fresh faces to get into the presidential primaries.

Party officials say privately they fear that Gov. Clinton will not be able to overcome controversy over whether he evaded the draft during the Vietnam War and that Paul Tsongas just doesn't have "a presidential personality" and the public now cheering him will soon get bored.

Tsongas has had a bout with cancer and a campaign strategist, on condition of anonymity, said: "Wait until they start noticing his nervous twitch and that little cough..." His low-key speaking style punctuated by tiny throat-clearing coughs have already begun to raise questions about his presidential strength, both physical and mental.

(News Analysis, Irwin Arieff, Reuter)

**BUSH'S SURROGATES FROM THE SUB-CABINET
Top Labor Dept. Appointees Given 'Marching Orders'
To Promote Agenda Via Airwaves**

With President Bush now a formal candidate for reelection, he can count on getting a little campaign help from his co-workers and friends. This is the season of surrogate campaigners, another of the advantages of incumbency, when members of the President's Cabinet traditionally head beyond the Beltway to trumpet his accomplishments...

That may sound like old news to political observers, but this year, there's an added twist. The list of surrogates now includes members of the sub-Cabinet, the men and women who normally toil in relative obscurity in the nation's capital, but still capture marquee attention in the hinterlands. Unlike their Cabinet bosses, however, members of the sub-Cabinet may never have to leave the office to spread the good word about Administration policies.

(Frank Swoboda & Charles Babcock, Washington Post, A21)

**PANEL REJECTS BUSH'S LIMITED TAX PLAN
House Democrats Drafting Fiscal Relief For The Middle Class**

The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday rejected along bitterly drawn partisan lines a scaled-back version of President Bush's plan to end the recession, and then Democrats began meeting in private to draft legislation aimed at providing tax relief for the middle class. The streamlined package was defeated 23-13....

After a meeting of Ways and Means Democrats, Reps. Foley and Gephardt, Rep. Rostenkowski told reporters that there is support among House Democrats for some type of reduction in the capital gains tax that would be less generous to the wealthy, for restoration of a tax break for the real estate industry involving passive loss rules and for some version of an investment tax credit.

During the Ways and Means session, the Democratic majority also tweaked the Administration by voting to send to the House floor, without recommendation, a bill introduced by Gephardt that contains virtually all the tax proposals President Bush unveiled last month, including several that House Republicans oppose.

"We're going to have an opportunity to see how much support the President's package has among Republicans when it's put to a vote on the floor," Rostenkowski said.

(Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A14)

Democrats Push Toward House Vote On Bush Tax Plan

...The grouching, several members conceded, was more for the benefit of those watching the proceedings on television than part of any sincere effort at compromise on the legislation....

"The process is clearly designed to hurt the President politically and I won't stand for it," Rep. Archer told the members. "You do everything to create obstacles and obfuscation (to passage of a bill) the President can sign."...

"I know George Bush, and Dick Gephardt is no George Bush," Rep. Thomas said. "The President wanted a racehorse and you've given him a jackass," he said of the Democratic interpretation of the Bush plan.

(Melissa Merson, UPI)

Bush's Recovery Plan Is Rebuffed

...Sen. Bentsen criticized the Administration for diminishing Bush's original proposal and making a capital gains tax cut the "centerpiece" of the bill.

"Does the White House really expect the Congress to support a bill giving tax cuts to high-income individuals and put off income tax relief for working Americans until a second bill?" Bentsen said, adding that it was unlikely Congress could manage two major tax bills in the current session.

(Carleton Bryant & Anne Veigle, Washington Times, A3)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Is Capital Gains Tax Cut A Capital Idea?" by Sandra Sugawara, appears in The Washington Post, page B12.

POLL SHOWS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AT NEW LOW

NEW YORK -- Public confidence in the economy hit a new low this week, according to an ABC News/Money poll Wednesday that found 93 percent of Americans pessimistic about the country's economic fortunes. A weekly poll said well over half of those surveyed -- 56 percent -- described their own personal finances as being in bad shape during the week ended Feb. 9. Seventy-six percent also rated the buying climate negatively. (Reuter)

DOW GAINS 25 TO REACH ANOTHER HIGH

NEW YORK -- Blue-chip stocks closed at record highs Wednesday, spurred by a wave of buying from investors hunting for low-priced stocks. Smaller stocks also reached new highs. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 25.26 points at 3,276.83, surpassing the previous record of 3,272.81, set Feb. 4. It was the 10th record close so far this year. (Washington Post, B13)

TRULY FIRED AS NASA CHIEF, APPARENTLY AT QUAYLE BEHEST

President Bush Wednesday fired NASA Administrator Truly, apparently at the recommendation of Vice President Quayle and others in the White House. "I'm floored. I can't explain it," Truly said Wednesday. "It was not my idea."...

Insiders said that the decision to ask for Truly's resignation reached critical mass when Bush and Samuel Skinner joined Quayle in a realization that, as one Administration official put it, "Truly wasn't doing the President any good," either politically or in terms of furthering Bush's space policy goals....

Quayle spokesman David Beckwith said, "I've got nothing to say." An Administration official rejected the notion that firing Truly served some political need now. "The politic thing to have done would be to wait and fire him later. No one is paying attention to the space program now, and there was no pressing need to make changes because of politics....

Sen. Gore said, "I view this as a very troubling sign that Vice President Quayle's space council may have forced Admiral Truly to leave this job because of the council's insistence on running NASA from the Vice President's office."

(Kathy Sawyer, Washington Post, A1)

NASA Chief Truly Resigns

..."There was a lot of friction between NASA and the Vice President. There was a difference of opinion on what the mission should be," one space source said.

Another said, "The Vice President has continually urged NASA to open up what has been perceived as a closed operation to new technology and new ways of thinking."...

Quayle spokesman David Beckwith said the Vice President "has nothing but the utmost regard for Adm. Truly and his 37 years of service to the government and to NASA."

(Deborah Zabarenko, Reuter)

OZONE REPORT IS FULL OF HOLES, CRITICS SAY

The White House's urgent call for an accelerated ban on ozone-threatening chemicals was rebuked Wednesday as "toxic terrorism" by some scientists in the debate on depletion of the Earth's protective layer....

Scientists who back a more deliberate approach to combating ozone depletion -- and "global warming" thought to result from it -- remain skeptical of the White House initiative.

"This is just another example of hype," S. Fred Singer, director of the Washington Institute for Values and Public Policy, said of the NASA findings.... "I don't find it alarming because while what is being observed may be true, we still don't know the impact of it on human health," he said.

(Ronald Taylor, Washington Times, A1)

RIDDING ENVIRONMENT OF CFC WILL COST EVERYONE MORE

DETROIT -- President Bush's plan to get rid of ozone-depleting chemicals faster will push up prices for everything from food to air conditioners, businesses said Wednesday.... Industry spokesmen said they were not surprised by the decision to move up the date, given continual concern over global warming and the eating away of the ozone.

(Alan Adler, AP)

**ADMINISTRATION KICKS OFF PROGRAM TO PROMOTE
INVESTMENT IN HIGH-TECH FIELDS**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. -- Senior members of the Bush Administration Wednesday launched the "National Technology Initiative," a program they said would speed the movement of technology out of the nation's huge federal laboratories and into commercial markets.

"Having won the Cold War, we have an unparalleled opportunity to join with industry in new partnerships for progress," Secretary Watkins told close to 400 executives and academics who gathered in an auditorium at MIT....

Administration officials denied that kicking off the technology initiative here, close to New Hampshire, was intended to help Bush in the primary campaign. But they said the program in general had been accelerated somewhat by the recession and the needs of an election year. (John Burgess, Washington Post, A19)

**OWL SUPPORTERS, INTERIOR AT LOGGERHEADS AGAIN
Review Process Said To Favor Timber Interests**

The president of the Wilderness Society Wednesday charged that the Interior Department subverted the law during a special committee's review of a proposal to exempt 44 Oregon timber sales from the Endangered Species Act, and he called on Secretary Lujan to resign.

George Frampton, head of the 350,000-member conservation organization, said Lujan had turned the exemption proceedings on the northern spotted owl into a "sham and disgrace." Frampton called on Congress to investigate because he said the process had become a "kangaroo court" rife with conflicts of interest and high-level muzzling of government agency views that support protection for the owl.

(Tom Kenworthy, Washington Post, A21)

**NIH SEEKS PATENT PROTECTION FOR HUMAN GENES
Move Renews Controversy Over Control Of
Commercial Uses Of Key Biotech Research**

The NIH Wednesday filed patent applications on 2,300 human genes, in an extension of its controversial attempt to control the commercial exploitation of federal genetic research. The application, which will be added to a much smaller patent filing made by NIH last summer, means that the U.S. government is now laying claim to about 5 percent of the genes found in the human body. The move was criticized by some scientists, who said that the government's policy is an abuse of the patent system and could hinder development of new genetic therapies.

(Malcolm Gladwell, Washington Post, A16)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ARISTIDE DENOUNCES U.S. MOVES ON HAITI Exile Charges Bush Is Being Undercut

CARACAS, Venezuela -- Deposed President Aristide accused some in the Bush Administration Wednesday of abandoning the fight against Haiti's military-dominated rule by easing the trade embargo and he denounced the U.S. policy of forced repatriation of his countrymen.

In a 45-minute interview at the presidential residence, Aristide said those being forcibly repatriated were being arrested, beaten and tortured in Haiti because of the policy of U.S. "discrimination."...

Aristide said he still believed Bush supported his cause. But he said some members of the Bush Administration -- whom he did not specify -- were undermining the President's policy, and that the U.S. as well as the OAS must enact a complete economic embargo if democratic rule is to be restored.

"I care about President Bush and the credibility of the Bush Administration," said Aristide. "Because I care about that, I cannot accept hearing his voice say something, then see people from his Administration, not all of them, but some people, doing exactly the opposite."

Asked what the opposite meant, Aristide said: "He says yes to democracy and those who kill democracy say yes to what they did about the embargo." (Douglas Farah, Washington Post, A33)

U.S. EMBASSY TOLD TO STEP UP WATCH FOR HAITIAN REFUGEE ABUSE

MIAMI -- The State Department ordered the U.S. Embassy in Haiti to more aggressively investigate claims that returned boat people may face harm or death. In a tersely worded cable, the State Department's Latin American Affairs Bureau told embassy officials in Port-Au-Prince to "devote all available personnel and other resources to monitoring the post-repatriation situation of returnees." (Lizette Alvarez, Knight-Ridder)

U.S. RAISES DOUBT ABOUT HAITI EMBARGO

A top State Department official is raising doubts about whether the strategy of economic sanctions that Western nations are using to seek the restoration of democracy in Haiti is effective.

Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson says the OAS may have to consider forming a multilateral peacekeeping force to deal with future interruptions of democracy in the Western atmosphere....

"We have to try to determine whether an embargo is an effective instrument," Aronson said in a speech Wednesday at Georgetown University. "We have to determine in the OAS whether we need additional instruments." (George Gedda, AP)

RUSSIA OFFERS TO REMOVE NUCLEAR WARHEADS FROM MISSILES

GENEVA -- Russia offered to separate its nuclear warheads from the missiles that carry them as part of a strategy to prevent an accidental triggering of a nuclear war. "It is absurd that we have nuclear arsenals when the bell has tolled for the ideologies which made them necessary, and the new Russia is not a potential adversary," Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said Wednesday during a U.N.-sponsored disarmament conference. (UPI)

RUSSIA TO FIELD ARMED FORCES OF ITS OWN

MOSCOW -- Senior military advisers to President Yeltsin, in a tacit acknowledgement that the post-Soviet Commonwealth of Independent States has failed to work as planned, said Wednesday that Russia will establish its own armed forces.

Gen. Dmitri Volkogonov, in an interview published Wednesday, said that Russia should assume command of all former Soviet armed forces in Russia and beyond the borders of the Commonwealth, such as in Germany and the Baltic states.

(Fred Hiatt, Washington Post, A33)

FEW CHOICE WORDS GREET U.S. CHARITY

MOSCOW -- Biting ever so gently on the hand that feeds them, Russian officials Wednesday suggested the need for increased mercy flights from the U.S. Alexander Zhitnikov, director of distribution for the food and medicine arriving during Operation Hope, avoided direct criticism of the amount of help streaming in on American and other Western military transport jets. But the Russian official made it clear that the troubled former Soviet republics needed a continuing supply of emergency aid.

(Gerald Nadler, Washington Times, A1)

BAKER, AZERBAIJAN DISCUSS TIES

Progress Cited, But Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict Remains An Issue

BAKU, Azerbaijan -- Secretary Baker moved Wednesday toward establishing full diplomatic ties with Azerbaijan after receiving pledges from President Mutalibov to adhere to the principles of democracy, protection of human rights and free-market economics.... After talks with Mutalibov at the presidential palace devoted to exploring whether the U.S. should establish diplomatic ties with Azerbaijan, Baker said, "The assurances that we have been given we have no reason to believe will not be followed through on."

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A36)

IRANIAN TIES TO AZERIS NOTED

ASHKHAHAD, Turkmenistan -- Secretary Baker Wednesday warned of Iranian influence in the former Soviet Union, as U.S. officials indicated that Washington would open ties with Azerbaijan. "The U.S. is concerned in a number of ways about some of the activities of the government of Iran," said Baker. He referred to Iran's sponsorship of terrorism. (Warren Strobel, Washington times)

U.S. INSISTS ISRAEL STOP NEW HOUSING IN TERRITORIES

The U.S. has told Israel it wants a halt to housing construction in all of the areas seized in the 1967 war, including annexed East Jerusalem, in exchange for loan guarantees of \$10 billion. A senior Bush Administration official denied reports that the U.S. had offered in the proposed package to allow Israel to continue building houses in East Jerusalem.

(Reuter, Washington Times, A8)

**LIBYA TO COOPERATE WITH FRANCE ON PROBE
Defiance Of U.S., Britain On Demand For
Pan Am 103 Bombing Suspects Continues**

Libya agreed Wednesday to cooperate with France's investigation of the 1989 blowing up of a UTA airliner over Africa but indicated it will continue to defy U.S. and British demands to hand over two suspects in the bombing of Pan Am 103....

The U.S. rejected the response, saying Libya "is seeking to confuse the issue" and "remains unwilling to comply in any meaningful way" with the Security Council resolution. "Libya has not turned over promptly the persons accused of the bombings for trial," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

(John Goshko & Trevor Rowe, Washington Post, A42)

**AMERICAN PRESSURE ON LIBYA SEEN
DIMINISHING ITS BACKING OF TERRORISM**

TRIPOLI -- The U.S. policy of isolating and pressuring Libya, particularly its demand that two reputed intelligence agents be surrendered, has already succeeded in diminishing the Libyan government's support for international terrorism, diplomats here said.

But further pressure, specifically economic sanctions, is unlikely to result in the delivery of the two suspects, they said, partly because of the political harm that their turnover could result in for Moammar Gadhafi -- including the possibility of disclosures that he or others close to him were involved in planning the bombing.

Noting that the ultimate -- but unstated -- aim of U.S. and British policy appears to be the toppling of Gadhafi, these diplomats said they feared this could lead to increased instability in North Africa, where Islamic fundamentalists already pose major threats to several secular governments.

(Caryle Murphy, Washington Post, A42)

**IRAQ BIDS TO DEFUSE U.N. TENSIONS
Foreign Minister Visit Offered As Resolutions Go Unfulfilled**

U.N. -- In an effort to defuse mounting international anger over its failure to implement U.N. resolutions, Iraq has proposed sending its foreign minister to discuss the issue with the Security Council, Western diplomats say.... It is unclear what Iraq hopes Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed Sahaf's visit will achieve, but Western diplomats say it would be difficult to turn the meeting down.

(Trevor Rowe, Washington Post, A39)

CHENEY CALLS FOR CAUTION IN DEFENSE CUTS

SAN FRANCISCO -- Secretary Cheney cautioned Wednesday against overzealous reduction of the U.S. military, saying the nation was certain to go to war again in the future.

"We are arguing that there will be a time again when U.S. military forces are likely to be required," he said. "That is the only safe assumption to make based on the very bloody history of the last century."

Cheney, in a speech to the World Affairs Council of Northern California, said the Pentagon's goal must remain the preparedness of U.S. forces to fight another war.

"If we tear down our defenses too quickly, as some on Capitol Hill are suggesting, if we make decisions based on pork barrel politics, or if we fund pet projects instead of less glamorous but more necessary programs, we risk losing the military capabilities that our security and interest require," Cheney said.

(Dean Lokken, Reuter)

ASPIN: PROCUREMENT PLAN WOULD PUT NATION 'OUT OF BUSINESS'

Rep. Aspin warned Wednesday that the weapons procurement plan in the Pentagon's new budget proposal would put the nation "out of business" in many critical defense technologies, limiting ability to rebuild the military to meet a future threat.

"If we follow...the five-year defense plan, we will be out of business entirely in several defense industries and close to being out of business in several others," Aspin warned in a speech to a defense contractor's association.

(Otto Kreisher, Copley)

SENATOR CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION OF MIA FRAUD

Sen. McCain Wednesday asked the Justice Department to investigate possible fraud in reports of missing Americans in Southeast Asia. McCain made the request after ABC-TV reported Tuesday that a photograph said to be of missing Army Capt. Donald Carr in a Lao prison camp was actually a picture of a German man taken in Thailand.

(Reuter)

**JAPANESE LEADERS TAKEN TO TASK
BY POLITICAL BOSS FOR BASHING U.S.**

TOKYO -- The man described as the godfather of Japanese politics chided some of his country's leaders Wednesday, saying that their recent criticisms of American work habits have helped to cause relations with the U.S. to worsen dangerously. "Some Japanese politicians have caused misunderstanding as a result of their remarks," Shin Kanemaru, vice president of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, said in an interview.

(Steven Weisman, New York Times, A1)

JAPAN MAY SHRINK CAR EXPORTS TO USA

Japan, hoping to douse protectionist fires in the U.S., is preparing to significantly reduce its car exports. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry is set to announce new export limits, or voluntary restraints, by the end of February.... Japanese newspapers report that MITI is mulling an export limit cut to 1.7 million cars, but Japanese automakers fear it could go as low as 1.4 million -- a 40 percent reduction.

(Micheline Maynard, USA Today, 1A)

**HONDA AVOIDED \$17 MILLION IN TARIFFS
ON CARS SOLD IN U.S., CUSTOMS SAYS**

Honda, the most Americanized of the Japanese "transplant" automakers, avoided an estimated \$17 million in tariffs on cars that it built in Canada and then sold to U.S. consumers, Customs inspectors have decided.

The decision, if upheld, would bolster accusations from American automakers that their Japanese competitors have stolen a share of the U.S. market by unfair practices. Yet Honda officials are fighting the ruling, saying it was caused by a growing anti-Japanese sentiment in the U.S. (David Everett, Knight-Ridder)

CUSTOMS FINDS FRAUD IN TAIWAN SWEATERS

The Customs Service announced Wednesday it has found widespread fraud among importers of Taiwanese-made sweaters trying to skirt U.S. trade laws.... Customs officials said they found at least 50 companies nationwide in violation of dumping laws. The problem first turned up during a Commerce Department investigation in April 1990, which found that some Taiwan-based sweater manufacturers were dumping their products on the U.S. market.

(Anne Veigle, Washington Times, C1)

NETWORK NEWS

(Wednesday evening, Feb. 12)

CAMPAIGN

NBC's Tom Brokaw: A week from today, the results of the New Hampshire primary; and tonight, the sitting President and the man who was leading the Democratic pack are already involved in damage control. As he formally announced his candidacy today, President Bush had trouble on two fronts: from challenger Pat Buchanan and from congressional Democrats on his economic package.

NBC's John Cochran: To satisfy congressional Republicans back in Washington, the President has changed his economic game plan, the plan he is selling here in New Hampshire.

[TV coverage of President Bush shaking hands with two pleasantly surprised women in New Hampshire]

The President knows the hard-pressed voters of New Hampshire want economic help now, and Bush said they will get help if Congress meets his deadline to pass his recovery package.

(**President Bush:** "By March 20 I want to be able to report to the American people that the liberation of America's economy has begun.")

While a house committee studied the Bush plan, the President attacked committee Democrats.

