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NATIONAL NEWS

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TROOPS, AID POURING INTO SOUTH FLORIDA -- A massive military relief effort is in high gear today, a week after Hurricane Andrew devastated south Florida. Thousands of federal troops arrived Sunday with hot meals, tents and earth movers. (USA Today, New York Times, AP)

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NETWORK NEWS (Sunday evening)

HURRICANE ANDREW -- U.S. Army troops tried to begin erecting tents that will provide shelter to an estimated 150,000 people.

DEFENSE CUTS -- The Pentagon has accepted deep cuts in defense spending as inevitable and is preparing for personnel cuts far greater than the Bush Administration considers acceptable.

IRAQ -- There are no signs that Saddam is preparing to launch anything against allied aircraft except verbal broadsides.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH WILL PUSH 'FAMILY VALUES' Won't Drop Old Vote-Getter

The Republican focus on "family values" will continue despite media reports that some in the party think it could hurt President Bush at the polls, Vice President Quayle and Pat Buchanan said.

Asked if the conservative family values rhetoric at the Republican convention alienated voters, Quayle said, "Absolutely not."

"It may have been too conservative for some," the Vice president said in a pointed response to a reporter's question on "Face the Nation."...

Charles Black rejected those reports that internal Republican polls showed signs of a voter backlash because of the emphasis on family values. "Family values are important and will continue to be in this campaign," he said.

(J. Jennings Moss, Washington Times, A1)

SELLING VOTERS ON BUSH, NEMESIS OF LAWYERS

The President's aides have found something they think is even scarier to voters than Willie Horton: lawyers.

George Bush and Vice President Quayle have begun painting Bill Clinton as a captive of a special interest group -- "sharp lawyers" in "tasseled loafers" who, as Mr. Bush put it in his speech to the Republican convention, are "running wild," terrorizing doctors and even Little league coaches with personal-injury suits, malpractice suits and other kinds of liability cases....

Charles Peters, editor of the Washington Monthly, while agreeing with Quayle that "Democrats have sold out to the trial lawyers lobby," also believes that Republicans have taken the right stand for the wrong reasons. Faulting the President and Quayle for not demanding concessions from doctors, hospitals and insurance companies, he said sternly: "I consider it completely accidental that the Republicans have embraced the cause of virtue."

(Alessandra Stanley, New York Times, A1)

IN CALIFORNIA, WIND'S NOT BLOWING BUSH'S WAY

ONTARIO -- ...A day of interviews found voters who with few exceptions, had not only turned against Bush, but proclaimed it with anger and finality.

Voters here seemed soured by the convention, saying it was a reprise of the kind of attack politics they have grown tired of: "They get up on the stage and bashed each other -- and don't talk about the real problems," said sales manager Martha Clemmons.

And in a state rocked by the Los Angeles riots and a 2-month-long state budget crisis, voters also talked about how life had gotten worse -- many had jobless friends or relatives -- and blamed Bush.

The President's emphasis on family values also inspires more cynicism than support in this conservative community.

(Adam Nagourney, USA Today, 6A)

**BENEATH THE RHETORIC, AN OLD QUESTION
Bush-Clinton Debate Frames
Classic Choice: How Much Government?**

Beneath the 1992 campaign's festival of charges and counter-charges lurks what the campaigns of both President Bush and Bill Clinton see as the possibility of a real debate over what role government should play in American life.

With voters clamoring for action on a whole series of problems, the President has to state that he will provide solutions while cutting the size of government.

Sometimes, that has produced mixed message.

"They contradict each other every other day," said George Stephanopoulos, Clinton's communications director. "What they want to be for is Potemkin government.... Whey you lift the veil, there's nothing there."

"People are writing campaign speeches for him in which he seems to believe in smaller government," said David Boaz, vice president of the Cato Institute, "but he's been in government for 30 years, he's been president or vice president for 12 years, and except during the 1988 campaign, he hasn't shown any real commitment to smaller government."

(News Analysis, E.J. Dionne, Washington Post, A1)

POLITICAL PANDERING PERILOUS

George Bush and Bill Clinton walk a tightrope each time they speak to an audience -- carefully balancing their words to connect with voters or teetering when listeners conclude they are pandering.

While both men have taken tumbles, Clinton gets caught in the pander net more often....

Michael McCurry, a former DNC press secretary said speaking to groups about issues important to them is good politics, not pandering.

"A politician becomes open to charges of pandering when it appears that they don't have any real agenda...that they basically are going to be for everything that this group is for, and then the next group they're going to be for everything that group is for," he said. McCurry said Clinton's comments have been in line with the broad agenda he has established. But he faulted Bush.

"There's no greater pander than an across-the-board tax cut at a time when we've got hundreds of billions of debt rolling up annually.... That's not only pandering; that's bribery," McCurry said.

Mary Matalin said the tax-cut proposal was "100 percent consistent with Republican philosophy." Matalin said of the Clinton: "He's becoming a caricature of himself. At some point, you're for something and you're against something. People want to know." (News Analysis, J. Jennings Moss, Washington Times, A1)

**Gore Accuses Republicans of 'Big Lie'
 Quayle Says Clinton Will Hike Taxes on All**

MONTEREY -- Al Gore accused his Republican opponents of employing the "big-lie technique" on taxes today, as Vice President Quayle charged that Democrats hope to raise taxes on everyone.

Quayle also continued a recent pattern of mixed signals from Republicans on abortion, refusing to embrace his party's call for a nationwide abortion ban.

Gore, appearing on "This Week," dismissed as "out-and-out false" the now-familiar charge that Bill Clinton has raised taxes 128 times as governor of Arkansas. But he said President Bush and Quayle have repeated the allegation "because it was politically advantageous for them, even though they knew it was false."

When asked whether the Constitution should be amended to ban abortion, Quayle, appearing on "Face the Nation," said: "We support a human life amendment, and particularly what we are aiming to do is to overturn Roe versus Wade. We do disagree with that decision." Even if Roe is overturned, however, abortion is almost certain to remain legal in some states. Quayle did not voice any objection to that.

(Kent Jenkins, Washington Post, A8)

Quayle, Gore Discuss Proposed Tax Cuts

Appearing on separate talks shows Sunday, the vice presidential combatants discussed the across-the-board tax cuts and spending reductions that President Bush proposed in his convention speech: Vice President Quayle said on "Face the Nation": "I don't have a number this morning to put into it. The important thing is the President is for cutting taxes. Bill Clinton is for raising taxes." Al Gore on "This Week": "Immediately after he failed to outline any economic vision for the future in that speech, not only did the dollar reach all-time record lows against the mark, but consumer confidence went down again, the stock market started plummeting, and the financial analysts said 'that's it' -- Bush and Quayle do not have a vision for the future."

("Election '92," USA Today, 5A)

GAP SHRINKING

New polls show Bill Clinton leading President Bush, but the margin may be narrowing. A Time/CNN poll found Clinton ahead 46%-40%. In a Newsweek poll, Clinton had 49%, Bush 39%. Last week Clinton's lead ranged from 8-15 points in various polls. In the Time/CNN poll, 60% said the economy should be the main campaign issue; 5% said it should be "family values."

("Election '92," USA Today, 5A)

QUAYLE'S FAMILY VALUES

Vice President's Quayle's emphasis on family values has included his stated belief that being gay is "a wrong choice." Now Newsweek reports that The Arizona Republic -- a phoenix newspaper in the Pulliam chain, a family enterprise founded by Quayle's grandfather and in which Quayle owns stock -- sells gay and lesbian matchmaking ads. David Beckwith said the Vice President was unaware of the ads.

("Election '92," USA Today, 5A)

CLINTON TO AIR PREEMPTIVE BID FOR VOTES

In the first move of what promises to be a lengthy chess game, Bill Clinton's presidential campaign is airing its first general-election commercial tonight.

Sources said the campaign is spending more than \$1 million to broadcast the ad in key states, but not on national television.

The 60-second spot...invites viewers to write for a copy of Clinton's economic plan. It touts Clinton's record as governor and says he would create 8 million new jobs as president -- a not-so-subtle reminder that President Bush has fallen far short of his 1988 promise to create 15 million jobs.

Torie Clarke Sunday called the ad "false and misleading," although she did not challenge any specific statements. She said Clinton failed to mention that he plans to raise taxes by \$150 billion, boost federal spending by \$220 billion and other proposals that she charged would "destroy" hundreds of thousands of jobs.

(Howard Kurtz, Washington Post, A8)

Air Wars Joined As Clinton To Air First TV Ads

LITTLE ROCK -- ...Clinton communications director George Stephanopoulos would not say where the ad would be shown, saying he did not want to tip off Republicans. He would not say how much air time the campaign has brought except to say it is in "seven figures." The ads will run for at least a week.

Clinton aides said the ad is aimed at the South and the Midwest, in states where the economy is poor and where the battle with Bush is expected to be close....

Stephanopoulos said Clinton has done much better in Arkansas than Bush has done throughout the country.

"Arkansas was a poor state when Bill Clinton became governor, and they've made progress during his tenure," Stephanopoulos said. "America was a very rich country when George Bush and Ronald Reagan took power, and it's getting poorer every year."

(David Jackson, Dallas Morning News)

THE CLINTON TOUR'S ROCKY ROAD

ON THE CLINTON-GORE BUS IN TEXAS -- You could sense something brewing in some of the signs, something dark, big and furious -- usually at the very back of an ecstatic crowd, but sometimes right up there in Bill Clinton's face.

It was the leading edge of what Republicans here are calling "September Storm," though some Democrats must now be thinking of naming it "Hurricane George."

"GO HOME SLICK WILLIE," demanded a sign in Georgetown, about 20 miles north of Austin....

At another stop, Clinton described the President as "moanin' like a pig under a gate, as we say in Arkansas," about the Democratic Congress, and at still another, ventured with a grin that "Ol' Bush looked like Pinocchio at the Republican convention talkin' about taxes. I was surprised his nose didn't grow and dump him right over in the orchestra pit...the way he was talkin' down in Houston sayin' how much I raised taxes and how little he did."

(Lloyd Grove, Washington Post, B1)

NOW'S CHILD TO CHALLENGE DEMOCRATS, GOP

The National Organization for Women has given birth to a political party: the 21st Century Party. Emerging from a yearlong series of hearings conducted by NOW's Commission for Responsive Democracy, the 21st Century Party ended its two-day founding convention Sunday. "This organization, coming out of NOW,...says that there is a base, a grass-roots constituency" for a viable third party, said Mel King a party co-convenor and founder of the Rainbow Coalition. King said the new party is for "people who want to see quality practiced and who want to advocate...the imperative of participation in the (political) process and the valuing of people." The 21st Century Party grew out of America voters' distaste for the "quality for the discourse and debate of the '88 (presidential) election," said Monica Stewart, party co-convenor and former Illinois legislator.

(Carleton Bryant, Washington Times, A4)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Ask the Candidates," regarding how voters can phone in questions on taxes to the President Bush and Bill Clinton, appears in USA Today, page 1A.

ARMY PREPARED TO SEND THOUSANDS MORE INTO SOUTH FLORIDA

The Pentagon will tailor its Hurricane Andrew relief force in Florida by dispatching radio technicians, engineers and supply officers to help local officials organize their recovery effort, the Army's top general says. "They need a backbone, a skeleton" to build on, Gen. Gordon Sullivan, the Army's chief of staff said Sunday in an interview after meeting with local officials in Homestead, FL, and viewing its devastated streets by helicopter, car and foot.... Sullivan said he intends to see to it that the military force dispatched to Florida by President Bush is properly configured to do the jobs local officials want done.... "Our job is to get in and out," said Sullivan. Although it's difficult to make any prediction about the military's length of stay in Florida, Sullivan said he assumed some troops helping with relief efforts will be in the state for weeks and that engineers may stay even longer.

(Susanne Schafer, AP)

Troops Begin Work In Storm-Hit Area But Misery Mounts

HOMESTEAD -- Nearly a week after one of the most powerful hurricanes in history ripped through southern Florida, and three days after a vast Federal relief effort was announced, 275,000 people still have no electricity, at least 150,000 are either homeless or living in ruins, and tens of thousands must forage each day for food and ice.

"The situation is not great by any stretch of the imagination, but as the days go by, things are getting better," said Joaquin Avino, the Dade County Manager, in a briefing at the country's Emergency Operations Center.

Bill Hale, who is supervising the cleanup effort in Florida City said he lost patience with the Federal effort. "The hell with the Army," AP quoted him as saying Sunday. "Let them go back to Iraq. Maybe we ought to get Hussein over here and maybe they'd get down here real quick."

(Joseph Treaster, New York Times, A1)

Troops, Aid Pouring Into South Florida

HOMESTEAD -- A massive military relief effort is in high gear today, a week after Hurricane Andrew devastated south Florida.

Thousands of federal troops arrived Sunday with hot meals, tents and earth movers. (Robert Davis, USA Today, 1A)

STORM AREAS CHALKING UP SMALL GAINS Market Reopening Allows Cashing Of Benefit Checks

FLORIDA CITY -- ...Military units ordered into the area by President Bush began erecting tent cities with field kitchens and portable toilets today, but not in time to spare downtrodden victims from another downpour that swept across the country today.

Officials here have begun to use \$30 billion as the overall damage estimate. Secretary Card, appearing on "This Week," said that he could not validate that number, but he said "we're talking billions" for the federal program alone.

(Thomas Lippman, Washington Post, A1)

IN FLORIDA, A RUSH OF GOOD WILL Politics 'Irrelevant Right Now'

A weekend of fingerpointing suggests Hurricane Andrew's legacy may be measured in a political as well as human toll. President Bush, beset with another domestic crisis in his reelection campaign, on Sunday dispatched aides to defend his reaction to the hurricane:

"I think the federal response came quickly, but it was not enough," Secretary Card said on "This Week." "No one realized the magnitude of this disaster."

"There has not been any footdragging," Vice President Quayle said on "Face the Nation." "The way the President handled it is correct."

"To have that kind of massive military presence there about five days after the hurricane is not bad," Brent Scowcroft said on "Meet the Press." White House officials said the first contact from state officials came Wednesday. "The facts are the facts - my dad responded when he was asked to respond," says Jeb Bush, manager of his father's Florida campaign.

(Judy Keen, USA Today, 3A)

'IT'S TIME TO GIVE THANKS FOR WHAT WE DO HAVE'

HOMESTEAD -- They sang songs that proclaimed God's love. They read Bible passages about salvation after destruction. They talked about keeping the faith through the toughest of tests. And the minister wore a hard hat. Residents of this devastated town took time out from patching up their homes and businesses to go to church. At the Church of God the Reverend John Johnson credited church efforts with saving the community. He also urged those present not to lose faith. "Let us send a message to the world that we will not bend, we will not bow," he said. "My friends, I love my President and I love my governor, and I pray for both of them, but if we sit around and wait for the governor and the President to do it for us, we're going to be in a muck of trouble. We've got a job to do, and we can't sit around and wait for somebody else to do it."

(Bob Leveson, Orlando Sentinel)

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REGULATORY FREEZE FIGURES DISPUTED

Bush Administration claims that its freeze on new government regulations will save businesses up to \$20 billion this year are merely "an election-year gambit," two watchdog groups have charged.

In a report released last week, Public Citizen and OMB Watch contend that "dozens" of health and safety, civil rights and environmental regulations have been seriously weakened or eliminated due to the 210-day-old regulatory freeze and that the Administration has failed to substantiate its claims about the economic benefits.

The Administration "clearly stands by" its earlier claims that the freeze will save businesses \$10 to \$20 billion this year, said Jeff Nesbitt, a spokesman for Vice President Quayle's Competitiveness Council. Nesbitt said the savings estimate is based on "painstaking" analyses by 24 federal regulatory agencies.

(Short Takes, Washington Post, A17)

HIRING OUTLOOK GRIM FOR RECOVERY

NEW YORK -- The domestic hiring outlook for the fourth quarter suggests the economic recovery is struggling, Manpower Inc. said in a survey released today. The temporary employment firm said its quarterly survey of companies found 21 percent plan work force increases in the October-December period, while 11 percent plan staff reductions.

The figures reflect caution among businesses due to the sluggishness of the economy, and a concern over the outcome of the presidential election, Manpower said in a news release.

A new survey of U.S. machine tool manufacturers confirmed that business is slow. Machine tool orders declined slightly in July while foreign demand for U.S. products weakened.

Domestic orders rose in July, according to the monthly figures released today by the Association for Manufacturing Technology.

(AP, Washington Times, B4)

CRIME STATISTICS NOT GOOD NEWS FOR BUSH CAMP

A new FBI report showing a record level of violence being reported to police could put President Bush on the anti-crime defensive. "The Republicans have had a field day in recent presidential campaigns posing as the champions of the tough-on-crime approach," says political analyst Thomas Mann at the Brookings Institution. "That position becomes increasingly difficult to maintain in the face of evidence that violent crime continues to increase." Violent crime reports soared to more than 1.9 million offenses in 1991, a 45% increase since the early days of the Reagan-Bush era in 1982, the FBI's annual report says.

("Statesline," USA Today, 8A)

ACTOR BEAU BRIDGES, PLAYED JAMES BRADY, CALLS FOR GUN CONTROL

PASADENA -- Actor Beau Bridges, who won an Emmy award Sunday for his portrayal of James Brady, used his acceptance speech to issue a strong call for gun control. Bridges, looking straight at Brady [who was in the audience], told the audience, "We need to establish decent gun legislation in this country. Adopting the Brady Bill would be a start."

(Andrew Okun, Reuter)

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EDITOR'S NOTE: "Sarandon's Political Snub," regarding Susan Sarandon's thoughts on the family values issue, appears in "Names and Faces," Washington Post, page B3.

TELEVISION GLEEFULLY TAKES REVENGE ON QUAYLE

PASADENA -- The television industry gleefully took its revenge on Vice President Quayle Sunday over his remarks on "Murphy Brown," turning the Emmy awards into a Quayle Roast.

Candice Bergen was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding Actress in a Comedy Series.

Bergen accepted her Emmy with the words, "I would like to thank the Vice President, and I would like to thank the Television Academy and the members of the 'cultural elite' for recognizing me and 'Murphy' once again.

"Murphy Brown" producer Diane English used her acceptance of the Emmy for Best Comedy to launch a cutting attack on the Vice President's past assertions that single parents lack family values.

"I would like to thank in particular all the single parents out there who, either by choice or necessity, are raising their kids alone. Don't let anybody tell you you're not a family.

"As Murphy herself said (in the series) 'I couldn't possibly do a worse job raising my kid alone than the Reagans did with theirs.'"

(Michael Miller, Reuter)

EDITOR'S NOTES: "Viewers Need Relief From Bombing Jokes," regarding comments about Vice President Quayle and family values, by Rod Dreher, appears in the Washington Times, page D5.

"'Exposure,' 'Murphy Brown' Win Top Emmys," regarding comments about Vice President Quayle and family values, by AP, appears in the Washington Post, page B1.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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For reasons that are not clear to U.S. officials, Russia has yet to meet repeated U.S. and British requests for evidence that the germ weapons program has been terminated and for a detailed declaration by Russia of the program's past scope.

U.S. officials said the Russians' most serious omission is their failure to give an adequate account of the Soviet Union's longstanding use of an ostensibly civilian pharmaceutical and medical complex known as Biopreparat as a cover for illicit military work.

(R. Jeffrey Smith, Washington Post, A1)

SADDAM URGES IRAQIS TO BE PATIENT TO BEAT PLOT

BAGHDAD -- Saddam Hussein, reacting to a ban by the Gulf War allies on his planes flying over the Shiite Moslem south, vowed to defeat an alleged plot to tear his country apart.

In a message to the nation read on his behalf on state-run TV and radio Sunday, Saddam said Iraqis would prevent the partitioning of their country by "indignation, derision and rejection" of the conspiracy.

But he offered little more than previous official Iraqi reactions to the latest confrontation with the Western allies which have been confined to fiery promise to crush the plot.

"I realize that the young among you cannot stand this aggressive and infidel act and are burning with wrath, wanting to respond," Saddam said. "I don't want to hide that we (leaders) like you have the same feelings but we in the leadership resort to patience which God wants from us."

(Leon Barkho, Reuter)

Saddam Vows To Resist Flights

Saddam vowed Sunday to resist the no-fly zone imposed over southern Iraq by U.S.-led allies but suggested no specific actions his government might take....

A Swedish U.N. observer was shot and injured Sunday while on a routine mission on the border between Iraq and Kuwait, Sweden's military said in Stockholm. It was not clear who fired on Capt. Westberg, who was said to be in good condition in a Kuwait hospital.

U.N. officials also reported Sunday that a time bomb was attached to a U.N. car in northern Iraq at a government checkpoint Thursday but was discovered before it could go off.

(from combined dispatches, Washington Times, A1)

**U.S. FORCES MAY REDUCE IRAQI FLIGHTS
General Stays Silent On Support Nations**

ABOARD THE USS LASALLE -- U.S. forces...may reduce the number of their air sorties if "things stay peaceful," the Air Force general in charge of Operation Southern Watch said here Sunday.

"It strikes me...that you don't need to keep up a real high pace of activity if things stay peaceful," said Lt. Gen. Michael Nelson.

Nelson also said that the Saudi and Kuwaiti air forces are flying sorties to defend their airspace during Operation Southern Watch, and other unidentified nations are supporting the effort.

(Caryle Murphy, Washington Post, A12)

**SCOWCROFT SEES IRAQ SET TO ATTACK SHIITES
But General In Gulf Differs**

President Bush's national security adviser said Sunday that Iraq's military is ready for a new ground offensive against Shiite rebels, setting up a potential new confrontation between Baghdad and Washington.

But the President's top military officer in the Persian Gulf, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael Nelson, told reporters that Iraqi ground forces "looked dispersed and fairly quiet."

Brent Scowcroft, appearing on "This Week," presented a differing picture based on intelligence reports. He said two Iraqi divisions in the area have "moved out of their garrisons, and there have been signs of preparation for another ground offensive for several weeks now."

Asked how the U.S. would respond if Saddam ordered a ground attack, Scowcroft said, "I think Saddam ought to take the prospect very seriously."
(Rowan Scarborough, Washington Times, A1)

POLITICS HELPED INSTALL NO-FLY ZONE

Political timing is playing a major role in American help for Iraq's oppressed Shiites, opposition leaders and U.S. experts say.

Shiite leader Leith Kubba credits "a favorable political climate" in the U.S. -- along with evidence of Saddam Hussein's brutality against the Shiite minority -- as reason U.S. officials "decided to do something about it now."

Iran-Iraq expert Dilip Hiro calls the zone "a cynical move on the part of the Bush Administration. When did Mr. Bush and Mr. Major become born-again Shiites?" He says, "Bush and company" are careful "not to go too far" in helping Shiites.

(Lee Michael Katz, USA Today, 5A)

ISRAEL RELEASES NEW CIVIL DEFENSE PLAN

JERUSALEM -- Echoes of the Gulf War reverberated through Israel with the release of a new civil defense plan to protect citizens from chemical weapon attacks, but military leaders still insisted that threat from Iraq is minimal.

Meanwhile, the army refused Sunday to confirm or deny a British newspaper report that Israel warned Iraq it would retaliate with neutron bombs if Baghdad again launched Scud missiles at Tel Aviv.

(Jonathan Ferziger, UPI)

RABIN DOUBTS SYRIA 'READY TO SAY YES' TO PEACE

JERUSALEM -- Yitzhak Rabin said he doubts whether Syria is "read to say yes" to peace and rejected Syrian demands that Israel withdraw completely from all lands it captured in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Rabin said some territory can be returned to Syria but not all of it.

"This is our interpretation of (U.N.) Resolution 242, not the precedent that was set in 1978 and 1979 that for peace Israel has to return until the last square inch of the territories that we captured in the Six Day War," Rabin told a group of major American donors to Israel....

"I am not convinced yet that Syria is ready to say yes to a full-fledged peace treaty with Israel, with open borders, embassies," Rabin said to the United Jewish Appeal.

(Ben Lynfield, UPI)

U.S. DEFENSE CUTS

The Pentagon is quietly planning force reductions below the lowest levels the Bush Administration has said is acceptable, The New York Times reported, citing classified plans. The cuts, regardless of the election outcome, could free up to \$80 billion in military spending by 1997. Affected: troop strength, weapons purchases and military bases. ("Nationline," USA Today, 4A)

SOMALIA COMPETES FOR U.S. AID

NAIROBI -- The top U.S. coordinator for Somalia relief returns to Washington today to press for continuing emergency aid, despite competing demands for relief caused by Hurricane Andrew. "People in Florida can go to insurance companies," said Andrew Natsios, President Bush's coordinator of U.S. aid to Somalia, after touring the famine-stricken country. "We're not building houses. We are feeding people oatmeal to keep them alive."

(Marilyn Green and Jack Kelley, USA Today, 5A)

HAITIAN REFUGEES BURN CAMP**Navy Says Protesters Seek Repatriation**

Some Haitian refugees being held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, set fire to their living quarters Saturday to protest camp security measures and to demand that they be returned to Haiti, Navy spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Morgan Smith said Sunday.

The protesters numbered 63 of the roughly 290 Haitians who remain at Camp Bulkeley, including about 233 who the military says have tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

The Haitians' demand to be returned to Haiti could not be independently confirmed Sunday night.

(Lynne Duke, Washington Post, A7)

**SERBS PULLING OUT FROM BESIEGED CITY
Bosnian Forces Say They Broke Blockade**

DUBISTE, Bosnia -- Bosnian Serb militia commanders said Sunday their forces were withdrawing from positions around the besieged city of Gorazde, ending a four-month stranglehold that has left the 70,000 predominantly Muslim residents there with little food, medicine or potable water.

Bosnian government forces in Sarajevo announced that the Serbs were being forced to pull back in response to a government counterattack that had broken the siege of Gorazde....

In Sarajevo, where indiscriminate Serbian shelling of the city continued, there were no celebrations of the Gorazde breakthrough. For at noon today, a howitzer shell landed in a crowded market, killing at least 15 people and injuring at least 31.

(Peter Maas, Washington Post, A12)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Part of New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Baltimore Sun was not included due to publishing time being one hour earlier.

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NETWORK NEWS

(Sunday evening, August 30)

HURRICANE ANDREW

CBS's Connie Chung: Heavy rains drenched homeless residents in southern Florida today, residents who are still waiting for tent cities to be built now, several days delayed. Tents may be ready in Florida City tonight, but it won't be soon enough for the thousands who are miserable.

