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PRESIDENT BUSH

FEBRUARY 23rd, 1992

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~~OUT~~ INC	4:51	~~AM~~ PM		MRS. ROSE M. ZAMARIA RES: ALEXANDRIA, VA. WHITE HOUSE SIGNAL EXT. 7-3805	MRS. ROSE M. ZAMARIA CA. 4:56 P.M.
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OUT ~~INC~~	5:37	~~AM~~ PM	5:43	COMMANDER JOSEPH CAMP OFC: CAMP DAVID, MD. WHITE HOUSE SIGNAL EXT. 4-1408	TLKD-OK 5:42 P.M.
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OUT ~~INC~~	5:41	~~AM~~ PM	5:42	DOCTOR'S OFFICE OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 797	TLKD-OK WITH LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PAULA TRIVETTE 5:41 P.M.
OUT INC		AM PM			
OUT ~~INC~~	5:50	~~AM~~ PM	5:51	SECOND FLOOR KITCHEN OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN EXT. 599	TLKD-OK WITH MR. WILLIAM A. CARTER 5:50 P.M.
OUT INC		AM PM			
OUT ~~INC~~	6:32	~~AM~~ PM	6:32	SECOND FLOOR KITCHEN OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. WHITE HOUSE ADMIN. EXT. 599	TLKD-OK WITH MR. JAMES E. SELMON, JR. 6:32 P.M.

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OUT XX INC	6:42	XX AM PM	7:03	GOVERNOR JOHN R. McKERNAN [redacted] (b)(6)	TLKD-OK 7:02 P.M.
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OUT X INC	6:43	X AM PM	6:50	MR. GARY BOWNE [redacted] (b)(6)	TLKD-OK 6:48 P.M.
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SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

February 23, 1992

	TIME PLACED	DISC	NAME	ACTION
OUT ~~INC~~	8:07 AM		Mr. John E. Bush [redacted] (b)(6)	PRESUS Cancel 8:13 AM
OUT ~~INC~~	8:12 AM	8:27	Mr. David F. Demarest [redacted] (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 8:16 AM
OUT ~~INC~~	8:28 AM	8:34	Mr. Ronald C. Kaufman Bostonian Hotel Boston, Massachusetts 617-523-3600	Tlkd-ok 8:29 AM
OUT ~~INC~~	8:43 AM	9:03	Secretary Samuel K. Skinner Residence, Arlington, Virginia White House Signal 7-3865	Tlkd-ok 8:44 AM
~~OUT~~ INC	10:14 AM	10:17	General Brent Scowcroft Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2260	Tlkd-ok 10:15 AM
~~OUT~~ INC	11:45 AM	11:51	Mr. Robert M. Teeter Hyatt Regency Princeton, New Jersey 609-987-1234	Tlkd-ok 11:47 AM
~~OUT~~ INC	12:21 PM	12:32	Mr. John E. Bush [redacted] (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 12:23 PM
OUT ~~INC~~	12:34 PM	12:40	Ms. Marge Grover Bush Residence [redacted] (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 12:35 PM
OUT ~~INC~~	12:42 PM	12:59	Mr. George W. Bush Jr. [redacted] (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 12:53 PM
OUT ~~INC~~	12:45 PM		Mr. Neil M. Bush [redacted] (b)(6)	Tlkd-ok 12:47 PM
OUT ~~INC~~	12:46 PM	12:46	MS1 Eileen Borell Laurel Lodge Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1680	Tlkd-ok 12:46 PM

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SIGNAL SWITCHBOARD

February 23, 1992

	TIME PLACED	DISC	NAME	ACTION
OUT / ~~INC~~	AM / 12:48 PM	12:49	Mr. James W. F. Allen Office, Washington, D.C. White House Signal 7-2235	Tlkd-ok 12:48 PM
OUT / ~~INC~~	AM / 1:08 PM	1:09	Major Kimberly A. Siniscalchi Sycamore Cabin Camp David, Maryland Camp David Signal 4-1736	Tlkd-ok 1:08 PM
~~OUT~~ / INC	AM / 1:57 PM	1:59	Mr. John E. Bush [redacted]	Tlkd-ok 1:58 PM
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PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Camp David, Maryland
Washington, D.C.

DATE 23 February 1992

TIME	MOVEMENTS
1605	Depart Camp David via Marine One
1632	Arrive South Grounds
1635	Residence
1722	South Grounds
1729	Residence

WHCA FORM 15, OCTOBER 15, 1980

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Camp David, MD

DATE February 23, 1992

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0805	Laurel
0900	Evergreen
0945	Horseshoes
1120	Jogging
1145	Aspen

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Presidential Phone Calls

DATE: 1-23

TIME: 6^52

incoming/outgoing

WITH: Gary Bauer

SUBJECT:

90% GB

3% Buchanan

7 undecided

1 campaign

$100 K radio + TV

FOLLOW UP:

Presidential Phone Calls

DATE: 1-23 TIME: 6[40] incoming/outgoing

WITH: McKernan 207 289 2121

SUBJECT:

Thanks for success.