(**President Bush:** "And they say they're taking up my plan, but they are not. And so I'll say again: Don't re-label my plan, don't change it.")

But Bush himself has already changed part of the plan he announced with much fanfare in his State of the Union address. Congressional Republicans demanded changes when they discovered Bush's plan would raise some taxes in return for cutting taxes immediately on capital gains. Bush also wants to delay a middle-class tax cut until this fall. Democrats can't believe their luck.

(**Rep. Rostenkowski:** "I can see no justification for imparting capital gains relief for rich investors today while working families with children wait for a second bill that may never come.")

The Democrats will try to capitalize on what they think is a White House political blunder by offering their own tax breaks for the middle class. But Bush's most pressing problem comes from his own party, from Pat Buchanan. Today, a Boston newspaper which is read in New Hampshire endorsed Buchanan and said "Bush has betrayed those who voted for him in 1988." The Bush campaign is ready to launch negative TV ads against Buchanan if late polls look bad for Bush.

[TV coverage of President Bush signing autographs]

Without mentioning Buchanan, Bush criticized the isolationism associated with him.

(**President Bush:** "Our national symbol isn't the ostrich, it's the eagle. And that's the way it should be." [cheers])

The President takes the Buchanan challenge seriously enough to return here for two days this weekend.

NBC's Andrea Mitchell reports that using an American flag as a backdrop, an angry Bill Clinton tried to explain a letter he had written in 1969 to his ROTC recruiter.

(**Clinton:** "This letter is the account of a conflicted and thoughtful young man who like so many Americans at the time sought a deferment from the draft, and who, like many others, made himself available for the draft.")

The three-page, single-spaced letter was written when Clinton was 23, a graduate student in England. Obviously tortured over the issue, Clinton thanks the colonel "for saving me from the draft." Acknowledging political ambitions, he wrote, "I decided to accept the draft in spite of my beliefs for one reason: to maintain my political viability within the system." Clinton claimed Ted Koppel of ABC News told him the letter was leaked to ABC by the Pentagon.

(**Clinton:** "We've been down the road of dirty tricks before.") Koppel told NBC News Clinton is mistaken, that he had only said it was my impression that the source got it from someone in the Pentagon, implying it was not an official leak. In any case, Clinton's aides were furious about this latest distraction.

(**James Carville,** Clinton adviser to reporter: "Wait, wait, wait a minute. What have we got here? What is the Pentagon doing in the middle of a political campaign?")

A Clinton supporter on Capitol Hill is asking the FBI to investigate the leak.

(**Rep. McCurdy:** "It is flat wrong, and it must be stopped.") Clinton continues to slide in the polls, just as the write-in movement for Mario Cuomo is picking up. Pollsters see damage beyond New Hampshire.

(**Geoffrey Garin,** pollster: "I think Bill Clinton has to start worrying not just about the effect of this in New Hampshire, but looking beyond New Hampshire to the South where people still have a strong sense of military obligation.")

There are six days to go and a lot can still happen. But leading Democrats are becoming increasingly concerned about the prospects for Clinton's candidacy. (NBC-Lead)

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin tonight with presidential politics. President Bush was up in New Hampshire today because there were signs that Republican voters there may just be set to send him an unpleasant message in next Tuesday's primary. And Gov. Clinton, who spends virtually all of his time in New Hampshire now, is trying to convince the Democrats there that his message is being distorted. Today Gov. Clinton accused the President's party of misrepresenting his past.

ABC's Jim Wooten reports that Gov. Clinton angrily suggested that the President and the Republicans are to blame for the leak of a letter he wrote in 1969 in which he declares his passionate opposition to the Vietnam War, praises conscientious objectors and draft resisters, but says he personally accepts the draft because he plans to work within the political system. The governor charged today that the letter, written from England in December of 1969, has surfaced now as part of an effort to damage his campaign by raising more questions about his past.

(**Clinton:** "George Bush and the Republican Party will do anything it takes to win. That's what they did in 1988, and they'll do it again in 1992.")

Wooten continues: He offered no proof of any link between the letter and the President's campaign. He said he was told by ABC's Ted Koppel that it was Koppel's impression that the letter had come from someone at the Pentagon. But in fact, before talking with Koppel today, Clinton had already been shown a copy of the letter obtained by ABC News not from the Pentagon, but from this man, Clinton Jones. Twenty-three years ago Jones was second in command when Clinton entered then left the University of Arkansas' ROTC. Jones, a Democrat, said he took the letter from the files only because he was still angry at Clinton for breaking his promise to join the ROTC.

(Jones: "All I'm saying is that he signed a contract and did not honor it.")

In the letter Clinton concedes that he may have deceived the ROTC not by lying, but by failing to say that he was a deeply committed anti-war activist. Clinton is fighting these days for his political life, trying to capture the momentum he once enjoyed by blaming his problems on tabloids and Republicans with a new telephone number for those with questions about him or his campaign -- someone from Arkansas will return the call -- and with paid half-hour television broadcasts tomorrow and Friday night. All across the country, state Democratic leaders are saying that the questions about Clinton's attitude toward the Vietnam War are hurting him significantly, especially among older Democrats, those with links to Korea and World War II, and among Vietnam veterans and their families. These are tough times for the governor.

ABC's Jeff Greenfield reports that Tom Harkin has had his own Vietnam veracity challenged. He once claimed to have flown combat missions in Vietnam. He now says he was a Vietnam-era pilot, ferrying damaged planes from Japan to the Philippines. Sen. Kerrey, who won the Medal of Honor for his exploits as a Navy Seal, openly doubts Clinton's story that he was rejected for officer status for physical reasons.

(Kerrey on "Brinkley": "Maybe if it changed in '69. But in '66, if you could stand upright and walk in a straight line and eat with a knife and fork you could be a Navy officer. I know because I was one.")

In fact, by 1969, with applications for officer status soaring, many candidates were indeed rejected for physical reasons. The Clinton story also plays against this background:

(Dan Quayle: "I did not know in 1969 that I would be in this room today, I'll confess.")

In 1988 the press and the Democrats had a field day with Dan Quayle's story of how he had gotten into the National Guard during the peak of the Vietnam combat. There is simply no way now to dismiss a similar charge as irrelevant. For 40 years America has had an unbroken succession of presidents who served in World War II. George Bush will almost certainly be the last of that era, where young men of privilege fought to get into combat, not out of it. This year, all five of the Democratic candidates were young men during a divisive, unpopular war. When millions served and millions more did everything they could to avoid service out of self-interest or out of principle, as these men like Bill Clinton look back on their decisions, what seemed like very clear choices to them then may look very different to voters now a quarter century later.

ABC's Chris Bury reports on Jerry Brown: To those who hear him, Brown's appeal is his idealism, his calls for political reform, universal health care, environmental activism. Brown has lots of proposals, though people don't always buy them. Grabbing the most attention is a flat 13 percent tax on all personal and business income. People seem more attracted to Brown's ideas than they are to the idea of him in the White House. No one expects Jerry Brown to come out on top Tuesday. But Brown promises to keep talking, to continue his campaign, carry on his cause no matter what happens here.

Jennings: President Bush made it official today: He announced his candidacy in Washington and then went right up to New Hampshire, where he'll spend a lot of time this weekend because he's getting some stiff competition from within his own party.

ABC's Brit Hume: George Bush came back to the state whose conservative Republican voters derailed his front-running presidential campaign in 1980 and gave him a major scare four years ago. His first stop was an unscheduled visit to a crowded Manchester restaurant where he practiced a little of the one-on-one politics New Hampshire voters expect even of presidents.

[TV coverage of President Bush shaking hands with two pleasantly surprised women]

(President Bush: "Come on, you sit down, don't let us interrupt your lunch.")

People here are hard on big-shots, especially when their economy is in trouble. But when the President spoke to the Republican-controlled state legislature this afternoon, it was to tell them in effect his plan for the economy is designed with them in mind.

(President Bush: "Judge my plan by its first principle: government is too big and it spends too much." [applause])

But he didn't mean by that that his government programs for the economy wouldn't do plenty for New Hampshire.

(President Bush: "In this state alone, the plan will generate 1,000 new housing starts and pump \$120 million into the state economy.")

He never mentioned his Republican opponent, Pat Buchanan, but his strongest language was aimed straight at Buchanan's protectionist trade views.

(President Bush: "Boil away all the tough talk, all the swagger and all the patriotic posturing, and protectionism amounts to nothing more than a smokescreen for a country that's running scared, and that's not the America you and I know.")

Earlier in Washington, in announcing his campaign formally, the President sounded the themes he would repeat later in New Hampshire.

(President Bush: "I believe government is too big, and it costs too much." [cheering])

[TV coverage of Pat Buchanan watching the address on TV, laughing] Buchanan, watching on TV in New Hampshire, acknowledged the President is now saying the right things, but:

(Buchanan: "He now says government is too big and costs too much. He is trying to take the Buchanan lines and themes, and I don't think it's going to be convincing.")

At a minimum, Buchanan has forced the President to campaign here more and more to the right than Mr. Bush may have intended. The White House will be relieved if that's all Buchanan does.

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(ABC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather: In the presidential campaign, Democrat Bill Clinton says Bush-Quayle re-election forces are using a smear campaign to constantly raise questions about his past, and Clinton had to deal with those questions again today just six days before the New Hampshire primary.

CBS's Richard Threlkeld reports that at a hastily called news conference, Clinton accused the Republicans of trying to wreck his presidential campaign by leaking the contents of a letter he wrote as a young man about his draft status during the Vietnam War.

(**Clinton:** "We may never know the motives of the people who leaked this letter, but I think it's a fair guess to presume that they did not wish my campaign well and that they were willing to violate the law to derail it.")

For a week now Clinton's been on the stump here in New Hampshire charging that Republicans are behind allegations that he'd had an extramarital affair and that he tried to avoid being drafted for Vietnam.

(**Clinton:** "We know their game plan. They've run it against me in Arkansas. We've seen it in America before: define and destroy before people really get to know the candidate.")

Today Clinton produced as evidence a letter he said was leaked to another broadcast network, and Clinton said his aides were told by the network that it was their impression the letter came from someone at the Pentagon. It was written in 1969 to the head of the University ROTC unit Clinton had then agreed to join but never did. He received a draft deferment as a result, but later changed his mind and declared himself eligible, although he was never called up. After first accepting the deferment, he writes, his "anguish and loss of self-regard and self-confidence really set in."

(**Clinton:** "Like so many people in my generation, I felt a profound ambivalence. I loved my country, but I hated the war.")

But, Clinton writes, "I decided to accept the draft in spite of my beliefs for one reason: to maintain my political viability within the system." If recent polls are to be believed, Clinton's support here has been hemorrhaging, because of what he insists are Republican dirty tricks played on him because Republicans fear he is the most electable Democrat.

(**Clinton:** "It represents a pattern of behavior by people desperate to stay in power and willing to impugn the motives, the patriotism, and the lives of anyone who stands in their way.")

Both the White House and the Bush campaign deny any involvement in releasing the letter. Clinton, meantime, says he will publish it in tomorrow's newspaper so that in next Tuesday's primary New Hampshire voters can judge for themselves.

Rather: After weeks of stumping for votes and raising millions in campaign funds, the Bush-Quayle re-election campaign is officially underway now. The President declared his candidacy in Washington today. He declared it formally and then was off a few hours later to New Hampshire.

[TV coverage of President Bush shaking hands with a crowd]

(**President Bush:** "And last month I spoke to the American people and spelled out my plan to pull this country out of recession and into recovery. And I know you've all heard plenty about plans that promise the moon. But let me say to the citizens of New Hampshire judge my plan by its first principle: Government is too big and it spends too much.")

(CBS-2)

NBC's John Chancellor comments that if something isn't done about the cities with their problems of crime, drugs, unemployment and despair, the whole country is going to suffer. America can't compete in the world if its cities are in trouble. But it's not likely that you'll hear much this year about people who live in cities. You will hear about people who live in suburbs. That's where the votes are now. (NBC-6)

BUDGET

Rather: In Washington, the budget plan that the President insists will produce a fast turnaround for the economy got a quick thrashing on Capitol Hill today. It wasn't just the Democrats who found the Bush proposals unacceptable.

CBS's Bob Schieffer: As the President carried the battle north to New Hampshire, Democrats at the Capitol hit him squarely from the rear. At the House Ways and Means Committee, they decided to send the President's economic recovery plan to the House floor exactly, they claim, as the White House wrote it. Why is that bad for the President? Because even though Republicans cheered when he unveiled his plan in the State of the Union message, their support evaporated once they discovered the package contained a variety of hidden tax increases, including: a 3 percent tax increase on telephone calls from pay phones; new taxes on interest payments from certain retirement annuity investments; new taxes on two million state and government employees and their employers to finance Medicare insurance.

(**President Bush**, Jan. 28: "I cannot take no for an answer. You must cut the capital gains tax on the people of our country.") But Republicans said there was even a catch to that. Most of what wealthy Americans would gain by that proposed cut would be wiped out by other changes in the tax law. Today red-faced Republicans cried foul, but tried unsuccessfully to strip the tax increases from a plan they concede is not the horse to ride in an election year.

(**Rep. William Thomas**: "What we have here is a mule or a jackass.") Democrats don't want the tax increases either but are delighted to force the Republicans to kill the President's plan.

(**Rep. Downey**: "If you want to walk away from George Bush's proposal, we'll give you the opportunity to walk away from President Bush's proposal.")

What all this means is that the plan the President's been campaigning on is already dead. Democrats still promise tax cuts of some kind, but with partisanship so high don't spend them yet.

(CBS-3)

CALIFORNIA FLOODING

Rather: Blame it on El Nino, the big South Pacific wind that's kicking up destructive weather in the American South and West. Another freak storm hit southern California today. Flood waters raged from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles, with the worst in Ventura County.

CBS's Richard Roth reports that a fourth day of rain and a second heavy storm put much of southern California under water and under siege, battered by flooding, rock and mud slides that today turned deadly. North of Los Angeles, two people died when a river of mud smashed through their bedroom just after dawn. Neighbors couldn't get to them in time. One of the victims was a woman nine months pregnant. The rainfall was an inch an hour in some places, and the spill-off from ground already soaked turned flood-control channels into torrents. A man was swept away by a current authorities said was 35 mph, and frantic efforts to save him failed. Lowlands quickly disappeared under muddy water. Rescue helicopters dipped into a trailer park to pull out people stranded among their bobbing mobile homes. Hillsides sprouted waterfalls. The death toll is still uncertain and the destruction not all measured. The storm has flushed sewage into the ocean, closing 70 miles of coastline, and more rain is in the forecast. But watershed at crucial reservoirs are north of where the storm has hit, so all of it has hardly put a dent in California's drought.

(CBS-Lead, ABC-6, NBC-2)

HOUSTON RESIDENCY/PRESIDENT

Jennings: Some people in Maine, where Mr. Bush has his vacation home, are furious that the President doesn't pay any Maine income taxes. Officially, the President is a resident of Texas, where they don't have a state income tax. A lot of people think the President is onto something. They're the ones who have been paying attention to Doonesbury.

ABC's Charlie Murphy: The letters keep coming, and coming, and coming. They're requests for Texas citizenship. The Texas controller is losing control.

(Controller: "What's the total?"

Aide: "A little over 30,000, I imagine."

Controller: "This is starting to get a little bit out of hand.") The Doonesbury comic strip suggested readers tired of paying state income taxes send an application for citizenship to the Texas controller. Gary Trudeau was pointing out that President Bush, who resides in the District of Columbia, and has a vacation home in Maine, gets out of paying a state income tax by claiming a Houston hotel room as legal residence, although he spends only a few days there. They're getting a lot of mail from Maine. Here's one from an ex-Texan who says they have ungodly high state income taxes there and lousy Mexican food.

(John Sharp, Texas Controller: "This lady here wants us to send her a cowboy under 225 pounds, and if you can't find that, send chili recipes.")

What does all this say about George Bush?

(Sharp: "It says he's President of the United States, and if you're President of the United States and you can claim residency here, it works.")

But it won't work for everyone else. To play along with the gag, Sharp is sending applicants a bogus citizenship certificate. But he says there's a better way.

(Sharp: "The best thing for folks to do is just move down here -- just get it over with, quit the suffering, and come down to God's country." [laughs])

He's saying you want to avoid taxes, not Texas.

(ABC-8)

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TRULY

Jennings: Former astronaut Richard Truly has resigned as head of NASA. He says that is what the White House wants. Mr. Truly is said to have had differences with the Bush Administration over both policy and management. (ABC-5, CBS-7)

AIDS

Jennings: The World Health Organization says another million people were infected with the AIDS virus during the past eight months. It is spreading fastest in the poorest nations. Most of the new cases were reportedly transmitted through heterosexual intercourse.

And a study in the New England Journal of Medicine says that one of the main drugs used to treat AIDS, AZT, delays the worst symptoms of the disease but does not appear to help people with AIDS live longer. (ABC-7, CBS-8)

SEX DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOL

Jennings: The American Association of University Women said today that in America's public schools' girls of all ages are discriminated against. The association, which represents women scholars throughout the country, reviewed hundreds of studies on the subject done over the past few years.

ABC's Carole Simpson reports the study concludes that standardized tests are biased against girls, textbooks either ignore or stereotype women, girls are subjected to sexual harassment from boys, and teachers give more and better attention to boys in the classroom. Today the authors of the study called for massive educational reforms aimed at ending what they call the gender bias in America's classrooms. The Bush Administration doesn't think that's the issue.

(**Diane Ravitch**, Assistant Secretary of Education: "The problem we have in American education is not gender bias. The problem we have is a bias that our society has against academic achievement and against hard work in school.") (ABC-2, CBS-4)

MIA HOAX

ABC's James Walker reports that last August Jack Bailey was flown to Washington from California at taxpayers' expense to tell Pentagon officials he knew the location of a POW camp in northeast Laos where Donald Carr and other Americans were supposedly being held. In October, Bailey told Secretary Cheney the location of two other supposed POW camps in Laos. As a result, the Defense Department dispatched a three-man team to Bangkok and paid Bailey's airfare there to meet his key sources. But the sources failed to show up or provide much information, and the next month Bailey admitted to Congress that he had misled Pentagon officials about the site of Carr's POW camp because he suspected they would try to cover it up. Pentagon investigators who began to suspect Bailey's whole story was a fraud were stopped by authorities in Thailand from pursuing the case.

Walker continues: An ABC News investigation determined that the photograph Bailey claimed was Carr was really a German who has been convicted of smuggling exotic birds. But members of Carr's family say they still believe Bailey. Some members of Congress are urging the Pentagon to turn over its files on Bailey to the Justice Department so he can be investigated for fraud. (ABC-4)

SCHOOL BUSING

Jennings says all the children in Campbell County, Tennessee were at school today, which is news. As we reported earlier, since last October the children in Campbell County had been stranded when the school board ran out of money to operate their school buses. It was only this week that authorities decided enough was enough. The buses are now running. (ABC-3)

WHITE COLLAR FUGITIVE

Brokaw: Here's a name you may not have heard for a while: Mark Rich. In the early '80s he was notorious on Wall Street, accused of what was then the biggest white-collar crime in history. He ran from the law in 1983. He's been a fugitive for nine years now.

NBC's Brian Ross says he spent five months tracking Rich, now a billionaire, finding him skiing in the Swiss Alps. Ross interviews Rich. Charges against him of trading with the enemy involve more than \$200 million in oil deals with Iran at the very time of the hostage crisis. Incredibly, even the U.S. mint does business with Rich, buying metal for American coins from one of America's most wanted fugitives. The Swiss government has refused to turn him over to American authorities. There could be new trouble for Mark Rich. He denies it, but authorities are looking into allegations that Rich has been setting up oil deals with Saddam Hussein in possible violation of the U.N. embargo on trade with Iraq.

(NBC-3)

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HIS OWN PENTAGON PAPER

Clinton uses "Nightline" to
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Denies he's a draft dodger.
Koppel admits "erroneous
information" which led to
Clinton press conference. (#2)

TSUNAMI!