CBS's Jim Stewart reports the numbers continue to mount: 33 dead, 250,000 homeless and \$30 billion in damages. A week into the relief effort, fault-finding and blame are also starting to be heard. Price-gougers are out in force, despite a flood of free goods. Some relief agencies are also starting to catch heat for being less than prepared and ignoring offers of help.

(Citizen: "We're getting food out and the Red Cross isn't. They're doing a rotten job, and everyone's sick of it, including the people that come here. They're tired of it. And so we're performing a service and I don't appreciate somebody telling me I can't volunteer my time.")

Despite the massive amounts of aid, reports of looting are still heard. (CBS-Lead)

CBS's Giselle Fernandez reports Florida health officials are worried that contaminated food and water and unsanitary conditions could lead to an outbreak of disease and infection. With sporadic downpours adding insult to injury, caregivers say backed-up sewers will only worsen an already precarious sanitation crisis. (CBS-2)

Chung reports that in Louisiana, FEMA Director Wallace Stickney surveyed damage in the Morgan City area. The agency says that so far, more than 2,000 people there have applied for emergency aid. (CBS-3)

ABC's Forrest Sawyer: In south Florida late this afternoon, U.S. Army troops tried to begin erecting tents that will provide shelter to an estimated 150,000 people left homeless by Hurricane Andrew. But their work was hampered by heavy rain, high winds and lightning. Thousands of more troops and tons of relief supplies and construction materials are on their way to the disaster area. But for now, the problem is delivering the supplies that have already arrived.

ABC's Mark Potter reports relief supplies continue to pour into the area. The military now has 13,000 troops here, but while it has cleared out several sites, it still hasn't erected the tent cities. Much of the relief is coming from private organizations and companies. As more and more people come to south Dade County to help, the roads are becoming clogged and the phone company is being stretched to the limit. County officials who at first were begging for help are now trying to control it. (ABC-Lead)

ABC's Kathleen DeLaski reports Secretary Card made it clear today that Hurricane Andrew will cost American taxpayers more than any previous disaster.

(Card, "This Week With David Brinkley": "Clearly, the amount of damage is in the billions of dollars, and I think it's going to require in the billions even from the federal government.")

Card said the \$700 million in aid announced by President Bush is a drop in the bucket. But at least in the aftermath, it appears that insurance companies won't need federal help. The industry expects at least \$5 billion in claims, but has the funds to cover it. But was the federal government ready? The Administration continued defending its response today.

(Card: "I think the federal response really came quickly, but it was not enough. No one realized the magnitude of the disaster.")

(Vice President Quayle: "We have a disaster and we are responding to the disaster. It was much greater than anybody had anticipated, but you don't know big a disaster is until it comes.")

Publicly, Bush aides say their response has been impressive. But privately, some say they don't expect voters to be all that impressed because this nation has come to expect its presidents to fix these problems and fix them quickly. (ABC-3)

NBC's Deborah Roberts: One week ago tonight, people in Florida and all along the Gulf Coast were preparing for a storm. What they got was beyond anything they might have been prepared for. Now, almost a week after Hurricane Andrew, the reconstruction of lives and the battered landscape is only just beginning. (NBC-Lead)

CAMPAIGN/TAXES

CBS's Richard Threlkeld reports the Clinton campaign unveiled its first commercial for the fall campaign today, stressing Gov. Clinton's record as a governor. The commercial is a carbon copy of the lines that have been working best while he's been on the stump. But to hear Vice President Quayle tell it today, Arkansas is anything but a tax haven.

(Quayle, "Face the Nation": "Since Bill Clinton's been governor, the percentage of taxes of income -- the percentage of taxes in income for the people of Arkansas has gone up dramatically. Ask them. Their tax burden has gone up under Bill Clinton.")

(Clinton: "They just can't make this argument unless they falsify the data, which is what they've been doing and what they admit they're doing.")

To pay for the commercial and a lot of other expenses, Clinton spent the weekend in Little Rock, hosting a series of fund-raisers. He raised \$2.2 million. For the moment, at least, the Clinton campaign is going to accent the positive in its campaign commercials until they see what the Republicans do in theirs. It would be nice if the Democrats and Republicans were to spend the next two months saying nice things about themselves instead of nasty things about each other. But don't count on it. (CBS-10)

Sawyer: Taxes remained the hot topic today in the increasingly bitter presidential campaign. The No. 2 men on the national ticket went on national television to step up their charges over who's for lower taxes and who isn't.

ABC's Ron Claiborne reports Quayle continued to hammer Clinton on the issue of taxes in Arkansas.

(Quayle, "Face the Nation": "Since Bill Clinton's been governor, the percentage of taxes of income -- the percentage of taxes in income for the people of Arkansas has gone up dramatically.")

Within hours, Clinton campaign aides produced Commerce Department figures showing that the percentage of income paid in taxes in Arkansas actually went down between 1979 and 1990.

(Clinton: "They just can't make this argument unless they falsify the data, which is what they've been doing and what they admit they're doing.")

Clinton also disputed Quayle's claim that under the Democrats, every American worker would pay higher taxes. He said only the richest 2 percent would pay more, a claim prominently highlighted in a new television ad. Meanwhile, Sen. Gore stepped up the attack on the Republicans and the claim of 128 tax increases.

(Gore, "This Week With David Brinkley": "If they continue saying this, it is a classic example of the propaganda big-lie technique to just try to make something real by constant repetition.")

The Democrats are responding quickly and aggressively to Republican attempts to portray them as tax-raisers. But privately, they're concerned that many voters will hear only the accusation and not their rebuttal.

(ABC-5)

DEFENSE CUTS

Sawyer reports the New York Times says the Pentagon has accepted deep cuts in defense spending as inevitable and is preparing for personnel reductions far greater than the Bush Administration considers acceptable. Citing classified documents, the Times says the reductions could reduce military spending by as much as \$80 billion by 1997.

(ABC-6)

IRAQ/NO-FLY ZONE

Chung reports Gen. Scowcroft today reported signs that Iraq is preparing for a ground offensive against Shiites in the south. In Baghdad, a spokesman for Saddam Hussein delivered a TV address that bristled with defiance of the allied ban on flights in the south.

CBS's Tom Fenton reports there are no signs that Saddam is preparing to launch anything against allied aircraft except verbal broadsides. Tonight, Saddam accused the West of trying to partition his country to seize its oil wealth.

(NBC-9, CBS-6)

ABC's Walter Rodgers reports Saddam's TV message carried a threat to Arab countries that are letting the allies use bases there. He also hinted U.N. forces protecting Kurds could come under pressure from Baghdad. Today, a bomb was discovered under a U.N. car before it went off. It is not clear who was responsible.

(ABC-7)

BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

Chung reports there was another massacre of civilians today in Sarajevo. A Serbian artillery shell landed in a crowded marketplace, killing as many as 16 people and wounded up to 100 others. It was the single bloodiest attack in Sarajevo in three months.

(NBC-11 ABC-8, CBS-5)

ABC -- THIS WEEK WITH DAVID BRINKLEY

Moderator: Cokie Roberts. **Panel:** George Will, Brit Hume.
Guests: Secretary Card, Sen. Gore.

On Hurricane Andrew: With Card.

Roberts: Why did it take so long for the federal response?

Card: Well, I think the federal response really came quickly, but it was not enough. No one realized the magnitude of this disaster. Clearly, the federal government, state government and local government were working together before the storm hit....

Will: Leaving aside then the niceties of law and federalism, suppose we had an arrangement whereby governments did not need to request -- we didn't have this two-step process -- would aid have gotten to Florida sooner?

Card: It probably would have, but that's hypothetical.

Hume: What do you think the total troop commitment will need to be to manage this in the weeks ahead?

Card: Well, we'll have roughly 20,000 troops that will be committed between the federal resources and the National Guard resources within the next couple of days. We have battalions from the Army. We have a Marine's contingent. We have Naval personnel bringing ships down. The National Guard is providing all of the police function, the traffic control, and the civil disobedience order, but it's a coordinated effort.

On the environment: With Gore.

Will: You say about global warming there really is no remaining dispute. There is, rather, a lot of remaining dispute, isn't there?

Gore: No, not really. We have to be clear about what it is that is agreed and what is still in disagreement. The world scientific community has presented a whole series of consensus reports now, which even the White House science adviser says that the White House accepts that global warming is real....

Hume: You mentioned in your book that you think a valid and necessary goal would be the elimination within, say, as you put it, 25 years of the internal combustion engine. Will that be the goal of the Clinton-Gore administration?

Gore: I used that as an example of the scale of changes, which we ought to contemplate over the next quarter century.... If we want to pretend that cars and trucks a quarter century from now are going to look exactly the same as they do now and that's what we're going to succeed with and pretend that Japan and Germany and others are not hard at work on the technologies of the future, we're kidding ourselves.

On the campaign:

Roberts: Is this the kind of campaign we're in for now for the next 70 days or whatever, however long it is that we're going to be listening to both sides, just name-calling and not have any clear facts in front of us here?

Gore: I sure hope not, because the American people are sick and tired of politics as usual, Cokie, and they really want to see this be about something more than the campaigning. They want it to be about the future of this country.... If I could just say, briefly, a half-a-dozen major national news organizations have printed extensive analyses of this [claim of 128 tax increases] and have said this is a joke, and if they continue saying this, it is a classic example of the propaganda, big-lie technique to just try to make something real by constant repetition.

On the drop of the dollar:

Gore: ...When we saw the steep plummet in the dollar was when? Immediately after President Bush made his long-awaited, much-ballyhooed speech at the Republican convention, and he made this 10 percent checkoff idea, the centerpiece of his new economic program. It was incoherent. The campaign said coherence can come later, but the markets want coherence now. Immediately after he failed to outline any economic vision for the future in that speech, not only did the dollar reach all-time record lows against the mark, but consumer confidence went down again. The stock market started plummeting, and the financial analysts said that's it. Bush and Quayle do not have a vision for the future.

Hume: What is your position and that of your running mate on the North American Free Trade Agreement, which has now been negotiated and will soon be before Congress?

Gore: Well, we support it in principle.... As it is, it is not on the table yet. President Bush has declined to release the details of the treaty. There are technical problems with the translation, they say, and they want to wait until...they can get the details available.

Hume: ...As it stands, Senator, how do you feel about it, what you know about it?

Gore: They have not released the provisions of it. Members of Congress have not seen it. We don't know what it does with respect to American workers to the environment. In principle, we support it. We're now in a 90-day period during which modifications can be proposed....

Hume: ...On the package of tax increases and spending cuts that resulted from the budget deficit where the President broke his no-new-taxes pledge, how did you vote on that?

Gore: I voted for it.

Hume: Thank you.

NBC -- MEET THE PRESS

Moderator: Tim Russert. **Panel:** David Broder, Robert Novak.
Guest: Gen. Scowcroft.

On Iraq and Bosnia-Hercegovina:

Russert: What are the chances of a coup against Saddam within the next few months?

Scowcroft: Coups are inherently difficult to predict. I think, as I say, there was some kind of disturbance in June, and I think that just the fact that something occurred in a regime that is so despotic and so security minded is an interesting manifestation.

Novak: ...Isn't it rather suspect that only two months from the election does the Administration get interested in this and start showing an assertiveness at the present scale?

Scowcroft: No, not at all. Not at all. I don't think so.

Novak: ...Sir, couldn't you say objectively that the scale of bloodshed and the massacre of minority groups is much more intense in Bosnia than it has been in Iraq?

Scowcroft: Well, I wouldn't want to compare. I think it's reprehensible in both places.

Novak: Then why in the world is the U.S. taking such an assertive military role in Iraq while in Bosnia, we say our policy is let the diplomats talk it out? What's the difference?

Scowcroft: ...Fundamentally different. In Bosnia, you have the remnants of the breakup of a country, an inter-ethnic country. It is a civil war in its worst kind of aspects. It is something that we have been trying to deal with, first in cautioning about the breakup in a bloody way and then in trying to deal with it. I think it has no comparison.

Novak: Iraq is not at civil war?

Scowcroft: No, I think the comparison between Iraq and Yugoslavia is not no-fly zones. The comparison is our reluctance to go in and occupy Iraq to deal with the problems. Similarly, we're reluctant to go in and occupy Yugoslavia as a way to deal with the problems.

Russert: Isn't there some personal pique towards Saddam Hussein by President Bush?

Scowcroft: Oh, I would be amazed if there was not.

Russert: And is Saddam Hussein a continuing embarrassment as we approach the election?

Scowcroft: Oh, I don't think he's an embarrassment. We'd like to get rid of him, yes.

On Iran-Contra:

Broder: George Bush told me in that interview three separate times that he was unaware of [George Schultz's and Casper Weinberger's] objections to this arms sales policy. You think that was a truthful statement?

Scowcroft: I think it's quite possible it was truthful statement

Broder: Quite possible?

Scowcroft: I see no reason that it was not.

On Hurricane Andrew:

Novak: Why is it that the U.S. military can perform so efficiently, so admirably in Desert Storm and now in the no-fly zone operation in Southern Iraq, and there is such problems in helping our own people in Hurricane Andrew in Florida? Why is that?

Scowcroft: There is no problem with the military. The military... are down there en masse. They're operating very, very quickly. We had time for a very careful buildup in the gulf. We had time, as you pointed out, since May to get ready for a no-fly zone. This was a very, very short period of time, and I think the military has performed admirably. You recall that it is up to the governor to ask for help, and this is a procedure which has been set for disasters for years and years.

Novak: You're blaming Gov. Chiles then?

Scowcroft: I'm not blaming anybody. I'm not blaming anybody. But I think to have the kind of massive military presence there about five days after the hurricane is not bad.

POLITICAL DISCUSSION

Russert: For the record, how many taxes were increased by George Bush as Vice President and President during the last 12 years?

Novak: Well, he didn't raise any as Vice President. As President, he increased a lot. He's got a bad record on that as well. But the question of whether Bill Clinton wants big government and more taxes is a valid campaign issue and I think this question of whether the dog-track increase was valid as one of the 128, I think that is silly. And I think that the media plays into Clinton's hands when it says, "Yes, he's lying because he listed it as -- Bush listed it as 128 increases."

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CBS -- FACE THE NATION

Moderator: Susan Spencer. **Guest:** Vice President Quayle.

On Hurricane Andrew:

Quayle: The operation is going on, we're on top of the situation. It is a disaster beyond anybody's expectation. It is much more severe than anybody had thought it was initially, and I would say considering the circumstances, yes, we've done a very good, commendable job.

Spencer: ...Is this going to hurt you, do you think, politically?

Quayle: No, I don't think there's any reason for me to try to assess a political gain or a political loss. I can just tell you that the President is doing exactly what he thinks is right. He's responding to the situation. He did cancel his campaign appearances. He's not having a campaign schedule for several days to meet the challenge that this disaster presents him, and I think the American people see this President in action, making decisions and doing the right thing.

On defense cuts:

Spencer: Can you assure that after November, if you are reelected, that the cuts won't go below what the president says?

Quayle: I can assure you that we will stick to the President's defense budget. We will fight the Congress on any further cuts, and I'm convinced with the new Congress -- we're going to get a new Congress. You've got 90 members that already are not coming back, maybe as many as 90 more that won't be coming back. You're going to get a new Congress that will be far more cooperative with the President, and I'm convinced that he can get his defense request.

On the campaign:

Spencer: Do you really contend that you can go through the next two months without telling the American public what taxes are going to be cut and what spending cuts are going to be made?

Quayle: ...Let me fill in some of the details. First of all, I think it's very important to note that we have a tax cut/jobs creation bill pending on Capitol Hill. ...We know, and so do the Democrats on Capitol Hill, that this will create hundreds of thousands of new jobs in America, and they won't pass it.

Spencer: Much of this was in the bill that the President vetoed.

Quayle: The President vetoed the tax hike and the tax increases in that bill. This bill is lingering on Capitol Hill. The do-nothing Congress will not pass it, probably because they think it's going to help the President.

Spencer: ...Do you think politically, though, you and President Bush can get from now until November without being specific, given this Administration's track record on raising taxes?...

Quayle: But the details are there, and the point is this -- that the President says, I believe that we create jobs by cutting taxes. Bill Clinton says he believes you can create jobs by increasing taxes....

Spencer: ...There's been a general sort of backlash in Republican circles against the sort of hard-right rhetoric at the convention. I think a lot of people were saying that it went too far. It alienated people. Do you agree with that?

Quayle: Absolutely not. It may have been too conservative for some.

POLITICAL DISCUSSION

On Hurricane Andrew: With Mike McCurry, former adviser to Sen. Kerrey, and Doug Bailey, Republican analyst.

Spencer: Do you think that President Bush is going to pay politically for Hurricane Andrew?

Bailey: I don't think so, Susan. I think everybody knows that the government, when confronted with an immediate, sudden, unexpected crisis, doesn't happen. It doesn't work very well.... Frankly, what they have done is rather remarkable, and I don't think that the finger pointing in politics appeals to very many people.

McCurry: As to the political costs, look, I think they got it about half right. They were able to switch things around and get the President there to take a look, but I kind of fault Jim Baker. He was the one who was supposed to come and make sure everything would work smoothly, and here they arrive, you know, at a disaster scene. They didn't really seem to have a game plan, so the President took his pictures, left, and then the citizens got mad when there really wasn't any follow-up.

On the campaign:

McCurry: One thing about this whole theme of family values and thinking of the Vice President and his articulate defense of that at the convention -- you know, this has been the Dan Quayle campaign so far. He has called the shots for this campaign. If you think of family values, that was engendered by a speech he gave in reference to Murphy Brown. If you think about this recent bashing of trial lawyers, that really came from the Vice President in a speech before the American Bar Association.

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THE McLAUGHLIN GROUP

Moderator: John McLaughlin. **Panel:** Paul Gigot, Eleanor Clift, Jack Germond, Morton Kondracke.

On Iraq:

McLaughlin: Is Saddam Hussein bluffing?

Gigot: Nobody really knows. Probably he's bluffing. The one thing that Saddam really wants is to be in office longer than George Bush. And he wants to remind everybody that he is out there, he wants to stamp his feet, create a little trouble, make himself an issue, but stop just short of provoking a real attack and maybe helping Bush.

Clift: ...My concern here is that while what the President is doing is defensible, there is a complete change in U.S. policy here that hasn't been addressed at all publicly. Last fall, when the Shiites wanted help, the Administration didn't want to do it because they didn't want to provoke the breakup of Iraq.... Now, what happened? What's changed, other than the fact there's an election campaign?

Kondracke: ...What we are doing -- and this has been policy for some weeks now -- is looking for a provocation. If it's not the planes in the south, then it is going to be U.N. workers in the north, or more likely, another attempt to inspect nuclear facilities. We're looking for a fight with Saddam.... What's unconscionable on the part of the Bush Administration is that it has taken so long to do these things....

Gigot: ...I think the public wants Saddam out of there. But one thing I wish Bush would do, in addition to talking about Saddam, is say maybe we ought to have a democratic leadership out there.

Kondracke: I think it is laughable that Bill Clinton would have continued the war longer than Bush would have.

McLaughlin: So it's a political ploy on Clinton's part?

Kondracke: Absolutely. He's playing to the right of Bush. And the Democrats would have howled if there'd been pictures of us shooting innocent, fleeing soldiers....

Gigot: It comes with ill grace for Clinton, who was firmly on both sides of the war question in the first place, to now be criticizing Bush about how it ended.

On the campaign:

Germond: [The poll numbers] show that on sober second thought, people didn't think that [Republican] convention was such a great show after all....

McLaughlin: How can Bush close the gap?...

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Gigot: It's spelled economy. He's got to talk about the economy. He's got to have a credible plan, and that's the big problem. The real trouble for Bush is that his favorable ratings didn't go up much with this convention....

Clift: ...I don't think the public cares all that much about military records a half-century ago and a quarter-century ago.

Kondracke: ...I would love to see the press now take this issue and let us go through minutely and find out -- I realize the press doesn't care about what Clinton did or didn't do anymore -- but I'd like to know whether the guy lied, cheated and stole to get out of the draft or not.

On Somalia:

Kondracke: We are letting the Bosnians be butchered.... And we are allowing the people of Somalia to be butchered now. The reason for the difference in attention has obviously got a lot to do with race.... What we need is a U.N. With a military force, with a call on a lot of grain. You need to flood those places with grain so that it doesn't make any sense to steal any more.

On family issues:

Clift: ...I think the attempt to tie the Woody-Mia saga to Democrats and family values is really cheesy. You can't do that anymore than Frank Sinatra or Roxanne Pulitzer represent Republican values....

PREDICTIONS

Gigot: Jesse Jackson is going to join the Senate Democrats in September in trying to defeat another Bush appointee, judicial nominee Ed Carnes [phonetic] because he enforced the death penalty in Alabama, but they're going to lose.

Clift: The Democratic Congress is going to quietly let the special-prosecutor provision die this fall, rather than let Republicans force an extension to cover Congress.

Germond: The anti-incumbent tide...is going to mean at least six incumbent senators in both parties will be defeated this fall.

Kondracke: There have been rumors that Torie Clarke would be fired. My guess is that she will not. She'll tone down her act, but she's too good to lose.

McLaughlin: Japan and Germany will become permanent members of the Security Council within 18 months.

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INSIDE WASHINGTON

Moderator: Gordon Peterson. **Panel:** Charles Krauthammer, Carl Rowan, Nina Totenburg, Tom Oliphant.

On the campaign:

Peterson: What happened to the Bush bounce?

Krauthammer: What happened to the bounce is that it ran into the Bush acceptance speech in Houston. It was long on culture, short on economics. In the middle of a recession, you don't run on culture. If the President doesn't start speaking about economics seriously, he's not going anywhere.

Rowan: The President came out of a dreadful convention, unleashed the far-right kooks -- including trying to make Democrats look like Woody Allen and Mia Farrow. And they've just scared the devil out of millions of American voters.

Oliphant: There was a bounce. It just turned out that it was a little one and it was only in one direction, to the right....

Totenburg: The bounce was based on potato chips, and potato chips aren't nourishment. What the American people are waiting for is nourishment.

Oliphant: ...Clinton is not yet accepted by the American people as the next president. Far from it. I think the Republicans did succeed in sort of rekindling a lot of doubts about his capacity to be president, quite skillfully. He's down a peg. I think in addition, Clinton is spending far too much time simply responding to this daily drumbeat of attacks.

Totenburg: You do have the impression when you read the papers these days that the Clinton people are a bit fighting the last war. It is important for them to respond to attacks, but that seems to be most of what they're doing. And partly because he's been a candidate for so long and has laid out a program, he doesn't have new things to say....

Krauthammer: ...[The Republican convention] was a disgrace. I thought on the first night, the Buchanan speech was the ugliest speech -- the ugliest national speech -- I have ever seen in my life. And on the third night -- ladies night -- I thought it was a true political embarrassment. It was a night of irrelevance, of the pathos. And it really was, I thought, a low point in American political discourse. After all, we're electing a president, we aren't electing a family here. So I was embarrassed by it.

On Hurricane Andrew:

Totenburg: [FEMA] is sort of a notorious agency, a sinecure for everybody's brother-in-law. It is not known for doing wonderful work. So I'm not sure that we can blame President Bush on the one hand. On the other, this is obviously a disaster of major, major proportions. And people quite rationally will say that in this area that ironically was the staging place for Desert Storm, why can't we help our folks the way we can help other countries.

On the campaign:

Krauthammer: I think what is really interesting about the dynamic of the election is that nobody is looking at Clinton at all. The whole focus of the election now is Bush and whether he can actually make a coherent program and resurrect himself and show himself worthy of reelection. There's a real change in the spotlight, and I think that Clinton has been the beneficiary in this, in that the attention to his "character" problems, including the draft, is really minimal right now.

Oliphant: I must say I thought President Bush did make a very effective political appeal in his own speech [to the American Legion], almost bringing the veterans into the Oval Office to see him making decisions with the national security on the line, relating them to current topics, reminding them it's still a dangerous world. With a current events, I think that's a very effective statement for him to make.

On Iraq and Bosnia-Herzegovina:

Krauthammer: ...One of the changes that we're making now that we should have made at the end of the war 18 months ago is to assist the Shiites in the south who are being massacred in huge numbers. And we should have had this zone early at the end of the war....

Oliphant: ...I've talked to people in the military and in Congress who talk to the military all the time who said there are plans that exist for things that would make the prosecution of this kind of genocide very painful on Serbia. President Bush and the allies, by the way -- not just the U.S. unilaterally -- have done the right thing in Iraq. I think they've done it 18 months too late. But what they have done merely makes the absence of action in Bosnia all the more acute.