FOLLOW UP:

1. mail to Vic Gold
2. enclose cc of article

Copy of article & orig. note mailed 2/24

February 23, 1992

Dear Vic:

I am troubled about Tyrell's hitting me on lack of character.

I have mentioned RR many many times- always in very positive terms;but now Tyrell has joined the slahing Buchanan crowd, but this time instead of hitting me on issues he hits me on 'character'.

He exonerates DQ on reg.relief,but goes after me on it..What's happening?

Had a great visit up here yesterday with our new inlaws. George Koch was sining your praises. What a great family. Doro is very lucky ,so are we.

Your Friend,

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dan Quayle: Saving George Bush From Himself

by R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr.

How odd it is that our President sought digitalis for American trade by traveling halfway around the world to Japan. All he really had to do was walk into the office of his Vice President and acquaint himself with the work of his own Presidential Competitiveness Council. Its doughty band of free marketeers knows how to make the American economy competitive. It is a stronghold of all the knowledge achieved by studying economic stagnation over the past three decades. For eight years that knowledge contributed to the Reaganite revival of the American economy. Yet President Bush, who was very much on the scene in those happy days, went to Japan with a begging cup and the gaseous Lee Iacocca. (Incidentally, it was okay to take Iacocca to Japan, but to bring him back was inexplicable.) Here is but another of our President's recent miscalculations, reminding us that he takes the affectations of our politicized culture more seriously than he takes the ideas that got him elected.

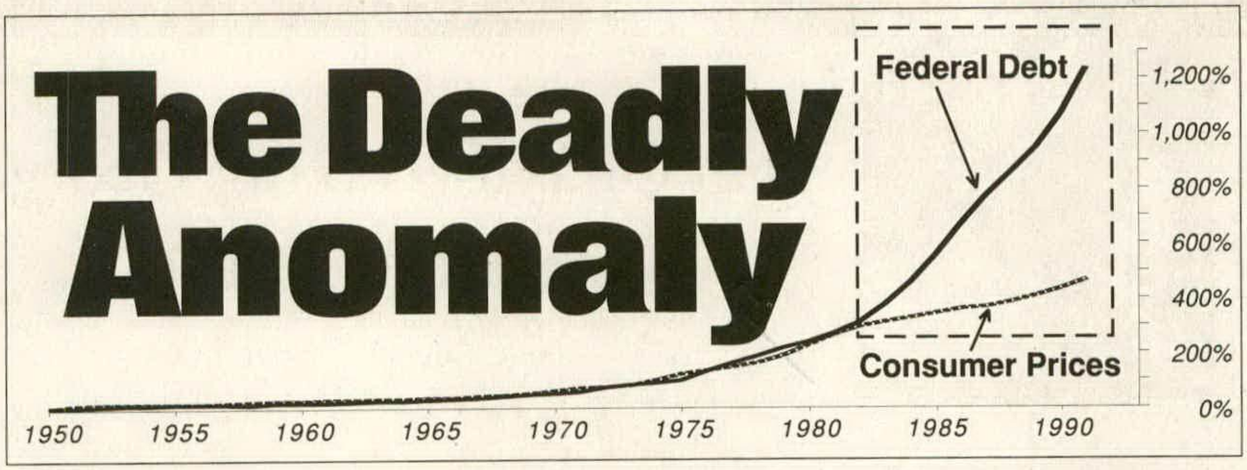
Of course, there is always the possibility that the President suspects that America's competitiveness is threatened by Japanese secret agents. Maybe he sought their names and Prime Minister Miyazawa's promise that they would pack up their sushi, head back to Japan, and desist from frustrating American productivity, skewing our markets, and making America ever less competitive in the global economy. There are indeed thousands of such agents at work in the Republic at this very hour, probably hundreds of thousands; but they are not paid by the Japanese government. Rather, as Vice President Dan Quayle will testify, they are Americans, and often very patriotic. They are bureaucrats, Capitol Hill staffers, and lobbyists for the special pleaders, members of what Ronald Reagan in his December 1988 farewell address on domestic policy termed "the iron triangle." They mire American commercial life in regulation and litigation, pursuant to a plenitude of noble ideals. Surely one explanation for America's difficulty in competing in a global economy is that government forces its citizens to pursue too many noble ideals.