Tsongas took the day off, but
polls and media both implore,
"Catch the Wave." (#3)

HOTLINE INDEX: Tsongas up.
But panelists see no Dem winner
before convention. Mystery
candidates promoted. (#1)

SPITTIN' PRAIRIE FIRE: On
ads and on the stump, Harkin
sharpens barbs at more
conservative foes. (#4)

COLOR ME ELECTABLE: New
Kerrey ad paints him as best
chance in Nov. "Not-so-subtle
jab" at Clinton/draft. (#5)

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Harvard: "What do you want me
to say, 'Write in Pinocchio,
not Mario?" (#7)

HERE COMES THE JUDGE

Remaps go to court as state
legs. deadlock. ID's 5/26
primary out; TX next? (#14)

SPOTLIGHT

THE NOT-BUSH VOTE

So far Buchanan has been
the expectations focus.
Today's trackings put him
between 26% and 33% (#11).
The HOTLINE Index panel
guestimates 32.8% (#1).

But another story: Will
Bush break 50%? Varied
wording produces varied
Bush results: Gallup's 62%
(when given 2 options);
ARG's 45% (when told there
are 26 ballot names). ARG
shows a downward Bush slide
with no Buchanan gain. The
GLOBE finds 7% volunteering
other names, including Dem
write-ins.

Against an incumbent
President is "undecided" a
NO vote? Do 24 no-names +
write-in give non-Buchanan
folks safe ways to protest?
Will a NH majority vote
against the President they
launched four years ago?

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"Our national symbol isn't the ostrich; it's the eagle."

-- George Bush to NH legislature, 2/12, multiple. (#8)

"He wants to be president of the world. I want to be president of
the United States" -- Pat Buchanan, ATL. CONSTITUTION, 2/13. (#9)

THE APN BULLETIN BOARD

FROM TODAY'S GREENWIRE: New LCV ratings don't bring good news to John Seymour (R), from enviro-conscious CA.

FROM TODAY'S DAILY REPORT CARD: In OK, officials take unprecedented action in the wake of school violence.

FROM TODAY'S ABORTION REPORT: SC House Subcmte passes bill banning abortions, except rape/incest/congenital defects.

HOTLINE/DATABASE INDEX

WHITE HOUSE '92

HOTLINE INDEX: Most see no Dem winner before convention. (#1)

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TSONGAS: Two endorsements accompany bulls-eye on back. (#3)

HARKIN: Levels liberal guns and looks to the South. (#4)

KERREY: New ad portrays him as only Dem w/out liabilities. (#5)

BROWN: Joins the crowd, attacks Tsongas. (#6)

CUOMO: Does nothing to discourage draft movement. (#7)

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HEALTH CARE: Checking the spectrum; Bush plan reax. (#12)

OTHERS: Economy, environment. (#13)

ON THE HOUSE

REDISTRICTING UPDATE: AL, AZ, FL, ID, MA, MI, NJ, NY, NC, OH,
PA, SC. (#14)

TV MONITOR (#15)

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The Clinton campaign paid for a full-page ad in today's Manchester UNION LEADER, reprinting his 1969 letter to Col. Holmes. Had the campaign not offered the money, would the paper have printed it for free, as a number of national papers (and the Associated Press) did?

*1 HOTLINE INDEX: MOST SEE NO DEM WINNER BEFORE CONVENTION

The INDEX is the HOTLINE's equivalent to the college football Coaches' Poll -- a periodic composite rating of the '92 race by a bipartisan panel of 50 HOTLINE contributing analysts.

DEMS: The 5 announced Dems, Cuomo, and a "Candidate X" of the panelist's choice were rated 1-10 on 11 key factors, including an "X Factor," also of the panelist's choice. The current composite ratings, compared to the previous ratings:

	10/1	11/5	12/11	1/22	2/13	COMMENT
TSONGAS	37.2	31.9	38.0	45.1	66.4	Hot when it counts
CUOMO	----	79.5	70.2	----	62.7	Feeling a draft?
CLINTON	56.2	56.6	68.1	77.2	60.5	Feels draft too?
"X"	----	----	----	----	57.6	In the wings
HARKIN	62.2	59.0	57.8	53.4	50.1	No Iowa bump
KERREY	67.3	64.2	59.3	59.6	49.1	No fire yet
BROWN	44.4	45.5	37.8	32.7	30.2	Nowhere

Here is the 2/13 composite 1-10 rating for 6 Dems on 11 separate categories. (10 is A+, 1 is flunk). Ratings for the individual X Factor and Candidate X are not included.

	BROWN	CLINTON	CUOMO	HARKIN	KERREY	TSONGAS
NAME ID	5.4	7.9	8.3	5.3	5.4	6.5
\$-RAISING	1.9	6.9	7.7	4.1	4.2	4.4
MESSAGE	3.7	5.8	6.2	4.5	3.8	6.3
PERSONNEL	1.9	6.8	4.7	4.1	4.7	4.2
TV IMAGE	2.9	6.1	7.1	4.2	4.6	4.4
IOWA	0.7	0.8	1.1	4.3	0.9	1.2
N.H.	2.0	4.0	4.7	3.1	3.9	7.6
COVERAGE	2.3	5.1	5.2	3.9	4.4	6.9
COMMITMENT	3.6	6.8	2.6	5.7	5.0	6.5
CHARACTER	2.7	3.1	5.9	4.9	5.5	7.2
BIG MO	1.3	3.4	4.7	3.1	3.3	6.7

SAMPLE X-FACTOR: Jerry Benjamin (D) rated the candidates on the "Bedroom slippers/private peccadillo/tabloid vote factor" and gave Clinton 1; Cuomo, Harkin, Tsongas 9; Brown 6, Kerrey 5 and 6 to his Candidate X (Paul Newman).

CANDIDATE X: In addition to the six named, the consultants were permitted to name and rank a Candidate X of their choice and explain why he/she was chosen. Nine were mentioned: Bentsen (8), Gephardt (5), Gore, Richards, Perot, Newman, Rockefeller, Bradley, Nader. Jill Buckley (D) on Bentsen: "Washington insiders desire someone they think has stature and can win." Chris Mottola (R) on Gephardt: "He could immediately enter the race with a dozen or so major endorsements ... and lay claim as the messenger ahead of his time." Terry Michael (D) on Gore: "'Corrects' the perceived Clinton weakness -- Viet vet and family man ... Approximates Clinton strengths (baby booming, attractive, moderate/Southerner ... Southern accent gives Gore edge over Gephardt as deadlock alternative." Dick Dresner (R) on Bradley: "The only reason he's not running is Florio." Joe Slade White (D) on Richards: "Great image, big state, give 'em hell, woman, fundraising, instant celebrity"

CONVENTION: We asked the panelist: "Will there be a candidate with a majority of delegates before the Democratic convention meets?" A majority said NO. While a narrow plurality

of the Democratic respondents said there would be, there was almost no agreement on who it might be.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PREDICTIONS: We also asked for a prediction of the final tally for the 2/18 primary. The responses varied widely, but all but 5 thought Tsongas was the winner. Composite results: Tsongas 32.7%, Clinton 23.4%, Kerrey 15.3%, Harkin 12.3%, Cuomo 7.8%, Brown 6.5%. (NOTE: Most of the estimates were made before last night's Clinton draft letter story.)

GOP: As before, no measurement like the 11 factors for the Dems was attempted among Bush, Buchanan and Duke, because unlike the Dems, they start from such a different base and any such measurement would be inherently misleading. The panel gave the following composite estimate of Tuesday's NH result: Bush 65.6%, Buchanan 32.8%, Other 3.5%. In January's Index, Buchanan's vote was estimated at 34.3% (27.2% in December).

*2 CLINTON: QUESTIONS OVER SOURCE OF LEAKED '69 LETTER

Last week, ABC News received a copy of 1969 letter from then-Oxford student Bill Clinton to Univ. of AR ROTC Col. Eugene Holmes which called the Vietnam War "illegitimate" and thanked Holmes for "saving me from the draft." ABC's Ted Koppel spoke to Clinton yesterday a.m., telling him ABC was going with the story that night, and that both of ABC's sources had connections to the Pentagon (mult., 2/13). Clinton then released the letter to the press in front of a giant American flag. Clinton at press conference: "Koppel confirmed to me that it is his understanding that ABC received a letter from two different sources, both of whom got it from the Pentagon. If this is true, the leak violates the Federal Privacy Act, and that fact that this leak apparently occurred just days before the [NH] primary can be no coincidence ... This kind of activity -- violating the law, leaking papers -- is exactly what was wrong with this country twenty years ago. It represents a pattern of behavior by people desperate to stay in power, and willing to impugn the motives, the patriotism, and the lives of anyone who stands in their way. We've been down the road of dirty tricks before. It has to stop somewhere, and I think it should end now in [NH]. ... Bush and the [GOP] will do anything it takes to win. That's what they did in 1988, and they'll do it again in 1992" (mult., 2/12). The "highly emotional" letter (Boyd, KNIGHT-RIDDER) "added fuel to Clinton's charges that he's been the victim of [GOP] efforts to knock him out of the race" (Miga, BOSTON HERALD, 2/13). W. POST's Kurtz reports Koppel later admitted he "mistakenly gave Clinton 'erroneous information' about a Pentagon connection. But, he said, 'we went back to our source' and 'we are now satisfied that the original source was not at the Pentagon' or connected to the [GOP]." Koppel added: "I think he was a little hasty in immediately pointing the finger at the administration." Koppel also said he "knew nothing of the sources that leaked the letter separately" to ABC's Jim Wooten, one identified as Col. Clinton Jones, an aide to Holmes at the UA (2/13). Koppel: "We tracked down how our source got the letter, and I can only say it was due to a comedy of errors" (N.Y. TIMES, 2/13). Clinton's campaign runs the letter in a full-page Manchester UNION LEADER ad today (2/13). Jones told the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE "he was unaware of any pressure or strings pulled on Clinton's behalf. ... Asked why he held on to the letter so long, he said, 'I'm not going to tell you ... I am not doing this for the Republican Party. I'm a Democrat, really'" (2/13)

REAX: "Privately, Clinton supporters said the letter could

have harsh repercussions, particularly in the military-minded South." Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), a Clinton backer, "condemned the use of private military records for 'partisan political purposes.' He called on Dick Cheney to investigate" (May, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 2/13). Manchester UNION LEADER's DiStaso called it "feverishly trying to pull his campaign out of a nosedive" (2/13). MD Dem chair Nate Landow: "Very damaging." A "seething" VA Dem chair Paul Goldman: "Raises questions about possible hypocrisy on the part of Clinton and others in the [DLC]. They self-righteously criticized the rest of us [Dems] who wanted to try sanctions" (W. TIMES, 2/13). N.Y. TIMES' Toner: "Further rattles a candidacy already shaken ... creates new openings for his rivals ... poses new problems in his Southern base ... Many professionals were hard-pressed to see how he could regain control" (2/13). Rep. Dave McCurdy (D-OK), a Clinton backer and House Intel. chair, spoke with FBI dir. Wm Sessions and urged an "immediate and thorough investigation" of the alleged Pentagon leak (Winneker, ROLL CALL, 2/13). Dem strategist Ann Lewis: "I would be proud if one of my children had written this letter at age 21. I'm not proud of a government that tries to slip this stuff out to do harm." Bush-Quayle spokesperson Torie Clarke: "It's just crap. Every time he has a problem, they start whining ... pointing the finger at us, and we've got nothing to do with his problem" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/13). Harkin: "Geez! Another one? I think voters should be concerned about his veracity and character" (W. POST, 2/12). Kerrey: "Oh, God, please, not another one" (N.Y. TIMES, 2/13). Bush campaign chair Bob Teeter: "Another desperation shot" by "a candidate falling like a stone" (W.S. JOURNAL, 2/13). COPLEY's Amy Bayer compares the day's events to the McGovern/Eagleton situation '72 (S.D. UNION-TRIBUNE, 2/13). Ex-DNC chair John White: "If I had to vote today, I would vote for him. But I really think he ought to reevaluate his candidacy" (GLOBE, 2/13).

PENTAGON REAX: Selective Service spokesperson Lew Brodsky: "We don't have a file containing letters on him or anyone else from that era. ... Any letters or other documents we had would have been destroyed ... in 1973 or 1974" (W. TIMES, 2/13). Unidentified Pentagon spokesperson: "Definitely wasn't provided by the Pentagon." DoD officials "said it wasn't even clear whether the letter was part of an official file or a private correspondence." The officials "questioned Mr. Clinton's assertion that release of the letter automatically violated federal privacy laws, as such laws primarily cover official government files, not personal messages" (W.S. JOURNAL, 2/13).

LAST NIGHT'S TV: ABC's Jim Wooten: "Clinton angrily suggested that the president and the Republicans are to blame. ... All across the country state Democratic leaders are saying that the questions about Clinton's attitude toward the Vietnam War are hurting him significantly. Especially among older Democrats, those with links to Korea and World War II and among Vietnam veterans and their families" (2/12). NBC's Andrea Mitchell: "Once again Clinton was put on the defensive, forced to talk about his draft record instead of his economic policies." Clinton consultant James Carville: "What is the Pentagon doing in the middle of a political campaign?" Mitchell: "Clinton continues to slide in the polls just as the write-in movement for Mario Cuomo picks up. ... leading Democrats are becoming increasingly concerned about the prospects for Clinton's candidacy" (2/12). CBS' Richard Threlkeld: "Clinton's support here [NH] has been hemorrhaging because of what he insisted are

Republican dirty tricks played on him, because Republicans fear he is the most electable Democrat" (CBS, 2/12). PBS' Judy Woodruff: "It's clear that the campaign wanted this letter out. It's been a couple of days since they knew ABC and other news organizations had the letter ... They wanted to get control of the agenda ... you can read this letter two ways, and it depends on what you feel about what he said last week ... You either look upon this as a young man who joined an ROTC program and then had an attack of conscience and decided to go ahead and put his name into the draft lottery and go fight in a war he didn't believe in. The less charitable interpretation is that he got special dispensation to avoid the draft for a year ... then misled the head of the ROTC program ... I don't think the letter comes down hard one way or another" ("M/L," 2/12).

"NIGHTLINE": ABC's Ted Koppel: "It is safe to assume that those who leaked the letter to us ... did not do so however in the expectation that this letter would help the Clinton campaign." Advisor and Oxford friend Michael Mandelbaum: "When [Clinton] arrived back in Oxford in the fall of 1969, he expected that he would be drafted. He was so uncertain ... that he did not rent a room for himself. He lived with friends." ABC's Jeff Greenfield: "Clinton has already been through two acts of any presidential campaign: The Gee Whiz stage and the Wait a Minute stage. The outcome of the third act will almost certainly determine his political fate." Clinton: "The JOURNAL story itself confirmed what I've said all along ... I did not dodge the draft, I did not do anything wrong. ... [NH voters] desperately want this election to be about their tomorrows, their futures ... not about my yesterdays. They just want to know that I'm alright, that I can do this job ... make them a good president." Reading the letter, Koppel described Clinton's 1969 ideas about "selective" conscientious objector status for specific wars. Would "Pres. Clinton" have supported such status for the Gulf War? Clinton: "In a democracy I favor the kind of volunteer force we have now. If we had had a draft [last year] I would have gone to Congress and asked for an explicit declaration of war and then I would not have approved a selective conscientious objector. ... I have different views now than I had then." Koppel: "Do you still feel the Bush administration bears any burden of responsibility for the release of this letter?" Clinton: "I have no idea. I don't know what your source was or where it came from so I can't comment on that" (2/12).

ON THE PLUS SIDE: CONCORD MONITOR endorses him: "His message of hope will resonate beyond the party ... he would be a powerful candidate -- the one with the best chance to defeat George Bush and one who offers the promise of a new generation of leadership in the critical years ahead" (2/12).

GEORGIA: As Clinton "falls" in the NH, the "pressure mounts in Georgia for a big win" 3/3 (Sherman, COX/ATL. CONSTITUTION). LG Pierre Howard (D), a Clinton backer: "If he didn't win Georgia in good style, it would be a very tough blow for him to take." Gov. Zell Miller (D), a Clinton backer, said even a 2nd place finish would be "good" for a Southerner in NH. GA manager Bernard Craighead: "We'll do well here." While the draft issue "has the potential for causing him harm in a state that places emphasis on military service," what "may be working most" to Clinton's advantage is the "almost complete lack of organization" of any other Dem (2/13).

MO: He was endorsed by LG Mel Carnahan, a '92 candidate for gov., and over 60 MO legislators (Clinton release, 2/12).

NEWS FROM AR: BOSTON HERALD reports the Rose Law Firm, in which Hillary Clinton is a partner, received \$136,000 from contracts with 5 AR state agencies since the mid-80's. The HERALD details the contributions to Clinton's campaigns, including the presidential, by attys with the firm, but notes, AR Dept. of Finance and Administration dep. dir. Richard Weiss says none of the contracts involved Hillary (Cafasso, 2/13). In another piece, the HERALD examines "four firms whose principals have made substantial contributions" to Clinton's campaigns, "have received more than \$17 million in state contracts" since '85. Unlike some states, AR corporations can contribute to campaigns and candidates and there is no campaign law "barring firms doing business with the state from making contributions" (Cafasso, 2/13). AR officials "want to recoup the cost of dozens of personal telephone calls made by Gennifer Flowers while she was a state employee." AR Board of Review chair Don Barnes: "We're going to try to collect the money" (ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, 2/13).

REAX: RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH editorial: "While other Democratic contenders appealed to their party's heart, Gov. Clinton appealed to its mind. I can win, he said. For a while the tactic worked. But once he forfeited electability, he forfeited the principal reason for his rise" (2/12).

*3 TSONGAS: TWO ENDORSEMENTS ACCOMPANY BULLS-EYE ON BACK

BOSTON HERALD header: "Tsongas: Man of Integrity": "One man entered the 1992 presidential race determined to change the direction of his party, to make it relevant to the concerns of real people, not just special interests. ... His name is Paul Tsongas ... In an era of sound-bite, photo-op campaigning, Tsongas broke the mold." He "touched on those intangibles, such as culture and spirituality and morality, from which most politicians shy." When voters were "weary of candidates with feet of clay, Paul Tsongas is a man whose integrity is unquestioned" (2/13). KEENE SENTINEL: "He is the most thoughtful and interesting of the candidates, willing to prescribe dramatic and at times unpopular solutions to the country's problems. ... In our view at least, Tsongas stands out, both in terms of policy, and, yes, personality. The best answer to the nagging question of Tsongas' 'electability' may be the fact that he already seems to have struck a responsive chord this year -- by leveling with people. ... These are unconventional times. Maybe the United States is ready for a slightly unconventional leader to deal with them" (2/12).

BEWARE THE IDES OF FEBRUARY: Though Tsongas took the day off, HERALD's Andrew Miga warns he is learning "front-runners don't wear crowns --- they simply paint bull's eyes on their backs and wait for the arrows." Tsongas "faces fresh scrutiny over his work" for Drexel Burnham Lambert and "over his support for nuclear power." The "type of whisper campaign he faces was clearly illustrated yesterday in a nationally distributed wire story," as an "unnamed" Dem said: "Wait until they start noticing his nervous twitch and that little cough." Another topic "beginning to percolate" among Dem insiders is a "Yale Law School student loan that Tsongas was cited for default" in '75. When the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Co. sued him seeking repayment on the \$2,400 loan, Tsongas "moved quickly" to "arrange a payment schedule." He said he "couldn't pay the loan because he was too poor from his Peace Corps days" (2/13). N.Y. TIMES' Neil Lewis analyzes Tsongas' role as a lobbyist. "Rival

campaigns have suggested that his record as a highly paid lobbyist could prove damaging," but none of his clients "would appear to suggest any inconsistency between his private lobbying and his public views" (2/13). BOSTON GLOBE's John Milne looks at his support for the Seabrook nuclear power plant, where Harkin will be today to launch criticism at Tsongas. Tsongas has won "high marks" from environmentalists, and has been endorsed by "prominent anti-Seabrook" activists (2/13). CONCORD MONITOR's Deborah Snyder examines Tsongas' health (2/12).