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WASHINGTON

August 26, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SHIRLEY GREEN 

SUBJECT: Mail Summary, August 12 through August 25, 1992

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Presidential	73,379	Year to Date	1,738,691
Staff	<u>5,284</u>	" " "	<u>99,003</u>
WEEK TOTAL	78,663	YEAR TOTAL	1,837,694

TOP ISSUES OF THE WEEK

	<u>Pro</u>	<u>Con</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Cum.Total (Pro/Con/Comments)</u>
Crisis in Yugoslavia	1,685	161	0	4,091/353/0
Abortion Issue	505	980	6	5,500/7,787/60
Hardship Cases	0	0	1,159	0/0/17,907
Family Values	801	0	81	1,579/0/154
Support for Vice President	592	260	0	1,965/2,182/0
Economic Concerns	0	0	640	0/0/36,728

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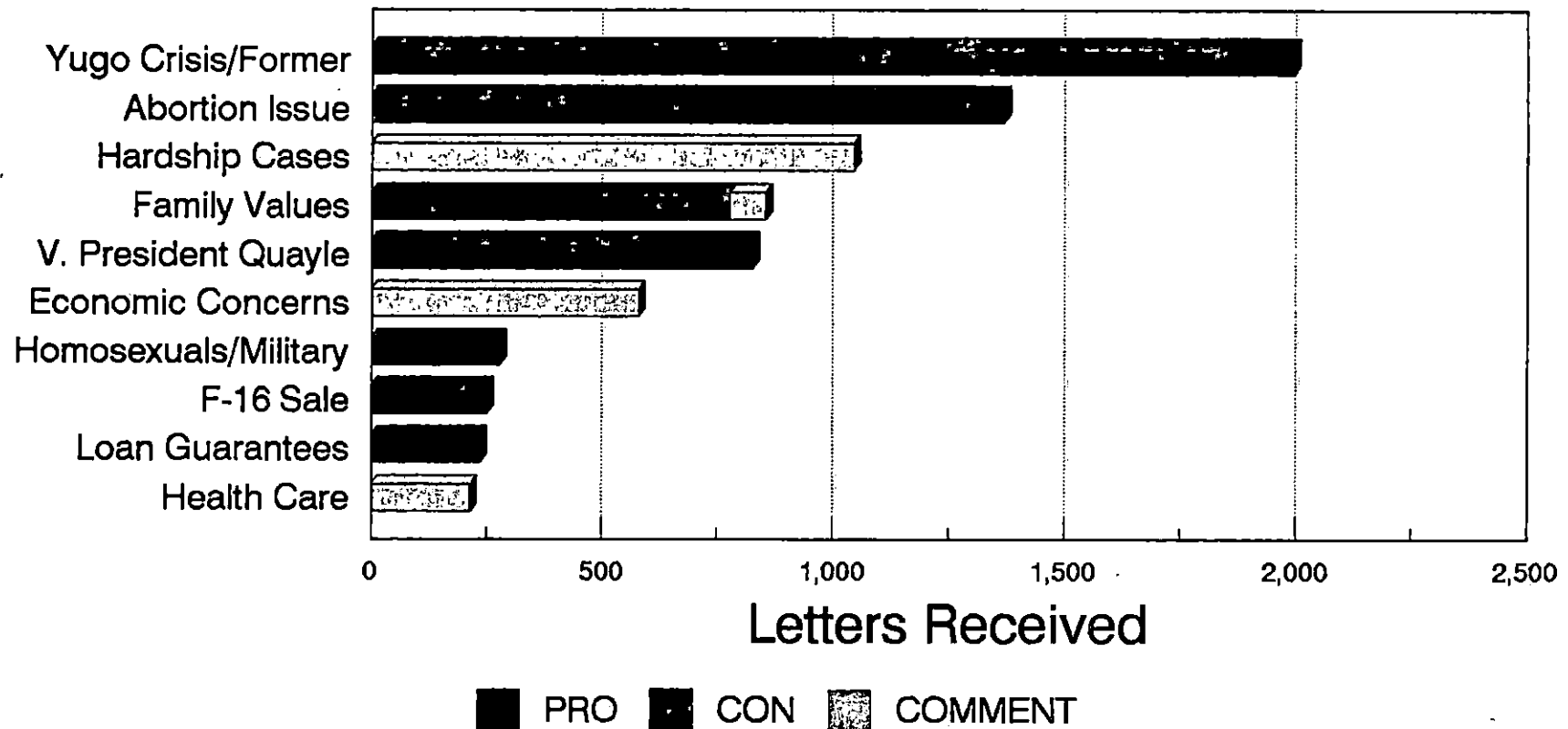
WEEK TOTAL	11,993
Major Issue:	Pro: National Health Care Reform
Volume:	2,843

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Presidential (Week Total)	75,043
Year to Date	1,757,658

Top Issues in Mail Tally

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Pro and Con refer to Writer's Position on Issue

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Dear Dick,

As always, your letter of support was tremendously uplifting.

Barbara and I are so grateful for the continued friendship both you and Sally have given us.

Love from all us Bushes.

Sincerely,

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President George H. W. Bush
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear President Bush,

I have received your August 3 response to my June 15. Your letter was thoughtful and considered and I thank you for it.

As we come up on convention time I just want you to know that Sally and I have full faith and confidence in you as our President and you as our candidate. You get more advise and counsel these days than would ordinarily come your way, so we write this to you not in that vein, but rather in a vein that says you continue to be our hero. Without a single doubt, we are certain you will come away from the convention and the election with the world reaffirmed of your leadership and integrity that will guide us through this next four years of profound change.

See you in Houston.

Warmest Regards,

Rich Novetzke

R.C. Novetzke

August 10, 1992 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It was a pleasure to have you and Mrs. Rabin with us at Kennebunkport, and I valued our substantive discussions on matters of mutual concern to our two countries.

Thank you for the beautiful silver fruit bowl and reproductions. They are wonderful examples of Israeli craftsmanship and exemplify the fruits that are produced in your country. Barbara has asked me to extend her thanks for the bathing set, which she finds so attractive and useful.

We appreciate these special remembrances and, most of all, the goodwill that prompted them.

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Good Luck
in all that
lies ahead.*

[Signature]

His Excellency
Yitzhak Rabin
Prime Minister of Israel

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Dear Bill

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Bill

Dear Mr. Hybl:

Thank you for your kind message. It was nice to hear that the members of our 1992 Summer Olympic Team enjoyed their visit to the White House.

After watching these young athletes on television as they readied themselves for their events and as they competed, it was a great pleasure to extend our hospitality and gratitude to them on behalf of the American people. Their youth, energy, and vitality enlivened the rooms and grounds of this House, despite the rain.

They were outstanding ambassadors for our country, and they made every American, including Barbara and me, very proud.

Best wishes.

Sincerely, *your friend!*

as/

Mr. William J. Hybl
President
United States Olympic Committee
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William J. Hybl
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August 17, 1992

The President and Mrs. Bush
The White House
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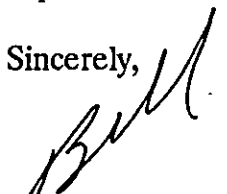
Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Bush:

On behalf of the 1992 United States Olympic Team, I want to express our sincere appreciation for your hospitality at the White House. It was evident to everyone how much time and energy went into preparing for the picnic on the South Grounds, and even though we were only outside for a brief period, it was a treat to be amidst the colorful tables and tents.

The onset of the rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of your guests. In fact, moving the picnic inside made the event even more enjoyable and memorable for all of us. Several athletes said they were happy it rained because, due to their respective competition schedules as well as the living arrangements in the Olympic Village, it was the first occasion when all of the team members could be together. Another said that she was proud to live in a country where she was able to sit on the floor of the President's house and have a picnic with her friends.

The highlight of our visit was the warmth and friendliness we all experienced; you and The First Lady set the tone for the event by so generously sharing your words, time, and yourselves with us. It was an honor for all of us to be received in such a manner in the White House. The occasion provided a memorable conclusion to a memorable Olympic experience.

Sincerely,



William J. Hybl

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

I recently received the signed first-day covers and copies of the Mongolian stamp. They are fine commemoratives of your visit to the United States last year. I will enjoy adding these beautiful mementos to my collection.

Thank you for your thoughtful gift and, most of all, for the goodwill that inspired it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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GEORGE BUSH
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Dear Dave:

I was delighted to receive from Clayton Yeutter and Rich Bond your letter and report on behalf of the Trade and Competitiveness Committee of the Republican Eagles.

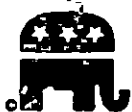
I want to thank you for your leadership in this effort and for the efforts of each member of the eighty-three member committee. As you know, we are working to make clear the advantages of our free trade policies and the need for a capital gains tax cut. I certainly appreciate your recommendations and analyses in these areas.

I appreciate your continuing support.

Sincerely,



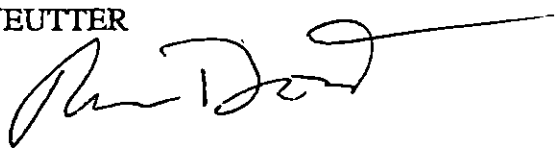
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MEMORANDUM

TO: CLAYTON YEUTTER
FROM: RICH BOND 
DATE: AUGUST 13, 1992
RE: EAGLE TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE

Attached is another report from one of the Eagle Subcommittees. Governor Treen has asked that this report be forwarded to the President.

Many thanks!

RNB/pt
Attachment



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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I write you in my capacity as chairman of, and on behalf of, the Trade and Competitiveness Committee of the Republican Eagles.

As you know, the Republican Eagles, under the leadership of Larry Bathgate, formed a number of working committees for the purpose of analyzing, discussing and making recommendations to you on various policy issues. Our committee focused on foreign trade and U.S. competitiveness.

All 83 members of our committee are friends of yours and represent a wide variety of business, industry and commerce. We are all strong supporters of your re-election.

As the result of discussions since last September, including three well-attended committee meetings, we have agreed on a number of specific recommendations. They are set forth on the attached memorandum. It has been kept brief in appreciation of the extreme demands on your time. We hope that you will have time to peruse them and to forward them to appropriate staff.

I especially wish to call your attention to the first and last of these recommendations. Our first recommendation was that your campaign focus on ways to make the average voter aware of your accomplishments in reducing world trade barriers, and what that means in terms of jobs and security. It should provide specific examples which link your efforts to actual results.

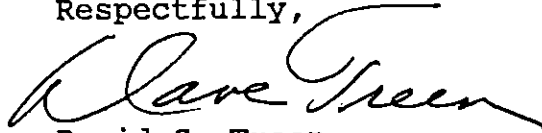
The President
August 6, 1992
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Our last recommendation includes what we believe to be an innovative and creative idea for gaining widespread acceptance of the need for a capital gains tax cut. We propose a lifetime personal exemption from taxes of \$100,000 in capital gains from investments. This would have substantial appeal to middle America, and could pave the way for greater public support of a tax rate reduction for all capital gains.

Mr. President, we are solidly in your corner, and will be promoting your candidacy all the way to victory on November 3rd!

God bless you and Mrs. Bush.

Respectfully,



David C. Treen

Attachment

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE TRADE & COMPETITIVENESS COMMITTEE OF THE
REPUBLICAN EAGLES, DAVID C. TREEN, CHAIRMAN

We commend you and your administration for the leadership you have provided in reducing world trade barriers and in making Americans more competitive in today's world economy.

We sincerely believe that the public is largely ignorant of both your efforts and your accomplishments in these areas. Accordingly, our first recommendation, in this election year, is to focus on ways and means to increase public awareness and to do so in a way that is understood by the average voter.

For our part, we are undertaking the task of "educating" the average voter on the points which we have outlined on the attached paper entitled "Message to the Public". Our collective experience strongly suggests that your message must be targeted to the idea of improving the financial standing of the individual American worker; that is, the focus should be on what you have done to strengthen their opportunities for increased income and security. This must be brought home by specific, demonstrable examples which link your efforts to actual results.

In addition, we believe there are areas which should be emphasized to the end of spurring our economy. Among these are:

- (1) Streamlining of export procedures and regulations. The complex procedural and regulatory maze which faces the average business person has a discouraging effect. A one-stop service center should be established in the Department of Commerce to provide all the information needed to those interested in exporting. The "Trade Hotline" at the DOC is a step in the right direction.
- (2) Simplification of documents and faster processing at the DOC, SBA and other government offices will encourage export initiatives by the private sector.
- (3) Greater dissemination and simplification of the services offered by Ex-Im Bank, OPIC and other institutions. Consideration should be given to expanding eligibility for assistance from these agencies, especially for the products and services of small businesses.
- (4) Attention to the difficulties of exporters in obtaining financing from the U.S. banking system for export deals, and in obtaining bonds from the U.S. insurance industry when necessary for foreign trade. Again, the one-stop center in the Department of Commerce could function to provide assistance to prospective exporters in learning how to access private financing and insurance sources.

- (5) Greater encouragement to small businesses to attend informational seminars which are conducted by the Department of Commerce, and increasing the frequency of such seminars. Publicizing such meetings in a way to reach small businesses should be carried out. These seminars should focus on the "nuts and bolts" of foreign trade, and minimize the pep talks. Specifically, these seminars, and the accompanying materials, should become a short course on "how-to", with step-by-step instruction.
- (6) Strengthening commercial assistance in our foreign services offices to help Americans establish relationships with foreign importers.
- (7) Encouraging the formation and growth of U.S. trading companies, a concept which has proved effective for Japan and other export leaders.
- (8) Continual monitoring of the commitments made by Japan and other Asian nations as a result of your recent personal negotiations. We note with satisfaction that progress has been made in opening the Japanese market to such American products as flat glass and paper. Monitoring of commitments by other nations should be a continuing process, with insistence on the discharge of all treaty obligations.

- (9) The administration's efforts to open markets for U.S. agricultural, steel and other products are applauded, and we encourage increased pressure in this area.
- (10) We support strongly the utilization of GATT to reduce tariffs and other barriers, but we also believe in the usefulness of bilateral negotiations where benefits may be realized more quickly. We strongly support NAFTA, a trilateral arrangement, and commend you for your personal strong efforts in this area.
- (11) We encourage continuation of the administration's initiative, the subject of attention by Vice-President Quayle, in seeking reforms to our judicial system which will reduce the cost of litigation. Resources dedicated to unnecessarily burdensome litigation can better be directed toward improving the productivity of the U.S. in world markets.
- (12) To spur investment, we strongly support your efforts to reduce the tax on capital gains. Recognizing the political obstacles to a broad-based capital gains tax cut, we suggest attempts be made for (a) specialized cuts, (b) indexing, and (c) such innovative ideas as a lifetime personal exemption of \$100,000 in capital gains. We also urge your continued pressure on Congress to provide a tax credit for first-time home buyers.

THE TRADE AND COMPETITIVENESS COMMITTEE
OF
THE REPUBLICAN EAGLES
MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC

The members of the Committee will focus on various ways to assist President Bush in his re-election campaign by increasing public awareness of the accomplishments of the President in those areas with which the Committee is concerned.

The record of the administration of President George Bush in creating jobs and job opportunities through aggressive actions to open foreign markets is quite impressive. For example:

- (1) The merchandise trade deficit for the last full year (1991) is the lowest since 1983. (The 1991 trade deficit was \$66.2 billion, of which crude oil accounted for \$37.2 billion of that deficit.) In the area of business services, the U.S. enjoys a \$43 billion surplus. (Exports of services totaled \$134 billion; imports were \$91 billion.)
- (2) The trade deficit has dropped 40% since George Bush took office, an astounding reduction of 35% in 1991. The record over the last three years demonstrates an accelerating rate of deficit reduction.
- (3) In the last full calendar year (1991) America set a record in exports: \$422 billion. This represents a 7.2% gain over 1990.

- (4) The President is to be commended for his role as an Ambassador to promote jobs for Americans, as demonstrated by his recent trip to Asia and Japan. Specific results which have created and will create more and better jobs for Americans include, by way of illustration, Japanese agreement to:
- (a) open its very sizeable market for flat glass;
 - (b) open its markets to the U.S. paper industry;
 - (c) open its market to U.S. made computers and semi-conductors; and
 - (d) import an increased number of American-made autos and auto parts.
- (5) The President is absolutely correct to continue to push for a reduction in the capital gains tax. The purpose is not to make the rich richer (the vast majority of the tax benefit will go to middle-income tax payers), but to free up capital which is absolutely essential if we are to build businesses that will provide jobs.
- (6) The President's continual emphasis on simplifying, reforming, and, in some instances, eliminating counter-productive and unnecessary regulations, is designed to cut the cost of products, make them more competitive in world markets, and thus increase jobs for American citizens.

(7) The President is to be applauded and encouraged in his efforts, along with that of Vice President Quayle, in reforms to our judicial system which will cut the astronomical cost of litigation. These costs, whether originally paid by insurance companies or directly by manufacturers and service-providers, all end up adding to the cost of those products and services. These costs represent a significant portion of overall costs for American producers, making us less competitive and resulting in fewer jobs for Americans.

(8) The President's proposal to the Congress, on which it has failed to act, to provide tax incentives for first-time home purchasers, would provide a tremendous spur to the residential construction industry, which, most economists will agree, is a fundamental force which, when set in action, can move our entire economy forward.

8:00 A.M. WIRES

Navy Ships Steam Toward Miami With Heavy-Duty Relief Supplies

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A convoy of Navy ships steamed toward Miami today with heavy-duty relief supplies, and authorities feared traffic jams as many businesses called employees back to work for the first time since Hurricane Andrew.

Sites were cleared for the Army's long-promised tent cities, most public transportation was set to resume, and authorities lifted their order to boil drinking water in the northern half of Dade County.

But health fears remained as uncollected garbage rotted in the open air, mosquitoes swarmed over the soggy ground, and about 150,000 people remained without adequate shelter a week after Andrew smashed through South Florida.

On Sunday, residents ran to meet aid trucks on the lawn of a shattered elementary school in South Miami Heights, grabbing for such items as flashlights, baby formula and can openers.

"This really blows your dignity away," said Lee Taussig, carrying two-gallon jugs of water to her neighbor's house, where her family has lived since the storm peeled off their roof. The USS Sierra, a destroyer tender from Charleston, S.C., carrying 15 tons of tools and a crew of 1,000, was expected to arrive at daybreak. Three other Navy ships were to arrive later in the day, and a fifth was expected Tuesday.

The ships were carrying 2,000 tons of relief supplies, including frozen, chilled and dried food, helicopters, construction vehicles, portable water tanks, generators, welding equipment, lumber, linen-heavy plastics, tools and an amphibious construction battalion of 120 people.

Many residents were expected to return to work today for the first time since the storm, driving on streets that still lack traffic signals and signs.

"Rush hour in Miami ... it's a minor disaster when everything is functioning," said Detective Donald Blocker of Metro-Dade police. "It's going to be a problem."

Florida City, one of the hardest-hit towns nearly 30 miles south of Miami, still hadn't received the promised Army tents to house up to 2,500 homeless Sunday. Workers finished bulldozing a campsite and waited impatiently.

Andrew left about 180,000 people without shelter and caused damage estimated as high as \$20 billion. Officials said at least 63,000 homes were destroyed, and more than 600,000 people still had no power.

The number of deaths blamed on Andrew in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas rose to 35 on Sunday. A 9-year-old girl died from injuries suffered during a house fire caused by a candle and a man died after being hit in the head by a tree Tuesday while cleaning up debris.

Residents prayed Sunday in the sunlight streaming through damaged church roofs. One service was held at a stadium in Homestead, where National Guard chaplain Matthew Cox preached from behind home plate to about 40 soldiers.

"We don't know how this is all going to be put back together again," Cox said. "But God comes in a vision to say, 'Do not be afraid.'"

Louisiana residents also prayed in makeshift accommodations. And relief center reported that appointments had been booked through Wednesday to file applications for checks for rent, groceries, new clothing, emergency home repairs, transportation, household items, prescription drugs and work supplies.

Firefighters in one Louisiana town held a "reverse Mardi Gras parade." Instead of grabbing trinkets from the marchers, residents gave them relief supplies, including living room sets, televisions, shoes, toys and coloring books.

The order to boil water, imposed in Florida because the storm had disabled treatment plants, was lifted Sunday after tests showed no contamination. But Dr. Charles Mahan, Florida's top health officer, said storm-related health problems were far from over, and spraying against mosquitos began.

"I think the real big problem from the health standpoint is to get those folks without homes shelter, especially in Florida City and Homestead," Mahan said. "We could have trouble with exposure. Some people have been out in the rain and sun for six days. The mosquitoes are biting."

Hospitals and clinics remained overloaded, dehydration was common and some storm victims were running out of daily medicine such as insulin and blood pressure pills.

Supplies poured in, but there was confusion over what was available and where.

"I'll follow anybody who's in charge. But we need somebody in charge right now!" said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Mike Anderson, trying to get a supply-filled plane unled at Tamiami Airport. He complained that the various military, government and local authorities were operating on different radio frequencies.

Would-be Good Samaritans were blamed for traffic jams and communications problems.

"People who are thinking about helping now should come back in three weeks," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Henry Peraza. "They're going to burn out and be gone when they're really needed." Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon Sullivan toured the disaster zone and assured testy local officials he would improve communications.

Some 160 miles of road had been cleared and all primary roads were open.

Banks and check-cashing services opened Sunday, and distribution of government checks began in the disaster area. Letter carriers made rare Sunday deliveries in other parts of Dade County.

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Israel Releases Palestinian Prisoners as Goodwill Gesture

By HAITHAM HAMAD
Associated Press Writer

NAHAL OZ, Israel (AP) — Israel today began the gradual release of about 600 Arabs jailed for alleged roles in the Palestinian uprising as a gesture of good will coinciding with peace talks in Washington, the army said.

The first 81 prisoners, all from the Gaza Strip, were freed just hours before the start of the second week of the negotiations, which resumed after months of delay during Israel's election campaign.

More than 150 relatives and friends waited at this roadblock separating Israel from the occupied Gaza Strip for buses transporting their sons from the Ketziot prison in the Negev desert.

In addition to the 81 freed at Nahal Oz, army radio id more than 100 Palestinians were released from Dhahiriya near the West Bank town of Hebron.

Army figures show that before today's release, 7,400 Palestinians were held in connection with the 4 1/2-year-old uprising against Israeli occupation.

About 4,660 have been convicted and the others are awaiting trial or held under emergency regulations that require no charge or trial.

At Nahal Oz, the crowd cheered as three buses arrived carrying prisoners from Ketziot.

Some released inmates and their relatives urged Israel to further ease restrictions to promote peace between Arabs and Israelis.

"I feel happy, but I'd feel happier if the rest of the Palestinians in Israeli prisons would be freed," said Hussein Fuja, 26, from the Jabaliya refugee camp on the Gaza Strip. Fuja, freed two months early from a 14-month sentence for participating in the uprising, said the prisoner release was meant "to put some pressure on the Palestinian delegation" in Washington to reach compromises.

Some of the waiting relatives sang the Palestinian national anthem, "Biladi, Biladi," or "My Homeland, My Homeland." Others chanted, "We die for Palestine" before Israeli soldiers pushed them back to the Gaza side of the roadblock.

"We hope that it is the beginning of a new era, and I hope that everybody in the Israeli prisons will be released," said Mayasar Muhammed, who waited in vain for her two sons, Awad, 22, and Kamal, 17.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had announced plans to release up to 800 prisoners who have served two-thirds of their sentences and were not involved in violent crimes causing injuries.

The army said Sunday night that 600 would be freed in the next few days. Officials said they did not know how many would be freed today.

The freeing of the prisoners was part of a package of conciliatory Israeli measures, including easing travel restrictions on Arabs and opening some roads in the territories closed to prevent anti-occupation violence.

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Dan Quayle Bashed While 'Murphy Brown' Wins Top Emmys

By JOHN HORN

AP Entertainment Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — "Northern Exposure" and "Murphy Brown" were the big winners at the Emmys. Dan Quayle came off as the big loser of the night.

"Northern Exposure," the offbeat CBS show about a New York doctor in the Alaska boondocks, won six awards, including best drama series, at Sunday's 44th annual Emmy Awards.

"Murphy Brown" criticized by thice presidt as glorifying unwed motherhood — won best comedy series; its star, Candice Bergen, won best comedy actress for the second time; and Barnet Kellman won the comedy directing award.

As presenters handed out the statuettes, speakers doled out insults to Quayle, joking about his "potatoe" misspelling and his "family values" stand.

Miss Bergen thanked the show's creator, Diane English, for "writing these great words and spelling them correctly."

English said: "I would like to thank our sponsors for hanging in there when it was getting really dangerous." And to single parents, she said, "Don't let anyone tell you you're not a family."

"Boy, Quayle is just getting stomped tonight!" co-host Dennis Miller remarked near the end of the 3 1/2-hour show, broadcast by the Fox Network from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

"The Simpsons," another target of White House criticism, received six technical honors for voice work Saturday night, tying "Northern Exposure" for mosrophies.

ABC's "Roseanne" finally won an Emmy, for Laurie Metcalf for best supporting comedy actress. The three-year snub of Roseanne Arnold's No. 1-rated comedy prompted Metcalf to grab the envelope and read for herself.

"I had to make sure it really said that," she said.

Craig T. Nelson won the comedy actor trophy for his starring role on ABC's "Coach," and Michael Jeter of CBS' "Evening Shade" won best supporting comedy actor.

Dana Delany took the best dramatic actress Emmy for her role in ABC's canceled "China Beach." Christopher Lloyd was named best dramatic actor for the Disney Channel's "Avonlea."

"Miss Rose White," about Holocaust survivors living in New York, won for best television movie. It also was recognized for directing and for best supporting actress, Amanda Plummer.

Political speeches were not limited to family value issues. Beau Bridges won the miniseries actor award for his portrayal of presidential press secretary James Brady in Homebox Offis

ithout Warning: The James Brady Story."

Brady was shot and seriously injured in 1981 by presidential assailant John Hinckley. Since then, he has campaigned for stronger gun control, and Bridges did likewise Sunday night.

"If Jim had a mike, he would remind you that 12 children die every day, killed by guns," Bridges said as Brady watched from his wheelchair in the back of the auditorium.

Valerie Mahaffey, who plays the hypochondriac Eve on "Northern Exposure," was named best supporting actress in a dramatic series, and writers Andrew Schneider and Diane Frolov were honored for scriptwriting. The series won three technical Emmys on Saturday.

Joshua Brand and John Falsey, who produce "Northern Exposure," earned a writing Emmy for the pilot of NBC's "I'll Fly Away."

Eric Laneuville was honored for drama series directing in "I'll Fly Away."

NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" was named best variety, music or comedy program. Bette Midler's tribute Carsonn his next-to-lasshow won her an Emmy for individual performance in a variety or music program.

Richard Dysart won his first Emmy for his dramatic supporting role as the law firm's patriarch in "L.A. Law."

Gena Rowlands won best miniseries actress for "Face of a Stranger" on CBS. Hume Cronyn won best supporting actor in a miniseries or special for his role as Ben in "Neil Simon's "Broadway Bound" ' on ABC.

The top miniseries was NBC's "A Woman Named Jackie," the soap opera saga of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The comedy writing award went to Elaine Pope and Larry Charles of NBC's "Seinfeld." ABC's "64th Annual Academy Awards" earned an Emmy for variety writing.

NBC led the performing Emmys with 10 Sunday. The network also won seven technical awards Saturday. CBS was the overall winner with 20 performing and technical Emmys, and ABC had a total of 17.

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For America's Lame Duck Diplomat, A Stimulating Week

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Before last week, the portents were not encouraging for the newly installed U.S. secretary of state. There were questions about his chronic asthma, for example, and he was on the defensive about Yugoslavia, the policy with which he is most closely identified.

But now, Lawrence S. Eagleburger, successor to James A. Baker III at the State Department, has reason to feel better about the world.

At last week's international conference in London attended by Eagleburger and a number of other diplomatic heavy hitters, a package of agreements was approved that appeared to put the former Yugoslavia on track toward peace.

Just how durable the agreements are remains a question, but the outcome of the conference exceeded Eagleburger's expectations. Eagleburger was one of many who helped shape the final agreement but it is nonetheless rare for a secretary state to be associated with a significant diplomatic achievement within a week of taking office.

Under the London agreement, the parties consented to a swift end to the fighting, to turn over their heavy weapons to U.N. supervision and to shut down detention centers immediately. Provisions were made for the newly independent former Yugoslav republics to recognize one another and for massive humanitarian assistance to the conflict's victims.

Despite these achievements, Eagleburger knew better than to be exultant when, aided by a cane, he limped into the main room at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Center shortly before 10 p.m. Thursday to discuss the results.