In point of fact, all American institutions have been ordered to do more than they can possibly do, and frequently more than is possible. Consequently, an increasing number of American institutions achieve nothing but muddle. Consider American industry. It is not only supposed to turn out products that are competitive. It is to integrate women and minorities into the work force according to formulas that are at once complex, evasive, and subjective. It is to turn out products inoffensive to a wild and vaporous congregation of professional complainants: environmentalists, consumerists, preservationists, Christian Scientists, anti-Christian scientists, anti-science Christians, short people, fat people, the incontinent, people allergic to fragrances, people disturbed by loud noises—all the wondrous and querulous progeny of the most effective mutterer of all time, Ralph Nader. If industry fails, the "iron triangle" is ably supported by tens of thousands of trial lawyers, all handsomely paid whether they win their case or are laughed out of court. Their highest achievement is nothing more than the transferral of wealth from those who work to those who complain.

A decade back, Theodore H. White explained Liberalism's 1980 electoral debacle thus: "The election of 1980 marked the rejection of a whole system of ideas that dominated American life ever since early 1960. The basis of all these ideas was high promises to everybody—promises to save the cities, promises to take care of the sick, the old, the universities. By 1980 we had promised ourselves almost to the point of national bankruptcy." American Liberalism has lost at presidential politics ever since, but it never lost its dominance in the culture. Hence the promises continue to echo through American society. They have become the unchallenged sacred music of the Republic, with only a handful of critics bold enough to remind us that each promise carries its costs. The costs have in recent years been offloaded onto industry, but the citizens eventually pay in higher prices, fewer jobs, and less consumer choice. During the Reagan Administration, free marketeers were brought into government to weigh the costs of regulation and litigation against the promised benefits. Vice President Bush presided over President Reagan's Task Force on Regulatory Relief, predecessor to Vice President Quayle's Competitiveness Council. He seemed to love the job. Unfortunately he never learned from it. He is an uncritical consumer of our politicized culture, buying into most of its sacred promises, no matter how inimical to the politics that got him elected.

Since the Reagan Administration shuffled out of Washington three years ago, the city has been on a regulation binge unmatched since the last days of the Carter grandeur. We have been living through the reregulation of Washington, and it has cost the economy almost enough in terms of productivity to

The Deadly Anomaly



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Why "deadly?" Because it is dramatic evidence that the U.S. is in the middle of an economic bubble of historic proportions, and the collapse of that bubble will have lethal effects on the fortunes of most savers and investors.

A CLASSIC MANIA

The great investment bubbles of history—the Tulip-Bulb mania of 17th century Holland, the Mississippi bubble, the Roaring Twenties—all have one thing in common: *they were never seen as bubbles at the time*. Infected by the virus of soaring asset prices, the public became blind to fundamental principles of value. Amateur and professional investors alike fell victim to a euphoria that ultimately led to disaster.

It is happening again. Only this time the potential consequences are even greater.

While manias historically have occurred in relatively small asset markets (tulips, regional real estate, stocks, etc.), this time the bubble is in the biggest asset market in the world: *U.S. Treasury bonds*.

In a landmark new work, *The Interest-Rate Strategy*, John Pugsley exposes the key elements that have led to this worldwide bond-market distortion.

The underlying problem is debt. More specifically, it is an avalanche of irredeemable government debt.

During this past decade the nation has been on the worst credit binge in history. Total federal debt has grown from $800 billion in 1981 to about *$4 trillion* today. In just 10 years Treasury debt has more than quadrupled!

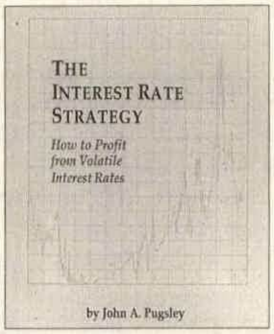
The most fundamental economic laws say that as the quantity of anything increases, *the price should fall, not rise*. Yet, in the face of an unprecedented deluge of federal IOUs, *T-bond prices have soared.* It flies in the face of reason, logic, and economic law.

INVESTOR MYOPIA

Investors are oblivious. In their euphoria they see only the bait: these bonds are assets. They fail to recognize the trap: these "assets" are also liabilities. Liabilities *that can never be repaid.*

Supporting his premises with detailed graphs and historical comparisons, Pugsley makes a sobering and incontestable case—a correction must occur, and the evidence is mounting that the correction is already underway. The anxiety over the Treasury bond auctions, fluctuating interest rates, a stalled stock market, a crisis in the banking system…all are only tiny hints of the dramatic upheavals that lie just ahead.

Because investors are oblivious of this approaching storm, *those who understand what is happening have a virtual license to steal over the next three years.*



Bond-market positions entered 24 months ago have quadrupled. They could double again within weeks. And positions held for the next two to three years could result in gains of 1,000%, 2,000% or more. That's right, we mean potential returns of 10-to-1, 20-to-1, or even greater.