"HOT TSTUFF": KNIGHT-RIDDER's Marc Gunther looks at his "politics of charisma." He's not "flashy." He has "bushy eyebrows, droopy eyes, pursed lips and a whiny voice. Not only that, he's short and spells his name funny. This could be his appeal. ... Tsongas is defined not by his ideas but by his anti-image image." But NEW REPUBLIC's Sidney Blumenthal likens Tsongas to past Dems, like Bruce Babbitt and George McGovern, "who briefly captured the fancy of some voters and reporters precisely because they were hapless on [TV] and had no chance of winning" (2/13). PHILA. INQUIRER header to L.A. TIMES' Paul Richter article: "Tsongas has begun to draw a crowd." Richter notes Tsongas received a \$1,000 check from GOP actor Tom Selleck who does NATIONAL REVIEW TV ads (2/13). W. POST's Mary McGrory, on the Dukakis comparison: "He is a deeper and warmer man, and he can also be funny, which no one ever accused Dukakis of being" (2/13). "For at least this 15 minutes, the great political fact is: Tsongas Chic." This "proves the end of the 'heroic era' of presidential politics: 1960-1992, R.I.P." (George Will, W. POST, 2/13). He has "arguable crafted the party's best economic growth platform since John F. Kennedy" (Lambro, W. TIMES, 2/13). Bob Dole (R-KS) "called" on Congressional Dems to "'follow the lead of their party's new presidential front-runner,' by resisting the self-proclaimed economic cure-all of middle class tax cuts" (release, 2/12). W. TIMES' Judith Colp profiles him under header: "Vote of confidence" (2/13).

NY: He is "suddenly hot stuff in New York too, thanks to his front-runner status" in NH. NY organizer Lee Gounardes: "There's been a dramatic change here in the last week or so. Our phones have been ringing, people are starting to find out who he is and are offering their support. ... It's like someone lit a match under them." But the recent support didn't help his NY staff "who had to struggle to gather enough signatures to get him on the ballot," as the filing deadline is today. Though Gounardes said Tsongas "will clear that hurdle," his delegate slates "failed to satisfy their requirements for qualifying" in the 34 CDs. "This puts Tsongas at a considerable disadvantage in the primary for the 159 Democratic convention delegates to be distributed based in the votes cast at the district level." NY sends 268 delegates to the convention. Though a rumor had NY Dem chair John Marino, Cuomo's "top political" Lt., "calling county leaders urging them to back Tsongas," Marino said he "urged county leaders to help Tsongas and the other candidates qualify for the primary": "I want everyone on the ballot." Kerrey and Clinton should have enough to qualify for all delegates (Lombardi, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 2/13). NOTE: DNC staff this a.m. confirm that DNC rules dictate absolute proportional representation at the national convention, regardless of how many, if any, delegates are slated in a primary state. If Tsongas (or any other candidate) is on the ballot and wins votes above 15%, he is guaranteed his delegates (DNC, 2/13).

EXTRA, EXTRA: He opened a campaign office in Sioux Falls,

SD yesterday, with Sharon Kennedy as his state coordinator. Radio and TV ads begin airing in the state today (Sioux Falls ARGUS LEADER, 2/13). He won a student preference poll conducted 2/12 by Manchester Central High School's student council (Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/13). Columnist Dave Barry notes Paul E. Tsongas can be rearranged to spell "Pagan Stole Us"; "Algae Pus Snot"; and "Gases Unto Lap" (W. POST, 2/13).

***4 HARKIN: LEVELS LIBERAL GUNS AND LOOKS TO THE SOUTH**

"Harkin is sharpening his attacks on his rivals" (Yepsen, DES MOINES REGISTER). In Portsmouth, he "criticized" Kerrey's plan for cutting 25% of domestic spending saying, "Kerrey's vision of the future is a devastating cut in those programs that enable our kids to go to college; enable our kids to be born healthy and kept healthy; for remedial reading programs for kids that need it in school" (2/13). Harkin: "You could fire every employee of the Department of Labor, of the Department of Health and Human Services, of the Department of Education -- close them down -- and you save 1.7 percent of the budget. Where's the other 24 percent coming from, Mr. Kerrey?" (Canellos, BOSTON GLOBE). It is the beginning of what advisers say will be a "series of attacks on his more conservative rivals" (2/13). Later at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Harkin "accused" Bush of "failing to offer a plan for the conversion of defense-related manufacturing and industry to peacetime pursuits": "The difference between Tom Harkin and George Bush is that I have a plan for converting these industries to peacetime manufacturing and George Bush does not" (Miller, Manchester UNION-LEADER, 2/13). Advisers say the "two-tiered approach," attacking rival Dems as "too conservative," while "touting" his own proposals as the "answer to economic stagnation" under Bush, will continue until the primary. Harkin adviser Don Sweitzer: "Over the next few days we're going to talk a little bit about Clinton, a little about Kerrey and a little about Tsongas." Harkin is "perhaps the most comfortable" with negative campaigning and "pulls no punches" (Canellos, GLOBE, 2/13). Asked about the Cuomo write-in effort he replied, "The nominee of our party is already in the race, and you're looking at him" (Schwartz, WASH. POST, 2/13).

WHAT NOW: DES MOINES REGISTER editorial: "Harkin asked Democrats in his home state to give him a vote of confidence, and they did," giving him a "resounding send-off in his quest. ... Now it's up to Harkin to live up to Iowa's endorsement. He can do that -- not necessarily by going on to win -- but by carrying the campaign forward in a way that will do the home folks proud. ... He could uplift a so far uninspiring Democratic campaign if he would show a little more of the noble side, and less of the strident side, in the next few crucial weeks. That would do Iowans proud" (2/12). Balto. EVENING SUN editorial: "Iowa proved nothing as usual. At this stage of the campaign, primaries are the only way to measure candidates' true strength" (2/12). Harkin's 30-second biography ad that began running in NH 2/11, aired in SD 2/12 (release, 2/13).

***5 KERREY: NEW AD PORTRAYS HIM AS ONLY DEM W/OUT LIABILITIES**

He released a new 30-second spot designed to portray him as "the only Democrat who can capture the White House this year." Making the assertion "no one can question his patriotism" the ad "also seemed designed to raise doubts" about Harkin's opposition to the Gulf War and Clinton's draft allegations (Pertman, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/13). The ad offers a "not-so-subtle jab" to Clinton

(BOSTON HERALD, 2/13). It "critically contrasts" Kerrey with Clinton, Harkin and Tsongas (Kotok, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 2/13).

TEXT: Narrator: "With America in crisis, the Democrats have to nominate someone who can win the Presidency in November."

Chyron: "Bob Kerrey: No one can question his patriotism."

Narrator: "Bob Kerrey. A decorated war veteran. No one can question his patriotism." Chyron: "Can Win in South and West."

Narrator: "Able to win votes in the south and out west -- he's no regional candidate." Chyron: "A Democrat who can win in November."

Narrator: "A businessman who's created job and a Governor who wiped out a deficit -- he's different from the old style Democrats who have failed time and time again. For years, New Hampshire has shown America the way. Now it can show the Democratic Party how to win again. Bob Kerrey. A winner, for a change" (release, 2/12). GLOBE's Pertman contends "the idea, as controversies swirl around Clinton and doubts persist about

Tsongas' long-term viability, is to establish Kerrey as the Democrat with whom undecided voters can feel comfortable in the end." Kerrey media adviser David Doak: "He's the guy you like; all you have to do is be for him. That's what we're trying to get across" (2/13).

Kerrey manager Tad Devine said Kerrey's strategy for the final days is to "stress his electability against Bush and his values." Both Devine and Kerrey adviser Mike McCurry "said it is possible for Kerrey to emerge" from NH in "strong enough shape to continue," and aides "wouldn't rule out a first-place finish." They "promote" three scenario's: A "respectable" 3rd place "as the minimum." A 2nd place finish behind Tsongas if Clinton "continues to fall." And a win if the Tsongas "boomlet goes bust" (OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 2/13). But, "aides say," Kerrey's problem is that the polling now "hurts" him. NH manager Paul Johnson: "People want to vote for someone they perceive as moving forward." Doak: "It's a vicious circle. [Voters] say, 'Gee, I like this guy.' But then they wake up and see the tracking polls showing him not moving and conclude he can't win." UNH pollster David Moore says Kerrey "failed to address the economy, the dominant issue" in NH: "He never addressed the central concern of getting the economy going." ARG pollster Dick Bennett: "Somebody has to stand up and say, 'I'm an alternative to Bill Clinton.' Bob Kerrey doesn't want to be that specific. He's being too polite" (WORLD-HERALD, 2/13).

WON'T BE DRAWN IN? At a Manchester press conference, Kerrey "refused to be drawn into the controversy" over Clinton's draft status, saying instead that "all candidates must face a question of trust": "I think it's far more reasonable to say, 'Can I trust you, Governor Clinton, on the environment? Your environmental record is lousy. Can I trust you on middle-class tax cuts when you raised taxes on the middle-class?' That's what's relevant" (Kotok, WORLD-HERALD). Asked whether it was "appropriate" for him to discuss his war record in connection with Clinton, Kerrey "angrily" replied: "I think I do have an obligation to say I'm proud of my military service. I ought not to have to be on the defensive about the fact that I did volunteer ... that I did go to Vietnam. ... There were an awful lot of us who did [go] and an awful lot of us who found ourselves on the other side of public opinion when we came home. We ought to at least be able to say with pride, this is what we did" (2/13).

Columnist Mark Shields writes despite winning the Medal of Honor and losing part of a leg, Kerrey "apparently remains -- for many -- the discomfiting embodiment, a painful reminder, of the most tortured period in American history since the Civil War.

... His heroism does not constitute, as it did for John Kennedy, an invaluable credential for national leadership, but instead somehow seems to stir unpleasant memories. ... It is veteran Kerrey, not non-veteran Clinton, who is unrepresentative of his generation." NH will tell us "whether being a genuine war hero has become for the first time a political liability" (N.Y. POST, 2/13). CONCORD MONITOR's Richard Mertens on Kerrey's 2/11 JFK comparison at Dartmouth College: "Kerrey's mixture of politics and preaching drew mixed reactions from his listeners, most of whom were too young to remember the man they were invited to compare Kerrey to" (2/12).

*6 BROWN: JOINS THE CROWD, ATTACKS TSONGAS

In Seabrook, NH, Brown "attacked" Tsongas; refusal to reject nuclear power, "striking at what anti-Seabrook activists see as Tsongas' political Achilles heel": "We don't need a nuclear salesman in the White House" (Milne, BOSTON GLOBE). Brown, in Concord: "I'm not fronting for the nuclear power industry. I have to say a good man, very sincere, Senator Paul Tsongas is pro-nuke, pushing a business agenda that is not going to create jobs because it doesn't challenge the power." He "labeled" Tsongas' opposition to an '88 antinuclear referendum as "part of a multi-million dollar utility effort 'to crush' the antinuclear movement": "This is a real counterpoint to his environmental record" (2/13).

SEPARATED AT BIRTH? S.F. CHRONICLE's Jerry Roberts declares Brown and Pat Buchanan "the political odd couple" of '92: "At times [they] use such similar language and argument that it seems as if left has finally met right in American politics." Both refer to their campaigns as a "revolution," both use a "populist tone," both embrace tax policies that "tend to the libertarian" and both moved their campaigns "away from their original ideological positions." Brown: "I went to school with guys like Buchanan. And I got in fists fights with a few of them" (2/13). Ex-Brown aide Bob Backus, who left Brown's camp several weeks ago due to differences has defected to Nader's write-in campaign (Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/13).

BROWN TV: ABC's Chris Bury: "The coffee house in Derry the other night rocked with Jerry Brown's kind of crowd. Mostly young, hip, unconventional, a perfect fit for Brown's notion that his candidacy is more a cause than a campaign. ... To those who hear him Brown's appeal is his idealism. ... In New Hampshire Jerry Brown's reputation is his greatest draw and his biggest drawback. His still struggles with the Governor Moonbeam label.

... People seem more attracted to Brown's ideas than they are to the idea of him in the White House. ... No one expects Jerry Brown to come out on top Tuesday. ... But Brown promises to keep talking to continue his campaign, carry on his cause no matter what happens here" (ABC, 2/12).

*7 CUOMO: DOES NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE DRAFT MOVEMENT

"Sounding like a presidential candidate -- but denying that he has any plans to become one" -- Cuomo "delivered a scathing attack on Bush administration policies" in a speech at Harvard's JFK School last night, "saying they fail to confront the nation's deeper problems" (Tumulty/Lauter, L.A. TIMES, 2/13). Cuomo, "after an eloquent, passionate speech ... once more refused to turn off a Cuomo-for-president write-in movement" in NH -- "'encouraging' it instead" (Woodlief/Brown, BOSTON HERALD). Cuomo: "What do you want me to say, 'Write in Pinnocchio, not

Mario? ... In my own state they say lousy things about me, If in [NH] they're saying nice things, I'm going to encourage it." In the speech, Cuomo warned GOPers "will use 'welfare' as 'this year's Willie Horton'" (2/13). Cuomo "said nothing to directly encourage or discourage a swelling movement in [NH] and other states ... But he adopted a combative partisan tone in a rousing speech that brought hundreds of Harvard students to their feet" (Shepard, COX NEWS/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 2/13). For Cuomo, "the speech seemed to offer the best of all political worlds -- the chance to act like a candidate without being one" (Sack, N.Y. TIMES). Cuomo "even engaged in ... lowering expectations. He said his aides had told him that winning 2 or 3 percent of the vote ... 'would be very high'" (2/13). In "what sounded like a campaign speech," Cuomo's "rhetoric, both in content and tempo, trumped any stump speech by the five announced Democratic candidates" (Garrett, W. TIMES, 2/13). After the speech, his answers when asked whether his decision not to run was "irreversible" were "like a rhetorical fan dance." Cuomo: "Not only do I not see it, I don't look for it. If you're not looking, you're not going to see it" (L.A. TIMES, 2/13). NBC's Lisa Myers: "As the Clinton campaign shows signs of meltdown, Cuomo sent the political waters turning a little bit more. He went out of his way to encourage the Draft Cuomo movement in New Hampshire. ... Cuomo says he thinks the Democratic nominee will come from the current field and that these candidates must be given time to prove themselves. Translation: If no one catches fire by mid-March, maybe" ("Today," 2/13). In an interview with W.S. JOURNAL's Al Hunt, Cuomo effusively praised Tsongas and the draft effort. Cuomo "doubted" whether the write-in effort "will win many votes, but said his political advisers tell him it's a very professional venture": "It bespeaks a significance to push this debate and shows a general sense that we're just not down to business yet." Cuomo also "extolled" Tsongas' "virtues," saying he is "connecting" because he "seems to makes the most sense" about economic woes (2/13). Cuomo met with Boston Mayor Ray Flynn, who again urged him to get in. Cuomo sported a "Flynn '92" button (BOSTON HERALD, 2/13).

NH RESPONSE: Draft Cmte national chair Phil Krone: "There will be a point where'll he respond to the higher call of duty" (USA TODAY, 2/13). S.F.EXAMINER's John Jacobs watched the speech in NH with Kevin Needham, unemployed for 5 months. Needham: "He really cares about people in this country. I have not seen this in my lifetime. I'm too young to remember Kennedy. Cuomo is the best I've ever seen." Jacobs writes his response "reflects a groundswell of feeling here and explains why" the draft effort "is suddenly the most talked about political development five days before the primary here" (2/13). On Boston radio, NH Dem chair Chris Spirou called the write-in campaign "the most sophisticated he had ever seen" (W. TIMES, 2/13). NH Draft co-chair Lou D'Allesandro: "If we needed a catalyst to ignite people to write in Cuomo, we got it tonight. He was powerful, entertaining, witty, presidential" (BOSTON HERALD, 2/13).

MORE: N.Y. TIMES' Wm Safire: "The issue in [NH] next week is not whether Bill Clinton avoided the draft but whether Mario Cuomo can induce one." Safire cites Bert Lance, who believes anything less than a "rousing" Clinton win in NH leads to a "brokered convention and a Cuomo-Gore ticket" (2/13). ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH header: "Supporters of Cuomo Keep Faith" (2/12). CHI. TRIBUNE header: "Chicago backers hoping to write Cuomo a message" (2/12). SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS header: "Draft-Cuomo

drive begins in California." Atty Gerald Hill, who headed an '88 draft, will run the CA cmte (2/12). Cuomo keynotes the Washington & Lee Univ. Mock Convention in Lexington, VA on 3/6-7 (release, 2/12). Analyst Charles Cook notes, "Most agree there are only three major Democrats in position to get in the race and immediately become the front-runner": Bentsen, Cuomo, and Gephardt. 25 state filing deadlines have passed, NY is today, and PA and WI are 2/18, so "the answer in many cases is 'adoption.'" As "screwy as it sounds, you could see a candidate such as Cuomo running in early primary states urging voters to cast their ballots for, let's say Harkin, because the Harkin delegate slate had switched to Cuomo. It could go something like this: a vote for Harkin is a vote for Cuomo, a vote for Clinton is a vote for Bentsen, a vote Kerrey is a vote for Gephardt, but a vote for Tsongas is a vote for Tsongas." Another question: If a "big foot" candidate jumps in, "the rules might well become whatever the front-runner decided they should be." But "it won't happen. Jungle law will prevail, and the biggest gorilla will make the rules" (ROLL CALL, 2/13 issue). Germond/Witcover write, "A pattern of regional voting failing to produce a clear front-runner could also increase pressure on Democrats not in the race to get in" (Balto. EVENING SUN, 2/12).

TV AD: The Draft Cuomo campaign launched a \$10,000 TV buy and an \$8,000 radio buy. 30-sec. TV spot: Video: Split screen, ragged edge. All black right side, Cuomo speaking on left. Cuomo: "We are in a recession that is going to be worse than anything you've seen in 50 years." Video: As Cuomo speaks, invisible hand writes "M" and "a" in white on the black right side. Cuomo: "We are absolutely going down the wrong road." Video: "r i o" being written. Cuomo: "He's had a free enterprise system that made one percent very rich. You have to put people like my family to work in the free enterprise system. You have to have free enterprise for the many. What do you want to call that? Conservative? Liberal? I call it American common sense! (freeze frame)." Video: Invisible hand finishes "Cuomo." At freeze frame, "Write in" and "President" fade up above and below hand lettering. Annocr: "Write in Mario Cuomo for America's future. Video: "1-800-WRITE IN" (release, 2/12). CNN's "Inside Politics" showed the spot (2/12). Draft Cmte media consultant Don Rose said Cuomo's remarks "were taped from a television interview without his permission." Rose, who figures from the buy on Manchester TV, that everyone on the viewing area will see the ad 3 times: "We have a local audience, a national audience and an audience of one in Albany. We're hoping he won't dodge this draft" (BOSTON GLOBE, 2/13). Balto. SUN's Witcover writes the Cuomo remarks "are a counter to the view ... that he is too liberal to win a national election when liberal-bashing has become a standard Republican campaign tool" (2/13).

***8 BUSH: REVIVES REAGANESQUE THEMES IN ANNOUNCEMENT**

Before embarking on his "whirlwind" 6-hour NH visit, Bush formally announced his reelection bid in DC declaring: "Let's not kid ourselves. We're in a tough fight. But you know me. I don't seek unnecessary conflict, but when principle is at stake, I fight to win. And I am determined to win. I will win" (BOSTON GLOBE, 2/13). In the 15-min. speech, "Bush cast himself as a friend of strong defense, an enemy of big government, a supporter of the family, and a critic of the welfare system he said locked Americans in 'bleak dependency'" (Jehl, L.A. TIMES). Noting Bush identified with the name and themes of Reagan, Jehl cites aides

who say the approach "is an appeal to a nation that fears its inner moral strength is failing. ... By this thinking, fear of crime, concern about schools, and discouragement over the future of the family will be powerful issues on which Bush can campaign, regardless of who the Democratic candidate is" (2/13). W.S. JOURNAL's McQueen/Harwood write the speech "differed" from his 10/87 announcement: His "message then seemed designed to show how his compassion would soften the edges -- without compromising the heart -- of Mr. Reagan's conservative legacy." Instead, this year's "was intended to highlight Mr. Bush's strength as a leader not only of the nation but of the world" (2/13). Bush's announcement "was aimed at voters across the country" (Ross/Lombardi, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 2/13). Bush "seemed intent on staking his conservative credentials on the bedrock Republican themes of the past: patriotism, anti-Communism, a strong military, family values, small government and deregulation" (Rosenthal, N.Y. TIMES). Bush "dwelt on" welfare reform, "a subject he has rarely mentioned until recently" (2/13). W. POST's Devroy: "a conservative manifesto ... sharply at odds with the kinder, gentler themes" from his '87 announcement (2/13). GLOBE editorial: "The potential for sound bites was more apparent in his announcement than the prospect of setting sound policy in a critical economy" (2/13).