As a former ambassador to Yugoslavia, he knows that setbacks on the way to a final settlement will be inevitable.

He also knows that peace can be achieved only if the offending parties are forced to mend their ways under the most severe economic and diplomatic pressures — pressures that are an integral part of the overall package.

Askewhether Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, widely depicted as the chief villain, could be counted on to fulfill his commitments, Eagleburger offered a glimpse of his penchant for sarcasm.

"I don't have any particular confidence that he will live up to his end of the bargain based on his philanthropic attitudes," he said.

But he added: "I think we have created a structure which provides substantially enhanced ability to force over time Mr. Milosevic, if he doesn't want to cooperate, into cooperating."

The early part of the week was far less propitious for Eagleburger.

He took over his new assignment as an instant lame duck, disclosing that he was leaving government service on Jan. 20 regardless of the outcome of the Nov. 3 election between President Bush and Bill Clinton.

He is not known to be particularly close to Bush and seems resigned to being no more than a caretaker during the five months he expects to be running the State Department.

He also needed no instruction on the limitations faced by a secretary of state who is a short-timer serving without either Senate confirmation or a political base of support.

And during this election year, he is aware that much of what he does will be interpreted as politically inspired.

"There is no way to avoid that except by doing nothing," he says.

And, as he assumed his new duties, there were questions whether he was capable of taking a strong enough stand against Belgrade, where during his years as ambassador he was on a first-name basis with many of the protagonists to the present conflict.

Eagleburger was irritated when a reporter asked him whether these friendships were a burden for him in his new role. Only partly in jest, Eagleburger mouthed a four-letter expletive at the reporter after the news conference.

Doubts about his policies came into sharper focus at midweek when George D. Kenney, a State Department expert on Yugoslav affairs, resigned because of the administration's refusal to confront the Serbs militarily, a course Eagleburger believes could lead to another Vietnam.

Kenney's defection became known just after the prospects for peace seemed to reach a new low with a sharp escalation in Serbian shelling of Sarajevo, the besieged Bosnian capital.

By Thursday night, though, with commitments from all parties to the conflict in hand, the Balkans seemed closer to peace than at any time since the Bosnian crisis erupted six months ago.

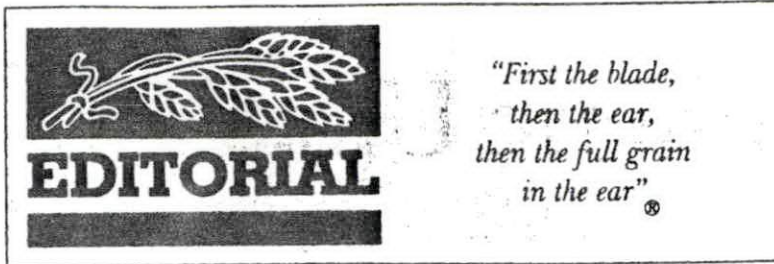
And for Eagleburger, it was a pleasant finale to one of the more stimulating weeks of his 35-year diplomatic career.

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The Fed and Politics

ISN'T it odd that neither presidential candidate is saying much if anything about the Federal Reserve's monetary policy? President Bush's top economic advisers regard the stringent supply of money to the economy by the Fed (intended to keep inflation low) as the prime reason for the minuscule pace of the recovery and the high unemployment rate. Knowledgeable Democrats also privately blame the Fed for the economy's present cyclical troubles.

But neither side utters a critical peep in the campaign. Why?

Because the advisers figure that Fed-bashing has no political payoff. Rightly or not, the public tends to blame the president for a recession, praise him for a robust recovery. Most people have little understanding of the mechanisms of monetary policy. They may not know that the Fed is independent of the administration. So administration officials see little point in trying to shift any blame for economic weakness to the Fed. Instead Mr. Bush charges that the Democrat-controlled Congress has subverted the president's pro-

gram to revive the economy.

From the standpoint of the Clinton campaign, why not take advantage of the public's tendency to see the administration in charge in Washington as also in charge of the economy? Governor Clinton does not hesitate to blast President Bush for the slow growth during his term in office.

The chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) has a regularly-scheduled breakfast with the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board to discuss monetary policy. Similarly the president lunches periodically with the Fed chairman to make his wishes known. But these private sessions have not always been persuasive with Chairman Alan Greenspan. So Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady or CEA Chairman Michael Boskin periodically have fired a shot across the Fed's bow with some comment about excessive monetary tightness. That hasn't worked, either.

If the economy doesn't show more vigor soon and Bush loses the election, Mr. Greenspan would deserve the blame or credit as much as Bill Clinton.



C.C. J. A. Baker

Mr President:

This paper is pretty objective. And when historians analyze 1990-1992, they will conclude that, perhaps, the recession did not have to occur but certainly that the slow recovery phase was exaggerated and prolonged by the Fed.

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TO: Phil May FEMA (DFO)
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Col. Lay DCO (DFO)
FROM: Lawton Chiles, Governor
(Organization/Person/Location)

DISCUSSION:

(Subject/Text)

This is confirming my verbal request of this morning to activate the 841st Engineering Battalion and the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion to respond to emergency needs in Dade County. As necessary to meet immediate emergency assistance needs, I request that you supplement these resources appropriately. If further instructions are necessary, advise immediately.

Lawton Chiles Governor

By: Linda Loomis Shelley

Secretary of Dept. of Comm. Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Steve:

Thank you for your kind letter and for your suggestions of ways to instill strong moral character and a sense of purpose in our Nation's youth. As you may imagine, we receive quite a bit of mail here at the White House, so I know that you will understand the delay in this response.

Today's children are tomorrow's leaders, and as you noted in your letter, we must help them to recognize the difference between right and wrong, as well as the rewards of integrity, honor, and hard work. Moreover, I agree with you that it is very important for young Americans to believe that they have a stake in the American Dream. Your idea of encouraging employers to invest in disadvantaged communities and their residents is, in many ways, similar to the Administration's proposals to establish enterprise zones and expand job training programs. Like your suggestion, these proposals include tax credits and other economic incentives.

It is good to know that we can count on your support as we meet the challenges ahead, and you can be sure that I will keep your comments in mind.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles Stone
BPB sends his
love - C



The Honorable J. Steven Rhodes
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J. Steven Rhodes
Vice President/General Manager

Teleprinter
June 24, 1992

The Honorable George H.W. Bush
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.
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USA

Dear Mr President,

~~Back in May when you were in Los Angeles, I promised that I would send you some ideas for your domestic policy. Unfortunately, Erly Industries Inc. and Comet Rice of Jamaica Ltd. have been experiencing some of the most difficult problems ever to appear on the radar screen of our business plans. I promise I will keep you abreast of how it all turns out. So I apologize for the delay in providing you with these thoughts, but I will make it brief and to the point.~~

Vice President Quayle is accurate when he talks about values, but how you say something is as important as what is actually said. Since the sixties, there has been a shift in the values of our country. We can debate what caused that shift another time, but the point is, young Americans my age and under, for the most part, are motivated by money, not by the values of diligence, achievement and excellence. You and I grew up learning the basics of what was right and wrong. We believed in excellence and perseverance. These young people believe that money brings excellence and social acceptability. You and I were raised to believe that honor, excellence, and achievement were values that resulted in financial rewards. So the emphasis for us was; be the best that we could be....be independent...be a contributor to the good of our society. For us, by believing in these values we became part of the American dream. The young people we should be most concerned about today do not share that belief.

What must we do to motivate these young people? What must we do to have them embrace the American dream?

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SOLUTION:

First, we must recognize that there is a difference in values. Second, we must use their motivating factors to achieve socially acceptable behavior. -The key to this is to use everyone's self interest to achieve socially acceptable goals. How does it work? Provide tax credits to employers who locate in targeted areas such as inner city communities. Provide federal guarantees on home and commercial loans in these areas to reduce the risk to commercial lenders.

By using our tax systems we can direct large amounts of private capital to achieve major social goals. In the early 1980's we were able to rebuild the inner city communities across the nations with the use of tax credits and accelerated depreciation allowances. If that concept could work for brick and mortar projects, it can be successfully used in the training and employment of people in our society who need and want employment. As long as our inner city youth and long term unemployed perceive that they have no stake in the American "Dream", there really is no reason to conform to the our societal expectations. By providing incentives to corporations and individuals to train and employ the economically disadvantaged, there will be more opportunities for employment. Further, this approach does not increase the deficit because in most cases the beneficiaries are presently receiving government aid.

I can remember Art Laffer saying "If you tax something you get less of it...if you subsidize something you get more of it". By providing a financial incentive to employers to train and employ a specific and needy segment of our population, we can direct human and financial resources as well as technology without increasing Federal spending.

Self interest motivates each human being. We can use self interest in a positive light and make it materially and financially advantageous for people with financial resources to help the disadvantaged. Simultaneously, we can use the prevailing self interest (monetary incentive) to encourage the disadvantaged to embrace the values that have made our country great.

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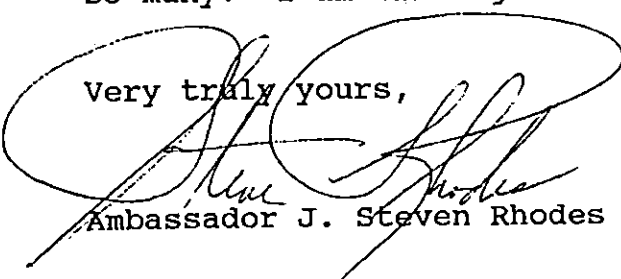


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J. Steven Rhodes
Vice President/General Manager

Mr President, if this concept is of interest to you, I would be honored to elaborate on this idea. I truly believe you are the only man who can unite our troubled land and heal the wounds of so many. I am willing to help you in this noble task.

Very truly yours,



Ambassador J. Steven Rhodes

- cc. The Hon. Jack Kemp - Secretary, Housing & Urban Development
- cc. The Hon. Lewis Sullivan - Secretary, Health & Human Services
- cc. The Hon. Lynn Martin - Secretary, Department of Labor
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Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter. The universal participation in the XXV Olympiad, made possible by the dramatic changes that have taken place around the world in recent years, did indeed make the games a marvelous success. The American people shared the joy and pride of those who were able to represent newly independent nations, as well as nations that have been absent from the competition. Of course, we were particularly proud of the success of our own athletes, and we look forward to the games in Atlanta.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Juan Antonio Samaranch
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THE PRESIDENT

The Honourable George Bush
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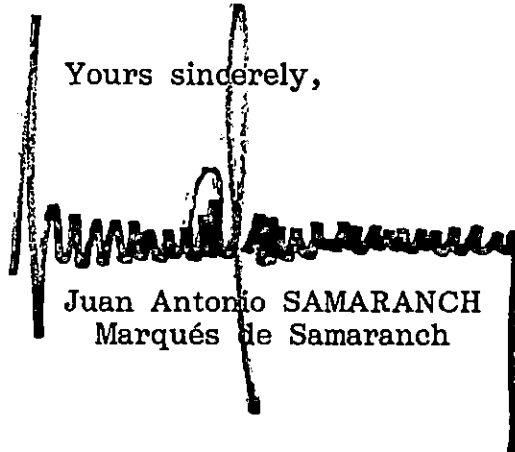
Dear Mr. President,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude on behalf of the International Olympic Committee for your support in finding a way to allow the athletes and officials of the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to participate in the XXVth Olympiad.

The Games have now drawn to a close and were a great success in the continuation of the spreading of the Olympic Ideal throughout the world. This was made possible by the participation of a maximum number of countries, in peaceful competition, fighting for a common goal, sporting excellence.

The role played by the United States of America in helping to find a solution to the problem of the participation of the athletes of these war-struck countries was invaluable. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your support and my congratulations for the performances of the American athletes during the Games.

Yours sincerely,



Juan Antonio SAMARANCH
Marqués de Samaranch

Roger De Clerck

Beaulieu

a copy of your
outgoing is
attached.

July 8/31

August, 20th 1992.

very nice CB

Dear Mr President

I was pleasantly surprised and deeply moved by the very kind letter you sent me after your visit with my son in law Carl Bouckaert on Air Force One.

Carl was extremely upbeat after his trip with you and has expressed his admiration for the manner in which you continue to find time for the human element, for your friends and for the family aspect, in spite of your overbusy schedule.

I also tremendously appreciate that you have put the family as the central theme for the human community.

Just as you, Mr. President, I did not choose the easy way, and with my family at my side, we have always strived to accomplish the best for our family, our associates and our nation.

Indeed, you and I are the same age and have lived through the same history over almost seven decades, although you have been so much closer to and very instrumental in shaping the monumental historic events of recent years.

Roger De Clerck

Beaulieu

Dear Mr. President, I am truly happy, grateful and proud over what you wrote about me and my family, and I sincerely hope to have the opportunity to meet you and Mrs. Bush, preferably with your whole family, in Belgium. My home is your home and it would be an unequalled experience to have both our close-knit and energetic families together.

I wish you tremendous succes with the upcoming elections and I have no doubt that you will be reelected, since the United States of America and the world needs a leader of your caliber.

Meanwhile we guarantee you the full support of the whole De Clerck family.

Thank you again for your kind words and in the hope to meeting you soon, I remain,

Respectfully yours

Roger De Clerck

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Dear Mr. President,

I want you to know how much I appreciated the opportunity to interview you.

It was, for me, a great personal pleasure to have met you.

I hope we will sit down together again on another day!

With Best Wishes,

Steve Phillips



THE PRESIDENT

July 8/31
Just in from
Marlin.

August 1, 1992

To:

by

Sam Skinner/Marlin,

Jim Burke suggests a speech to the nation
on Labor Day. The subject- the drug fight.

Is there anyway we could get network time
for such a ~~sp~~ speech given the election year?

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- Speech is good idea -- some
time.

- No possibility of network time.

Marlin

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

[Handwritten signature]

August 27, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: Arnold Kanter, *AK* Acting Secretary

1. Japan: Kanemaru Resigns. Shin Kanemaru, with whom you met in June, surprised the Japanese political world by resigning today as Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Vice President and head of the party's largest faction. Allegations that he received illegal campaign contributions from a Japanese firm had surfaced last weekend. His resignation may be intended to head off mounting media and public concern about corruption in the LDP. He will probably not face prosecution. He is likely to remain in the LDP and the Diet and to continue to play an important behind-the-scenes role. His departure could give a short-term boost to Miyazawa's government, which has been troubled by various allegations of corruption. However, Miyazawa will miss Kanemaru's astute political acumen and the strong support of his faction. (C)

2. Panama: Vice President Ford Resigns from Cabinet. President Endara today announced that he had accepted the resignation of Second Vice President Billy Ford as Minister of Planning and Economic Policy. While the rationale given was that Ford wants to devote full time to coordinating an economic plan for Panama, it appears to be Ford's first major step in his campaign for the presidency. The parting was made all the more amicable by the fact that it preserves the coalition and Endara does not intend to run. (C)

3. WEU: Ministerial. In its role as WEU President, Italy expects tomorrow's Ministerial participants to approve a "light option" (very similar to NATO's) as a WEU contribution to protect convoys in Yugoslavia. Despite FM Dumas' claims, France is advocating a prominent WEU profile at NATO's expense. Britain wants to avoid decisions, but the expected contributions from its forces and those of France, Italy, Spain, and Belgium nearly give the WEU the 5000 troops its light option requires. National pledges are already being called "WEU forces." This risks the appearance of reversing the NATO/WEU relationship agreed at Rome and Oslo. We are expressing concerns about this in London, but will not allow these NATO-WEU issues to stand in the way of our Yugoslav objectives. (C)

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By *MC* NARA, Date *6/21/24*

GEORGE BUSH

WASHINGTON

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Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your letter. I wholeheartedly share your view that small business is America's most creative source of innovation and economic growth.

I, too, would like to see changes in the tax code, which would encourage investment. As you know, we have been pushing for a reduction in the capital gains rate for the past three years; but Congress continues to miss the point. Reducing the capital gains tax would benefit all Americans and would contribute significantly to an increase in investment and the creation of jobs. Yet the Democratic leadership has made it clear that they will continue to block a pro-growth agenda that includes the capital gains cut.

We're going to keep working hard for our initiatives, but I know you appreciate that the atmosphere in Congress is not one that favors what we want to do to get this economy moving ahead at a faster rate. I hope that you'll make your views on this important issue known to those who can help.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



*Good seeing
you in Conn.*

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*Tim Necht
cc J. B...*
July 21, 1992

President George Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President,

I notice that you have recently accused the Clinton campaign of producing "smoke and mirrors", and that you are also considering, for your own campaign, backing away from capital gains tax cuts in favor of "tax breaks for business", etc.

Don't you realize where new jobs in our economy have (and will continue to) come from? They've come from smaller, innovative businesses. Don't you understand that large, mature companies like General Motors and IBM will probably never significantly increase job rolls? In our history the best single stimulant to investment in newer, smaller, innovative businesses has been a lower capital gains tax; not "tax breaks for business" which only help the largest, least efficient companies.

Please give your campaign a lift by recognizing that capital gains tax cutting is not to benefit the rich, but rather those who want to become rich. Almost everything else tax-wise is, at this point, useless tinkering - smoke and mirrors of your own, if you will.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah Milbank, III

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Charles
Dear Mr. Ballard:

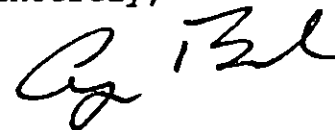
Thank you for sending me a copy of the National Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Development's report "America's Urban Crisis: A Revitalization Initiative." I have forwarded your proposal to my senior advisers working on these important issues.

We agree that all Americans should have the opportunity to lead independent and successful lives. I am encouraged by what you are doing. And I will continue to champion proposals that will create jobs, encourage homeownership, and bring hope, choice, and opportunity to distressed communities.

We are making some progress. I recently signed legislation to create an additional 414,000 jobs in the summer youth jobs program. The long-term solution to these challenges is to ensure a strong and growing economy and to create jobs. I will continue to encourage Congress to pass my comprehensive economic growth package and my initiatives to strengthen urban areas. As you recognize, the private sector has a crucial role to play in revitalizing urban areas. It will take a sustained effort by us all, but I am confident we can and will succeed.

I regret that it appears unlikely that I will be able to accept your invitation. Kathy Super, who heads my scheduling office, will follow up with you. Best wishes in your many activities.

Sincerely,



Mr. Charles Ballard
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National Institute for Responsible
Fatherhood and Family Development
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 21, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RB*

SUBJECT: Letter to Charles A. Ballard

Charles Ballard, founder and President of the National Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Development, has written to ask you to speak at a fundraising event to launch the Institute's urban revitalization initiative.

The Institute provides an impressive array of services to individuals, particularly young fathers, in Cleveland's inner-city communities. They are a privately-funded grassroots group that encourages young fathers to acknowledge paternity of their children, marry the mothers of their children and be active parents. In addition to uniting families, the Institute undertakes fathering education, counselling, drug treatment, housing, health care and employment services. These services are provided by a small staff (two salaried employees) and volunteers drawn largely from the individuals whom the Institute has helped.

You had a brief private meeting with Mr. Ballard in Cleveland on May 21, 1992, to discuss the work of the Institute. At Mr. Ballard's request, you also sent a videotaped message to the Institute's Ninth Annual Father's Day Recognition Luncheon on June 23, 1992, in which you saluted the Institute's staff and volunteers for "all [they] have done over the past ten years to promote responsible fatherhood."

His Urban Revitalization Initiative calls for raising funds to use as equity in starting minority businesses in the inner-city of Cleveland, and to make loans to inner city residents to rehabilitate and upgrade their homes. If successful, this would be expanded to other cities. The plan calls for raising \$2.5 million with the "lead source" being "a Presidential speaking event" and then leveraging this with contributions from other philanthropic and corporate sources to generate a \$10 million fund.

The draft response thanks Mr. Ballard for outlining the Institute's urban revitalization strategy and expresses support for its goals of strengthening the family, expanding individual choice and responsibility, and creating jobs. The response conveys your regret that with the tremendous demands on your schedule this fall it doesn't look like it will be possible for

you to accept his invitation. It adds that you are passing on his request to Kathy Super, and that she will follow up with him. Kathy and I have discussed this approach and we agree that it is more appropriate to have her handle declining the invitation.

Recommendation: That you sign the attached draft letter to Charles A. Ballard.

Attachment



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Charles A. Ballard, *President*

July 17, 1992

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Dear President Bush:

Our organization is thrilled by this opportunity to present our urban revitalization strategy to you.

The focus of our initiative utilizes a new approach to the major components of urban life: entrepreneurship and jobs, housing and human services. Your support and participation is essential to the viability of our approach. Your willingness to lend the prestige and influence of the Presidency to this initiative will rivet the attention of the local decision makers and economic forces within our community and others that you visit supporting this concept.

We are requesting that you initiate a fund raising speaking event similar to your campaign fund raising events. However you would announce that the proceeds from the event will remain in the City to foster urban revitalization through the implementation of this initiative. The proceeds from the event will serve as the initial corpus for the equity needed to capitalize the initiative. Your challenge to the audience will stimulate sources to grow the equity fund.

We are prepared to meet with your designated staff to discuss the request in detail.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Ballard
President

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Dear Mr. President,
I assume since we
were all in the Astoromey
you wanted to show George
Junior how an in-the-park

Thanks
Lynn - but
"P" showed
me how to
knock it out!!

Home is done.

Well you showed
everyone. Congratulations.

You are quite a
clean-up kitten.

Wynne

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JAB III
sick!!!
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Bush Aides Acknowledge Hurricane Badly Handled, But Will It Hurt
An AP News Analysis
With AM-Hurricane Aftermath, Bjt
By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — When disaster strikes, Americans immediately look to Washington for help. Perhaps mindful of past mistakes, President Bush rushed to Florida within hours of Hurricane Andrew to express concern but then, strangely, nothing much happened. The Pentagon was ready to begin delivering aid on Monday, the same day that the devastating storm hit, but there was no authorization from the White House.

As tens of thousands of homeless people searched for shelter and food in Florida, Bush chased the hurricane to Louisiana on another inspection tour and then returned to another day on the campaign trail. Plans went ahead for the president to spend a three-day weekend at his oceanfront home in Maine.

It was business as usual.

Suddenly, on Thursday, it appeared the White House woke up to the scope of the damage or perhaps remembered Bush is running for re-election and running behind in the polls.

The president, at the end of a two-state campaign trip, hurriedly ordered federal troops into Florida, saying the hurricane might have been "the worst natural disaster in the nation's history."

The weekend in Maine was canceled. So were ree days of campaigning in the West. Bush said it was important that the federal agencies involved in disaster relief efforts "know that the president is going to be on top of this." Weekend briefings were arranged to keep the president up to date.

Even so, Bush's aides acknowledged that the hurricane was badly handled and that the president could be hurt in a vote-rich state that he was counting on in November.

"It's not a plus," one senior aide said, insisting on anonymity. "We'll have to see what the long-term damage is. There was a breakdown somewhere."

William Schneider, a political analyst for the American Enterprise Institute, said the slow response underscored a widespread image of Bush: "This is a president that's too reactive and afraid of events. He has to be pressured, goaded before he acts. Why did it take the president two or three days to react?"

It also contributed to the impression that Bush is more interested in events overseas than at home. "I d't beeve is," nthony Gonzal, a Peine conructn workeho lost his home, was quoted in the Washington Post. "Does President Bush only have a map that has the rest of the world but not the United States on it?"

Bush's aides hope that deployment of thousands of troops and shipment of food, belated as it was, over the long term will erase memories of the fumbling start.

"It alleviates the problem considerably," Schneider agreed.

"He did act in the nick of time."

"On balance, it will probably be forgotten by the time November rolls around," said George Washington University political scientist Christopher Deering. "Most of the state was untouched and it's heavily Republican."

9:00 A.M. WIRES

Residents Put Up at Resort Hotels as Tourists Leave Omar-Damaged Guam

AGANA, Guam (AP) _ Residents left homeless by Typhoon Omar were put up at damaged resort hotels as tourists made their way home and authorities worked today to restore utility service to the devastated island.

Guam International Airport remained without radar, but flights were allowed in and out during daylight hours.

Omar swept through the U.S. territory on Friday, damaging homes and military installations and leaving hundreds of Guam's 135,000 residents without electricity and drinkable water.

Joe Terlaje, Guam's civil defense director, estimated 3,100 people remained in emergency shelters and more were being fed by the Red Cross. About 5,000 tourists were stranded when the airport was forced to close, Terlaje said.

An estimated 2,000 of 32,000 homes were destroyed by Omar's 150 mph winds. Additional 2,000 homes were damaged, said Mark Forbes, Gov. Joseph Ada's deputy chief of staff.

Damage to businesses, government buildings and military installations was widespread, Forbes said. The damage estimate to residential, commercial and government property was \$250 million, he said.

Main roads were open today. Water and power service were restored in some areas and the water supply could be back to normal within a few days. Getting electricity service back to normal could take a few weeks, Terlaje said.

"Things happening here are just outstanding as far as restoration and recovery," he said.

The Pacific Star Hotel used water from its pool to flush toilets and bottled water was given away free to guests, said resident manager Charles Frey. Some of the hotel's departing guests were replaced by residents whose homes were damaged by the storm, he said.

Military planes loaded with relief supplies and 525 helpers have landed on Guam since the storm struck, said Armyaj. Timoy Pster of the Honolulu-based U.S. Pacific Command.

The personnel included a Federal Emergency Management Agency team that set up disaster assistance operations, Pfister said. Omar packed maximum sustained winds of 138 mph and gusts to 178 mph early today, but Taiwan and Okinawa, Japan, were expected to get only 35 mph winds when the typhoon moved between the two islands on Wednesday, said Navy Lt. Deborah Barber of the Naval Western Oceanography Center in Honolulu.

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GUAM BOUNCES BACK FROM TYPHOON DEVASTATION

AGANA, Guam, Reuter - Relief workers partially restored electricity and water supplies in Guam Monday after Typhoon Omar ravaged the U.S.-administered Pacific island.

"Our people are still suffering out there but relief efforts are moving very fast. Our first priority is to make water available to the public," Guam Gov. Joseph Ada said after meeting officials of the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Power has been restored to about 15 percent of the island and 48 out of 90 water wells are back in operation, he said. One person was killed and hospitals treated 542 others for injuries after Omar pummelled the island of 140,000 people last Friday with winds gusting up to 150 mph.

Ada said property losses in the worst typhoon to hit Guam in 16 years would easily exceed \$300 million. President Bush has declared the island a disaster area.

Omar destroyed about 2,000 homes and damaged more than 2,000 others, officials said. The National Guard is helping rebuild schools, feed about 3,000 people still in evacuation centres and manning traffic controls.