3 WAYS TO PROFIT

To capitalize on the coming change, *The Interest-Rate Strategy* outlines a simple plan that uses three independent bond-market mechanisms. Each has dramatic profit potential on its own, and can be entered separately. Together they are unbeatable.

You don't need to be a sophisticated investor to understand and profit from these ideas. *The Interest-Rate Strategy* sets out a 1-2-3 formula that anyone can follow. Best of all, there is no trading. This is a long-term, low-risk, buy-and-hold concept.

You can tailor the strategy to your own profit objectives and the risk level that suits your temperament. Big investor or small, conservative or speculative, this idea should be part of every financial plan. These mechanisms are ideally suited to protect holders of bonds, savings accounts, trust deeds, and pension plans against losses due to rising interest rates and bond market turmoil.

Some investors have worried that the immense gains of the past few months mean that they have missed the opportunity. Far from it. Those gains have occurred in just one segment of the plan. Two parts of this easy-to-implement strategy are now at ideal entry points, and even the 300% jump in the third part is no more than one-fourth of the anticipated move!

THE AUTHOR

John Pugsley is an internationally respected economist and financial author. His 1974 best-selling book, *Common Sense Economics*, accurately predicted the inflationary explosion that followed the demise of the Bretton-Woods agreement. Many readers made fortunes from his advice.

In 1980, when most economists were convinced that Reagan's tax reform would balance the federal budget by the end of his first term, Pugsley's book, *The Alpha Strategy* (8 weeks on the New York Times best-seller list), boldly warned that the U.S. would experience "the largest deficits in the history of the nation in the next five years," and showed small investors how to profit.

His unique application of economic theory to commodity markets resulted in publication of *The Copper Play*, in which he predicted the price of copper had to double, and his original strategy resulted in dramatic profits for those who followed his system.

For 10 years John wrote and published *Common Sense Viewpoint*, a unique financial newsletter enjoyed by tens of thousands of devoted readers.

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decades, the Council has attempted to make regulations reasonable and practical. We know that the environment must be cleaned up, but we also know that repristinating it to an imagined premodern condition is absurd. An 80-to-90 percent cleanup is desirable. A 100-percent cleanup is economically prohibitive. We also know that justice must be done in the courts, but burdening the courts with nuisance suits only turns the process of law into an opportunity for venal trial lawyers to gouge productive citizens. Thus the Competitiveness Council has proposed fifty civil justice reforms, many that will dissuade lawyers from attempting extravagant litigation, and some that will protect property rights from insensitive bureaucrats. Of preeminent importance are the Council's attempts to place caps on punitive settlements and to adopt the British practice of forcing plaintiffs to pick up defendants' bills in lost tort cases.

Free marketeers and advocates of a competitive America will review the work of the Competitiveness Council with approval. Yet, as Terry Eastland notes in this issue, the council's work seems to be a rear guard action against the President's philosophical vacuums, who smile atop all the agencies of his government. Their reregulating of Washington continues at a mighty pace. It is a bizarre spectacle, but as time ticks away on the Bush Administration I have come to the conclusion that there is something bizarre about this President. Gentleman that he is, he does seem to have a little hang-up about his predecessor, the man to whom he owes not only his office but also the early success of his Administration. Ronald Reagan bequeathed him a healthy country, enjoying the peaceful break-up of an Evil Empire and America's longest period of peacetime growth. In President Bush's Christmas message to Americans on the Cold War, he did not even mention Ronald Reagan's name. In his policies he has furtively abandoned the Reagan legacy. There is something very small in a man who cannot acknowledge the greatness of a predecessor now safely retired, and when that smallness leads to the setbacks that the Bush Administration has sustained in recent months, one is reminded that the greatest asset for a statesman is not intellect or guile but character. ❐

account for the present recession. The number of proposed regulations has increased by nearly one-fourth since Ronald Reagan left government. Nearly 4,900 federal regulations have been written by some 122,000 bureaucrats, more than were at work during the last stampede of regulation at the end of the Carter Administration.

The burden on the economy has been oppressive. At the end of the Reagan Administration the annual estimated cost to business of environmental regulation was placed at $102 billion; it is now $123 billion and expected to reach $171 billion by the year 2000, with this year's Clean Air Act alone costing business $25 billion annually. And that is only the cost of environmental regulation. Scores of other noble causes are being advanced by regulators now untrammeled by Reagan's cost-benefit sticklers. Under President Bush the egregious Clean Air Act was only one of several dinosaurs set loose to roam across the back of the economy. There have also been such monsters as the Americans With Disabilities Act and the Civil Rights Act. And then there have been the thousands of leeches placed on the economy, regulations against noise, smells, useful drugs, unlabeled booze, smokers, meat eaters, economic producers, prudent lenders. The Federal Register abounds with arcana intruding into every aspect of American life.