ON TO NH: Bush flew directly to NH where he "plunged right in" with what ex-CoS John Sununu called "see me, touch me, feel me" campaigning (Kasindorf/Page, N.Y. NEWSDAY, 2/13). His swing included an address before the NH Leg., and stops at a General Electric plant, a restaurant and a shopping mall. Bush "rushed through a recession-strained shopping mall ... and shopped for nothing but votes. ... The crowd greeted him 'warmly, although many were less than enthusiastic about his job performance" (Hohler, GLOBE, 2/13). GLOBE's Kranish contends Bush's "best received line of the day" was an indirect jab at Buchanan in the Leg. speech: "The America we know is a country ready to take on the world, and ready to rise to new levels, not run for cover. Our national symbol isn't the ostrich; it's the eagle" (2/13). COX NEWS' Malone described it as "the line that could become a refrain in his overall campaign." Bush "repeatedly tried to invoke the spirit and even the battle cries of Desert Storm for fighting the domestic recession": "I want to be able to report to the American people that the liberation of America's economy has begun." Without mentioning any names, Bush "belittled" his Dem rivals as "a lot of fresh faces who tout stale ideas" (ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 2/13). BOSTON HERALD jump header: "Bush works to bolster his conservative support as he officially takes campaign on the road to N.H." (2/13). "Bush repeatedly was on the offensive ... challenging Congress to meet his [3/20] deadline to approve economic proposals unveiled last month" (Warren, KNIGHT-RIDDER/PHILA. INQUIRER, MIAMI HERALD, 2/13). N.Y. NEWSDAY's Page reports Bush reserved his "harshest criticism" for Congress (2/13); while HOU. CHRONICLE's Hines/McDonald contend the "harshest criticism" was aimed at Buchanan (2/13). COX's Malone agreed: "The president saved his most searing rhetoric for [Buchanan's] protectionist trade policies and 'America First' themes." Buchanan, in response: "He wants to be president of the world. I want to be president of the United States" (CONST., 2/13).

RECEPTION: Calling NH "a state that was good to [Bush] four years ago, but is angry now," Cleveland PLAIN DEALER's Thomas Brazaitis writes, though he "drew a big crowd" at the Bedford

Mall, interviews with bystanders "verified the lukewarm support the pollsters have been reporting" (2/13). GLOBE's Kranish: "He was met both by adoring crowds and by some who wondered why it had taken as long as it had for him to come up with a plan to end the recession" (2/13). GE employee/'88 Bush voter Steven Montembeault, after greeting Bush: "I'm still looking around and listening. I don't think he's very effective" (Manchester UNION LEADER, 2/13). NEWHOUSE's Shanahan notes "thin support or clear opposition from many who voted for him in 1988" (2/13). NEWSDAY's Page: Though NH lawmakers gave Bush a "somewhat friendlier reception" than they gave Buchanan in his 2/11 address before the Leg., "they were far short of ecstatic." Outside, one NH demonstrator's placard read "You Say Texas, We Say Taxes -- Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" (2/13). "Bush's audiences applauded -- and grumbled" (Keen, USA TODAY, 2/13). His speech to the NH Leg. "drew an emotional response, almost unthinkable elsewhere. They really puddle up when the talk turns to capital-gains tax cuts and the line-item veto" (McGrory, W. POST, 2/13). COX's Malone observes this visit "contrasted sharply" with his last when he came "humbly, bearing abject apologies for the drooping economy." This time, he "came in a more presidential mode," downplaying the "tough times" (CONSTITUTION, 2/13). N.Y. POST's Mike McAlary, noting a poster of Lincoln in the chamber: "Bush could have had the state. He might have turned to the painting and evoked the legacy of Lincoln. He might have demanded to be seen as the man to hold the union together. Instead, George Bush gave them failed George Bush. And now I am thinking ... that I have just seen a standing American president come to [NH] and lose an election" (2/13). USA TODAY's Keen saw improvement, but still hints of Bush's "lingual dyslexia" yesterday: "He demanded congressional action on his 'two-plan part' to revive the economy and bragged about increased funding for 'R and E'" (2/13).

THE TEAM: Bush campaign officials "acknowledged that sending dozens of surrogates ... to campaign has failed to bring around the [GOP] electorate in the last 10 days." Bush chief strategist Bob Teeter: "We are prepared for whatever happens in the last days" (NEWHOUSE, 2/13). Bush returns to NH 2/15-16. Either Barbara, Dan or Marilyn Quayle will campaign in NH everyday through 2/17 (UNION LEADER, 2/13). CHI. TRIBUNE header: "Bush staff out of synch as official campaign begins" (2/12).

TV: CNN's Catherine Crier VO on video of Bush in front of U.S. flag: "If anyone didn't know, it's official. George Bush is running for re-election." CNN hosted ex-VP Bush staffer/Rear Adm. Dan Murphy (Ret.) and Bob Novak on Bush's political evolution ("Inside Politics," 2/12). ABC showed video of Bush: "I believe government is too big and it costs too much." Flash to video of Buchanan looking surprised and then smiling. Hume: "Buchanan watching ... in New Hampshire acknowledged the president is now saying the right things -- but." Buchanan: "... he is trying to take the Buchanan lines and themes and I don't think it's going to be convincing." ABC's Brit Hume: "At a minimum Buchanan has forced the president to campaign here more and more to the right than Mr. Bush may have intended. The White House will be relieved if that's all Buchanan does" (2/12). NBC's John Cochran reported on Cong. action on Bush's economic plan: "To satisfy Congressional Republicans back in Washington the president has changed his economic game plan, the plan he is selling here in [NH]. ... [He] wants to delay a middle class tax cut until the fall. Democrats can't believe their luck. ... The

[Dems] will try to capitalize on what they consider a White House political blunder" (2/12). NBC's Jim Miklaszewski: "At this point four years ago, George Bush was 6 points behind Bob Dole in [NH]. Today he's more than 30 points ahead but still running like he's 6 points back. ... Bush campaign officials predict Buchanan could win 35% [in NH]. ... Bush turned it around four years ago by releasing a series of attack ads on television. He's ready to do it again to keep Buchanan away" (2/13).

DEM REAX: CNN showed 3 Dem responses. Clinton: "George Bush told us all a month ago that he would 'do anything it takes' to win. I take the President at his word. George Bush and the Republican Party will do anything to win. They did it in 1988, and they'll do it in 1992." Harkin on abortion: "You know George Bush and these so called conservatives. They run all over saying how they want to get the government out of our private lives. But on the most personal, private decision a woman could ever make they want the government to make it." Kerrey on tax flip-flop: "The defining moment for him ... was signing a no new tax pledge. And he found himself in 1990 reversing himself ... he is preforming to get re-elected" ("Inside Politics," 2/12).

*9 BUCHANAN: SAYS BUSH NH TRIP VALIDATES HIS CAMPAIGN

For Buchanan, "the appearance" of Bush in NH "meant only one thing: The Buchanan for President campaign has arrived." He said the WH is approaching "panic stage," and is "laboring hard to counter Bush's claim that a vote for Bush is a vote against Congress. ... For Buchanan, Bush is simply a collaborator with statism" (Dionne, W. POST, 2/13). He said Bush's re-election announcement "lacked credibility because Bush has compiled a tax-and-spend record indistinguishable from that" of Dukakis: "I don't know the difference between what George Bush has done and what Michael Dukakis would have done" (Black, BOSTON GLOBE, 2/13). Manchester UNION LEADER editorial: "While [Bush] spent weeks circling the globe or hiding in the White House, only recently to emerge after discovering that the Buchanan candidacy is more formidable than at first supposed, [Buchanan] stressed his program in every corner of the state." For Bush strategists "to pretend to believe that [NHers] are not hearing the Buchanan message ... is to resort to insultingly bad psychology. If that were true, they wouldn't be so stressed out" (2/13). W.S. JOURNAL's Bartley writes, "If the president echoes the Mugwumps," Buchanan "echoes the Know-Nothings." Buchanan is a "dangerous messenger" (2/13). SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER's Hanson profiles him, while WSJ's Perry explores the anti-Semitism charges (2/13).

BALLOT ACCESS: KY: Buchanan's camp said he would sue KY election officials to get on the 5/26 primary ballot. He contends he met the qualifications by qualifying for matching funds by 1/3 and charged election officials with "a play on words." KY law requires the election board to nominate candidates who had qualified for federal matching funds by 1/7. The FEC received Buchanan's request for money 1/3, but didn't approve it until 1/27. KY Sec/State Bob Babbage said Buchanan could have still qualified by collecting 5,000 GOP signatures, but has only filed 12 and has not paid the \$1,000 filing fee (Cross, Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, 2/13). NY: N.Y. POST editorial: "The rules must be fair." And in Buchanan's case "they weren't." NY GOP chair Wm Powers "arbitrarily changed the filing dates for nominating petitions -- the rules permit that -- with the practical effect that it became impossible for Buchanan to compete in [NY]. There are a lot of Republicans in

this state who are unhappy with President Bush -- and who might have liked to signal their displeasure [4/7]. Now they won't be able to do so" (2/13) NY Primary: 4/7.

***10 MUSINGS: A LITTLE BIT OF THIS AND THAT**

DEBATE UPDATE: CNN's Bernard Shaw moderates the 3rd network debate to be held 8:00p EST 2/16, aired on CNN from St. Anselm's College in Manchester. The first 25 minutes will feature 5 minutes of direct questioning of each candidate by CNN's Ken Bode and League of Women Voters' Susan Lederman. The 4th debate, on ABC 3/5, will be moderated by Peter Jennings from WFAA-TV studios in Dallas at 11:30p-1:00a EST (ABC release, 2/12).

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: The FL House passed a bill which calls for FL to join ME and NE as the only states to assign electors by congressional district. All other states assign winner-take-all electoral college votes based on the statewide result. The bill is now in the state Senate. Not surprisingly, the FL GOP, which has won the state in recent pres. elections, is against the bill (ORLANDO SENTINEL, 2/12).

BARRY FUNNY: Columnist/candidate Dave Barry, reporting from NH: "I sense that the voters are angry. I could hear it in their voices. 'Hey moron!' they were saying. 'This is a one-way street!'" (WASH. POST, 2/13).

***11 NEW HAMPSHIRE POLLS**

1) **BOSTON GLOBE/WBZ TRACKING:** At least 200 NH Dem and GOP likely voters surveyed nightly by KRC Communications Research; margins of error +/- 5% (2/13).

DEM	2/11-12	2/10-11	2/9-10	2/8-9	2/6-8
Tsongas	30%	26%	26%	26%	25%
Clinton	19	20	24	26	28
Harkin	13	12	7	7	10
Kerrey	10	9	9	11	12
Brown	6	6	4	5	6
Cuomo (vol.)	5	6	6	4	2
Undec./other	18	18	20	21	17

GOP	2/11-12	2/10-11	2/9-10	2/8-9	2/6-8
Bush	51%	50%	50%	51%	58%
Buchanan	33	29	28	27	28
Lennane (vol.)	1	2	2		
Undec./other	15	19	22	22	14

NOTE: 6% chose "other," including Tsongas (2%) and Nader (2%), Clinton (1%), Cuomo (1%). Unlike the others, Lennane's name is on the GOP ballot.

2) **USA TODAY/CNN/GALLUP TRACKING:** At least 200 likely Dem and GOP NH voters surveyed nightly; margins of error +/-5%(2/13).

DEMS	2/10-12	2/9-11	2/8-10	2/7-9	2/6-8	2/5-7	2/4-6
Tsongas	37%	37%	33%	28%	26%	26%	24%
Clinton	22	22	26	31	33	34	37
Harkin	12	11	11	10	9	8	8
Kerrey	11	12	13	13	13	13	12
Brown	8	7	8	8	11	8	8
Undec.	10	11	9	10	8	11	11

	2/10-12	2/9-11	2/8-10	2/7-9	2/6-8
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	FAV/UNFAV	FAV/UNFAV	FAV/UNFAV	FAV/UNFAV	FAV/UNFAV
Bush	68% / 27%	68% / 28%	70% / 27%	69% / 27%	70% / 27%
Buchanan	49 / 37	48 / 39	46 / 38	45 / 39	46 / 38
Tsongas	79 / 13	77 / 13	75 / 15	73 / 18	74 / 18
Clinton	59 / 34	60 / 32	60 / 32	64 / 29	66 / 27
Kerrey	62 / 25	64 / 22	64 / 23	64 / 21	64 / 22
Harkin	53 / 33	49 / 34	47 / 33	47 / 32	48 / 32
Brown	41 / 44	40 / 45	41 / 43	41 / 44	44 / 39

	2/10-12	2/9-11	2/8-10	2/7-9	2/6-8	2/5-7	2/4-6
GOP	2/10-12	2/9-11	2/8-10	2/7-9	2/6-8	2/5-7	2/4-6
Bush	62%	63%	64%	65%	67%	64%	62%
Buchanan	28	29	27	28	28	31	30
Undec.	10	8	9	7	5	5	7

3) AMERICAN RESEARCH GROUP TRACKING: About 450 likely Dem and 450 likely GOP voters surveyed nightly; margins of error +/- 4.6 (ARG release, 2/13).

	2/10-12	2/9-11	2/8-10
DEMS	2/10-12	2/9-11	2/8-10
Tsongas	27%	29%	29%
Clinton	22	26	27
Cuomo write-in	10	9	8
Harkin	8	8	6
Kerrey	7	8	9
Brown	6	7	7
Other Dem	2	1	1
Nader write-in	0	0	0
Undec.	18	11	11

	2/10-12	2/9-11	2/8-10
GOP	2/10-12	2/9-11	2/8-10
Bush	45%	50%	54%
Buchanan	26	26	25
Other GOP	9	10	8
Nader write-in	0	1	0
Undec.	19	13	12

4) POLITICAL/MEDIA RESEARCH TRACKING: At least 160 Dem and GOP likely voters surveyed nightly; margin of error +/- 5.5% (CONCORD MONITOR, 2/13).

DEMS		FAV / UNFAV	GOP		FAV / UNFAV
Tsongas	32%	67% / 11%	Bush	50%	56% / 21%
Clinton	25	44 / 28	Buchanan	33	38 / 40
Harkin	10	39 / 16	Undec.	17	
Kerrey	8	42 / 18			
Brown	5	30 / 35			
Cuomo (vol.)	3				
Undec.	17				

*12 HEALTH CARE: CHECKING THE SPECTRUM; BUSH PLAN REAX

BOSTON GLOBE's Richard Knox writes health care has become the "touchstone issue" of the '92 campaign. "Each candidate's approach arguably reveals more about his philosophy, priorities and governing style than any other issues. ... Bush and Buchanan are calculating that most Americans think the current US health care system is fundamentally OK but some people need help buying into it. ... At the other end of the political spectrum" is Kerrey's "sweeping plan for government to pay everyone's health care bills, though he would still funnel most of the money through private health plans that would compete for subscribers on the basis of quality, extra benefit and convenience." Harkin and Brown "also like the government-as-payer approach. But how they would restructure US health care remains largely a mystery.

... Holding the middle ground" is Clinton, who backs "pay or play" Tsongas also backs "pay or play," but "his strong emphasis on 'managed competition' in the health care marketplace puts him to the right of Clinton and the left of Bush" (2/10). The NH Health Care Coalition, a bi-partisan groups made of 43 consumer, health care, labor and religious organizations, said any of the Dems "would do a better job reforming the nation's health care system" than Bush or Buchanan (CONCORD MONITOR, 2/10).

REAX TO BUSH PLAN: BOSTON HERALD: "Bush's proposals focus on individuals, giving them the wherewithal to take care of themselves, and trusting them to make wise decisions" (2/10). PHILA. INQUIRER subhead: "... not the right tonic" (2/10). N.Y. DAILY NEWS: "... weak on substance and vague about funding" (2/8). MIAMI HERALD header: "... placebo" (2/8). ORLANDO SENTINEL sees "interesting approaches," and applauds Bush for joining the debate (2/7). CHICAGO TRIBUNE backs the tax deduction approach to providing care for all, but criticizing the "vague" cost estimates (2/7). HOUSTON CHRONICLE: "Not only does the plan lack details, it also lacks seriousness" (2/8).

*13 OTHERS: ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT

ECONOMIC POLICY: Citing results of a U.S. NEWS poll (1,500 adults surveyed 1/18-21; +/- 3%), Steven Roberts & Gloria Borger write, "Voters are not nearly as concerned about tax cuts and health-care reform -- the issues that have preoccupied politicians since last November -- as they are about saving their jobs and paying their bills." Only 36% rated their personal financial situation as excellent/good (4% exc.), while 63% rated it fair/poor. Of Dems and independents who have voted GOP, 3 of 4 rate their condition fair/poor. Asked, "Do you now earn enough money to lead the kind of life you want?": Yes 39%; No 61%. Roberts/Borger: "All this helps explain" Tsongas' success relative to Kerrey, "who bases his entire campaign on a massive health-care reform plan." It also hinders "more ideological candidates" like Harkin and Buchanan -- "those least likely to be perceived as problem solvers" (2/17 issue). "The nation's ailing economy -- how it got this way, how to fix it -- dominates this year's presidential contest. The discussion may be about jobs or trade, industrial policy, tax cuts, tax incentives, the deficit, job training, education, health care or crime -- but the focus is always almost economics" (Feeney, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 2/9).

ENVIRONMENT: BOSTON GLOBE's Elizabeth Neuffer calls Bush's announcement, made on the eve of his trip to NH, backing a

speedier phase-out of CFCs (See GREENWIRE 2/11), "a policy about-face ... believed to be due in part to the departure" of ex-Cos John Sununu (2/12). EPA admin. Wm Reilly: "The urgency and priority of this decision are driven by the science, not the politics" (PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/12). L.A. TIMES' Abramson writes the decision "has important political implications. ... Bush's campaign strategists believe that the environment will be an important election issue and is an area in which" Clinton is "perceived to be weak. Furthermore, environmental issues are seen as extremely important in [CA], a crucial state for Bush" (2/12). Next week's working session for the U.N. "Earth Summit" will likely focus attention on Bush's isolation from U.S. allies on the greenhouse effect and his status as the only allied leader who has not committed to attend.

WELFARE REFORM: COX NEWS' Scott Shepard writes the public's "long-simmering unhappiness with the nation's welfare system has spawned a number of radical reforms that could make welfare a volatile issue." States are experimenting "not only at reducing welfare costs but also at penalizing welfare recipients who do not behave the way government prescribes." Clinton "was the first to raise welfare reform as an issue in the current ... contest, boasting of his efforts to link welfare benefits to work requirements through 'workfare.'" No other Dem "has endorsed such an approach" (ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 2/9). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Clarence Page writes, "The behavior modification approach to government benefits is sweeping the country." He decries the fact that benefits of the JOBS program and the '88 Family Support Act were never fully realized because debt-ridden states could't meet federal matching requirements (2/9).

TRADE: "Buy American" update. Cars driven by candidates, courtesy of C.S. MONITOR's John Dillin. Tsongas: Jeep and Chrysler; Clinton: '65 Ford Mustang (Hillary drives an '89 Olds Calais); Harkin: '77 Chevy Corvette; Brown: '90 Mercury Sable; Buchanan: Mercedes and Cadillac; Bush (when he's not in his limo): Ford pickup and Ford Bronco (2/10).

===== ON THE HOUSE =====

*14 REDISTRICTING UPDATE

AL (0): The House, on a procedural vote, refused to allow a cmte-approved bill to the floor. Because the Dems failed to pass a remap bill, a court-ordered map "favoring Republicans" will decide the CDs. The "refusal" of some Dems to challenge the court-ordered plan "frustrated" other Dems, who own a majority in the Leg. (MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, 2/12).

AZ (+1): House Maj. Leader Mark Killian (R) predicted the Leg. "will be unable to reach agreement" on remapping CDs and that it "will be settled in court." GOPers filed a suit alleging "continuing delays by the Legislature violate federal laws" (ARIZONA REPUBLIC, 2/11).