Ada said he had asked FEMA officials for generators to fully restore power on the island and plastic covers to replace roofs ripped off by Omar.

FEMA is giving grants of up to \$11,000 to each family that suffered from the typhoon and helping them obtain low interest loans from another federal agency so they can rebuild or repair their homes, Ada said.

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Navy Ships Steam Toward Miami With Heavy-Duty Relief Supplies
By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A convoy of Navy ships steamed toward Miami today with heavy-duty relief supplies, and authorities feared traffic jams as many businesses called employees back to work for the first time since Hurricane Andrew.

Sites were cleared for the Army's long-promised tent cities, most public transportation was set to resume, and authorities lifted their order to boil drinking water in the northern half of Dade County.

But health fears remained as uncollected garbage rotted in the open air, mosquitoes swarmed over the soggy ground, and about 150,000 people remained without adequate shelter a week after Andrew smashed through South Florida.

On Sunday, residents ran to meet aid trucks on the lawn of a shattered elementary school in South Miami Heights, grabbing for such items as flashlights, baby formula and can openers.

"This really blows your dignity away," said Lee Taussig, carrying two-gallon jugs of water to her neighbor's house, where her family has lived since the storm peeled off their roof. The U Sierra, a destroyer tender from Charleston, S.C., carrying 15 tons of tools and a crew of 1,000, was expected to arrive at daybreak. Three other Navy ships were to arrive later in the day, and a fifth was expected Tuesday.

The ships were carrying 2,000 tons of relief supplies, including frozen, chilled and dried food, helicopters, construction vehicles, portable water tanks, generators, welding equipment, lumber, linen, heavy plastics, tools and an amphibious construction battalion of 120 people.

Many residents returned to work today for the first time since the storm, driving on streets that still lack traffic signals and signs.

"It's extremely heavy in all areas," Walt MacDonald, director of operations for the traffic service Metro Traffic Control Inc., said early today. "Miamians are back to their normal driving."

Detective Donald Blocker of Metro-Dade police said Miami's rush hour is "a minor disaster when everything is functioning. It's going to be a probl."

Florida City, one the hardest-hit towns nearly 30 miles south of Miami, still hadn't received the promised Army tents to house up to 2,500 homeless Sunday. Workers finished bulldozing a campsite and waited impatiently.

Andrew left about 180,000 people without shelter and caused damage estimated as high as \$20 billion. Officials said at least 63,000 homes were destroyed, and more than 600,000 people still had no power.

The number of deaths blamed on Andrew in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas rose to 35 on Sunday. A 9-year-old girl died from injuries suffered during a house fire caused by a candle, and a man died after being hit in the head by a tree Tuesday while cleaning up debris.

Residents prayed Sunday in the sunlight streaming through damaged church roofs. One service was held at a stadium in Homestead, where National Guard chaplain Matthew Cox preached from behind home plate to about 40 soldiers.

"We don't know how this is all going to be put back togetherain," Coxaid. "B God comes in a vision to say, 'Do not be afraid.'" ' "

Louisiana residents also prayed in makeshift accommodations. And relief center reported that appointments had been booked through Wednesday to file applications for checks for rent, groceries, new clothing, emergency home repairs, transportation, household items, prescription drugs and work supplies.

Firefighters in one Louisiana town held a "reverse Mardi Gras parade." Instead of grabbing trinkets from the marchers, residents gave them relief supplies, including living room sets, televisions, shoes, toys and coloring books.

The order to boil water, imposed in Florida because the storm had disabled treatment plants, was lifted Sunday after tests showed no contamination. But Dr. Charles Mahan, Florida's top health officer, said storm-related health problems were far from over, and spraying against mosquitos began.

"I think the real big problem from the health standpoint is to get those folks without homes shelter, especial in Florida City and Homestead," Mahan said. "We could have trouble with exposure. Some people have been out in the rain and sun for six days. The mosquitoes are biting."

Hospitals and clinics remained overloaded, dehydration was common and some storm victims were running out of daily medicine such as insulin and blood pressure pills.

Supplies poured in, but there was confusion over what was available and where.

"I'll follow anybody who's in charge. But we need somebody in charge right now!" said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Mike Anderson, trying to get a supply-filled plane unloaded at Tamiami Airport. He complained that the various military, government and local authorities were operating on different radio frequencies.

Would-be Good Samaritans were blamed for traffic jams and communications problems.

"People who are thinking about helping now should come back in three weeks," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Henry Peraza. "They're going to burn out and be gone when they' reallyded."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Gordon Sullivan toured the disaster zone and assured testy local officials he would improve communications.

Some 160 miles of road had been cleared and all primary roads were open.

Banks and check-cashing services opened Sunday, and distribution of government checks began in the disaster area. Letter carriers made rare Sunday deliveries in other parts of Dade County.

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10:00 A.M. WIRES

U.N. Weapons Team Arrives in Baghdad; Saddam Rails Against 'No-Fly' Zone

By VICTORIA GRAHAM
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.N. nuclear inspection team arrived in the Iraqi capital today, the first to visit since the allied "no-fly" zone went into effect last week over southern Iraq to protect rebel Shiite Muslims from Saddam Hussein's air force. Italian team leader Maurizio Zifferero described the weapons' team visit as routine and added: "If this visit is quiet and fruitful, it will be a success." He said the team would conduct inspections in Baghdad and in other cities as warranted.

The group arrived in Baghdad a day after Iraqi leader Saddam issued a blistering statement on state radio and television urging Iraqis to prepare to resist the U.S.-led air embargo, set up to protect Shiites taking shelter in the swamps.

Saddam threatened "to reject the bold aggression and confront it with all means available and on all levels."

While vowing to resist the ban on flights south of the 32nd parallel, he mentioned no specific actions.

In another development, an official at Kuwait's Interior Ministry said today that a Kuwaiti policeman died of wounds suffered in an exchange of gunfire with Iraqis along the disputed frontier between the two countries.

A second policeman was injured Sunday, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The official said the incident began when Kuwaiti border patrols discovered a red truck with Iraqi license plates trying to cross the unmarked desert frontier in the U.N.-patrolled "demilitarized zone."

The demilitarized zone extends six miles into southern Iraq and three miles into Kuwait. The zone, patrolled by the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission, was set up after allied troops last year ended Iraq's seven-month occupation of Kuwait.

Zifferero said he expected no fallout from the tension over the southern exclusion zone.

"There is no relation between our work and the zone," he said.

He said his team of 15 inspectors and six support personnel — including American, French, German, Italian and Polish nationals — would begin work Tuesday.

Zifferero declined to say exactly where inspections were planned.

He said: "Our policy is not to be the cause of provocation."

Zifferero, who is leading his fourth team into Baghdad, noted there have been topics on which Iraq has not been forthcoming, including providing requested information on procurement and import of weapons systems.

In addition to the new nuclear team, 14 chemical experts traveled to Iraq today to join a team of 15 already here preparing to destroy 40,000 chemical weapons at the Muthana state facility outside Baghdad, according to Doug Englund, regional chief of the U.N. inspection operation in Bahrain.

The inspections are required under an April 3, 1991, U.N. Security Council resolution outlining the terms of the Gulf War cease-fire. They are to ensure that Iraq does not retain nuclear,

chemical or biological weapons, ballistic missiles, or production facilities for such weapons.

More than 40 U.N. teams have visited Iraq since the cease-fire. Tensions have several times brought threats from President Bush and other allies that military force could be used to enforce the U.N. inspectors' mandate.

The most serious confrontation between the commission and Baghdad was a 21-day standoff in July when Iraqi officials barred an inspection team from entering the Agriculture Ministry.

The impasse ended with a compromise that reduced American participation on the team.

In other instances, U.N. teams were fired at, dynamite attached to their jeeps but defused or team members jostled by hostile Iraqi crowds.

On Sunday the Israeli army issued new civil defense instructions, including a map dividing the country to 10 sectors for quicker response to a possible missile attack.

During the Gulf War, Iraq shot 39 missiles into Israel in an attempt to pry Arab nations from the U.S.-led coalition. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said the probability of such attacks recurring now is low.

The southern Iraq flight ban, which took effect Thursday, has so far been respected _ so much so that the commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf said Sunday that he was considering cutting back air patrols totaling about 100 missions a day over the area. The U.S. commander, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael Nelson, spoke to reporters during a visit to the aircraft carrier USS Independence in the gulf.

U.S. pilots, who are authorized to shoot down Iraqi military aircraft in the no-fly zone, say they also have detected no ground action by Iraqi forces against the Shiite population. The embargo only covers air activity.

Eight Iraqi infantry divisions, totaling about 96,000 soldiers, have been employed throughout southern Iraq, according to intelligence estimates, but "not much" armor is there to back them up, Nelson said.

A protected zone was created for Kurdish dissidents in the north last year after Saddam put down their post-Persian Gulf War insurgency _ but not for the Shiites, who also launched an ill-fated revolt after Baghdad's gulf war defeat.

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KURDISH LEADERS TO REASSURE TURKS ON NO-FLY ZONE

ANKARA, Turkey, Reuter - Iraqi Kurdish guerrilla chiefs will meet Turkish leaders this week to argue that Western-enforced no-fly zones in north and south Iraq are not aimed at dividing the country, a Kurdish spokesman said Monday.

Masoud Barzani of the Kurdish Democratic Party (K) and al Talabani of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) were due to meet Foreign Minister Hikmet Cetin on Monday, Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel on Tuesday and President Turgut Ozal on Wednesday, PUK spokesman Serchil Qazzaz told Reuters.

"They will explain the strategy of how to get rid of (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein and try to convince the Turks that the 32nd parallel is not to divide but to unite Iraq," he said. U.S., British and French planes, already patrolling a no-fly zone above the 36th parallel to protect Iraqi Kurds, enforced a similar exclusion zone below the 32nd parallel last week to stop air attacks on Iraqi Shiite Moslems in the south.

Qazzaz said Shiite and Sunni Moslem opposition figures would join Barzani and Talabani for their meeting with Ozal.

Turkey has not openly criticized the latest allied exclusion zone, but ruled out the use of its bases to support it and has stressed its concern to maintain Iraq's territorial unity.

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North Dakota Senator Hospitalized With Heart Attack

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Quentin Burdick, D-N.D., suffered a heart attack and was in stable condition at a Minnesota hospital, aides said.

Burdick, 84, was taken to St. Mary's Regional Health Center in Detroit Lakes, Minn., after he complained he was not feeling well, according to a statement from Burdick's office.

The senator, whose home is in Fargo, has a lake cabin near Detroit Lakes.

The statement described Burdick as having suffered a "mild heart attack" and quoted a doctor, who is not named, as saying Burdick was "up walking around" on Sunday.

The statement did not say when Burdick entered the hospital. The Forum newspaper, quoting sources, said the senator was admitted on Saturday.

Burdick's spokeswoman, Jean Dugan, was on vacation Monday and there was no answer this morning at the senator's Fargo office. The senator was hospitalized late last month in Fargo after complaining of chest pains and fatigue.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN 8/31
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

August 28, 1992

To: The President

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From: Mike Boskin *mm/s*

Re: New Single Family Home Sales
for July

Sales of new single family homes declined about 2.6 percent in July relative to June, although they were 18 percent above last year's level. Sales of existing homes previously were reported to be up for July.

Michael J. Boskin
Chairman



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

THE CHAIRMAN

August 28, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL J. BOSKIN *mb*

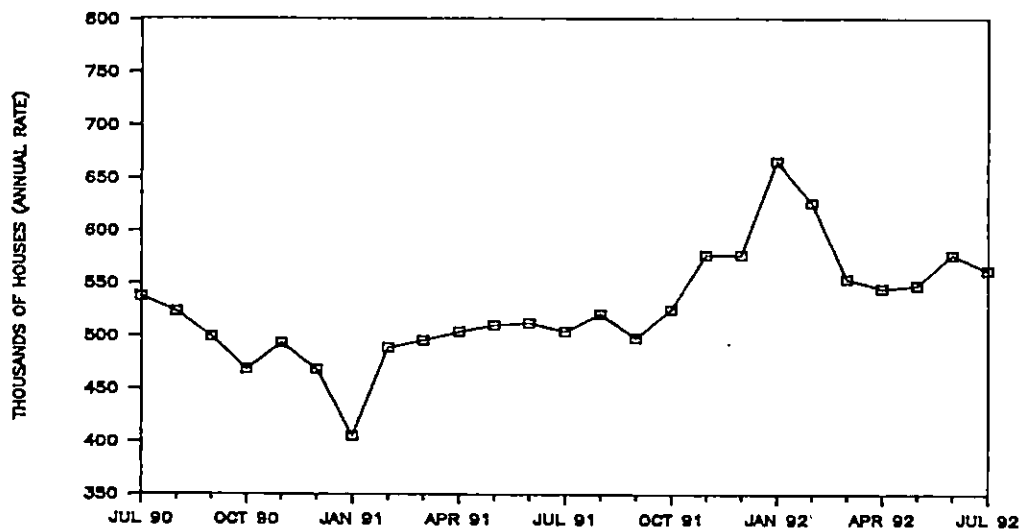
SUBJECT: July Housing Sales, Commerce Department Release,
Monday, 10:00 a.m.

Sales of new single-family houses fell by 15,000 units, or 2.6 percent, in July to 563,000 units at an annual rate. Private analysts had expected a rate of sales of 588,000 in July. Sales were revised up for the previous 3 months--April, May, and June--by an average of 12,000 units per month.

In July, sales fell in the Northeast and the South, but rose in the Midwest and the West. Over the past year, sales have increased in all regions of the country except the Northeast, where sales have changed very little. The average sales price of a new house in July was \$137,500, down 7.2 percent from \$148,200 in July of 1991.

The graph below shows that, despite the decline in July, sales of new houses have been on a slight upward trend over the past several months. The surge in sales earlier this year followed a sharp decline in mortgage rates at the end of last year. The recent decline in mortgage rates and an increase in mortgage applications point to an increase in sales in coming months.

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much appreciated.

RZ

P. S. I checked with Laurie's office and they have a record of Mr. Nozko writing asking to be invited to something. They have taken no action but sent him routine response, we'll keep you in mind, etc.

Laurie =

Please put him on a
list !!

CB

8-29

Mr. President: thank you for your very nice note
you sent to me after Hunt & checked in
with my message and note to you!
As I told you at a fund raiser &
chair'd in Hartford 4 years ago "we will win"
— I repeat — "we will win" in '92.
Mrs. Nozko and I would truly cherish
a visit to the White House whenever there is
a nice affair that could include us. The
White House keeps telling me we are on the
list - but we haven't heard a specific date.
Thank you very much! Henry Nozko

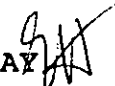
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 31, 1992

MEETING WITH SECRETARY SULLIVAN, POSTMASTER GENERAL RUNYON,
AND SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR KING

DATE: August 31, 1992
LOCATION: The Oval Office
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
FROM: EDE HOLIDAY 

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Secretary Sullivan, Postmaster General Runyon, and Social Security Administrator King to discuss the steps that have been taken to insure the delivery of mail and social security checks in the areas devastated by Hurricane Andrew.

II. BACKGROUND

In the wake of Hurricane Andrew, the U.S. Postal Service and the Social Security Administration have taken a number of steps in the Miami area to insure that Social Security checks and other mail reaches the people affected by the disaster. Yesterday, the Postal Service operated a special Sunday delivery of state and federal checks that are normally delivered on the first of the month. Where mail cannot be delivered, it is being held at each local post office and distributed through a General Delivery system. The Postal Service is also using mobile post office vans to provide service and information to the most devastated areas.

Social Security checks are due to be delivered or held at local post offices on September 3. The Social Security Administration has been running a public information campaign on radio, television, and through posted notices and announcement trucks to inform residents how to receive their checks. In most areas of the country, 65 percent of the checks are sent through direct deposit in individual bank accounts; 35 percent are delivered through the mail.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Secretary Sullivan
Postmaster General Marvin Runyon
Social Security Administrator Gwendolyn King (Gwen)

Secretary Baker
Bob Zoellick
Marlin Fitzwater
Ede Holiday
Margaret Tutwiler

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

-- Your guests will be escorted into the Oval Office for a twenty minute meeting.

-- At the conclusion of the meeting, they will depart.

VI. REMARKS

None required.

11:00 A.M. WIRES

Sales Decline in July spite Low Mortgage Rates

By DAVE SKIDMORE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new homes fell in July for the fourth time this year, despite the lowest mortgage rates in 19 years, the government said today.

New homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 563,000 last month, down from 578,000 the month before, the departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development said.

It was the steepest drop in four months. Sharp declines in the Northeast and South were only partly offset by sales gains in the Midwest and West.

Meanwhile, the median price of new homes recorded its sharpest drop in nearly 11 years.

In advance, economists expected falling mortgage rates would produce a sales increase of between 1 percent and 2 percent. Mortgage rates started declining at the start of the month after the Federal Reserve eased monetary policy. By the end of the month they were near 8 percent, nearly a half point lower than when the month began and the lowest since 1973.

Rates continued to fall in August, edging below 8 percent before jumping back above the 8 percent level in reaction to the plunging value of the dollar.

Lower rates apparently did stimulate a gain in sales of existing homes in July. They were estimated by the National Association of Realtors to have risen 3.9 percent.

The July drop in new home sales followed a revised 5.3 percent gain in June, not as strong as the 7.9 percent increase estimated a month ago. Sales had risen slightly in May and fallen in February, March and April.

Regionally, new home sales fell 16.9 percent in the Northeast to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 64,000. They dropped 10.1 percent in the South to a rate of 231,000. Sales rose 11 percent in the Midwest to a rate of 111,000. They were up 9 percent in the West to 158,000.

The median price of a new home, meaning half the homes sold for more and half for less, was \$115,000 in July, down from \$124,900 in June, a 7.9 percent decline. It was the sharpest decline since September 1981. A year ago, the median price was \$120,000.

The inventory of new homes for sale at the end of July was 272,000, a 5.9 month supply at the current sales rate, up from 5.8 months in June.

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Gorazde Fighting Delays Aid Convoy; U.N. Human Rights Report Blasts Serbs

By JOHN POMFRET

Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — U.N. officials say heavy fighting in Gorazde has forced them to delay sending an aid convoy to the eastern Bosnian city, where Serbs are said to have lifted a five-month siege.

Downtown Sarajevo, by contrast, was relatively calm today for the first time in several days.

Geneva U. Human Rights Commission's special envoy to former Yugoslavia submitted a damning report that blamed Serb forces for the worst human rights violations in Bosnia.

The report, by former Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, urged the creation of an international commission to investigate war crimes.

It said there were signs the brutal practice of ethnic cleansing was about to spread to other parts of former Yugoslavia.

In Sarajevo, officials said at least six people were killed and 71 wounded in overnight fighting on the city's outskirts.

On Sunday, a howitzer shell crashed into a crowded marketplace, killing at least 15 people and wounding dozens. It was the deadliest single attack in the Serb siege of Sarajevo since May 28, when mortar rounds killed at least 20 people in a bread line and wounded 100.

At that time, Bosnian Muslims withdrew from peace talks and the United Nations imposed trade sanctions on Serbia. Serbia is accused of supporting Bosnian Serb fights, who took up arms six months ago when Bosnia's majority Muslims and Croats voted for independence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, in an interview today with The Associated Press, threatened to boycott peace talks that are to begin Thursday in Geneva if the "murderous assault on the Bosnian people in Sarajevo does not cease."

"How is it possible to negotiate with people like this?" he asked. "They are killers. They don't want peace, they want blood."

The latest deaths soured hopes that agreements reached last week in London at an international peace conference would stop the fighting.

In Gorazde, 40 miles southeast of Sarajevo, an "extremely dangerous" and confusing situation reigned, said Fred Eckhard, the U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo.

He had planned to visit Gorazde today with a 14-truck convoy of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. But because of pitched battles there, the relief supplies might not set off for Gorazde until Wednesday, he said today.

Gorazde, the lone government holdout against Serb insurgents in eastern Bosnia, has been an emotional symbol of the war. The peacetime population of 30,000 has swelled to 70,000 — many of the newcomers Muslims evicted from their homes by Serb forces.

What exactly was going on in Gorazde remained unclear.

Sarajevo radio said government troops had entered the city, lending some credence to Serb claims Saturday that the Serbs were pulling back men and artillery. But the report also said the loyalists fought their way in and "liberated" 80 percent of the city.

The leader of Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, told AP that government troops, mostly Muslims, had exploited his soldiers' retreat to attack Serbs.

Karadzic's pledge to pull back from Gorazde appeared intended to counter suggestions that Bosnia's Serb leaders lack the will or ability to control local militias and honor the London accord. Mazowiecki's report said rule of law had completely brokenwn in Bosnia and parts of Croatia. It warned that serious human rights abuses would likely continue after the end of the conflict because of mutual distrust and hatred.

The report acknowledged that all three ethnic groups were guilty of atrocities, but said the Serbs must shoulder most responsibility.

"The importance of the human rights violations suffered by ethnic Serbs in Croatia cannot be underestimated or minimized," it said.

"Nevertheless, the evidence available at this time suggests that the practices which have caused large numbers of Serbs to flee ... cannot be compared to the systematic use of violence against ethnic Croatsians and Muslims in Bosnia and Herzegovina."

Mazowiecki recommended that U.N. soldiers be given powers to stop abuses and gain access to detention centers.

The 18-page report detailed abuses uncovered during Mazowiecki's recent visit to former Yugoslavia. His evidence may be used in future war crimes trials.

He cited allegations about the systematic ecution of prisoners in a northeast Bosnian area controlled by the notorious Serbian White Eagles paramilitary group.

He said there were "particularly grave incidents of physical abuse of Catholic priests and nuns" committed by Serb forces around Banja Luka.

"There is some evidence that ethnic cleansing may be imminent in certain parts of Serbia and Montenegro where there are large communities of persons not of Serbian origin," he said.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1992

BRIEFING ON FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF HURRICANE ANDREW

DATE: August 31, 1992
LOCATION: The Oval Office
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
FROM: EDE HOLIDAY *EH*

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Administration officials to discuss how we can respond to the current and emerging health, education, housing, and business problems caused by Hurricane Andrew.

II. BACKGROUND

Since you declared major emergency disasters in Florida and Louisiana, our domestic agencies have been working with FEMA to respond to the health and community crises created by the hurricane damage.

At today's meeting, Secretaries Alexander, Kemp, and Sullivan and Administrator Saiki will describe their agencies' efforts to date, and discuss what steps we can take in the coming days to increase our assistance.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Secretary Sullivan
Secretary Kemp
Secretary Alexander
Administrator Saiki

Secretary Baker
Director Darman
Bob Zoellick
Marlin Fitzwater
Ede Holiday
Margaret Tutwiler

cc: [unclear]

IV. PRESS PLAN

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V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Your guests will be escorted into the Oval Office.
- At the conclusion of the meeting, they will depart.

VI. REMARKS

Talking points for a possible press opportunity at the conclusion of the meeting to be provided by Cabinet Affairs.



SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
Monday, August 31, 1992

8:40 am	<u>Arrives White House</u>	South Lawn
8:45 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Chief of Staff</u>	Oval Office
9:15 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft)	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft)	Oval Office
9:45 am (75 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:00 am (60 min)	Briefing with Secretaries Alexander, Kemp, Sullivan and Administrator Saiki on Federal Assistance to Victims of <u>Hurricane Andrew</u> (Holiday)	Oval Office (TAB A)
12:00 pm (75 min)	<u>Lunch</u>	Oval Office
1:15 pm (20 min)	Meeting with Secretary Sullivan, Postmaster General Runyan and Social Security Administrator <u>King</u> (Holiday)	Oval Office (TAB B)
1:35 pm (25 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
2:00 pm (30 min)	Meeting with Housing and Homebuilding Associations on <u>Hurricane Andrew Relief Efforts</u> (Demarest)	Roosevelt Room (TAB C)
2:30 pm (30 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office

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9:00 am
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3:00 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Volunteer Organizations</u> (Demarest)	(TAB D) Roosevelt Room
3:30 pm (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
3:45 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Secretary Brady</u>	Oval Office
4:15 pm (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Insurance Associations and Small Business Groups</u> (Demarest)	(TAB E) Roosevelt Room
4:45 pm (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
5:00 pm	<u>Haircut</u>	West Basement

UNP 08/31/92
9:00 am
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 31, 1992

BRIEFING ON FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF HURRICANE ANDREW

DATE: August 31, 1992
LOCATION: The Oval Office
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
FROM: EDE HOLIDAY

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Administration officials to discuss how we can respond to the current and emerging health, education, housing, and business problems caused by Hurricane Andrew.

II. BACKGROUND

Since you declared major emergency disasters in Florida and Louisiana, our domestic agencies have been working with FEMA to respond to the health and community crises created by the hurricane damage.

At today's meeting, Secretaries Alexander, Kemp, and Sullivan and Administrator Saiki will describe their agencies' efforts to date, and discuss what steps we can take in the coming days to increase our assistance.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Secretary Sullivan
Secretary Kemp
Secretary Alexander
Administrator Saiki

Secretary Baker
Director Darman
Bob Zoellick
Marlin Fitzwater
Ede Holiday
Margaret Tutwiler

IV. PRESS PLAN

TBD

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- Your guests will be escorted into the Oval Office.
- At the conclusion of the meeting, they will depart.

VI. REMARKS

Talking points for a possible press opportunity at the conclusion of the meeting to be provided by Cabinet Affairs.

August 30, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER III, BOB TEETER, AND FRED MALEK

FROM: Fred Steeper

RE: Cleveland Focus Groups: Conclusions on Overall Strategy

The suburban Cleveland focus groups on August 29 point to several important (mostly negative) conclusions about our strategy.

We probably should not make this election about "who do you trust?" While "trust" connotes Clinton's character negative, it also connotes the President's performance negative as in, "we put our trust in Bush four years ago." We need a theme-line stronger than this one.

Trying to shift the voters' dissatisfaction away from the President and onto Congress does not work. In Cleveland we tried it two ways: Congress is responsible for the status quo and the President will accomplish more with the next (150 new members) Congress. These messages have little positive effect. They see them either as a partisan attempt to get a Republican Congress or the President's attempt to shift the blame. One voter also wondered, more about our campaign than the scripts, "If Bush keeps knocking Congress, how will he get their cooperation?"

The voters, i.e. the soft Clinton leaners who we need, remain in a very "America first" frame of mind. So, when one of our umbrella spots tried to set-up the President's future program by a dramatic review of a "changing world," the world references simply raised their America first hackles and got in the way of our domestic message. The groups' negative reactions to the President's foreign policy, political accomplishments have been like a broken record all year. We need to concede this point, for the moment.