The doggedness of the regulators is a perfect example of how a politicized culture thwarts the presidency. The culture's disesteem for Reaganite cost-benefit sticklers affected President Bush. The culture presented Reaganites as unsavory right-wing ideologues and the President bought it. Rather than put these controversialists in charge of agencies and departments, the President stuck with those sunny, country-club Republicans who had given him loyalty if not intelligence. If they were innocent of the ideas that made the Reagan Administration one of the most successful of this century, so what? As *Newsweek* noted in its January 6 issue, "Reagan appointed ideologues committed to deregulation, while Bush emphasized competence and personal friendships, sometimes without even inquiring about the nominee's philosophy of government."

The philosophical vacuums appointed by the President to head bureaucracies have turned him from being the consolidator of a conservative revolution into the cat's-paw of the *ancien régime*. Things would be much worse were it not for the perspicuity of the Vice President. Mr. Quayle is a conservative by birth who learned still more about conservatism in the 1980s. He recognized the danger regulation posed to economic growth and got the President's agreement to have a Competitiveness Council in the government similar to Vice President Bush's Task Force on Regulatory Relief. He kept a steely eye on bureaucratic marplots while our innocent President went around promising to become the "Education President" and the "Environmental President," apparently without recognizing the bureaucratic cost such promises entail.

Periodically, President Bush would note the accumulating red tape and sound an amazed alarm. In mid-1990 the President recognized the growing regulatory explosion and turned to the Vice President to cut back unnecessary regulation and resolve disputes between regulatory agencies. Now, we are told, the President is again alarmed about the spread of regulation. But the promises issuing from George Bush for a moratorium on regulation are not particularly heartening. He has expressed alarm erratically for three years, while the Competitiveness Council has actually done something, and always under the hostile gaze of Dick Darman, the country-club Republicans' chief Machiavel.

Last November the *National Journal* dubbed George Bush the "Regulatory President," observing that "despite President Bush's anti-regulatory rhetoric, his first term has witnessed the broadest expansion of government's regulatory reach since the early 1970s." "I thought we took care of that," the astonished President responded.

Well, from mid-1990 on the Vice President has tried. He was given a staff of six free marketeers on his Competitiveness Council to do battle with the aforementioned 122,000 bureaucrats. Given that his free marketeers have defensible ideas along with a record of achievement, and that the vacuums have no ideas, those are not bad odds. To begin with, the Council includes the Vice President, the White House chief of staff, the attorney general, the director of OMB, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, and the secretaries of commerce and treasury. So it has clout. Moreover it has an excellent executive director in Allan B. Hubbard, who managed the 1988 presidential campaign of that superb advocate of economic growth, former Delaware governor Pete du Pont; and from his deputy, David M. McIntosh, co-founder of the luminous Federalist Society. That they have put together an effective engine of enlightened policy is clear; they are now under investigation in no less than seven congressional committees.

What raises the ire of the agents of the Iron Triangle? The staff members of the Competitiveness Council have not been anesthetized by the stupefacient language of government regulation. Rather than read a week's supply of government regulations, most of us would prefer a stretch in solitary, the prison guards reading aloud, day and night, back issues of the *New York Review of Books*, the menu consisting solely of disgusting fruit juices and the kind of baby food prescribed by the country's health addicts. But the patriots of the Competitiveness Council actually read all the pernicious bulls of the regulators and act.

Some of their actions have had highly beneficial consequences. A 1989 edict, forcing all the Republic's municipal waste combusters to recycle 25 percent of their garbage and costing billions has been rolled back. So has that part of the 1988 Fair Housing Amendment (so-called) requiring all housing units covered by the act to include accommodations for the handicapped whether handicapped people live in them or not. The Council has revised a government regulation that would make banks responsible for cleaning up hazardous waste at properties on which the banks hold loans. The Council's influence will halve the time the FDA takes to approve drugs for life-threatening diseases. More immediately, it has relaxed requirements for a time-consuming process of acquiring government permits for industrial plant modernization, and prevented government from asserting a dubious definition of "wetlands" that would take 100 million acres of perfectly usable land from the free commerce of the private sector. Finally, it has eased regulatory processes that retard developments in the field of biotechnology.

Relying on a body of legal and economic studies that has been expanding for

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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February 23, 1992

To: Gregg Petersmeyer

Is there some place for Nick Nicholas ?

Is he good?

[redacted]

cc: Chief of Staff

FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 23, 1992

I discussed with RT + Sam 2-23

Pete

To: Bob Teeter/Sam Skinner

Re: Op Eds

Please tell me what we are doing in getting our message out on op-eds. Have we any organized mechanism for countyering these ugly Buchanan charghes.

"Quotas" is good example. We need op-eds all across south saying not 'quotas' (Thurmond, Guingrich,)

I do <u>not</u> feel that we are defending at all. It is fine for me to ignore Buchanan but I think we really need to use op-eds etc. to get out the truth.