FL (+4): House Dems, after negotiations with black and Hispanic lawmakers "at unannounced meetings," unveiled a "compromise that could create four" majority black or Hispanic CDs. The proposal, "designed to build a coalition" to give Dems the 61 votes they need to pass a plan, draws an open seat in SW and Central Orange CO. It also combines CDs of Reps. Bill McCollum (R-05) and Cliff Stearns (R-06). The majority black CDs would be in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale (ORLANDO SENTINEL, 2/11).

ID (0): Federal Judge Robert Newhouse "rejected a deadline

that would have saved the 5/26 primary date, saying he needs time to review" the complicated issue. "Conventional wisdom holds that a delay hurts the GOP" in not just congressional races, but also in the Senate race, where the GOP has a late primary against lone Dem Rep. Richard Stallings (IDAHO STATESMAN, 2/9).

MA (-1): 9 of 11 Dem Members of Congress met with state leg. leaders, indicating they are "ready to reject" Gov. Wm Weld's (R) offer "to alter his plan." Rep. Ed Markey (D-07), who would be combined with Rep. Nick Mavroules (D-06), said they found the latest proposals "completely unacceptable." Weld had met with leg. leaders and "reportedly" offered to "change the lines in the Boston [CD] he earlier proposed" that would combine the CDs of Reps. Joe Kennedy (D-08) and Brian Donnelly (D-11) (BOSTON GLOBE, 2/11). 2 options exist for Dems: "Fight Weld in court or try to force" a veto override (BOSTON HERALD, 2/11). Weld warned the Dems to reach agreement with him: "I think we're going to do perhaps better in court than we are in a negotiated compromise" (HERALD, 2/13).

MI (-2): Dems and GOPers each submitted a plan to the court 1/31 for a 3/9 hearing. The GOP plan would throw Sander Levin (D-17) and Dennis Hertel (D-14) together and throw Dale Kildee (D-07) and Bob Traxler (D-08) together. It also would "weaken" Dem strength in the CDs Bob Carr (D-06) and House Maj. Whip Dave Bonior (D-12). The Dem plan would throw Bill Broomfield (R-18) and Carl Pursell (R-02) together in a CD that would "heavily favor" Broomfield and slightly weaken Bonior and Carr. A decision is expected 3/13 (INSIDE MI POLITICS, 2/3 issue).

NJ (-1): Both Dems and GOPers are lobbying the 13-member bipartisan commission to save Rep. Frank Pallone's CD (D-03) on the shore. While GOPers would force Pallone to run in a majority GOP CD and combine the CDs of Reps. Bob Torricelli (D-09) and Robert Roe (D-08), Dems would "salvage" Pallone's CD and combine the CDs of Reps. Dean Gallo (R-11) and Matthew Rinaldo (R-07). Dems also called for the commission to hold a public hearing in Pallone's CD (Weissman, ASBURY PARK PRESS, 2/12).

NY (-3): Manhattan GOP and Dem leaders are "teaming up to fight any" remapping that would force Reps. Bill Green (R-15) and Ted Weiss (D-17) "into a battle for survival." A Leg. task force will release the plan 3/2 (Lombardi, N.Y. DAILY NEWS, 2/11).

NC (+1): The DoJ "put its stamp of approval" on redrawn CDs offering 2 black-majority districts. This opens the filing period which ends 3/2 for the 5/5 primary. GOPers, accusing Dems of "gerrymandering," are "threatening to sue" the state (John Conway, Greensboro NEWS & OBSERVER, 2/7).

OH (-2): Both parties put forth maps last week. The GOP plan leaves southwestern OH "pretty much alone," combining CDs in the north and southeast. The former would result in a Dem loss, while the latter would combine the CDs of Doug Applegate (D-18) and Clarence Miller (R-10). The Dem pan would eliminate Rep. John Boehner's (R-08) CD and wrap Dave Hobson's (R-07) CD around Montgomery Co. (DAYTONA DAILY NEWS, 2/8). The GOP controls the Senate and passed its plan there. The Dem-controlled House plans to pass a plan next week (Cleveland PLAIN DEALER, 2/13).

PA (-2): "By rejecting a proposal approved by the House," the Senate "set the stage" for a conference cmte, where Leg. leaders "could attempt to fashion an agreement." By missing their deadline, they made it "increasingly likely" the courts will take over the process as a compromise appears "remote." Even during debate, state lawmakers and Reps. "began submitting" proposals to the Commonwealth Court (PHILA. INQUIRER, 2/12).

Commonwealth Court President Judge David Craig stepped in to take over the process 2/12. Craig still hoped a leg. compromise would keep him out of it (INQUIRER, 2/13).

SC (0): A 3 judge federal panel agreed the legislative process "reached an impasse" and "to assume responsibility for redrawing" the districts. A federal suit filed by the SC GOP "paved the way for the deadlock by setting up a timetable, and the inability" of the SC house to override Gov. Carroll Campbell's (R) veto "raised the final hurdle." Hearings will begin 2/19 (Gaulden, Charleston POST & COURIER, 2/11). The court will limit the number of witnesses to eight per side (Miller, Columbia STATE, 2/11).

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*15 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" continued its pre-recorded Q & A with the Dem hopefuls, asking for their approach to health care. NBC's "Today" continued it's coverage of Cuba. "CBS This Morning" continued its Olympics coverage (2/13).

LAST NIGHT: CBS and CNN led with CA floods. ABC led with Clinton draft letter controversy. NBC and PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Bush re-election announcement. CNN: "Crossfire" hosted Rep. Bob Dornan (R-CA) and '88 Bush campaign adviser Deborah Steelman on Bush; ABC's "Nightline" hosted Clinton on the draft controversy (2/12).

THE BATTLE IS JOINED: ABC's Bob Schieffer: "Why did gleeful Democrats take such pleasure in sending the president's economic package directly to the House floor exactly as the White House wrote it? Because even though Congressional Republicans cheered the plan when the President unveiled it, their support evaporated as they discovered the package contained a variety of hidden tax increases, including a 3% tax increase on telephone calls from pay phones, new taxes on interest payments from certain retirement annuity investments, new taxes on 2 million state and local government employees and their employers to finance Medicare insurance. ... Republicans admitted [the tax plan] was not the horse to ride in an election year." Dems "are just delighted they can maneuver Republicans into being the ones to kill the plan. ... It's impossible to say what kind economic medicine is going to be brewed here. The only thing for certain, it's going to be heavily laced with politics" (2/13).

HEY PARDNER': ABC reported on the onslaught of more than 30,000 requests to TX's Comptroller's Office for temporary TX citizenship prompted by Gary Trudeau's "Doonesbury" comic strip on Bush's income tax exemptions as a TX "resident" (2/12).

LATE NIGHT: NBC's David Letterman on campaign spending: "Spending the most money so far is Bob Kerrey. Then next big spender is Tom Harkin ... They believe Clinton will have outspent everybody by at least 2-1 on Valentine's Day gifts" ("LateNight, NBC, 2/13). Dennis Miller on Bush/Quayle: "Bush announced his candidacy today saying America wants leadership. Hey, why start now? ... He said Quayle would be his running-mate, and then he burst into tears. Quayle deserves the vice presidency like Elvis deserved his black belt." On Clinton: "Clinton's running a new television commercial that combats attacks on his character. In this new TV spot he's seen having sex with his wife as he drives a tank through the Mekong delta." On Gennifer Flowers: "Haven't heard too much about [her] recently. I guess people aren't too interested to hear how she's bonking the guy in third place." On Dem party: "Seriously considering changing its symbol from a donkey to a snowball in hell" ("Dennis Miller Show," 2/12).

===== TV SOUNDBITE =====

"All I've been asked about ... is a woman I didn't sleep with and a draft I didn't dodge."

-- Bill Clinton, "Nightline," ABC, 2/12.

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Presidential Phone Calls



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Bush Presidential Library Photocopy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Tuesday, February 11
4:35 pm

Mr. President,
Rose,

Doug Sanders (HOUSTON, GOLF) called.

He asked if the President would call him --
he said he just "wanted to chat w/ the
President -- to say hello...."

His phone numbers are (713/ 864-3684 - office
713/ 822-0333 - portable
713/ 681-6135 - home)

I did tell Mr. Sanders that the President
had an event tonight and he was travelling
tomorrow but we would let the President
know that he had called....)

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2/13/92

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NBC's John Chancellor comments that if something isn't done about the cities with their problems of crime, drugs, unemployment and despair, the whole country is going to suffer. America can't compete in the world if its cities are in trouble. But it's not likely that you'll hear much this year about people who live in cities. You will hear about people who live in suburbs. That's where the votes are now. (NBC-6)

BUDGET

Rather: In Washington, the budget plan that the President insists will produce a fast turnaround for the economy got a quick thrashing on Capitol Hill today. It wasn't just the Democrats who found the Bush proposals unacceptable.

CBS's Bob Schieffer: As the President carried the battle north to New Hampshire, Democrats at the Capitol hit him squarely from the rear. At the House Ways and Means Committee, they decided to send the President's economic recovery plan to the House floor exactly, they claim, as the White House wrote it. Why is that bad for the President? Because even though Republicans cheered when he unveiled his plan in the State of the Union message, their support evaporated once they discovered the package contained a variety of hidden tax increases, including: a 3 percent tax increase on telephone calls from pay phones; new taxes on interest payments from certain retirement annuity investments; new taxes on two million state and government employees and their employers to finance Medicare insurance.

(President Bush, Jan. 28: "I cannot take no for an answer. You must cut the capital gains tax on the people of our country.") But Republicans said there was even a catch to that. Most of what wealthy Americans would gain by that proposed cut would be wiped out by other changes in the tax law. Today red-faced Republicans cried foul, but tried unsuccessfully to strip the tax increases from a plan they concede is not the horse to ride in an election year.

(Rep. William Thomas: "What we have here is a mule or a jackass.") Democrats don't want the tax increases either but are delighted to force the Republicans to kill the President's plan.

(Rep. Downey: "If you want to walk away from George Bush's proposal, we'll give you the opportunity to walk away from President Bush's proposal.")

What all this means is that the plan the President's been campaigning on is already dead. Democrats still promise tax cuts of some kind, but with partisanship so high don't spend them yet.

(CBS-3)

CALIFORNIA FLOODING

Rather: Blame it on El Nino, the big South Pacific wind that's kicking up destructive weather in the American South and West. Another freak storm hit southern California today. Flood waters raged from Santa Barbara to Los Angeles, with the worst in Ventura County.

Bush Library Photocopy
George Bush Handwriting

NETWORK NEWS

(Wednesday evening, Feb. 12)

CAMPAIGN

NBC's Tom Brokaw: A week from today, the results of the New Hampshire primary; and tonight, the sitting President and the man who was leading the Democratic pack are already involved in damage control. As he formally announced his candidacy today, President Bush had trouble on two fronts: from challenger Pat Buchanan and from congressional Democrats on his economic package.

NBC's John Cochran: To satisfy congressional Republicans back in Washington, the President has changed his economic game plan, the plan he is selling here in New Hampshire.

[TV coverage of President Bush shaking hands with two pleasantly surprised women in New Hampshire]

The President knows the hard-pressed voters of New Hampshire want economic help now, and Bush said they will get help if Congress meets his deadline to pass his recovery package.

(President Bush: "By March 20 I want to be able to report to the American people that the liberation of America's economy has begun.")

While a house committee studied the Bush plan, the President attacked committee Democrats.

(President Bush: "And they say they're taking up my plan, but they are not. And so I'll say again: Don't re-label my plan, don't change it.")

But Bush himself has already changed part of the plan he announced with much fanfare in his State of the Union address. Congressional Republicans demanded changes when they discovered Bush's plan would raise some taxes in return for cutting taxes immediately on capital gains. Bush also wants to delay a middle-class tax cut until this fall. Democrats can't believe their luck.

(Rep. Rostenkowski: "I can see no justification for imparting capital gains relief for rich investors today while working families with children wait for a second bill that may never come.")

The Democrats will try to capitalize on what they think is a White House political blunder by offering their own tax breaks for the middle class. But Bush's most pressing problem comes from his own party, from Pat Buchanan. Today, a Boston newspaper which is read in New Hampshire endorsed Buchanan and said "Bush has betrayed those who voted for him in 1988." The Bush campaign is ready to launch negative TV ads against Buchanan if late polls look bad for Bush.

[TV coverage of President Bush signing autographs]

Without mentioning Buchanan, Bush criticized the isolationism associated with him.

(President Bush: "Our national symbol isn't the ostrich, it's the eagle. And that's the way it should be." [cheers])

The President takes the Buchanan challenge seriously enough to return here for two days this weekend.

Bush Library Photocopy
George Bush Handwriting

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ARISTIDE DENOUNCES U.S. MOVES ON HAITI Exile Charges Bush Is Being Undercut

CARACAS, Venezuela -- Deposed President Aristide accused some in the Bush Administration Wednesday of abandoning the fight against Haiti's military-dominated rule by easing the trade embargo and he denounced the U.S. policy of forced repatriation of his countrymen.

In a 45-minute interview at the presidential residence, Aristide said those being forcibly repatriated were being arrested, beaten and tortured in Haiti because of the policy of U.S. "discrimination."...

Aristide said he still believed Bush supported his cause. But he said some members of the Bush Administration -- whom he did not specify -- were undermining the President's policy, and that the U.S. as well as the OAS must enact a complete economic embargo if democratic rule is to be restored.

"I care about President Bush and the credibility of the Bush Administration," said Aristide. "Because I care about that, I cannot accept hearing his voice say something, then see people from his Administration, not all of them, but some people, doing exactly the opposite."

Asked what the opposite meant, Aristide said: "He says yes to democracy and those who kill democracy say yes to what they did about the embargo." (Douglas Farah, Washington Post, A33)

U.S. EMBASSY TOLD TO STEP UP WATCH FOR HAITIAN REFUGEE ABUSE

MIAMI -- The State Department ordered the U.S. Embassy in Haiti to more aggressively investigate claims that returned boat people may face harm or death. In a tersely worded cable, the State Department's Latin American Affairs Bureau told embassy officials in Port-Au-Prince to "devote all available personnel and other resources to monitoring the post-repatriation situation of returnees." (Lizette Alvarez, Knight-Ridder)

U.S. RAISES DOUBT ABOUT HAITI EMBARGO

A top State Department official is raising doubts about whether the strategy of economic sanctions that Western nations are using to seek the restoration of democracy in Haiti is effective.

Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson says the OAS may have to consider forming a multilateral peacekeeping force to deal with future interruptions of democracy in the Western atmosphere....

"We have to try to determine whether an embargo is an effective instrument," Aronson said in a speech Wednesday at Georgetown University. "We have to determine in the OAS whether we need additional instruments." (George Gedda, AP)

Bush Library Photocopy
George Bush Handwriting

Bush's Recovery Plan Is Rebuffed

...Sen. Bentsen criticized the Administration for diminishing Bush's original proposal and making a capital gains tax cut the "centerpiece" of the bill.

"Does the White House really expect the Congress to support a bill giving tax cuts to high-income individuals and put off income tax relief for working Americans until a second bill?" Bentsen said, adding that it was unlikely Congress could manage two major tax bills in the current session.

(Carleton Bryant & Anne Veigle, Washington Times, A3)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Is Capital Gains Tax Cut A Capital Idea?" by Sandra Sugawara, appears in The Washington Post, page B12.

POLL SHOWS PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AT NEW LOW

NEW YORK -- Public confidence in the economy hit a new low this week, according to an ABC News/Money poll Wednesday that found 93 percent of Americans pessimistic about the country's economic fortunes. A weekly poll said well over half of those surveyed -- 56 percent -- described their own personal finances as being in bad shape during the week ended Feb. 9. Seventy-six percent also rated the buying climate negatively. (Reuter)

DOW GAINS 25 TO REACH ANOTHER HIGH

NEW YORK -- Blue-chip stocks closed at record highs Wednesday, spurred by a wave of buying from investors hunting for low-priced stocks. Smaller stocks also reached new highs. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 25.26 points at 3,276.83, surpassing the previous record of 3,272.81, set Feb. 4. It was the 10th record close so far this year. (Washington Post, B13)

TRULY FIRED AS NASA CHIEF, APPARENTLY AT QUAYLE BEHEST

President Bush Wednesday fired NASA Administrator Truly, apparently at the recommendation of Vice President Quayle and others in the White House. "I'm floored. I can't explain it," Truly said Wednesday. "It was not my idea."...

Insiders said that the decision to ask for Truly's resignation reached critical mass when Bush and Samuel Skinner joined Quayle in a realization that, as one Administration official put it, "Truly wasn't doing the President any good," either politically or in terms of furthering Bush's space policy goals....

Quayle spokesman David Beckwith said, "I've got nothing to say." An Administration official rejected the notion that firing Truly served some political need now. "The politic thing to have done would be to wait and fire him later. No one is paying attention to the space program now, and there was no pressing need to make changes because of politics....

Sen. Gore said, "I view this as a very troubling sign that Vice President Quayle's space council may have forced Admiral Truly to leave this job because of the council's insistence on running NASA from the Vice President's office."

(Kathy Sawyer, Washington Post, A1)

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George Bush Handwriting

**BUSH'S SURROGATES FROM THE SUB-CABINET
Top Labor Dept. Appointees Given 'Marching Orders'
To Promote Agenda Via Airwaves**

With President Bush now a formal candidate for reelection, he can count on getting a little campaign help from his co-workers and friends. This is the season of surrogate campaigners, another of the advantages of incumbency, when members of the President's Cabinet traditionally head beyond the Beltway to trumpet his accomplishments...

That may sound like old news to political observers, but this year, there's an added twist. The list of surrogates now includes members of the sub-Cabinet, the men and women who normally toil in relative obscurity in the nation's capital, but still capture marquee attention in the hinterlands. Unlike their Cabinet bosses, however, members of the sub-Cabinet may never have to leave the office to spread the good word about Administration policies.

(Frank Swoboda & Charles Babcock, Washington Post, A21)

**PANEL REJECTS BUSH'S LIMITED TAX PLAN
House Democrats Drafting Fiscal Relief For The Middle Class**

The House Ways and Means Committee Wednesday rejected along bitterly drawn partisan lines a scaled-back version of President Bush's plan to end the recession, and then Democrats began meeting in private to draft legislation aimed at providing tax relief for the middle class. The streamlined package was defeated 23-13...

After a meeting of Ways and Means Democrats, Reps. Foley and Gephardt, Rep. Rostenkowski told reporters that there is support among House Democrats for some type of reduction in the capital gains tax that would be less generous to the wealthy, for restoration of a tax break for the real estate industry involving passive loss rules and for some version of an investment tax credit.

During the Ways and Means session, the Democratic majority also tweaked the Administration by voting to send to the House floor, without recommendation, a bill introduced by Gephardt that contains virtually all the tax proposals President Bush unveiled last month, including several that House Republicans oppose.

"We're going to have an opportunity to see how much support the President's package has among Republicans when it's put to a vote on the floor," Rostenkowski said.

(Eric Pianin, Washington Post, A14)

Democrats Push Toward House Vote On Bush Tax Plan

...The grousing, several members conceded, was more for the benefit of those watching the proceedings on television than part of any sincere effort at compromise on the legislation...

"The process is clearly designed to hurt the President politically and I won't stand for it," Rep. Archer told the members. "You do everything to create obstacles and obfuscation (to passage of a bill) the President can sign..."

"I know George Bush, and Dick Gephardt is no George Bush," Rep. Thomas said. "The President wanted a racehorse and you've given him a jackass," he said of the Democratic interpretation of the Bush plan.

(Melissa Merson, UPI)

TRIP NEWS

BUSH SWIPES AT BUCHANAN

Says 'Liberation Of Economy Has Begun'

MANCHESTER -- President Bush, facing a challenge in next week's presidential primary, told the state legislature Wednesday the "liberation of the American economy has begun." Bush, in New Hampshire for the closing days before Tuesday's critical primary, also took aim at Patrick Buchanan during several stops Wednesday.

A senior Bush-Quayle campaign official told reporters en route to New Hampshire the campaign "is prepared" to directly attack Buchanan with ads, hinting the attack would be focused on Buchanan's opposition to the Gulf War. Bob Teeter said of the closing days, "We are prepared for whatever happens in the last days."