(When we have pulled even with Clinton, we may be able to break the tie with the President's world leadership record, but not until then. What the President is doing to strengthen our world trade is a major exception. This we should talk about.)

We may have uncovered an important nuance to how we can successfully present the President's domestic message without falling into the trap of why didn't he do all this earlier. One of the umbrella spots, "Economic Competition," used language that implied the President's goals for the country have been in-process, rather than a new plan he will start on next year. This spot was favorable received, in part, I think, because it avoided the trap of "why didn't he do this before?"

The specific Cleveland findings on themes and scripts are covered in a separate memo.

AGENDA
NOT
"PLAN"

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Fred Steeper
DATE: August 30, 1992
RE: Cleveland Focus Group Findings

Scripts for television advertising

"I Propose"

The visuals of world events got in the way of the domestic message.

References to past events cause retrospective evaluations of the President which always hurt him in these 80% "wrong track" times.

The voiceover that Bush "has a plan" triggers comments of why Bush didn't do this earlier.

The spot was considered important but not believable.

✓ Conclusion: The spot should be redone with Americana visuals and a different opening line. The paragraph on "Now, here's what I'm fighting for:..." also should be wedded with the "Economic Competition" script to create a third alternative umbrella spot.

"Economic Competition"

This spot was well received. It was rated important and believable.

The language of the spot implies the President has a number of things "in-process" and thus avoids the trap of "why didn't he do this earlier?"

Several said the main idea of the spot was the importance of economic strength with which they agree.

Conclusion: The spot should be produced as is. Also, the "Now, here's what I'm fighting for:..." paragraph should be merged into the middle of this spot as a third alternative umbrella spot.

"Courts"

This spot works very well. People agree that liable suits are responsible, to an important degree, for high health care costs and that they are a burden on small business.

✓ There was lots of positive body language.

"We must sue each other less and care for each other more" is one of the best single lines the campaign has written.

One person said "lawyers are slick." We should be able to do something with this connection to Clinton by surrogates, if not in the paid advertising.

Some objected to the implied indictment of all lawyers. Others wondered what the President could do about this problem.

The spot was considered important and moderately believable.

Conclusion: The spot should be produced as is.

"Check-off"

The check-off idea was more controversial than expected. Those that liked it, liked it a lot and defended it well against the opponents.

✓ The opponents worried: would the money really go to paying off the national debt (the same distrust seen with state lotteries for education) and what spending would be cut (military or education?) as a consequence of the check-off.

"Choice" is an important concept to include. Instead of saying "give taxpayers the right," we probably should have said "give taxpayers the choice." Proponents used "choice" to persuade the opponents to support the idea, "it would be your choice, you don't have to do it."

The spot was rated important but not believable (would it really work the way described?)

Conclusion: Pending the results of our national survey on the idea, the spot should be produced, possibly with a minor revision in the script introducing "choice."

"Security"

The spot was rated mildly important but not believable.

The spot was shown to one of the two groups. The discussion got sidetracked in a personal experience of one participant that kept us from finding out more about the group's reaction to the spot, itself.

Conclusion: test again.

"Congress: Empty Chairs"

This spot received a generally tepid reaction.

Only some saw this as presenting an "opportunity" for Bush, as intended. Others saw it as Bush blaming Congress. While it does not mention parties, some saw it as a veiled appeal for a Republican Congress.

It was not rated important or believable.

Conclusion: Put the Congress message on the back burner for now.

"Congress: Status Quo"

Another tepid reaction.

Perceived message: essentially the "blame game" and wanting a Republican Congress

It was not rated important or believable.

Conclusion: Put the Congress message on the back burner for now.

"Clinton: Children"

Lots of reaction but not what we want: "Lowest blow possible."
"Mudslinging." "I'd turn my television off." "Made me feel sick."

BUT, nearly all agreed they would want to know these things, if true. They said Clinton is coming across much different than this ad portrays, so they would want to know if these things are true.

In its current form it was rated very unbelievable. They gave it a mildly important rating which may have been pulled down by their overall negative reaction. The spread between believable and importance was the largest of the spots tested.

Conclusion: The spot needs authentication, possibly a state newspaper headline about the lawsuit. The pictures of children could be too powerful. We should try several visual treatments.

"Clinton: Cardigan"

This spot tries to paint Clinton as having an overly negative view of America based on one quote. The group did not buy it. They said Clinton is an optimist.

The spot was rated moderately unbelievable and moderately unimportant.

Conclusion: Scrap the idea.

"Tic-toc" (The Costellanos spot)

While this spot did not get much oral reaction in the one group to which it was presented, its quantitative scores are impressive. The group rated it believable and important. In moving people to Bush, it was the third best spot!

Conclusion: The production should not be expensive. Have Alex do it. He uses the BBA as his one example of what Bush would do about the problem he dramatizes (the growing debt). He could easily add the check off idea, too.

Theme-lines

Twelve theme-lines were tested leading to the following overall findings.

"A safer, stronger America" is what many think is needed. (Of the six themes of this type, this one got the most votes on what the country needs.)

"Safer" was a particularly important word, connoting the problems of crime and riots.

"Secure and strong" got the highest average rating on the good/poor scale but did not receive the most votes to the forced-choice question on what the country most needs.

"Secure," again, is an important word. "People want security as far as jobs go," said one person.

"At home and abroad" is a phrase that has received special comment in all groups, the Cleveland groups and earlier ones, but not always to our benefit. It raises the issue that Bush has not put the country first, the way the phrase does.

People think theme-lines with "new" in them are more credible coming from Clinton than from Bush.

When "in the hands of experience" is tacked onto an objective, it makes that objective more credible coming from Bush than from Clinton.

In the other set of six themes, "A changing America in the hands of experience" received the most votes on what the country most needs. It was also the most associated with Bush of these six using the idea of a "changing America."

Conclusion: Experience, no matter how you cut it, is our number one asset against Clinton. Why not include it in our theme-line? "A changing America in the hands of experience" looks pretty good. It, also, fits the idea of Bush's agenda being "in-process," as discussed elsewhere.

"Secure" and "safer" are also effective words. But, my own opinion, is that "a changing America," has more going on with it as a lead concept. Then it might follow that through the President's experienced, self-assured, optimistic leadership he is making this change safe and secure for the American people - or something like that.

Let's agree to delete "at home and abroad" during the month of September.

Titles for an Economic Plan

"A Plan for Economic Security" was chosen as most needed for the country and most credible for Bush to use. It, also scored very high on the general good/poor scale.

Only four titles were tested. A Plan for Economic Security was better than "New American Agenda," "Action America," and "A New Economic Agenda."

"An Agenda for Economic Security," not tested, might be the most effective for the following reason--Several people in Cleveland and prior groups said that "agenda" denotes the broad approach that is needed, that several things need to be done. Plan, for some, smacked of "promise," as in "just another political promise." Another said that plan meant something in the future while we need something quicker than a plan.

This remains highly subjective, in spite of our attempts to objectively measure it. We can go in circles forever on this.

My recommendation:

A Changing America in the Hands of Experience. President Bush.

We need him to carry on his "agenda for economic security" for us and future generations.

His policies are making the country more competitive. His policies, not Clinton's, will take a whack out of the deficit and the debt which are drags on our economy and threaten our future. Etc.



THE PRESIDENT

Aug. 31, 1992

Dear Maria,

I am so very sorry
that you lost your love in
Andrew. Here's the replacement
letter designating you as the
847th Dearly Point of Light.

I know you have been hit
hard; but I also know that
your spirit cannot be diminished
even by an horrible storm.

Good Luck. God Bless You.

Cy Bunk

Daily

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 31, 1992

Dear Dr. Alvarez-Reyes:

I was delighted to learn of your outstanding work in behalf of your community. Your generosity and willingness to serve others merit the highest praise, and I am pleased to recognize you as the 847th "Daily Point of Light."

Since taking office as President, I have urged all Americans to make community service central to their lives and work. Judging by your active engagement in helping others, it is clear that you understand this obligation.

We must not allow ourselves to be measured by the sum of our possessions or the size of our bank accounts. The true measure of any individual is found in the way he or she treats others -- and the person who regards others with love, respect, and charity holds a priceless treasure in his heart. With that in mind, I have often noted that, from now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others. Your efforts provide a shining example of this standard.

Barbara joins me in congratulating you and in sending you our warm best wishes for the future. May God bless you always.

Sincerely,



Dr. Maria Ana Alvarez-Reyes
11555 Southwest 128 Court
Miami, Florida 33186

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 28, 1992

*Sir,
You may wish
to add a personal
P.S. to this —*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GREGG PETERSMEYER *GP*
SUBJECT: POINT OF LIGHT/HURRICANE ANDREW

Dr. Maria Ana Alvarez-Reyes, the 847th Daily Point of Light from Miami, Florida, called this morning to say that her home had been destroyed during Hurricane Andrew. Dr. Alvarez-Reyes lost almost all of her belongings, including the materials she uses in her educational program for which she was named a Daily Point of Light. Fortunately, her family was not injured and they are together. She has relocated, temporarily, to an efficiency apartment in another part of Miami.

Dr. Alvarez-Reyes indicated that among her possessions destroyed by Hurricane Andrew was her letter from you designating her a Point of Light. She said that, through insurance, most of her other possessions will be replaced but that her Point of Light letter meant so much to her that she hoped we could arrange another. She said, "If I have to walk to Washington to pick it up, I will."

Attached is a new letter to Dr. Alvarez-Reyes for your signature, along with a copy of the original Press Release for your information.

Thank you.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

Embargoed for Release
Until July 31, 1992

July 30, 1992

The President today recognized Maria Ana Alvarez-Reyes of Miami, Florida, as the 847th Daily Point of Light for the Nation. Dr. Alvarez-Reyes provides educational opportunities and helps build a culture that fosters lifelong learning for Spanish speaking individuals.

In 1981 Dr. Alvarez-Reyes developed "Ingles Practico" (Practical English), a program designed to teach English to Spanish speakers and promote cultural understanding. Leaving behind her career as a psychologist, she dedicated her efforts to easing tensions between people of different cultures and creating opportunities for economic advancement within the Hispanic community. Dr. Alvarez-Reyes and her volunteers regularly deliver lesson materials to homes and organizations and offer job referrals to their students. Over the past 11 years, more than 23,000 courses have been distributed.

The "Ingles Practico" curriculum consists of take-home written and audio English lessons, as well as a conversation class that meets for four hours on Saturdays. Serving about 250 people each month, it is administered by a paid staff of five and some 20 volunteers. Dr. Alvarez-Reyes, who volunteers 30 hours, six days a week, teaches three or four English classes a month in addition to training the other teachers and overseeing the program out of her home. She also answers student inquiries and individually counsels those who have difficulty learning. By frequently holding radio and television interviews and by taping public service announcements, she has effectively conveyed the value of bilingualism to the Hispanic community.

The President salutes Maria Ana Alvarez-Reyes for exemplifying his belief that, "From now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others."

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daily 8/31

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 8/29/92

TO: ROSE ZAMARIA,
FROM: KATHY SUPER *K.S.*
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Appointments and Scheduling

Attached is a letter from Tom Railsback requesting a "get together" with the President and many of his former Congressional classmates from the 90th Congress.

Do you think this is something the President would be interested in doing?

Mr. President -

Any interest

yes ✓

no —

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we did it
at V.P. Res
but have not
done it as Pres.

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July 10, 1992

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

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, a lot of your former Congressional classmates from the 90th Congress have been in your corner since the 1980 election. To the best of my knowledge we have never had a get together with you to reminisce, share stories or hear from you. I believe a lot of your classmates still want to be helpful and some of them still have influence in their communities.

If you and Barbara could find time, I know a lot of us would welcome reaffirming our support for you and would enjoy the opportunity to get together.

With best wishes,

Tom Railsback

Thomas F. Railsback

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*cc'd - The
Railsback - to
acknowledge
letter. 7/31/92*

Lillian

(self-typed)



THE PRESIDENT

daily

August 29, 1992

Dear Alexanders All:

I am glad you liked Camp David.

The answer to the Big Question is:

The sticky stuff in the horseshoe is a special clay designed by the horseshoe association. It has replaced regular clay in the big tourneys. Rain does not shut down play this way. Enough said!

Warm Regards to all,

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
and Mrs. Alexander
2649 Woodley Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT AND BARBARA,

our legs hurt from running and bicycling,
our hands are sore from golf and batting
practice, our fingers got stuck in bowling
balls. we're exhausted! But we've had a
wonderful time together and are grateful
that you would even think of inviting us to
Camp DAVID. One respectful question:
what is that sticky stuff in your
horseshoe pits? Many, many thanks.
(over, please)

Lamar Alexander

Drew Alexander

Leslee T. Alexander

Kathryn Alexander

Will Alexander

and Honey

It was truly a
very special cruise
6 days. Thank you!



THE PRESIDENT

August 29, 1992

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BUSH LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY - George Bush Handwriting

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GENERAL SULLIVAN

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GOVERNOR CHILES

FRED TAYLOR, DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY, DADE COUNTY

OTIS WALLACE - CITY MANAGER, FLORIDA CITY

Octavia Viciado - Supt. Schools

--- Monday --- August 31, 1992 ---

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"LIAR, LIAR, PANTS ON FIRE"

Clinton camp cries big foul on Bush 128-AR-tax claim. Some say it's flat-out false, others defend it. Clinton just short of Dole "quit lying" line. (#3)

WM. HORTON, ESQ.: Lawyers as Bush issue of the day. (#4)

PLAYING THE ANDREW CARD:

Bush, his Sec/Trans, military get mixed reviews on hurricane. (#15-16) But NEWSWEEK poll shows 2-1 approval on response, ambivalence on blame game (#22)

TIGHTENING: 2 polls show Clinton lead 6-10 pts. (#22-23)

THE TOP TEN

IL: Poll shows big Clinton lead, low Bush favorable. (#9)

MI: Quayle, Gore spar on fuel standards, auto jobs. (#10) Gore heads west, turns up green critique; defends book. (#5)

IL SEN: RICH WHO? (#19)

Braun leads Williamson over 2-1 statewide; he's got 50% ID.

FLORIDA: VOTING TOMORROW?

Yes and no. High court to rule today on details of Dade Co. primary delay. (#21)

SPOTLIGHT

OVER-LEARNING 1988?

It's back-to-school time! Are there really no lessons to learn other than History 101 on Bush-Dukakis?

CLINTON: "Conventional Wisdom" from NEWSWEEK asks what others are too: "Is a good defense still the best offense?" Does in-your-face response time give them the future image that got them the lead? (#2) A million+ \$\$\$ goes behind a new ad, which both projects upbeat image and defends record -- to mixed reviews. (see #1)

BUSH: 9 post-convention polls (#22-23) keep Bush at 42% or less (where Dukakis was 8/88, never to rise far again). To the 58%, as with Andrew (#15-16), the quick reax and early nailing may be less important than plans that provide hope for the future.

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

"I'm saying you ought to go ask him how he can avoid having that characterization put on these remarks."

-- Bill Clinton, stopping short of calling Bush a "liar," on GOP claims of 128 AR tax hikes, L.A. TIMES, 8/29. (#3)

THE APN BULLETIN BOARD

FROM TODAY'S GREENWIRE: World bank and IMF third world econ policies often contribute to enviro degradation, study says.
FROM TODAY'S DAILY REPORT CARD: A VA H.S. attributes its low dropout rate and high achievement to values curriculum.
FROM TODAY'S ABORTION REPORT: CA's Christian Right "seeking to expand their power and influence" at state GOP meet.
FROM TODAY'S AMERICAN HEALTH LINE: Entitlement cuts seen as vital to reduce deficit but "hazardous to political health."

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TV MONITOR (#24)

???? OVERLOOKED ???? ?

Among the 128 "taxes and fees" the GOP attributes to Bill Clinton's AR tenure: A \$500 licensing fee for abortion clinics.

*1 CLINTON AD: FIRST OF THE FALL HIGHLIGHTS ECONOMIC PLAN

"Change," 60 sec., produced by Great American Media, Inc. Begins airing today in selected states. ANNOUNCER TEXT, over video of campaign crowd (close-ups of 2 white men, elderly white and black women): "Something's happening. People are ready. Because they've had enough. Enough of seeing their incomes fall behind and their jobs on the line. Enough of a government that just doesn't work. They're ready for change. [Video of tractor with hand painted banner "Clinton Gore '92."] And changing people's lives. That's the work of his life. [Video: Clinton shaking hands] Twelve years battling the odds in one of our nation's poorest states. [Video: Clinton at AR desk] Arkansas now leads the nation in job growth. [Video: Centered in black: "Arkansas leads the nation in job growth." Disclaimer: "Bureau of Labor Statistics August 1992."] Incomes are rising at twice the national rate. [Video: Centered in black: "Incomes are rising at twice the national rate." Disclaimer: "Bureau of Economic Analysis June 1992."] 17,000 people moved from welfare to work. [Video: Centered in black: "17,000 people moved from welfare to work." Disclaimer: "Arkansas Dept. of Human Services August 1992."] That's progress. And that's what we need now. Change. Real Solutions. [Video of Clinton on the stump with camera panning over crowd] Bill Clinton has an economic plan to rebuild America that invests in our own people. Education. Training. [Video: Centered in black underneath "Clinton Economic Plan: "Education and Training."] 8 million new jobs in the next four years. [Video: "8 million new jobs."] A new direction. Those making over \$200,000 have to pay more. [Video: "Those making over \$200,000 pay more."] The rest of us get a break. [Video: Same format: "The rest of us get a break."] It's a plan to put people first again. And six nobel prize economists say it will work. [Video: Campaign crowd holding up printed Clinton/Gore signs.] But don't take their word, read it yourself. [Video: Centered in black under "For a copy of the plan write: P.O. Box 8025 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203"] For people. For a change. Bill Clinton for President." [Video: Close-up of Clinton working a crowd] (Clinton release, 8/30).

REAX AND FACT-CHECKING: NEWSDAY's Nicholas Goldberg: "Polished, patriotic spots that portray the candidate as the savior of the middle class in tough economic times" (8/31). W. POST's Kurtz: "A more uplifting feel than Clinton's earlier commercials ... placing more emphasis on an 'Arkansas miracle' -- Arkansas remains one of the poorest states, despite the statistics cited here -- for an implicit contrast with President Bush's slow-growth record" (8/31). MEDIA GENERAL's Steve Goldberg: "What the commercial doesn't say is that [AR] had one of the nation's highest unemployment rates and lowest wage rates before Clinton took office. It still does. Moreover, the campaign selected a one-year period, 1990, to contrast [AR's] record with the nation's. The state's income has not grown at anywhere near that pace through Clinton's tenure, and Arkansas' average income lags far behind that of most other states" (RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH, 8/31). CBS' Chung: "Clinton is swinging another counter-punch to fight [GOP] charges that he raised taxes." CBS' Threlkeld: "A carbon copy of the lines that have been working best for Clinton while he's on the stump. ... For the moment at least, the Clinton campaign is going to accent

the positive in its campaign commercials until they see what the Republicans do in theirs" (8/30). N.Y. TIMES' Ifill: "The claim that Mr. Clinton's tax increases will affect only those earning \$200,000 or more is undercut by the campaign's own previous assertions that some people making more than \$150,000 will see their taxes rise" (8/31). Bush spokesperson Torie Clarke on the 8M jobs promise: "He has absolutely promised \$150 billion in new taxes and \$220 billion in new ... spending, which will wipe out jobs rather than create them" (L.A. TIMES, 8/31). Clarke also noted AR ranks 49th in per capita personal income, 45th in "the well-being of children," and "worst for the quality of state environmental initiatives" (W. TIMES, 8/31).

WHERE'S IT PLAYING: Clinton commun. dir. George Stephanopoulos "would not say how much air time the campaign has purchased, except to say it is in 'seven figures'" (Jackson, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/31). L.A. TIMES' Decker reports the ad will not run in CA (8/31). This morning, all three networks showed excerpts from the ad (8/31).

*2 CLINTON: TOUGH IN THEIR OWN END

NEWSWEEK's CW gives Clinton a horizontal arrow for the week: "Bus is still rolling his way. But is a good defense still the best offense?" (9/7 issue). W. POST's Balz writes the Clinton camp "has developed a well-earned reputation for crowd-pleasing bus tours" but has "not found a way to simultaneously seize the offensive against Bush." The "downside to all the color and enthusiasm" is the campaign has "struggled to put a fresh face on the democratic message of 'change.'" One senior Clinton adviser, on when Clinton "could be expected to take the initiative": "We're starting this week" (8/30). CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Stephen Chapman: "If Clinton wants to be an accomplished president as well as a winning candidate, it's in his interest to focus the campaign on something larger -- something he wants to achieve when he reaches the White House" (8/30). W. TIMES' Wes Pruden: "Terrified of letting George Bush define him in the way he defined [Dukakis] in 1988, [Clinton] is letting his in-your-face response to everything the president says reinforce his own image as a man who can't wait to raise taxes" (8/31). W. POST's Grove reports "the free ride appeared to be over." The GOP "September Storm" in TX brought out pro-Bush crowds and signs along the route. The bus trip "was strikingly different from earlier road trips -- not so much picture-perfect as what's-wrong-with-this-picture. ... The Republican Guard, apparently, was finally on the move. But instead of Saddam Hussein, the enemy was Elvis" (8/31).

BLACK VOTE: Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) accused Clinton of "ignoring" black voters: "You take a look at where the bus is going, you don't see it stopping in black towns, you don't see them kissing black babies." Asked if blacks will stay home on Election Day, Rangel said "a lot will" (N.Y. POST, 8/31). GANNETT's Wickham reports Reps. Mike Espy (D-MS), Wm Jefferson (D-LA) and John Lewis (D-GA) presented Clinton with their plan to mobilize the Southern black vote -- a wide-spread registration drive costing \$6 million. While they were "encouraged" to come up with the plan during the convention, Clinton aides now call it "unsolicited." Clinton didn't expect they "would take their role so seriously." Also "unexpected" was the reaction of the Cong. Black Caucus. Caucus chair/Rep. Ed Towns (D-NY): "They'd better come up with an overall plan to mobilize blacks around the country. ... Any plan that does not include the entire caucus and Jesse Jackson is a very dangerous move" (USA TODAY, 8/31).

MORE LEGION REAX: ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH editorial on Clinton's Legion appearance: "There is no reason why Mr. Clinton cannot be a fine commander-in-chief, provided he respects and understands the human pain and great loss caused by war, even when necessary. So far he has given no indication that he lacks that understanding" (8/28). CHICAGO TRIBUNE editorial recounted his discussion of his draft situation before a "challenging forum": "It would have been better for a man who wanted to be president to heed, however reluctantly, to his nation's call to service. But this is not a litmus test. It is one of many indications of character, competence and political view that form the basis of informed political judgment" (8/28).

THE REAL BIG APPLE: BUSINESS WEEK reports Clinton hopes to land the support of Apple Computer CEO John Sculley (9/7 issue).

THE GIRL NEXT DOOR? N.Y. POST gossipist Cindy Adams reports Gennfier Flowers will appear nude in the November PLAYBOY, which hits stands in mid-October (8/31).

SLOW NEWS DAY? PHILA. INQUIRER, page one, top story above the fold profiles Clinton backers/TV producers Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason (8/30). NEWSWEEK notes the Clintons do not own a home as they have lived in the AR Governor's mansion since '79. For the two years he was out of office they rented. A Clinton spokesperson said house-hunting "is something he'll have to think of later" (9/7 issue).

HARD-HITTING EXPOSE: TIME subhead over Clinton & Gore story: "Defying the tradition that running mates go their own ways, Clinton and Gore seem inseparable on the hustings. What is the secret of Bill and Al's excellent synergy?" Text below matches that tone: "Theirs is a comradeship of the road, an intimacy forged by joint bus trips, early morning jogging excursions and suddenly shared political self-interest." Clinton on Gore: "I love to hear him speak, even though when he finishes there's nothing left for me to say." The Clintons and Gores "are treating America to a view of politics as an extended double date" (Shapiro, TIME, 9/7 issue).

*3 TAXING TALK: WHO'S LYING, NOW?

Defending his tax record, Clinton in TX 8/28, said Bush "looked just like Pinocchio" for saying he raised taxes 128 times. Clinton "angrily waved" an 8/28 BOSTON GLOBE article that read: "Bush campaign officials privately told the Boston Globe that they know the president's charge that Clinton has raised taxes 128 times is not true" (PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 8/31). Despite the acknowledgement, Bush campaign staffers "said they would continue to use it because 'it works'" (see HOTLINE, 8/28). During a "hastily-arranged" press conference at a power station outside Waco, TX, Clinton "angrily denounced" Bush for "what he termed 'a desperate attempt to cover up his own economic failures.'" Although Clinton "specifically refused" to call Bush a "liar," he "edged close to that description": "I'm saying you ought to go ask him how he can avoid having that characterization put on these remarks, given the fact that his own campaign aides know it's not true" (Decker, L.A. TIMES, 8/29). Asked if he was saying Bush was a "liar," Clinton "demurred": "You should ask him what his campaign aides mean" (Daley, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/29). Clinton: "That's the only thing for George Bush that works. The economic plan doesn't work. The energy plan doesn't work. Ten million Americans don't work" (BOSTON GLOBE, 8/29). Clinton "grew agitated and cut off the press conference" when he was asked "to quantify how many times" he raised taxes. His campaign

later acknowledged 59 increases throughout his 12-year tenure and said he reduced or repealed taxes 69 times during the same period (Decker, L.A. TIMES, 8/29). WH KEEPS UP THE HEAT: Bush aides responded to Clinton's charges "with a volley of their own." WH spokesperson Marlin Fitzwater 8/28 called Clinton the "king of double speak": "This fellow's regard for honesty and veracity is so low that he has no business calling anybody else a liar" (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/30). Bush-Quayle spokesperson Torie Clarke: "Clinton can try to distort the facts if he wants. The American people know that President Bush is the only candidate committed to lower taxes and less spending" (BOSTON GLOBE, 8/29). "While Bush officials did not specifically address the question" of whether aides admitted the 128 figure was false, Fitzwater and dep. manager Mary Matalin "responded sharply" to a Clinton release which said Bush and the GOPers "are intentionally lying to win the election." Matalin: "They're just flat-out lying" (Balz, W. POST, 8/29). Bush-Quayle release: "Every revenue measure included in the Bush-Quayle list appears exactly in the same form, itemized exactly the same way" in the AR reports (8/29). Another Bush-Quayle release claims Clinton's contention that AR has the second-lowest tax burden in America is "another tax distortion" (8/30). "The Bush campaign shows no intention of dropping [the 128 figure] merely because it is false" (ECONOMIST, 9/7 issue). On ABC's "Brinkley," Gore accused GOPers of employing the "big-lie technique": "Because it was politically advantageous for them, even though they knew it was false" (ABC, 8/30). ABC's Claiborne reported Quayle "continued to hammer" Clinton on the tax issue. "Within hours, Clinton campaign aides produced Commerce Department figures showing that the percentage of income taxes paid in taxes in [AR] actually went down between 1979 and 1990" (8/30).