GB

GB

2-24

February 21, 1992

To: RZ Ushers, BPB

Re: Sunday Night Dinner 2-23-91

I will; have 6 to 8 people for supper on Sunday.
Drinks at 7
Eat at 7.45.

Informal, Light dinner -one course only, either a thick soup or some casserole dish.

GB

cc: Chief of Staff

Shinner - yes
Rich Bond - No has other commitment
Teeter - yes
GB
VP (?) yes
Marlin Fitzwater Y
Mosbacher Y

ask Shinner for other names

- One Other TBD

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Patty:

Do you want to save things like this? I can even attach it to the copy of the note & photo the Bushes signed to him that was so funny. In daily file?

To me, pro articles like this are a direct result of the humor and kindness etc. shown to people by the Bushes.

Jan

Earthman: Habit-forming hostas for your vista

Bridge: The column by Alfred Sheinwold

TONY KORNHEISER

Winning Isn't Everything. It's The Only Thing.

I am very confused about what happened in the New Hampshire presidential primaries. Two Republican candidates ran. Both claimed victory. Five Democratic candidates ran. All claimed victory.

They came. They saw. They Concord.

(That's an inside New Hampshire joke.)

Having worked for years as a sportswriter, I consider myself something of an expert about what constitutes a victory. In my experience, the only one who gets to claim victory is the one who wins. For example: Orioles 7, Yankees 4. The winner: Orioles. The loser: Yankees. It doesn't matter that the Yankees got more runs than they were expected to get. Or that they got more runs than they got the day before. Only the Orioles can claim victory. Reality, what a concept!

Now, let's review. Orioles 7, Yankees 4. The winner (still): Orioles. The loser (still): Yankees.

If the Yankees tried to claim victory, if they did what pols do and hired a "spin doctor" to try to spread the impression that they won, we'd laugh in their faces. We'd say, "Hey, pal, look at the scoreboard. You lost. So go take the gas pipe."

(Editor's note: "Spin" is a complicated political strategy of presenting as fact something that technically might not be entirely accurate. Such as: "A dog is a fish.")

As a sportswriter, I look at New Hampshire and think that Bush and Tsongas won, and everybody else lost. I find it hard to comprehend how finishing third with 12 percent of the vote can be construed as a victory of awesome, humongous proportions.

How stupid of me.

Pat "I'm Not Baring My Teeth, I'm Smiling" Buchanan claimed a huge victory after getting 37 percent of Republican votes. Attempting to rub his 37 percent in everybody's eyes, Buchanan brayed, "When we started, we were at zero in the polls," like this could only happen to him and Mr. Ed. *Everybody* starts at zero. The only people who stay at zero are The Denver Broncos. And Buchanan hoisted a newspaper headline that said "Read Our Lips." Well, read this: 37 percent in a two-man race doesn't feed the monkey.

On the other side, Bill Clinton claimed victory with 26 percent. After Gennifer Flowers and the draft,

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TONY KORNHEISER

Everyone's a winner! From left, Tsongas, Clinton, Kerrey, Harkin, Brown, Buchanan and Bush.

Many Claim Victory, but It Looks As if Only Seven or So Can Win

TONY KORNHEISER, From F1

Clinton figured if he got eight votes in the entire state, it was a big win. "I feel almost liberated, in a sense," he actually said—kind of unequivocally, in a manner of speaking, as it were. Bob "I Know It Looks Like a GE Soft-White Bulb, But It's My Head" Kerrey got a whopping 12 percent of Democratic votes, and bought a tuxedo for the inaugural ball. He also actually said, "I want to thank the people of New Hampshire for giving my campaign a new life." Whose new life? Doctor Kevorkian's? Tom Harkin, who should be looking for an Amway distributorship, claimed victory with 11 percent, telling his supporters, "Ah, you're wonderful"—and presumably thanking each one by name—then flew to South Dakota, where he announced, "Now the real campaign begins." What was he doing in New Hampshire for six months, the mambo?

So to be in step with the '90s I too am claiming victory in New Hampshire. I did better than anyone thought. I got the same number of votes as Dwight D. Eisenhower and King Farouk *combined.* My own personal spin doctor, Dr. Vinnie Boombatz, said, "My guy comes out of nowhere, and gets as many votes as a popular ex-president and a king! That's the power of grass-roots politics. Those drunken-driving arrests you dug up, they were from *two years ago!* The American public wouldn't buy ancient history. My guy took your best shots, and he didn't go down."

And now, it's on to South Dakota, where I will win again, by sending this message: "Vote for Me. I'm Going to Say I Won Anyway!"

I'll beat Tsongas easily. Did you know the E in Paul E. Tsongas stands for "Efthemios"? Try pronouncing that. No wonder he sounds like Elmer Fudd. I love this guy because when he claims victory, nobody understands him.