(Michael Cousineau & Donn Tibbetts, Manchester Union Leader)

PRESIDENT FORMALLY ENTERS RACE

Pressing Campaign, He Calls Government Too Big, Too Costly

CONCORD -- President Bush formally opened his reelection campaign Wednesday with a conservative manifesto against big government that was sharply at odds with the kinder, gentler themes that launched his drive for the White House four years ago.

In his announcement to a cheering crowd of supporters in Washington Wednesday morning, and in a day of campaigning in this conservative state, Bush returned to the rhetoric of the Reagan Era to press his primary campaign against Patrick Buchanan....

A senior campaign official traveling with Bush told reporters that Buchanan's opposition to a war that still evokes strong applause wherever the President mentions it will be the subject of Bush negative ads if they are deemed necessary in the final days of the New Hampshire campaign....

Another official said that with Bush now in a commanding lead heading into the primary, with no signs of visible erosion, the negative ads "probably won't be needed."

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A1)

Bush Makes Campaign Official With Speech Promising Change

CONCORD -- President Bush, who for most of his presidency has touted a "stay the course" philosophy, formally launched his reelection bid Wednesday by discarding status-quo rhetoric and promising that his new ideal is to fight to "change America."...

Bush's visit drew widespread media attention, but Patrick Buchanan continued to gain on the President in a nightly tracking poll being done for the Globe and WBZ-TV by KRC Communications Research. In the two-night sample of 400 likely Republican voters, Bush's lead over Buchanan had slipped to 51-33 percent, down from the 50-29 percent lead he had enjoyed in the Monday and Tuesday night samples.

(Michael Kranish, Boston Globe)

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 2-13

TIME: 10⁴⁹
incoming/outgoing

WITH: Mr Fred Melcher

SUBJECT:

Husband died

old friend

copy sent to Jan

FOLLOW UP:

2/13/92

not here
in St. Joseph's Hospital

Mr. President:

Fred Melcher died after long bout with cancer. Private funeral will be Friday. Sarah Gee called me last night

Barbara, wife

10 Oak Creek
Route 3, Box 183
El Camp, Texas 77437

tele: (409) 543-8237

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nFebruary 13, 1992

Phil Brady

See the attached cards given me in NH. If the annuity question has been taken care of get someone to call these two people. Have it done by close of business Friday.

"The President asked me to call you etc etc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 14, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *rbp*
SUBJECT: Calls to Insurance Agents in New Hampshire

As requested, we called the two insurance agents in New Hampshire who handed you their business cards and raised the issue of the tax treatment of non-life contingent annuities.

Both were flabbergasted at the promptness of the followup, and that they actually received a call from the White House. Neither was hostile. They seemed pleased that we were genuinely interested in their views.

It reminded me once again of the importance of the small and simple things that can make all the difference in life.

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Coleman/Bartlett's Washington Focus

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Memo to the President
from Charley Bartlett

File

Through the magic of C-Span and CNN, I was able to watch your two talks yesterday and I thought you did a great job. You came over as a strong leader with a forceful theme.

Ned Patterson is going to place this editorial ad in the New Hampshire papers over the weekend. It will also appear in that new weekly in NYC and in The Washington Times.

I researched FDR in 1936 - He had 66 press conferences between the first of the year and election day.

February 13, 1992

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Like Patterson

CLAN BUCHANAN

Dear Pat:

I'm proud of you. I see you on "Crossfire TV" but now I see you at a crossroad.

I understand the dilemma for I was the fifteenth President of the United States. Abraham Lincoln succeeded me.

We Buchanans come along at the eleventh hour. History alleges I could hardly wait for Mr. Lincoln to take office. It was not so much I was impatient to leave as it was, I thought, destiny waited anxiously on Mr. Lincoln.

Now, Pat, proud Buchanan, finish with New Hampshire. Retire from the race. As George Bush has a struggle so you, I fear me, are on a trip to nowhere, sad to say.

Don't risk bringing down the both of you lest you lose, for good, a bully pulpit, should Mr. Bush be defeated.

History may say I did abandon ship. Don't let it say the same for another Buchanan. Rather let the record show you retired from the race, a reluctant dragon, realistic enough to feel reluctant yet still a dragon full of fire.

Alike in more than name,
James Buchanan

Edward Patterson • 24 West 55 Street • New York, NY 10019

Marina's sked *Rose*

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS OF 02/12/92 AT 3:00 PM

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 1992

6:20 PM - DEPART DULLES AIRPORT VIA UNITED #914

FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 1992

7:55 AM - ARRIVE PARIS, FRANCE
RON AT EL ASSIR RESIDENCE

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY 1992

1:00 AM - DEPART VIA PRIVATE JET

9:00 AM - ARRIVE RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA
RON ROYAL GUEST HOUSE

SUNDAY OR MONDAY

TRAVEL TO KUWAIT
RON PRIVATE RESIDENCE

WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY

TRAVEL TO MADRID, SPAIN
RON AT EL ASSIR RESIDENCE

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 1992

12:30 PM - DEPART MADRID VIA NORTHWEST #911

3:25 PM - ARRIVE DULLES AIRPORT

NOTE: SCHEDULE MAY BE MOVED FORWARD TO ENSURE ARRIVAL BACK IN
WASHINGTON, D.C. ON THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 1992

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FOR: ROSE ZAMARIA

FROM: PHILLIP D. BRADY

The President's *unpublished* schedule for

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1992

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH TRUDE FELDMAN

DATE: Thursday, February 13, 1992
TIME: 11:10 a.m.
LOCATION: The Oval Office
FROM: Marlin Fitzwater *GF for MF*

I. PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Trude Feldman has requested a photograph to accompany an article regarding the Middle East and the Gulf War. Questions were submitted to you and answers were supplied, which you approved, by the National Security Council (see attachment).

II. BACKGROUND

You have met with her before to discuss the Middle East. The article most likely will appear in papers across the country, in particular Jewish publications.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Marlin Fitzwater
Judy Smith
Trude Feldman

IV. PRESS PLAN

Press photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Greetings and photo opportunity

VI. REMARKS

None provided

1. A year later, what are your newest reflections on the Gulf war?

I am more certain than ever that we--America and the coalition--did the right thing. A tyrant who threatened world peace and the world economy was forced to retreat. Kuwait is liberated and on the road to free elections in October. The oil fires set by Saddam's defeated army have been extinguished. His arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, has been significantly damaged and what remains is under UN scrutiny. We will not relax our vigil to destroy that arsenal in accordance with UN resolutions. The Gulf--an area that is vital to our economic well being--is secure from political and economic blackmail.

The results go beyond the Gulf, however. Our strength and resolve have sent a message everywhere. In the Middle East, thanks in large part to our efforts, direct peace talks between Israel and all of its Arab neighbors have begun for the first time ever. Multilateral negotiations on arms control, economic cooperation and other issues have begun. America's hostages in Lebanon are home.

We fought a limited war for a vital purpose. We prevailed. Saddam is weak and on the defensive at home and in the region. We will stand by our determination to maintain UN sanctions and inspections and to keep Iraq isolated until the Iraqi people and army free themselves of this dictator. We will be ready to be a partner with a new leadership in Baghdad that accepts the UN resolutions and is ready to live at peace with Iraq's neighbors and the Iraqi people.

2. Now that the hostages are released, what are the prospects for improved relations with Iran?

The release of these brave men and the return of the remains of two American heroes, Bill Buckley and Rich Higgins, is a testament to the correctness of the policy of not bargaining with terrorists. Our firm stand on that principle and the strength we demonstrated in Desert Storm were the two keys to the hostages release.

We are pleased that Iran used its influence constructively on this matter in the last few months. Nonetheless, we remain deeply troubled by other aspects of Iranian policy including continued support for terrorism and its opposition to the Arab-Israeli peace process. That said, we recognize that Iran has an important role to play in the Gulf and we are open to talks with the leadership in Tehran on the issues that divide our two countries.

3. What effect will the dissolution of the Soviet Union have on the security and stability of the Mideast and on U.S. national interests in the region?

The USSR played an important and useful role in the Gulf crisis, in trying to end the war in Afghanistan, and in opening the way for Arab-Israeli negotiations. We have been pleased to work with the Soviet leadership on these and other issues. The new leadership in Russia has assured us of their determination to continue this constructive role and has underscored that determination by joining us in ending arms supplies to the Afghan parties and by hosting the Moscow multilateral talks on Arab-Israeli peace. I am confident that this spirit of cooperation will continue to help improve the prospects for stability in the region.

4. What chances does Lebanon have in 1992 to restore its full independence and sovereignty?

The United States firmly supports Lebanon's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity as well as the withdrawal of all non-Lebanese forces from Lebanon. As a result of the Ta'if process, significant progress has been made toward restoring stability and extending central government authority. We expect that all parties will continue to implement the provisions of the Ta'if accords, including withdrawal of Syrian forces to the Beka'a valley in September. As a separate matter, we also support implementation of UNSC resolution 425, including the withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Lebanon, and believe the current bilateral negotiations between Lebanon and Israel can be helpful in assuring Lebanese sovereignty and territorial integrity as well as Israel's and Lebanon's right to a secure border.

5. What is your reaction to Israeli deportation of Palestinians and the Palestine boycott?

The United States has long opposed deportations from the occupied territories as inconsistent with Israeli obligations under the Fourth Geneva Convention, and we have consistently voted for resolutions of disapproval in the U.N. Security Council. We also oppose the Arab boycott of Israel. We believe the Middle East peace process provides the parties to the dispute an effective vehicle to negotiate directly their differences. We have also asked the parties to avoid unilateral statements or actions which impede that process, but rather to take steps which will improve the atmosphere for negotiations.

6. What is your reaction to the rise of Moslem fundamentalism in the Mideast?

The United States maintains good relations with the vast majority of Muslim countries and has been able to cooperate effectively with their governments. There are also many Muslims in this country who are active in civic and foreign affairs. We do have differences with political movements when they seek to use Islam as a political banner to justify intolerance, the abridgement of fundamental human rights, or interference in the affairs of others.

7. What must (or should) Israel do now to win your support for its requested loan guarantees?

The United States supports Jewish emigration from the former Soviet Union to Israel and is committed to trying to find terms and conditions under which it could support Israel's request for loan guarantees and, at the same time, promote the prospects of peace between Israel and her neighbors. Settlements in the occupied territories are obviously a question of intense concern to many parties in the Middle East, and we have consistently opposed them as obstacles to peace. The Government of Israel is well aware of our views.



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

R2

February 12, 1992

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH JAMES CALDWELL
Thursday, February 13, 1992
The Oval Office
11:15am

From: Rose Zamaria

I. PURPOSE

Departure photo for Special Agent James Caldwell.

II. BACKGROUND

On February 22, 1992 Special Agent Jim Caldwell will transfer to the U. S. Secret Service Field Office in Newark, New Jersey. Jim has been assigned to PPD for four years.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Larry Sperl, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, USSS
James Caldwell, Special Agent
Nancy Caldwell, wife
Lauren Caldwell, daughter
James Caldwell, son

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

ASAIC Sperl will introduce James Caldwell and family members; photos will be taken and individuals will depart.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1992

PHOTOGRAPH WITH MARIANNE McGETTIGAN

Thursday, February 13, 1992

11:15 a.m.

(5 minutes)

The Oval Office

From: Roger B. Porter *RBP*

I. PURPOSE

To have a farewell photograph with Marianne McGettigan who has served for the past three years on the staff of the Office of Economic and Domestic Policy as Special Assistant to the President for Policy Development and Associate Director for Legal Policy.

II. BACKGROUND

Marianne has served you with great dedication and loyalty. She is leaving the administration to take a position with a major Maine law firm. She played a pivotal role in the Americans with Disabilities Act, civil rights, food safety, and the crime bill. She is one of those who has served quietly and competently, and will be greatly missed.

Marianne is an avid golfer and this past year scored her first hole in one.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Roger Porter
Marianne McGettigan

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Marianne McGettigan and Roger Porter enter the Oval Office.
Photo-op.
They depart.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1992

PHOTO-OP WITH MARY KATE GRANT

DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1992
TIME: 11:15 A.M.
LOCATION: OVAL OFFICE
FROM: DAVID F. DEMAREST, JR.

I. PURPOSE:

To have your picture taken with former speechwriter Mary Kate Grant.

II. BACKGROUND:

Mary Kate Grant was a Presidential speechwriter in the Office of Communications. Prior to joining the White House in January of 1989 she worked with the Bush/Quayle '88 Campaign and the Bush/Quayle '88 Transition.

During her career here Mary Kate wrote the article for the 1989 Fourth of July addition of Parade Magazine, the Clean Air Bill Signing, the 1991 Gridiron and the 1991 White House Correspondents Dinner. One of the last speeches Mary Kate did was Kilo Eight at Pearl Harbor.

Mary Kate departed on January 15, 1992 to become Deputy Director of Communications and Spokesperson at the Department of Justice.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

The President
Mary Kate Grant
David Demarest

IV. PRESS PLAN:

White House Photographer Only

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

Guests enter Oval Office.
Photo-op.
Guests depart.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

February 12, 1992

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH JOHN R. SIMPSON

Thursday, February 13, 1992
The Oval Office
11:15 a.m.

FROM: ROSE ZAMARIA *Rz*

I. PURPOSE

To bid farewell to Director Simpson.

II. BACKGROUND

Mr. Simpson was hired in 1962 as a special agent in Boston and thirty years later retired as Director of the U. S. Secret Service. His last duty day was February 1, 1992.

He is now a Commissioner of the U. S. Parole Commission.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Larry Sperl, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, USSS
John R. Simpson
Gerry Simpson, wife
Jane Biddle, daughter
Mark Biddle, son-in-law
John Simpson, Jr., son

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Former Director Simpson will introduce his family members; pictures will be taken, and individuals depart.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1992

PRE-BRIEF FOR INTERVIEWS WITH WKNE RADIO (NH)
AND THE LAWRENCE EAGLE TRIBUNE (MA)

DATE: February 13, 1992
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

THROUGH: Dorrance Smith
Maria Eitel Sheehan

FROM: Mia Kelly

I. PURPOSE

To brief you on issues that may come up during your interviews with WKNE Radio and the Lawrence Eagle Tribune.

II. BACKGROUND

These interviews are an integral part of your continuing effort to blanket New Hampshire and adjoining states with Presidential news coverage during the final week before the New Hampshire primary. Such interviews allow you to set the agenda and force the other candidates to respond.

The reporters participating in these interviews are:

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|--|------------------------------|
| 1. WKNE Radio
Keene, NH | Gary James
(603) 352-2115 |
| 2. <u>Lawrence Eagle Tribune</u>
Lawrence, MA | Ed Achorn
(508) 685-1000 |

The first is a LIVE radio interview and will last 5 minutes. The second is a newspaper interview and will last 10 minutes.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Dorrance Smith
Marlin Fitzwater
Ron Kaufman

IV. PRESS PLAN

Exclusive to WKNE Radio and the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Participants enter Oval Office;
engage in pre-brief; and
remain in Oval Office until interviews are complete.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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also copy in book for

February 10, 1992

Memorandum for Secretary Skinner

From: Bob Grady *BG*

RE: CFCs and international environmental policies

On Friday you asked me to write down the bullet points I ticked off orally concerning how the U.S. has been a leader in responsibly addressing the CFC/ozone depletion problem. What follows is the text of a one-pager I sent to Senator Wallop on Thursday for his use in the Senate Floor debate which summarizes these points:

THE BUSH RECORD ON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: CFCs

- * President Bush was one of the first world leaders to endorse the total phaseout of CFCs by the year 2000.
- * The U.S. was the first nation to actually legislate (in President Bush's Clean Air Act) to complete phaseout of CFCs.
- * The U.S. was the first nation to actually pay in to the Montreal Protocol Fund to help the LDCs meet their obligations.
- * The U.S. has already reduced CFC emissions by 42% just since 1986 -- far ahead of the internationally required schedule.
- * The U.S. enacted (in the FY 1990 Reconciliation bill, fall of 1989), a tax on CFC production of over \$1.00 a pound. No other country has done this. That -- a Bush proposal -- is what has put us ahead of schedule on the phaseout.
- * It is also critical to get other countries to sign up to the phase out under the Montreal protocol. For example, India -- scheduled to be one of the largest emitters of CFCs -- hasn't yet signed up.
- * Europe is meeting its initial obligations to phase out under the Protocols by phasing out aerosols -- something the U.S. did in 1978.
- * The Administration, in light of the science, is already considering speeding up the Montreal Protocol time schedule. But let's remember -- the U.S., under President Bush's leadership, has already done more than anyone else.

cc: Cam Findlay

From the desk of
George Bush

To JAB

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*
SUBJECT: Independent Bankers Association of America and
the Banking Bill

The AP report you asked about, alleging that the IBAA helped defeat the principal components of our banking reform proposal is indeed correct. The IBAA viewed our comprehensive banking legislation as a major threat to small and medium sized banks and sustained a vigorous effort against it.

They vigorously opposed provisions removing restrictions on interstate banking/branching, allowing banks to sell securities, opening the banking business to non-financial corporations, and reducing the scope of federal deposit insurance coverage.

12:00 P.M. NEWS UPDATE

To Roger
Roger
Roger
Did Bush
Bush
fight
us on
reform

HAITI (AP) -- The Supreme Court refused to block the repatriation of Haitian refugees but left open the possibility it could take such a step later this week. The court gave the Bush Administration until 3 p.m. Friday to respond to an emergency request, filed Monday by lawyers for the refugees, aimed at halting all forced repatriations on the grounds returned Haitians face persecution at home. The request alleged that U.S. officials knew but didn't tell the Supreme Court last month that refugees returned to Haiti had been "tortured, killed or persecuted."

PAN AM BOMBING (Tunis/Reuter) -- Ahmed Al-Zawi, the Libyan judge investigating Western charges against two men indicted for the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 denied in an interview with Reuters that they have disappeared or were dead, and said they were safe. "That is not true. Those who say that could come to Libya and I will allow them to see the two men," he said.

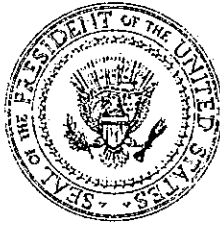
IRAQ (Baghdad/Reuter) -- Iraqi government newspapers said President Bush was escalating plans to topple Saddam in order to cover his low popularity at home and failure of Gulf War policies. "Bush's failure to live up to his promise of changing the regime in Iraq by the end of 1991 is haunting his election campaign," Al Qadissiyah said.

CFE (Brussels/Reuter) -- A conventional arms treaty seen as vital to post-Cold War stability is threatened by a dispute between Russia and Ukraine over how to share thousands of tanks and other hardware covered by the pact. NATO sources told Reuters the two most powerful former Soviet republics could not agree on how to divide equipment limited by the CFE treaty.

PRISON-MADE PRODUCTS/CHINA (Beijing/UPI) -- China, taking the offensive in its spat with Washington over prisoner-made products, saturated its national media with an American magazine's [Business Week, Feb. 17] account of U.S. industry's profitable exploitation of American prisoners. The Chinese reports carried the strong suggestion that the U.S. government, which accuses China of exporting prisoner-made goods to the U.S. in violation of U.S. law, should practice what it preaches or change the sermon.

BANKERS' CONVENTION (San Antonio/AP) -- Alan Greenspan, speaking at the convention of Independent Bankers Association of America, promised the nation's bankers he would consider cutting interest rates again if needed to get the economy moving but repeated that the central bank probably already has done enough. Meanwhile, bankers at the convention are savoring their defeat of President Bush's bank overhaul plan last year, but already they are wondering whether the victory will be short-lived. The IBAA, assembling a broad coalition, blocked provisions removing restrictions on interstate banking, opening the securities business to banks and reducing the scope of federal deposit insurance coverage.

WHOLESALE SALES (UPI) -- Sales of wholesale goods fell a seasonally adjusted 0.1% in December, with the biggest declines reported in petroleum products and apparel, the government said.



February 13, 1992

To Dave Demarest

From: GB

Let's keep the speech
researchers alert to items
from "One year ago
today".