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN: Bush staffers cite the AR Legislative Tax Handbook as their source for the 128 figure. "The handbook became part of the argument" when the Clinton camp said the book was not an official AR document. But when the Bush camp "challenged that, Clinton official acknowledged it is a legitimate publication." Clinton officials did say the figure of 128 tax increases "was based on the Republicans' own analysis of actions by the [AR] Legislature, not a number in the handbook, and said [that] it was the work" of '90 Clinton GOP challenger Sheffield Nelson (Balz/Gellman, W. POST, 8/30).

WHAT COUNTS: Included in the 128 figure is a "\$1-per-conviction fee on criminals to cover court costs" (L.A. TIMES, 8/29). Also: An '87 25-cent increase in the drivers' license renewal fee; an increase from \$5 to \$10 for "each sample of Grade A milk" submitted to the state for analysis; and an increase from \$25 to \$50 for "the annual fee for septic tank installers." According to Michael Kinsley, using the same accounting methods, Bush's 1990 tax hike "was actually some 73 increases" (editorial, W. POST, 8/30). Clinton aides said "the true Bush count" was 327 tax increases (Ayers, N.Y. TIMES, 8/29).

REAX: RNC spokesperson Gary Koops: "Some people might argue that one tax or another is obscure. But every one of those taxes was designed to raise revenue" (PHILA. DAILY NEWS, 8/31). Mark Shields: "The Clinton people have a legitimate gripe. ... It's a lie." HOTLINE's Doug Bailey: "Both campaigns have overlearned the lessons of 1988" (PBS, 8/28). ABC's Claiborne reports, privately, Dems say "they're concerned that many voters will hear only the accusation and not their rebuttal" (8/30).

*4 BUSH: WILLIAM HORTON, ESQ.

The Bush campaign "believes that it is tapping into strong voter anger and frustration with its assaults on Clinton's 'unholy alliance' with trial lawyers." Bush-Quayle spokesperson Torie Clarke: "We know there is mileage in it." Legal analysts say the "problem with making tort reform part of a White House campaign ... is that relatively few tort cases occur in the federal courts." Martin Conner, pres. of the bipartisan American Tort Reform Assn.: "This (campaign rhetoric) has less to do with tort reform than it has to do with lawyering ... The public doesn't like lawyers. That's what the polls show, and the Bush campaign is aware of that" (Swanson, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/29). Bush aides "have found something they think is even scarier to voters than Willie Horton: lawyers. ... As family values become a less prominent campaign issue, passed over for lack of popular demand, a battle over legal values may surface in its place" (Stanley, N.Y. TIMES, 8/31). Bush pollster Fred Steeper "said he has done polling for insurance companies on tort reform and found that 'there's pretty close to a consensus that there are too many fraudulent and frivolous lawsuits'... and that 'greedy trial lawyers [are] stimulating'" many of those suits (W. POST, 8/31). N.Y. TIMES reports Barbara Bush's 81-year old stepmother, Willa Martin Pierce, is being sued for \$5 million in a personal injury suit in NY's Westchester Co. (Stanley, 8/31).

ALL BLIP AND NO BOUNCE: Germond & Witcover write Bush "came 'roaring out of Houston' -- in the favored phrase then ... But momentum can be reversed almost overnight, and by week end the picture was entirely different ... The honeymoon, it turned out, was almost indecently brief" (Balto. SUN, 8/29). Balto. SUN editorial: "The likes of Pat Buchanan, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson were allowed a prominence that pushed the GOP rightward and was bound to hurt" (8/30). Dem analyst Frank Mankiewicz writes, "The 'bounce' turns out -- at least for now -- to be a quiver, a wiggle, a nudge." The Reason: Although "those at the convention ... were delighted ... the TV public saw something else ... a hot-eyed, humorless anger and a mean-spirited assault on middle-American values" (BOSTON GLOBE, 8/28).

DEFENSE BUDGET: N.Y. TIMES reports the Pentagon "is quietly preparing to reduce its forces below the lowest levels the Bush Administration has said would be acceptable" (Schmitt, 8/30). On CBS, VP Quayle said: "I am sure there are people in the Pentagon that are hoping that maybe you'll get a Bill Clinton administration, and if you get a Bill Clinton administration, obviously you're going to have very large cuts in national defense. ... I can assure you that we will stick to the president's defense budget, we will fight the Congress on any new cuts" ("Face the Nation," 8/30). TIME's Nelan profiles Bush and Clinton on the military: "Considering their clashing views on other subjects, the two candidates are surprisingly similar in their military policies." Bush plans to reduce armed forces from 2.1 million in '90 to 1.6M, while Clinton aims for 1.4M (9/7).

A MAJOR CONTINGENCY: "The new buzz phrase around the Bush-Quayle campaign staff is the 'British scenario,' otherwise known as the John Major miracle" (Walker, L.A. TIMES, 8/30). BUSINESS WEEK's Maremont/Melcher ask, "Can Bush pull off a similar comeback? It's too early to tell, but there are eerie parallels between the two elections." Pictures of Bush and Major subheaded by "George Bush And John Major: Separated At Birth?" The graphic is followed by two lists. Bush: "Colorless, pragmatic successor to the charismatic, fiercely ideological Ronald

Reagan"; "Popularity rose after taking tough stand against Iraq"; "Economic woes deepened soon after he took office"; "Trying to paint opponent Bill Clinton as tax-loving liberal in moderate guise." Major: "Colorless, pragmatic successor to the charismatic, fiercely ideological Margaret Thatcher"; "Popularity rose after taking tough stand against Iraq"; "Economic woes deepened soon after he took office"; "Painted opponent Neil Kinnock as tax-loving liberal in moderate guise" (9/7 issue).

REGULATIONS BAN CRITICIZED: Consumer advocacy group Public Citizen and OMB Watch, a watch-dog group overseeing the WH budget office, issued a joint report "strongly" disputing the admin.'s statement that up to \$20B "will be saved under its current moratorium on new regulations." The moratorium, "the report said ... has damaged the public health and the environment and led to seven lawsuits seeking to have the regulations put in place as Congress originally required. More than 75 regulations have been halted or weakened by the moratorium" (N.Y TIMES, 8/29).

TRAVELS WITH DAN: "Held on a short leash during his disastrous 1988 campaign," Quayle in '92 "is mapping a campaign itinerary that takes him out of loyal Republican bastions and into more stops in hotly contested electoral battleground." Quayle aide Jim Pitts said the new schedule is indicative of the VP's "greater self-confidence": "In 1988, the campaign was perceived more as George Bush ... This year, it's Bush-Quayle" (Richter, L.A. TIMES, 8/29). Over shots of Quayle on his own bus trip, NBC's Pettit: "A Quayle campaign stop begins to resemble Disney World Main Street. The crowds predominantly white. A Quayle official says he has been in many ghetto areas but hasn't been there lately, because there aren't many [GOP] votes there.

... Right now he is presenting his vision to the America of the past, small town America" (NBC, 8/29).

DARMAN TELLS ALL? NEWSWEEK reports, "Sources say [OMB dir. Dick] Darman recently penned 'Adventures in Wonderland,' a secret memoir about his government experiences" -- for release after the November elections (9/7 issue).

ENVIRO GROUP: L.A. TIMES reports the campaign is forming a national coalition to promote Bush's environmental record. The group will be headed by CA EPA Sec. Jim Strock (8/29).

MONKEY OFF HIS BACK: The Kamber Group, representing the U.S. tour of Jiro, the Japanese monkey best-known for his impression of President Bush's stomach ailment, issued a release denying a 8/28 N.Y. DAILY NEWS report that Jiro would perform his "Bush-san" imitation at NYC's Lincoln Center (see HOTLINE 8/28). Jiro will be featured in "Yoshitsune," a samurai civil war drama featuring primarily human actors. According to his U.S. representatives, Jiro "professes to be non-partisan and doesn't want to meddle in political battles between human beings" (8/28).

*5 GORE IN THE WEST: MONTEREY ANTI-GOP FESTIVAL

"Addressing issues ranging from the Amazon rainforests to whales," Al Gore "sharply attacked" the Bush admin.'s environmental record. Beginning a three-day campaign swing in the West, Gore spoke at the Monterey Bay National Sanctuary in CA, calling for a "bold new vision in cleaning up the global environment": "We must lead the world in protecting the environment. If we don't do it, it won't get done." Gore "spoke with fervor" when questioned about rainforest destruction, saying it "is leading to a rate of extinction 1,000 times faster than at any time in the last 65 million years": "If we have four more years of this song and dance they offer on the environment, and

the phony choice they pose between the economy and the environment, then the momentum of this destruction will increase dramatically. The world needs leadership on this issue, and the United States ought to be providing that leadership" (Chen, L.A. TIMES, 8/31). Gore also addressed GOP criticism of his proposal to raise the average fuel efficiency standard to 40 mpg by 2001. VP Quayle "attacked the plan" as "bizarre" and "'hysterical' environmental extremism" that would "cost hundreds of thousands of jobs." Gore: "I believe we can create millions of new jobs by leading the environmental movement to more efficient products of the kind the world marketplace is now seeking." He added, "It takes a lot of nerve for Bush and Quayle to start talking about worrying about the loss of jobs in the auto industry because they only started talking about it when they figured that their two jobs were in jeopardy" (Raine, S.F. EXAMINER, 8/31).

BRINKLEY: Gore appeared on "This Week with David Brinkley," where he was questioned on his book "Earth in the Balance" by George Will. Will: "You may object to the word 'hysterical,' but your book takes a very apocalyptic view of the present, and the future is even worse, you suggest, unless radical changes are made, most of which seem to call for a larger role of government." Gore: "Those are your words -- 'apocalyptic, suicidal.'" Will: "I've been reading your book, and you're the one who... talks about it in terms of totalitarianism and 'Kristalnacht' and all the rest." Gore: "I say very clearly that personal freedom, the expansion of personal freedom, democracy and capitalism are prerequisites for the successful confrontation with global environmental crisis" (ABC, 8/30).

*6 PEROT: "HOW STUPID DO YOU THINK WE ARE?"

Under that headline, Ross Perot pens a N.Y. TIMES op-ed on behalf of his followers, offering a list of issues he claims they want the two major parties to address. Perot writes, "Sam Walton became America's richest man by standing in the aisles, listening to his customers and taking swift action to meet their needs and desires. Unfortunately, the parties have lost touch with the American people. Neither party has a Sam Walton." Perot described United We Stand America, his "national organization" which "should" put Perot's name on the ballot in all 50 states: "Their goal is to influence every Congressional race, as well as the Presidential race, and they are active in every state. At their request, I am actively supporting them. I am not the centerpiece of this effort. My role as a candidate is incidental. This effort is refocused on rebuilding our country. Only the owners -- the people -- can do it" (8/30).

IS HE OR ISN'T HE? S.F. CHRONICLE's Yoachum writes Perot's "on-again, off-again presidential campaign is poised to take off again at any point," according to GOP strategist/Perot adviser Sal Russo: "He's trying to use his candidacy as leverage, and whether he gets in or doesn't, he holds a heavy hammer" (8/28). ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH's Lambrecht, noting his placement on the MO ballot: "Strategists in both parties worry about Perot's potential strength, and some strategists believe that he could have a bearing on close presidential races in some states, for example [CA and TX], where he could draw double-digit support" (8/29). Bob Novak: "It's very hard to take Ross Perot seriously, and 99% of the voters seem to agree with me" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 8/30). N.Y. DAILY NEWS editorial header: "Put up or shut up, Perot" (8/29).

*7 BAKER: ADVENTURES IN DEBATE LAND, AND LAST WEEK'S REVIEWS
 BOSTON GLOBE's Oliphant reports WH CoS Jim Baker "is thinking about how to once again interfere with one of the few examples left in American politics of bipartisan cooperation in the public interest" -- the Commis. on Presidential Debates. WH aides "have even begun to suggest that Baker might go so far as to begin shopping for a more pliant debate sponsor (say the League of Women Voters) if he is unable to arrange for debates that will put less strain" on Bush. Clinton's "top people have also said they will avoid negotiations with Baker over all this, trying to force him to take his case to the commission if he wants special arrangements." Bush and Baker are "suspicious" of the one-on-one commis. format -- where candidates ask questions as well as comment, "scripts don't help as much, the back and forth can get much more intense, and the word spontaneity actually applies as it rarely does in modern politics" (8/30).

REVIEWS: Baker has "established a new pecking order, erasing all doubts about authority." One staffer: "Call it respect or even fear, there is no question about who is calling the shots ... there is more accountability around here" (Mashek, BOSTON GLOBE, 8/28). "So long as the media-wise Baker is in charge, you won't be seeing pictures of Bush in a golf cart while disaster victims in South Florida are scrambling for food." Last week Baker "instantly dispatched Bush to Miami for a quick pose before the news media's cameras. With shirt sleeves rolled and eyebrows furrowed, Bush commanded a piece of that day's news newscasts" (Crawford, ORLANDO SENTINEL, 8/30). "Baker's first week was not flawless," said some citing criticism over the federal response to Hurricane Andrew. But one Bush strategist: "From the campaign's standpoint, it is a big relief ... They're experienced, they're used to campaigns. They're used to crises and making quick decisions" (Lewis, DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/30). BOSTON GLOBE's Farrell writes "extensive mention was made of the tactical and managerial talents he could be expected to add" to the campaign. "Overlooked in the shuffle was the priceless gift that Baker has brought to his old fishing-and-hunting buddy: a thematic rationale ... 'the vision thing'" (8/30).

MORE STAFFING NOTES: TIME reports '88 Bush-Quayle CoS Craig Fuller is "expected to reprise his 1988 role as chief of operations" (9/7 issue). N.Y. POST reports Bush '88 consultant Roger Ailes insists he's not re-joining the campaign: "I've quit politics altogether. While I remain a friend of the president's, I'm doing no advising to his campaign whatsoever" (Dicker, 8/31).

*8 CANDIDATE SCHEDULES

	8/31	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4
CLINTON 501/399-3840 D. Seldin	AR	Macon, GA Grnsboro, NC	Rckville, MD DC	DC	DC AR
GORE 501/399-3840 K. McKiernen	Oakland, CA L.VegasNV	L.A., CA Denver, Aspen, CO	DC	Pittsburg Knbnkprt ME	AR
BUSH 202/336-7080	DC	DC	TBA	DC	DC

T. Clarke					
QUAYLE	Hnts vl AL	Albany &	Tulsa,	Chicago,	
202/456-7034	Colmbs GA	Macon, GA	OK	IL	DC
D. Beckwith	Colmbs MS	K.C., MO			

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*9 ILLINOIS (22): CLINTON HOLDS 19-POINT LEAD

CHICAGO TRIBUNE poll, conducted 8/22-24 by Market Shares Corp., surveyed 1,000 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3% (TRIBUNE, 8/30).

	ALL	FAV/UNFAV	CHIC.	COOK CO.	COLLAR COS.	DOWNS STATE
Clinton	51%	52%/ 28%	62%	43%	42%	52%
Bush	32	37 / 45	21	40	40	31
Undec.	16					

WHICH CANDIDATE DO YOU TRUST
MORE TO RUN THE COUNTRY?

Clinton	41%
Bush	37
Both	5
DK/Neither	17

AMONG COOK CO. AND COLLAR
COUNTY VOTERS

	MEN	WOM
Bush	47%	34%
Clinton	37	46

CHICAGO TRIBUNE's Madigan: "Bush's challenge is clear. he has lost substantial support in Cook County's suburbs and the collar counties, traditionally strong areas for Republicans and critical in his 1988 victory, and where he must do well if he is to offset the advantages the Democrats have in Chicago." Despite the Clinton lead, "there could be huge swings" before 11/3. Almost one-third Bush voters said they could change their minds, with almost one-fourth Clinton voters saying the same. Noting the even response to the "trust" question, Madigan sees a "silver lining" for Bush: 40% said Bush had a "higher standard of conduct and ethics"; 19% backed Clinton on that regard. In '88, Bush ran 20-points better in the Collar Cos. and Cook Co. (8/30).

*10 MICHIGAN (18): THE RHETORIC IS ALWAYS GREENER...

Quayle "showed his green streak" telling businesspeople in Grand Rapids that Bush "has been good to the environment" and that "conservation means development as much as it does protection": "We conservatives believe in conservation. ... Compare this to the other ticket that knows no balance, no rational limits, no restraints, no sense of fairness." Quayle characterized Clinton and Gore as "environmental extremists who would like to get rid of cars and impose environmental regulations that would cost hundreds of thousands of jobs." Gore "scoffed" at Quayle's claim: "George Bush and Dan Quayle taking credit for a clean environment is like a weatherman taking credit for a sunny day. ... I'm not sure there's anyone left in America with the exception of Dan Quayle, who can refer to George Bush as the environmental president without laughing" (Christoff/Bivins, DETROIT FREE PRESS, 8/29). "Facing GOP attacks that the higher gas-mileage standard he backs would cost 40,000 Michigan job," Gore "struck back" saying "250,000 auto workers lost their jobs" under Reagan and Bush. Gore said the Bush admin. "had no right to point fingers" on the issue of auto jobs: "How dare Bush and Quayle come to [MI] and talk about jobs in the automobile industry when they have presided over the worst destruction in [auto] jobs ... in the entire history of this nation? ... Why when the auto industry is doing its best to come back, there's no leadership in the White House?" Quayle called Gore's views "pretty bizarre stuff" (AP/GRAND RAPIDS PRESS, 8/30). Gore charged Bush has been "a friend to Japanese automakers" and

called for him to dump deputy manager James Lake "who he said has been a paid lobbyist" for Japanese auto parts manufacturers. Gov. John Engler (R) "returned the fire" and said the Dems have a "vendetta" against U.S. auto makers "that will add to the state's heavy unemployment" (Hornbeck/Cain, DETROIT NEWS 8/29). Gore on Jim Lake: "I'd like to know how Bush and Quayle can justify having high-ranking campaign staff working part of the day saying 'Four More Years' and another part of the day trying to hustle Auto Parts jobs from American workers to take them to Japan" (Clinton-Gore release, 8/29). Quayle and Engler announced the DoD will spend \$300M to upgrade a M1A1 tank, "which should be a boost for the General Dynamics tank plant" in Warren MI (DETROIT FREE PRESS, 8/29). Quayle toured ISI Robotics, an auto industry supplier and spoke to the Economic Club of Grand Rapids, and Gore spoke at the MI Dem convention.

BATTLEGROUND: Under header "Parties' candidates woo critical state vote," DETROIT FREE PRESS' Cook & Bivins note Clinton has been to MI seven times this year -- as many times as he's visited NY and CA -- Bush five times and Quayle four. This weekend marked Gore's first visit (8/28).

***11 NORTH CAROLINA (14): ON EVERYONE'S SCHEDULE**

Raleigh NEWS & OBSERVER's Christensen writes with NC "regarded as one of the key states that could go either way in the presidential contest, both campaigns are planning to bring their big names into the state," including Clinton, Barbara Bush and VP Quayle. Clinton is scheduled to make his first post-primary appearance in NC on 9/1, "probably in Greensboro." Gore has already visited Raleigh and Charlotte. Barbara Bush plans to attend a fund-raiser and other events in Raleigh on 9/2. "Talks are also underway for Quayle to make his second train trip in the state the following week -- possibly in Eastern [NC] and the Triangle." Quayle spent 8/25 on a Piedmont whistle-stop tour. In addition, Educ/Sec. Lamar Alexander will make his second NC stop this summer when he visits schools in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties. NC Bush-Quayle spokesperson Dick Ellis: "We have heard from Washington that [NC] is a targeted state. We are delighted." NC Dem chair Herbert Hyde and exec. dir. Everett Ward were scheduled to fly to Little Rock yesterday "to meet for a strategy session with the Clinton high command" (8/29).

***12 NEW YORK (33): TWO FOR THREE IN TRI-STATE AREA?**

N.Y. POST's Dicker reports, "It will be at least another week before Bush campaign operatives decide how much money to pump into New York on behalf of the national ticket." Ex-state Sen./Bush-Quayle NY head Douglas Barclay: "Prior to the convention there was a lot of talk about New York being targeted, but right now I just don't know" (8/31).

***13 TEXAS (32): THEY PROBABLY HATED HONEYMOON IN VEGAS, TOO**

AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN's Dave McNeely writes, "If you thought the Elvis impersonator that the [GOP's] Victory '92 organization had dogging the Clinton-Gore bus trip was embarrassingly juvenile, you weren't alone. There's a lot of grumbling in Republican circles about what is considered the latest stumble by the group." Headed by Rob Mosbacher, son of recently named-RNC finance chair/ex-campaign co-chair Robert Mosbacher, Victory '92 is considered "bush league" by some GOPers -- "no pun intended. Some think young Mosbacher is using the 1992 campaign to build an apparatus for a third try for statewide

office in 1994. They also think that if the 1992 operation is an indicator, Mosbacher won't make it in 1994. But the Republicans are worried enough about their candidates this year that Victory '92 soon may be in for some changes" (8/30).

*14 THE OTHER FORTY: YUKON BILL

ALASKA (3): Dittman Research surveyed 544 registered voters from 8/14-19; margin of error +/- 3.5% (Dittman release, 8/28).

Clinton	47%
Bush	39
Undec.	14

MISSOURI (11): Four former "top leaders" of the Perot for President movement endorsed Bush on 8/28, the same day Perot was certified for the state ballot. Craig Schroer, Hal Gibbs, Tom Aylward and Michael Ponder "said they were persuaded to endorse the president after meeting privately with Bush" and MO Bush-Quayle chair/Gov. John Ashcroft. The four cited confidence in Bush's personal assurances that he "understands the magnitude of the deficit problem." But Jim Beaty, identified as special asst to the MO Perot coord., said the four "already had abandoned the Perot movement and should not be heeded by thousands of citizens who remain true to Perot's goals and ideals" (Hood, K.C. STAR, 8/29). The four, some "sporting White House tie clasps given by Bush, indicated that they had generally voted for Republican candidates in the past. They said that they had not attempted to contact Clinton ... and that the Clinton campaign had not attempted to contact them" (ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, 8/29).

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*15 ANDREW: THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE ONE WEEK LATER -- PRINT NEWSWEEK's CW sets the tone: "Hurricane blows Bush's doors off. Prez may need political disaster relief in [FL], too" (9/7). CURRENT STATUS ON THE GROUND: FL Ins. Commis. Tom Gallagher (R) described it "like someone put a nuclear bomb off in south Dade" (BUSINESS WEEK 9/7). While "a sense of momentum certainly prevailed after so many days of uncertainty and delay ... even with the best of federal intentions, concerns persisted as to the adequacy of the effort" (MIAMI HERALD 8/29). Kay Hale "again voiced her frustration": "The president was here Monday; we should have had the supplies Tuesday. It's Friday and they're just coming in" (L.A. TIMES, 8/30). "Enthusiastic and blanket coverage" by Miami TV and radio and a "conciliatory posture" by Gov. Lawton Chiles (D) "ensured there would be no repetition" of the Thursday outburst (W. POST, 8/29). FL City clean-up supervisor is still criticizing the fed effort: "Maybe we ought to get Hussein over here and maybe they'd get down here real quick" (N.Y. TIMES, 8/31).

WHO STRUCK JOHN IN THE BLAME GAME? BUSH: "If any federal official is trying to blame a state official, I want it to stop. And if any state official is trying to blame the federal or local official, that's counterproductive" (BOSTON GLOBE, 8/29). "Can't we help people without having somebody try to put a political interpretation on it? ... I just simply find that a little outrageous" (W. POST, 8/30). "I don't respond to Gov. Clinton on these matters. We have a national emergency here and we're trying to get this job done" (L.A. TIMES, 8/30). CLINTON: "I don't want to get into assessing the blame there because I don't know what the facts were. We ought to look into how it can be changed for the future ... if it is concluded that the decision-making got somehow gummed up" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/30). NEWSWEEK reports Clinton chuckled over a sign that read: "What do George Bush and Andrew have in common? They're both natural disasters." He phoned FL and LA Govs. rather than go there: "'Obviously, the bureaucracy got in the way,' he told NEWSWEEK. 'We need to go back and sort out how it was done and how it could be done differently the next time. You need someone who can commit resources -- not just FEMA -- that's what did not happen'" (9/7 issue). Bush-Quayle's Torie Clarke: "It is appalling that he would exploit what is a very serious incident" (L.A. TIMES, 8/30). Chiles: "The time for finger-pointing is past" (W. POST, 8/29). Gov. Cuomo (D-NY): "From what I know, I wouldn't blame President Bush or Governor Chiles for what's happening" (N.Y. POST, 8/31). MIAMI HERALD's Anderson & Warren: "Even as Bush insisted he had no political motives and doesn't want to 'play the blame game,' he and aides pointed fingers" at Chiles. "Pentagon spokesman Bob Hall said the 4500 troops ... couldn't move until Chiles made a formal request ... Fitzwater and others repeatedly cited the time that Chiles written request was received -- 1:45 p.m. Thursday ... Chiles refused to swing back, saying publicly that it was time to 'stop pointing fingers and to start holding hands.'" SEN. BOB GRAHAM (D-FL): "The public and the people who are standing in line for food and who are waiting for emergency medial services are not going to tolerate political bitching at each other." SEN. CONNIE MACK (R-FL): "Taking shots at each other is not helpful -- it's like

throwing gasoline on a fire at this point" (8/29).

WHAT WENT WRONG? "Force Five hurricanes are so rare, one or two every century or so, that it's no wonder people get out of practice at coping with them ... Pentagon tacticians complain that it took 48 hours for state and federal officials to grasp the extent of the damage ... The immediate problem was that FEMA, nerve center for the relief effort, appeared to have gone brain dead ... After Andrew, it lost two critical days before realizing how bad things were" (NEWSWEEK, 9/7). W.S. JOURNAL's Davis writes FEMA is "driven by political infighting [and] led by presidential appointees with no disaster-relief experience." One of FEMA head Wallace Stickney's "main qualifications was his friendship with John Sununu" (8/31).