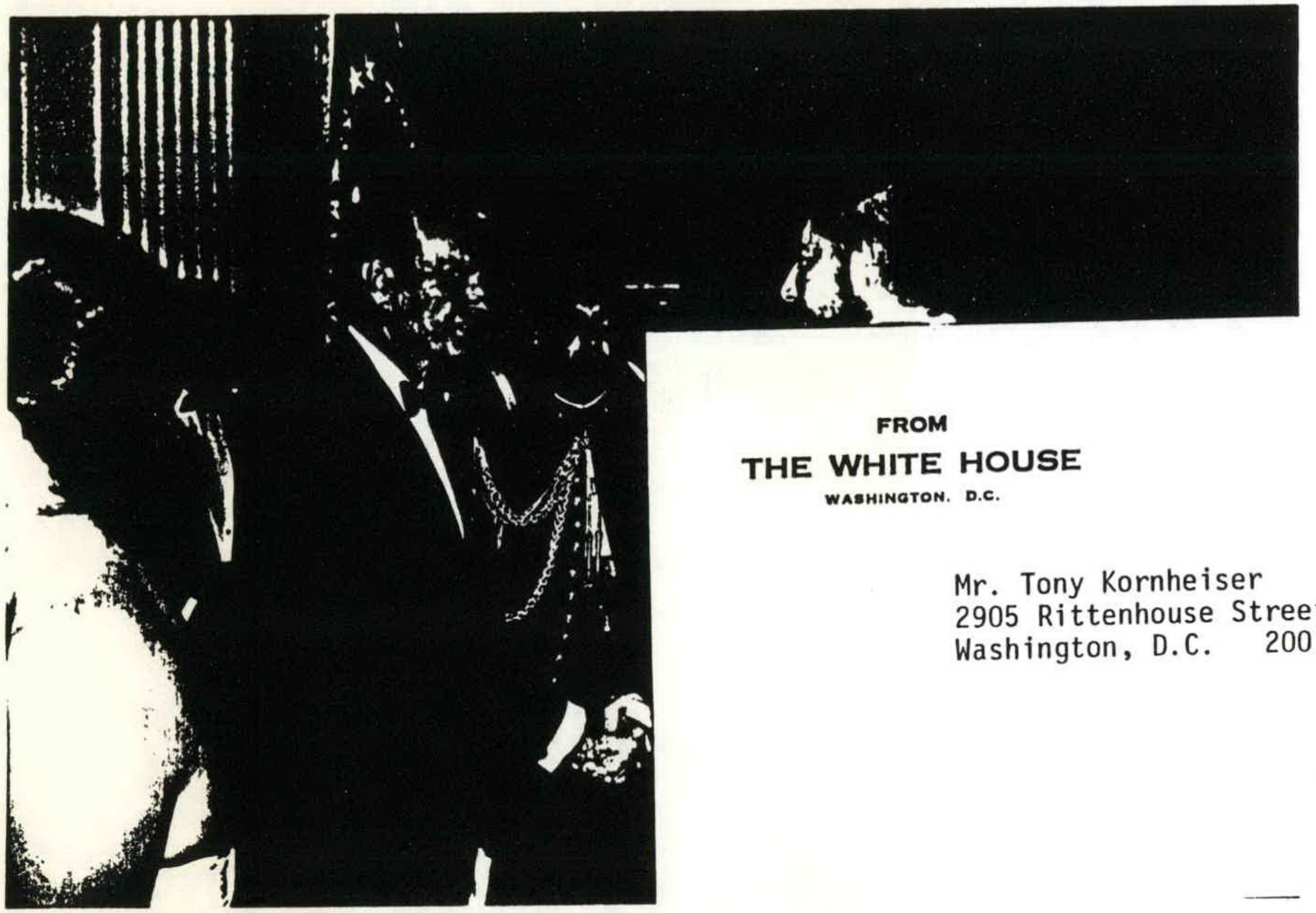
It wasn't always like this. Losers used to admit losing.

Napoleon didn't claim victory after Waterloo. He didn't tell reporters, "I want to thank the Russian Army for giving me a new life. You may have noticed that my forces are smaller than they were. This is my new commitment to consolidation and streamlining. And now it's on to St. Helena, where the real campaign begins."

Just once I'd like to hear a candidate with 15 percent of the New Hampshire vote say, "I wish to thank the people of the Granite State for shoving my head down the toilet and flushing twice. For four months I slogged through your snow. I ate at your cheesy diners. I talked to your stupid people with their runny noses. I sat in your chintzy living rooms with the hair grease on the doilies. I listened to your pretentious Yankee philosophy, that nose-to-the-grindstone rubbish, and answered your self-serving questions when all I really wanted to tell you was what bird-brains you were for living in a third-rate, woebegone hellhole like this. I'm leaving on the first plane going anywhere."