A lot of dramatic things
were happening- a lot of
crazy statemnts made by
opponents to "STORM" by
MC's by Editorials, by
protesters. A lot of
drama we could use from
time to time.

gb

GB /

FROM THE PRESIDENT



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LINDA J. WACHNER
Chairman
President
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Mrs Bush

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

January 29, 1992

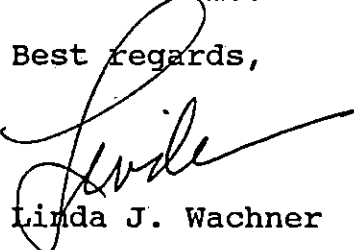
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The President and Mrs. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Bush:

Thank you so much for including me in the lovely evening
at The White House in honor of Bob Mosbacher. The
graciousness of your home will be remembered for a long
time to come.

Best regards,


Linda J. Wachner

LJW:lg

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*Thick pkg -
all sent back
to Phil Brady*

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Dear (first name of people below cab. level)

Our CAabinet Secty, EdevHoliday, showed me your out of town schedule, telling me of your support and advocacy of our state of the union objectives.

Manyt thanks for this active and important follow through..
vtyZ

FROM THE PRESIDENT

From the desk of
George Bush

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cc

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with my notes
to Mr. L

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THE CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

February 12, 1992

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Mike
Hooray, I
think!!

To: The President

From: Mike Boskin *MB*

Re: January Retail Sales

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Very good news. While retail sales were expected to rise in January, the 0.6 percent increase from December levels was stronger than expected. Even better, retail sales for November and December were each revised up considerably to essentially flat from large declines.

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In addition, initial state claims for unemployment insurance were down somewhat in the latest reporting week.

Retail sales account for one-half of consumer spending and about one-third of total GDP. Hopefully, these figures will both stand up once revised and continue to improve. It will require some months in a row of better sales for retail firms to start hiring again. With consumer confidence so low and fickle, I hesitate to make much out of just these data and we will certainly see some negative news as well. The industrial production figures due out Friday showing production in the nation's factories, mines and utilities will almost certainly be down noticeably because of auto production cutbacks and relatively warm winter weather keeping down utility output. But all in all, I am sure you are even happier than I to see some positive news on the economy.

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I was sorry to miss your announcement speech (Brady, Darman and I were testifying before the Senate Finance Committee) but I have heard from a wide range of attendees that you delivered it sensationally. Bill Moss said it was the best since the '88 convention, high praise indeed.

Thank
a lot



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THE CHAIRMAN

February 12, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL J. BOSKIN *MB*

SUBJECT: January Retail Sales, Commerce Department Release, Tomorrow Morning, 8:30 a.m.

Retail sales in nominal terms rose 0.6 percent in January, after rising 0.1 percent in December and being unchanged in November. The December and November figures reflect healthy upward revisions: last month's release had shown a 0.4 percent decrease in December and a 0.5 percent decrease in November.

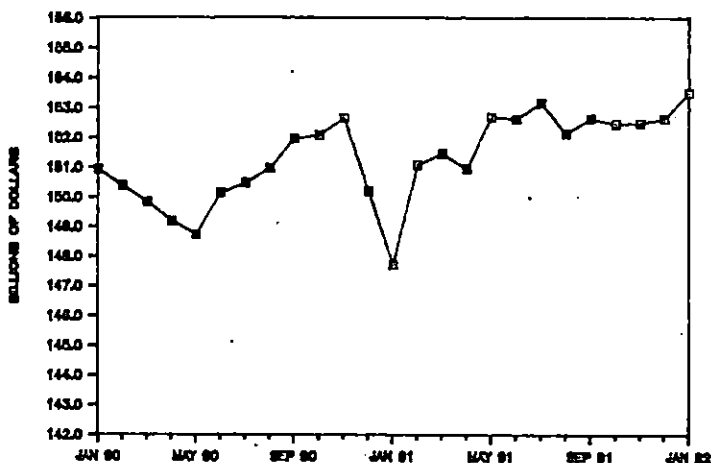
Private analysts had expected a modest 0.2 percent increase for January.

Excluding automotive items, retail sales rose 0.6 percent in January. Sales of durable goods rose 0.5 percent, with sales at automotive dealers rising 0.4 percent. Furthermore, December automotive dealer sales were reported to be up 0.2 percent, a sizable revision from the previously reported 1.1 percent decline. January sales of nondurable goods rose 0.6 percent.

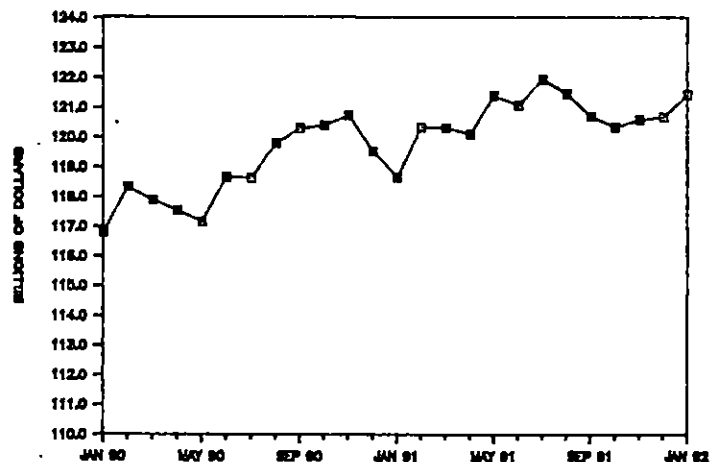
Total retail sales for the 3 months ending January were up 0.3 percent from the 3 months ending October.

The graphs below show recent trends in retail sales through January.

TOTAL RETAIL SALES



RETAIL SALES EX AUTOMOTIVE



From the desk of
George Bush

letter only

1. send white to
O'Dan

2. send cc white
to others w/ blue

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To: Bob Teeter, Sam Skinner, Dave Demarest

From : GB

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I sent Tony Dolan the attached notes.

The press are playing "Bush moves 'right' etc."

We should keep reiterating our stand against racism and bigotry-
let's be sure it gets in all our major speeches. I owe this to
the country and I feel it deeply.

From the desk of
George Bush

letter only

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Dolan
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tony - I'm not worried - This
is my help but to me
Government is too big
and spends too much - a Dolanism!
Keep the cards & letters coming
May. Thanks.
GPA

February 6, 1992

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was supposed to give this to Bob but he
had an emergency in New Hampshire and I
probably won't see him until this weekend.
Don't worry, I'm not gonna bombard you but I
wanted you to have this in time to give it
some consideration.

Best,

Tag

Anthony R. Dolan

P.S. I thought
NH went well
yesterday - will
know Tuesday.

MEMO

February 6, 1992

TO: GB, BT

FROM: Anthony R. Dolan

RE: Announcement and After

PJB candidacy really no problem -- if bold action with some shock value is taken now to mobilize conservatives and upset Democrats. Otherwise, he's a problem.

1. ANNOUNCEMENT -- GB wants realignment. Historic election. Conservatives have defeated liberalism. "One more time" they must work together to complete that victory of the "new conservatism."

GB: "Liberalism once stood for tolerance, compassion for the less fortunate, international understanding and involvement. Today that noble movement has been transformed into the elitist liberalism of high taxes, Big Government, leniency towards crime, weak national defenses, Middle-America bashing, congressional misconduct, special interest privileges, and dependency programs that hurt the poor not help them."

✓ "The conservatism of Barry Goldwater whom I was proud to vote for as a delegate to the 1964 GOP Convention and who is here with me today, the conservatism of William Buckley whom I was proud to give the Medal of Freedom to the other day in the White House, the conservatism of Ronald Reagan whom I worked with for eight years is a new conservatism that has preempted the best instincts of the old liberalism -- tolerance, the fight against bigotry and racial misunderstanding, pride in America's role in the world. A ✓ conservatism determined to preserve the values that have kept America strong, determined to keep alive the hope of extending the blessings of liberty to every people."

"Once on the right, this conservatism now occupies the center of the political spectrum. So, today we are all conservatives. This "new conservatism," my conservatism, is the future."

" But there are some elites that have not awakened to this fact. The worst of them is in Congress. It's been mostly under the control of the liberals since the 1930s. And this year we can end that. We have an unprecedented opportunity with reapportionment to get conservative majorities in Congress. So one more time I am asking conservatives to run up the battle flag. I am asking them for help in this one last struggle not just to defeat but drive

elitist liberalism into the sea."

"Some of the Democrats that have been up here recently are trying to persuade you they have discovered middle class values. Just ask them where their party in Congress stands on two amendments favored by overwhelming percentages of the people: the flag amendment and the prayer amendment. Ask them why I can't get a crime bill or an economic program out of the Congress."

The silver bullets here though are the flag and prayer amendments. They will mobilize conservatives and trigger fights among the Democrats.

2. CONNECTICUT STOP. -- The next day. GB stops in Hartford. As Dana Garvey might do the drafting:

"Chris Dodd -- nice guy. Niccce guy. Friend of Ted's though; friend of Teddy's. So, a liberal. Reaaaaal liberal. Gotta get somebody down there who can help me. Gotta get somebody who will fight those elitist liberals. Got to have a Republican."

Also mention state income tax from Democratic legislature.

3. NEW JERSEY STOP -- Same day. GB meets with GOP legislators and says:

"The challenge of the 90s is how to downsize government. The people want to enjoy the fruits of their labor not have them taken away to pay the salaries of elitist bureaucrats and liberals. If we show a determination to reduce government the people will support us throughout this decade."

4. GA., LA., ALA., NC. TRIP -- Shortly after: All the points for this trip mentioned in earlier memo: congressional reform etc.

"A vote for a Democratic senator is a vote for a liberal senate. Senators Breaux, Sanford, Shelby must vote for George Mitchell and a leadership that will fight for high taxes, big government, etc."

"Will they publicly call upon their congressional leader and presidential candidates to support the flag and prayer amendments?"

GB doing absolutely fabulous on economic and other issues. But time to open up a second front. And on our terms. The Scammon-Watterberg "social issue" has dominated American politics since the late 60s.

A series of rapid-fire moves like this will leave PJB speechless. Just watch the Democrats struggle with the flag and prayer amendments. Winning in war means disorienting the adversary and complicating his decision-making process.

1) Horrible
2) Strauss calls - alarmed
I will cable him
Brent talks to Strauss
& preparing cable

Jim Hoagland

Little Help for Yeltsin

MUNICH—Has President Bush concluded that Boris Yeltsin is a transitional figure who cannot benefit from significant American financial help?

It is beginning to look that way.

It is now clear that the administration will not offer significant financial help to Yeltsin in the current state of uncertainty and economic collapse in Russia—not even to buy a little time for Yeltsin to begin to deliver the reforms he has promised.

That much has been established by Washington's refusal to treat Yeltsin's repeated appeals for the immediate creation of a ruble stabilization fund with the urgency that Yeltsin says is required. Yeltsin made the plea directly to President Bush at Camp David this month, but came away with no cash and no promises of cash to come.

There is a good economic argument against pouring big sums into a big stabilization fund, and Vice President Dan Quayle made it to me here Sunday with force. But the vice president's remarks over coffee during the annual *Wehrkunde* conference also established that the administration is not willing to gamble much (if anything) that Yeltsin will ride out the storm.

Yeltsin has asked the West to put up \$4 billion to \$5 billion in escrow to support the ruble's value, which plunged 300 percent and essentially lost its credibility as a currency when the Soviet Union broke up. Yeltsin hopes that Western support will steady the ruble and help Russia move from a command economy to the free market, as a stabilization fund did in the case of Poland.

Suggesting indirectly that Yeltsin's days may be numbered—something one leader rarely hints about another—Quayle said America could not be sure what is coming next in the continuing turmoil in Russia.

"We knew who was behind Gorbachev. It was Yeltsin, who was committed to a reform agenda. We don't know what the forces are behind Yeltsin," he said.

The administration has dispatched U.S. Treasury experts to Moscow for "negotiations on what a stabilization fund should or should not look like," Quayle said. But his description of the elaborate steps Yeltsin would have to take before the United States would agree to participate made clear that the help Yeltsin says is desperately needed today is months away at best.

The administration is committed to "a building block approach" in which the fund would be set up only after reforms are substantially in place and working. The Russian economy has to be rebuilt "from the bottom up rather than from the top down," the conservative Republican said.

When I asked him if the administration had made a political judgment that Yeltsin has



BY DAVID HOFFMAN—THE WASHINGTON POST

enough time to pursue "a building block approach," the vice president replied that it was Washington's "political and economic judgment" that it would be unwise "to create a stabilization fund just for the sake of creating one." That would "not be a wise investment of the funds that would be necessary," despite Yeltsin's request for immediate help.

Delaying a multibillion-dollar stabilization fund until reform is more advanced may well be sound economic judgment. Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), who has with his customary tact and wisdom pushed the White House into doing more to avoid disaster in Russia than it has wanted to, agrees with Quayle on this point.

"Such a fund has to pretty much work the first time out," Lugar said here Sunday. "You have to be sure what you want to stabilize. You don't want to try to stabilize a bottomless pit. We have to be sure that we are committing ourselves to an economic plan that won't be abandoned in three weeks."

The desperate flailing of Yeltsin's latest economic czar, Yegor T. Gaidar, gives cause for such concern. To regain credibility, Yeltsin may have to jettison Gaidar and launch a new economic program based on faster and more coherent privatization of property.

But President Bush and his advisers seem to have concluded—prematurely it seems to me—that Yeltsin himself is sinking without hope of rescue. This impression was conveyed to a

senior European official who recently discussed the Russian leader's fate with the top officials of the administration. "Yeltsin is seen as a transitional figure," this official concluded.

Yeltsin is consciously risking the popularity and credibility he gained by toppling the Soviet dictatorship last August to move the country to capitalism. He told a Western visitor in Moscow recently that he is painfully aware of the enormous risk he is taking by pushing reform in this difficult winter, but he sees no other choice.

It is as risky as scrambling onto a tank and facing down the Red Army. A man who had done that deserves more faith than the Bush administration gives him.

"Since the November situation, people haven't wanted to get involved in anything that could be expensive overseas," Lugar said, speaking euphemistically about the White House panic sparked by the upset GOP loss in the U.S. Senate race in Pennsylvania.

It would not have taken much to give Yeltsin some smaller form of face-saving bilateral financial help beyond humanitarian aid to take home with him from Washington. But making a political judgment about the risk involved, the White House failed to do anything on its own for Yeltsin.

That failure may help Washington's wager—that Yeltsin won't make it—come true. It is a bet the White House should pray every day it will lose.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1992

PRE-BRIEF FOR INTERVIEWS WITH WKNE RADIO (NH)
AND THE LAWRENCE EAGLE TRIBUNE (MA)

DATE: February 13, 1992
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

THROUGH: Dorrance Smith *JS*
Maria Eitel Sheehan *MS*

FROM: Mia Kelly *JK*

I. PURPOSE

To brief you on issues that may come up during your interviews with WKNE Radio and the Lawrence Eagle Tribune.

II. BACKGROUND

These interviews are an integral part of your continuing effort to blanket New Hampshire and adjoining states with Presidential news coverage during the final week before the New Hampshire primary. Such interviews allow you to set the agenda and force the other candidates to respond.

The reporters participating in these interviews are:

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|----|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. | WKNE Radio
Keene, NH | Leslie Doppler
(603) 352-2115 |
| 2. | <u>Lawrence Eagle Tribune</u>
Lawrence, MA | Ed Achorn
(508) 685-1000 |

The first is a LIVE radio interview and will last 5 minutes. The second is a newspaper interview and will last 10 minutes.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Dorrance Smith
Marlin Fitzwater
Ron Kaufman

IV. PRESS PLAN

Exclusive to WKNE Radio and the Lawrence Eagle Tribune.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Participants enter Oval Office;
engage in pre-brief; and
remain in Oval Office until interviews are complete.

Some Key Players in Secretariat Reorganization

Chef de Cabinet

✓ **Jean-Claude Aime, Haiti** ... Assistant Secretary General ... more than 30 years at UN ... active on Western Sahara issue, Perez de Cuellar's adviser on Arab/Israeli problems ... generally pro-US.

Senior Political Adviser

Alvaro De Soto, Peru ... Assistant Secretary General ... extensive UN experience ... Minister Counselor to UN Geneva, 1978 ... controversial negotiator in El Salvador peace talks.

Under Secretaries General for Political Affairs

Vladimir Fedorovich Petrovskiy, Russia ... will deal with Security Council, General Assembly, disarmament, peacemaking ... involved in multilateral affairs ... mixed reviews from US counterparts ... probably favors UN reform.

✓ **James Jonah, Sierra Leone** ... will be responsible for peacemaking in Africa, Asia ... 30 year UN veteran ... Perez de Cuellar's personal envoy to Somalia ... rival to Boutros-Ghali for UN Secretary-Generalship.

✓ **Giandomenico Picco, Italy** ... Assistant Secretary General to Petrovskiy and Jonah ... will focus on mediation ... 20 years at UN ... chief troubleshooter under Perez de Cuellar ... best known for negotiating release of Western hostages in Lebanon ... played key role in ending Iran-Iraq conflict, Cyprus, Namibia, Afghanistan ... continually trying to facilitate dialogue between Tehran, West.

✓ **Sotirios Mousouris, Greece** ... Assistant Secretary General to Petrovskiy and Jonah ... 26 years at UN ... tried to restore credibility of Center Against Apartheid as head ... sometimes too optimistic on flexibility of frontline states, other Africans on resolutions.

Under Secretary General for Economic Development

✓ **Ji Chaoyu, China** ... new to UN has lived in US intermittently ... strong advocate of good Sino-US relations ... works closely with US mission ... reportedly has ties to senior Chinese leaders.

Under Secretary General for Public Information

✓ **Eugeniusz Wyzner, Poland** ... has no media background ... reportedly regarded as former hardline Communist ... rumored to have given intelligence officers free rein as head of Department of Conference Services and Special Assignments.

Under Secretary General for Peacekeeping Operations

✓ **Marrack Goulding, UK** ... about 10 years of UN experience ... solid professional, openminded, evenhanded ... determined to become known as "Mr. Peacekeeper" ... involved in El Salvador, Yugoslavia.

Under Secretary General for Legal Affairs

Carl-August Fleischhauer, Germany ... retains position; adds responsibility for overseeing seabed mining negotiations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1992

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Chief of Staff and
Legislative Affairs concur.

Phillip D. Brady

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 (b)(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information



February 12, 1992

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RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

Congressman Robert Dornan
(o) (202) 225-2965
[Redacted]

DATE:

TBD

RECOMMENDED BY:

Bob Teeter
Mary Matalin

PURPOSE:

To thank him for "warming-up" the troops before your arrival at the J.W. Marriott on February 12.

BACKGROUND:

Congressman Dornan, a Bush/Quayle '92 National Co-Chairman, served as the warm-up speaker preceding your arrival at the J.W. Marriott. His remarks were outstanding and extraordinarily motivating. His message was all positive, as he recounted the many accomplishments of the Bush Administration. After each success story, he had the audience scream "YES!" from the movie Home Alone. The crowd (and cabinet) loved it. It truly was a special performance.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Thank you for warming-up the crowd.
2. Thank him for being a Bush-Quayle '92 National Co-Chairman.
3. Inform the Congressman that you are looking forward to working with him in securing California for the general election.

CONTACT PERSON AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER(S):

Congressman Bob Dornan
(o) (202) 225-2965
[Redacted]

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

February 12, 1992

ACTION:

Home alone kid - awr like piston

yes

*got him!
112 2-13*

BUSH 92 QUAYLE

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February 12, 1992

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Done
CM

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Ed Acorn
The Lawrence Eagle Tribune, Lawrence, MA

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, February 13, 1992
1:45 p.m.

RECOMMENDED BY: David M. Carney

PURPOSE: To blanket the State of New Hampshire with presidential news coverage during the final week before the NH Primary. This will allow us to set the agenda and force other candidates to respond to the news we are making.

BACKGROUND: The Lawrence Eagle Tribune is also owned by the Rogers family. The newspaper has a strong history of supporting the President. The newspaper has a large and dominating circulation in the Salem area. This interview is part of a series of radio and print interviews via telephone during the last week before the NH Primary.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Announced your candidacy for re-election yesterday; the campaign is on the move; great visit to NH yesterday and look forward to getting back there this weekend.
2. Stressed yesterday in your speech to the NH Legislature that your two part plan to ensure economic growth addresses both short-term and long-term needs. Some are new and some have been proposed year after year but Congress has refused to act.
3. Emphasized family values, education, health care, and economic growth/jobs.
4. Send a real message that counts so Congress will act now.

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