This guy I vote for.

July 1991



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To: Tony Porthauser

Any friend of Jaclyn Smith's is a friend of ours.
As Dan Jenkins would say "Life its ownself"
ain't too bad around here - Good wishes. G Bush

Jan Burmeister

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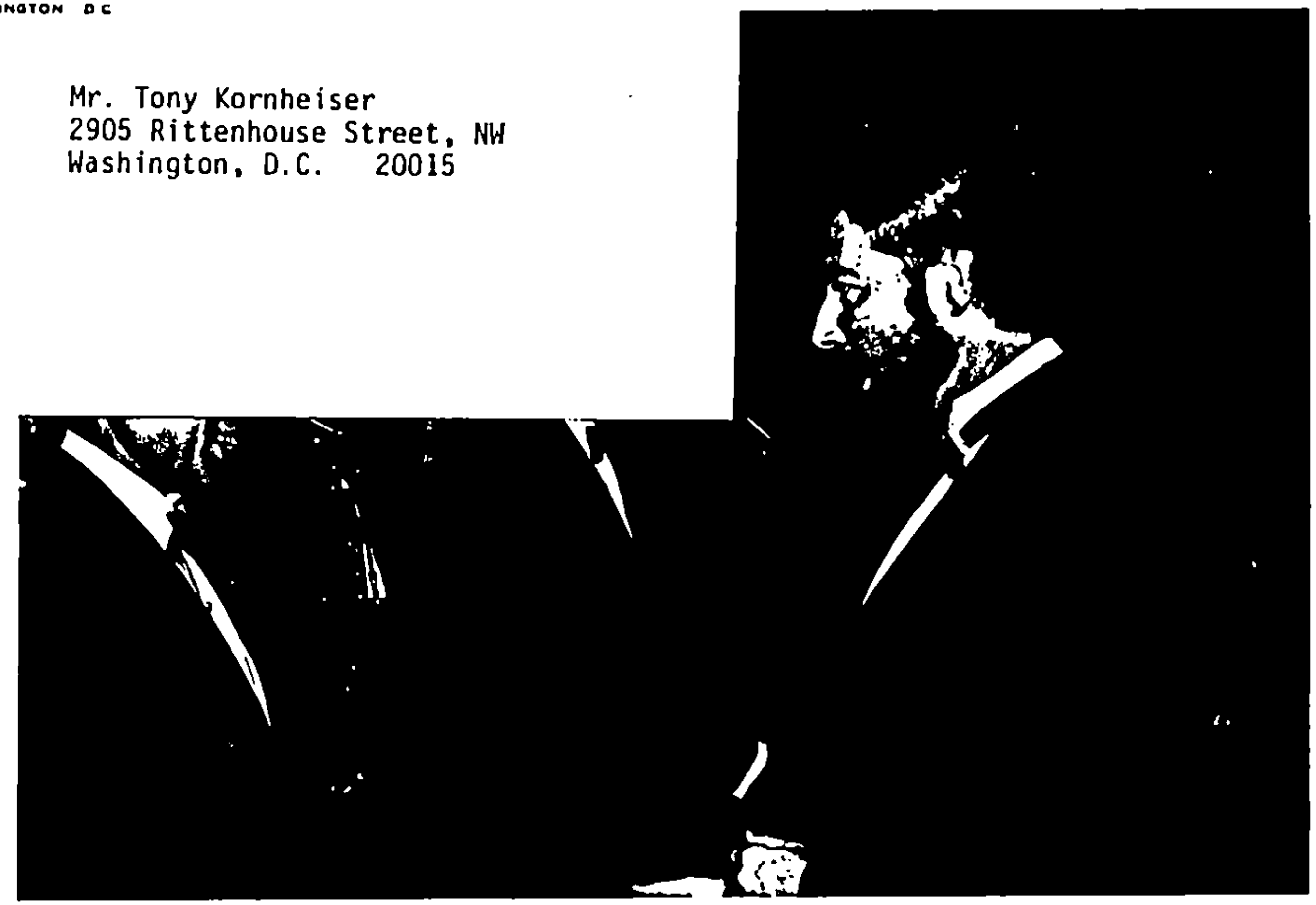

To Tony Kornheiser -
Watch out! You're being followed! Best Wishes, Geo Bush

any friend of "Porthouse"...
is a friend of mine -
Barbara Bush

✓ back-up in
Ray Siller file

THE PRESIDENT

2-23-92

Dear Ray,

I'm staying off Pat for now; but maybe others can go for it!
Thanks for the material

THE WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Raymond Siller
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Pacific Palisades, California 90272

I'm ~~feeling~~ better
as we head south.
See you soon I
hope. Thanks. GB

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