EDITORIAL QUOTES: MIAMI HERALD: "'Mayday! Mayday!' Granted, Governor Chiles and the White House did announce yesterday the dispatch of limited additional assistance from the military ... This level of response, though encouraging, suggests that these officials are still underestimating the magnitude of the problem" (8/28). FT. LAUDERDALE SUN-SENTINEL: "Perhaps Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf could be recruited out of retirement to perform one more distinguished service for his country" (8/28).

THE POLITICAL FALL-OUT: See NEWSWEEK poll in Poll Update which suggests that the public faults the federal government but not necessarily President Bush. NEWSWEEK cover: "ANDREW'S WRATH -- Did It Have To Be So Bad?" (9/7). Worst fears of the WH: "That as Mr. Bush begins pounding the campaign circuit in earnest, voters will compare Desert Storm to Florida Storm, and find his domestic skills lacking" (Wines, N.Y. TIMES, 8/29). "Bush will take the political damage for the bottlenecks that left thousands without food or water, and get a second hit when the larger economy registers the impact of the storm" (Baxter, ATLANTA CONSTITUTION, 8/31). Germond & Witcover: "The lethargy of his response reinforced the picture of him as a passive leader with a tin ear who understands the problems of people, whether Kurds or Floridians, only when they have been driven home by the television networks night after night. And it reinforced the notion that he is far more interested in crises abroad -- the plight of the Shiites in southern Iraq right now -- than those at home" (Balto. SUN, 8/29). Analyst Stuart Rothenberg: "My initial reaction was, this can't be good for George Bush" (DALLAS MORNING NEWS, 8/30). GOP pollster Richard Wirthlin: "The fact is that there was a delay and the impression that federal authorities were not on top of it ended the post-convention week on a less-than--helpful political note" (W. POST, 8/30). WH's Marlin Fitzwater: "I think there'll be a beneficial fallout" for the Bush campaign in FL (W. TIMES, 8/29).

FINAL THOUGHTS: "It was not immediately clear" why Bush called in his chief representatives for the face-to-face meeting," which required Trans. Sec Card and Stickney "to spend nearly a half-day" between Miami and DC (N.Y. TIMES, 8/30). DoD Sec. Cheney "stayed on vacation" (NEWSWEEK, 9/7). CONSTITUTION's Baxter: "What if Ross Perot, who has such a passion for rescuing things, decided to rescue South Florida?" (8/31).

*16 ANDREW: TV COVERS THE POLITICAL STORM TOO

ABC: FRIDAY -- Hume: "[Bush] insisted he didn't want to lay blame for the allegedly slow disaster response, but it was clear he didn't want to be blamed either." Male storm victim: "He ain't going to get my vote. Take four days to try to help people down here." Hume: "Officials here insist the people ... will

end up feeling grateful to [Bush] for the help they're now getting. Perhaps, but that puts a burden on those federal troops not just to feed and house people, but to change their minds as well" (8/28). SATURDAY -- Carole Simpson: "Bush tried today to counter some of the bitter criticism of federal relief efforts by striking the pose that most Americans admire him for -- that of Commander-in-Chief." DeLaski: "His strongest political base in [FL] was in these wrecked communities. ... At some point, all disaster relief efforts become political fodder. This election year its just happening more quickly" (8/29). SUNDAY -- DeLaski: "Publicly, Bush aides say the response has been impressive. But privately, some say they don't expect voters to be all that impressed because this nation has come to expect its president to fix these problems and fix them quickly" (8/30).

NBC: FRIDAY -- Cochran on affects on Bush in FL: "My guess is not much." Jensen on the troop arrival: "This was a day that a lot of people around here had been waiting for. ... The first Army food kitchen quickly became a giant photo-op. ... When the Army did start serving, it was the shortest line in town" (8/28). SATURDAY -- Bush: "Can't we help people without having somebody trying to put a political interpretation on it." Clinton: "I hated very much ... to see the president pointing the finger at the governor and all of that sort of stuff going on." Cochran: "Clinton need not have hated it because Bush never did it. Quite the opposite, Bush has tried to avoid finger pointing, which would make him look less presidential." Bush on Clinton's call for an investigation: "I don't respond to Governor Clinton on these matters; we have a national emergency here and we're trying to get this job done" (8/29). SUNDAY -- NSA Scowcroft told "Meet the Press": "It is up to the governor to ask for help." Asked if he was blaming Chiles, Scowcroft said he wasn't "blaming anybody" (8/30). MONDAY A.M. -- Dade Coord. Kate Hale: "I resent the people who came down here for their photo opportunities and got on their planes and went back to wherever they came from." Sec/Trans. Andy Card: "The president did not come down for a photo-op ... the president came down out of sincere concern for people" ("Today," 8/31).

CBS: FRIDAY -- Fernandez: "President Bush strongly defended the timeliness of the relief response, and refused to play the blame game. But in devastated Homestead, [FL] angry residents say Government help came to late for praise" (8/28). SATURDAY -- Magnus: "The eye of the storm of relief efforts is now centered squarely on President Bush." Hurricane victim: "What we need is real organization. [Bush] did Desert Storm, it should be Desert Miami." Pinkston: "If Floridians conclude that help from the [WH] was just too slow it could hurt [Bush] among [FL] voters who hold 25 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win." Magnus: "[LA] people are similarly frustrated over assistance they feel is little too late." Kennard from LA: "Those not already on Government assistance were turned away." FL Gov. Chiles was interviewed: "We thought we were to talk to the FEMA people. They were the people we were told to talk to, and we were making our request to them before the storm hit, [and] after the storm hit. ... In some instances they are telling us we talked to the wrong people, but that's who we were directed. We did not have the kind of response early on because the message somehow did not travel up" (8/29). SUNDAY -- VP Quayle told "Face the Nation" that FEMA does "a good job -- they do a very good job" and that his wife was on one of its boards and was going to FL Sunday to help them (8/30).

CNN: SATURDAY -- Gov. Chiles told "Newsmaker Saturday": "I think things are working very well now ... I think initially FEMA perhaps, being sort of an umbrella operation, was having a hard time getting other people to listen to their requests ... Now we're told that we should have made this request directly to the Army or directly there ... The requests that we made of the president and of the White House were certainly met" (8/29).

TV TALKIES: HOTLINE publisher Doug Bailey: "[FL] is the one large electoral state that was marked as a Bush must." Mark Shields: "Any politician, any political figure who appears, or is seen, as trying to take a little bit of political edge, advantage out of this, I think risks and rightly so, his or her political career" ("M/L," PBS, 8/28). Mona Charen: "Lawton Chiles ... has been playing politics with this a little bit. He is required by law to request certain kinds of federal aid, he apparently didn't request it until midday on Thursday." N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Lars-Erik Nelson: "There's only one time a politician says 'stop playing the blame game,' it's when he's afraid he's going to lose it." Bob Novak: "The problem is George Bush is running for president in a state he has to win and his past has caught up with him in this way, because people think he just doesn't care enough about domestic affairs" ("Gang," CNN, 8/29). HOTLINE publisher Doug Bailey encouraged Dem analyst Mike McCurry to "leave the spin alone" after McCurry faulted WH CoS Jim Baker for not having a game plan ("Nation," CBS, 8/30).

*17 FOREIGN POLICY: NOTES ON BUSH POLICY IN BOSNIA, IRAQ
BOSNIA -- THAT'S KENNEY, NOT KENNAN: Acting Sec/State Lawrence Eagleburger responded to charges from George Kenney, ex-chief of Yugoslav affairs who resigned last week charging the admin. with mishandling the Bosnian crisis. On PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer," Eagleburger: "Here is a young man in the Foreign Service who saw this horror going on, did not think we were doing the right things with it. ... [He] showed remarkable courage in at least saying, 'I don't like it, I'm going to quit, and I'm going to talk about it.' ... [But] he doesn't have to make the kind of tough decisions in the last analysis that others have to make. And, again, I'm not attacking the young man, but he never set foot in Yugoslavia, as far as I can understand it. And until you've been there, until you've seen what kind of country it is, until you understand the terribly complex relationships between people in Yugoslavia, it is very dangerous to look for simplistic solutions." Eagleburger defended the U.S. position criticizing "arm-chair strategists and generals who are prepared to say we must use some force. They aren't the ones that have to worry about the Americans getting killed if we get into a situation in that part of the world from which we cannot easily extract ourselves" (PBS, 8/28). Kenney appeared on NBC's "Saturday Today" and repeated his criticisms in a W. POST op-ed. On NBC: "I understand ... administration officials have raised fears of a quagmire, have said that the U.S. really can't actively intervene in Bosnia ... But I guess I would ask, can he really say why we can't? And I don't see that debate being played out publicly with the administration." Kenney admitted he had never been to Yugoslavia, and that he had only "sat in" with Eagleburger in meetings (8/29). In the W. POST, Kenney calls the Bush policy one of "classic appeasement," giving the "green light to Serbia's sluggish leaders to implement their plans for a greater, ethnically pure Serbia. Their method: genocide. The U.S. reaction: feckless diplomatic negotiations." He further

attacked the admin. for its "cold political calculus" (8/30).

IRAQ: Mona Charen: "Bush stopped too soon. He stopped the war before eliminating the real source of the difficulty, and now without really giving us an explanation of why he waited all these months, he's sort of re-introducing the idea of eliminating Saddam." Rep. Dave McCurdy (D-OK): "When it comes to supporting democracy, he's not been there, he's been too slow, too hesitant. It is too late to really make a change in Iraq today." Robert Novak: "Saddam Hussein is no threat to anybody now except his own people." N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Lars-Erik Nelson on Clinton: "I think the farther away he stays from military issues the better off he is" ("Capital Gang," CNN, 8/29). Morton Kondracke: "What we are doing ... is looking for a provocation. ... We're looking for a fight with Saddam Hussein." Jack Germond: "I don't think the public gives a tinkers damn what happens in Iraq." Will history say Bush acted "predominantly correctly" in ending the war? Paul Gigot: Incorrectly. Eleanor Clift: Correctly. Germond: Incorrectly. Kondracke: "I think it all depends on whether he gets rid of Saddam before he gets out of office." John McLaughlin: "Mort, you're right on the fence and I'm with you" ("Group," 8/29). NSA Brent Scowcroft, asked if there were "some personal pique" toward Saddam by Bush: "Oh, I'd be amazed if there was not." Is Saddam an "embarrassment as we approach the election?" Scowcroft: "I don't think he's an embarrassment; we'd like to get rid of him, yes" ("Meet the Press," NBC, 8/30). Columnist Paul Greenberg on Iraq: "Bush continues to exercise both the firmness and the restraint that have marked his accomplishments on foreign policy" (W. TIMES, 8/30). NEWSWEEK header: "Iraq: Try, Try Again; Can Bush's no-fly zone finally topple Saddam?" (9/7 issue). N.Y. TIMES' Miller writes the no-fly zone "signalled the start of a reversal of [Bush] policy toward Iraq, which has failed in its implicit goal of ousting Saddam. ... Fear of Islamic fundamentalism, justified or not, has taken second place to Mr. Bush's need to appear a man of action. [Bush] has found a new, if temporary 'ism' to oppose in the Middle East -- Saddam has replaced the Red Menace" (8/30). W. POST notes a 8/27 statement from JCS chair Gen. Colin Powell backing Bush's version of events at the end of the Gulf War: "Schwarzkopf and I both supported terminating Desert Storm operations [2/27/91] as did all the president's advisors. There was no contrary recommendation." Powell remains avowedly neutral in politics. Anonymous military aide: "He is setting the record straight on a report that obviously moved him to want to do so. I don't see anything political in that" (8/30).

"IRAQGATE": N.Y. TIMES' Safire writes AG Wm Barr, "in rejecting the House Judiciary Committee call for a prosecutor not beholden to [Bush] to investigate the crimes of Iraqgate, has taken personal charge of the cover-up." He cites "dismayed professionals inside Justice" who offer indications the "Barr Apology was prepared for a political purpose: contain Iraqgate until after the election" (8/31).

MR. ZBIG: Evans & Novak report ex-Carter NSA Zbigniew Brzezinski, who backed Bush in '88, will announce who he supports "around mid-September." Clinton "badly wants" his endorsement "to shore up [Dems] against charges of sophomoric softheadedness in its foreign policy, and to cash in on the huge ethnic vote of immigrants from Poland, Ukraine, and other states in the former Soviet alliance." Brzezinski is said to remain "distinctly unhappy with Bush's Kiev speech warning the Ukranian parliament against seeking independence from the then-disintegrating Soviet

===== SENATE WATCH =====

*19 ILLINOIS: BRAUN BETTER KNOWN, STRONG IN ALL AREAS
CHICAGO TRIBUNE poll, conducted 8/22-24 by Market Shares Corp., surveyed 1,000 likely voters; margin of error +/- 3% (8/30). Tested: Cook Co. Recorder of Deeds Carol Moseley Braun (D), atty Richard Williamson (R).

	ALL	WOM	MEN	BLK	FAV/UNFAV	ID
Braun	56%	62%	49%	90%	52%/ 19%	90%
Williamson	23	18	29	na	12 / 16	50
Undec.	21					

	CHICAGO	COOK CO. SUBURBS	COLLAR COUNTIES	DOWN STATE
Braun	72%	54%	46%	52%
Williamson	16	30	29	21

Williamson, "who has been slow getting out of the blocks, faces the daunting task of introducing himself to voters who already know Braun and have an overwhelmingly favorable opinion of her" (Hardy, TRIBUNE, 8/30).

BRINGING OUT THE BIG GUNS: "Reinforcements better known than the candidate himself rode to the aide of" Williamson 8/27, "underscoring once again the national political significance of his race." Sen. Min. Leader Bob Dole and Gov. Jim Edgar (R-IL) "made the case for the twin themes of Williamson's campaign: that he will better represent [IL's] diverse interests and that a Republican majority in the Senate could enact the kind of 'change' that American voters so desperately want." Dole at a \$500-a-plate fund-raiser: "One way to bring about change is to give us the chance by giving us the majority." Dole said the GOP majority in the Senate in Reagan's first term "made a difference ... we focused on spending restraints. We focused on less regulation. We focused on better tax policy. We focused on a line item veto, and we lost by two votes, and on a balanced-budget amendment, only to lose by one vote. So you can see what one or two or three votes, what a difference that will make." Edgar called Williamson "someone who understands" IL: "He has not spent his campaign just on the 'Today' show or 'Good Morning America.' ... When the public gets the information on both their records and the focus begins, Rich Williamson is going to be very, very competitive" (Hardy, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/28).

CHARGE, COUNTER-CHARGE: Public Citizen's Joan Claybrook joined Braun in charging that Williamson was "intimately" involved in a Reagan admin. group "responsible for delaying the installation of air bags in U.S. cars." Williamson "denied the charge, saying he didn't do much more than attend the meetings." He then "retaliated by saying Braun, as a state senator, voted against tougher drunk-driving laws, raising [IL's] drinking age to 21 and mandatory auto insurance" (TRIBUNE, 8/27). Braun on Williamson's role in the regulation group: "He was in there hip deep and gutting these regulations" (CHICAGO SUN-TIMES, 8/27).

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

*20 MA 06: MAVROULES INDICTED, POLITICAL FUTURE QUESTIONED

Rep. Nick Mavroules (D-06) "surrendered to federal authorities Friday and proclaimed his innocence in US District Court ... The 25-page indictment, unsealed as FBI agents booked and fingerprinted Mavroules, charges that he used his congressional office as a criminal enterprise, peddling his influence in exchange for cash, cars and cottage." Mavroules to reporters: "I have something to tell each and every one of you ... I read the indictments, and for the record, they are absolutely a bunch of lies" (McGrory/Nealon, BOSTON GLOBE, 8/29). An "indignant" Mavroules "repeatedly bellowed 'Not Guilty' to a battery of federal corruption charges." US Atty John Pappalardo: "If we didn't think we would secure a conviction, the indictment wouldn't have been brought ... Essentially Congressman Mavroules, the indictment charges, used the power of his office to enrich himself." Ex-MA AG/Mavroules atty Frank Bellotti: "The allegations are untrue. It's going to be an extremely difficult case for the government to prove." Pappalardo noted, if convicted, Mavroules could face 2-3 years in jail, according to federal sentencing guidelines (Murphy, BOSTON HERALD, 8/29). The day after the indictment, Mavroules told reporters he felt "liberated": "Now I can go out and do my work" (HERALD, 8/30).

ELBOW ROOM: Paul Tsongas canceled a scheduled appearance 8/30 at a Mavroules fund-raiser, "in the first sign that leading Democrats may be starting to distance themselves from the congressman" (Aucoin/Laidler, B. GLOBE, 8/29). Tsongas: "To endorse after an indictment says to the public I have viewed the indictment and have found no (substance) to it" (HERALD, 8/30).

===== HOTSPOTS =====

*21 FLORIDA: RULING EXPECTED TODAY ON ELECTION POSTPONEMENT

Dade Co. Chief Judge Leonard Rivkind "postponed Dade's balloting" from 9/1 to 9/8, and "ordered that partial tallies be withheld for races that cross the Dade line." Rivkind ruled that results from five races surrounding Dade be kept secret until 9/8 so that Dade voters won't be "influenced by results elsewhere." But Dade Judicial candidate Calvin David Fox is "challenging the ruling" saying "all elections should be held at the same time." The FL AG's office "filed an unusual Sunday appeal, saying Rivkind had no authority outside Dade." The AG appeal contends Rivkind's ruling "would violate Florida's public records law because it prevents election officials from disclosing election results even after ballots were counted." The FL supreme Court is expected to rule today on Rivkind's decision, the AG's appeal, and Fox's "request to postpone the races statewide." Under Rivkind's ruling, results will be postponed in the U.S Senate race, the 23rd and 24th CD's and two state house races (Jacobs, FT. LAUDERDALE SUN-SENTINEL, 8/31).

===== POLL UPDATE =====

*22 NEWSWEEK/GALLUP: CLINTON 49%, BUSH 39%

Gallup surveyed 1057 registered voters from 8/27-28, margin of error +/- 3%. Hurricane Andrew questions were asked of 510 RVs on 8/28 only, margin +/- 5% (NEWSWEEK, 9/7 issue).

TRIAL HEAT	RVs	8/21	8/13-14	8/6-7	7/23-24	7/17
CLINTON	49%	53%	53%	54%	55%	59%
BUSH	39	39	36	37	37	32

NOTE: ALL FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON ANDREW HAVE MARGIN/ERROR +/- 5%

	FED GOVT RESPOND	FED GOVT AS	BUSH ADM CARE
BUSH HANDLING	AS FAST AS IT	PREPARED AS IT	MORE RE BOS/IRAQ
OF HURRICANE	COULD HAVE?	SHD HAVE BEEN?	THAN ANDREW?
Approve	54% Yes 48%	Yes 39%	Yes 57%
Disapprove	27 No 39	No 46	No 35

*23 TIME/CNN: CLINTON 46%, BUSH 40%

Yankelovich Clancy Shulman surveyed 836 "most likely voters" from 8/25-27; margin of error +/- 3% (TIME, 9/7 issue).

TRIAL HEAT	LVs	DEM	GOP	IND	w/LEANERS	8/19-20	RVs	DEM	GOP	IND
Clinton	46%	77%	13%	45%	49%		47%	80%	14%	36%
Bush	40	12	78	32	44		36	9	73	38

(Reported by CNN as: Clinton 50%, Bush 42% - "Capital Gang" 8/29)

	FAV/UNFAV (LVs)	8/19-20 (RVs)	7/22-23 (RVs)
Clinton	53%/33%	53%/29%	59%/23%
Gore	52 /18	47 /18	50 /17
Bush	52 /40	45 /43	36 /52
Quayle	36 /45	31 /49	21 /60
Perot	26 /46		28 /45

MAIN US PROBLEM? (LIST PROVIDED): Economy 60%, Health care 13%, Education 11%, Family values 5%, Environment 3%, For. Policy 2%

	8/25-27/92				6/4/92				AUGUST 88	
	CLINTON		BUSH		CLINTON		BUSH		DUK/BUSH	
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES
Strong/decisive leader	51%	37%	60%	37%	38%	46%	45%	51%	51%	53%
Cares re ave. American	75	20	52	45	57	32	38	58	72	57
Wd say anything to win	53	43	59	39	67	25	67	29		
Can get economy moving	53	36	42	53	35	47	25	68		
Proud to have as Prez	52	41	54	43	33	54	38	56	49	56
Someone you can trust	50	39	53	43					53	58

MORE CONFIDENCE IN TO DEAL WITH MAIN US PROBLEMS TODAY?

	NOW	7/9	3/12
Bush	42%	36%	38%
Congress	35	32	41

WHO IS MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS?

George Bush	35%
Democrats in Congress	44

Union" (N.Y. POST, 8/29).

***18 FAMILY VALUES: GOP STILL DIVIDED ON ISSUE'S MERITS**

GOP pollster Ed Goeas: "What drives it is a feeling with the American people that things have gotten out of hand. ... If half the American public wants to hear about family values then it's substantive." With economics "stacked squarely against them, GOPers "have tried to shift the presidential playing field to this moral and cultural ground where they've been successful in the past." Goeas: "It works" (Baer, Balto. SUN, 8/30). HOTLINE publisher Doug Bailey: "The family values issue may have united the delegates at the convention, it may have united the Republican base to some degree, but it is at the expense, frankly, of swing voters that the ticket needs to win" ("Face the Nation," CBS, 8/30). Clarence Page on reported GOP reassessment of the issue: "My waning faith in the intelligence of the American voter has been restored. ... The public apparently knows it has been conned" (CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 8/30). W. TIMES header: "Bush will push 'family values'" (8/31). Both VP Quayle (on CBS' "Face the Nation") and Pat Buchanan (on CNN's "Newsmaker Sunday") defended the family values focus. Quayle, grinning: "It may have been too conservative for some" (8/30). Buchanan: "When you say 'extreme,' that's your characterization of views that our party has held in the last three elections" (8/30).

SENDING PAT TO THE MOVIES: "In what may be another indication" of the Bush camp's "attempt to distance itself from the right-wing stridency evident in Houston," Pat Buchanan's staff says "he will not take his rhetorical talents on the road." Although B-Q spokesperson Torie Clarke said she "fully expects" Buchanan to play a "big part" in the campaign, his "absence from the campaign trail appears to fit a week-long pattern by top GOP officials of backing away from the deeply polarizing family values rhetoric of the convention" (Firestone, NEWSDAY, 8/29).

TIPPER WEIGHS IN: Tipper Gore, interviewed by Judy Jarvis on WBZ-radio Boston: "The Republican rhetoric would pit one group against another and say, this is good and this is bad, and if you're like me, you're alright -- and if you're not, we don't want you around here." On Marilyn Quayle's Houston speech: "People seem to have picked up on the feeling that it conveyed an intolerant attitude toward women, that it just portrayed a certain narrowly defined role for women, and ... if you didn't fit in that role, ... something was wrong with you" (WBZ, 8/30).

FIRST LAYMAN LAYING LOW: A planned Bush trip to address 2,000 evangelical pastors in L.A. was cancelled "within days of public opinion polls that showed voters were more interested in hearing about the president's economic and health-care programs than about family values" (Groer, ORLANDO SENTINEL, 8/30). K.C. STAR's Hood writes, "Neither party has the right to pretend it is the only repository of true family values. And neither has the right to pretend it is the party of God" (8/30).

SWM SEEKS SAME: NEWSWEEK reports the AZ REPUBLIC, owned and operated by VP Quayle's relatives in the Pulliam newspaper chain "gladly sells classified ads for love-seeking gays and lesbians." Quayle owns stock in the chain but Quayle spokesperson David Beckwith said Quayle was "unaware" of the ads (9/7 issue).

LETTERMAN'S TOP TEN SIGNS YOU'RE LACKING FAMILY VALUES:

10. You take your kids for back-to-school tattoos.
9. You have a viewing party whenever a friend or family member is featured on "America's Most Wanted."
8. Your Swiss Chalet is crawling with Jennifers.

7. You're a fictional TV character having a baby out of wedlock.
6. You're dating your stepdaughter.
5. You go to your kids' school open house in something crotchless.
4. In fight over last pork chop you stab grandpa with a fork.
3. Family gatherings often turn into a hostage situation.
2. You refer to your children as "'drinkin' buddies.'"
1. Every member of your family has been on Oprah ("Late Night," NBC, 8/29).

===== TV MONITOR =====

*24 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted Postmaster General Marvin Runyon on mail to FL. NBC's "Today" hosted Sec/Trans Andrew Card, FL Gov. Lawton Chiles (D) and Dade Co. Emergency Coord. Kate Hale on the hurricane relief. "CBS This Morning" hosted USAF Maj. Bobby D'Angelo and Kate Hale on relief efforts. FOX hosted Reagan Dep. CoS Michael Deaver on campaign '92 (8/31).

THIS WEEKEND: 8/30: All nets led with Hurricane Andrew relief efforts. ABC's "Brinkley" hosted Al Gore. NBC's "Meet the Press" hosted NSA Brent Scowcroft. CBS' "Face the Nation" hosted Dan Quayle, HOTLINE publisher Doug Bailey and Dem strategist Mike McCurry. 8/28: All nets led with Hurricane Andrew. PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer" hosted acting Sec/State Lawrence Eagleburger on Yugoslavia; Andrew Card and Rep. Dante Fascell (D-FL) on FL relief efforts; and Mark Shields and Doug Bailey on campaign '92. CNN's "Crossfire" hosted ex-Asst. Sec/Def Richard Perle and Carnegie Endowment for Internat'l Peace's David Scheffer on Iraq. "Larry King Live" hosted Orange Co. GOPers for Clinton, Roger Johnson and Kathryn Thompson, and House Min. Whip Newt Gingrich (R-GA) on campaign '92. ABC's "Nightline" examined the politics of Hurricane Andrew with FL Gov. Chiles and several hurricane victims (8/28).

PREDICTIONS: Paul Gigot: Jesse Jackson will join Senate Dems in "trying to defeat another Bush judicial nominee, Ed Carnes, because he enforced the death penalty in [AL]." Jack Germond: "At least 6 incumbent Senators in both parties will be defeated this fall." Morton Kondracke on rumors "Torie Clarke would be fired": "My guess is that she will not, she will tone down her act, but she is too good to lose" ("Group," 8/29).

OUTRAGES: Mark Shields: Bill Clinton's grammatical use of "you and I" instead of "you and me." Robert Novak: Lawrence Walsh "insisting" on a new trial for ex-CIA agent Clair George. N.Y. DAILY NEWS's Lars Erik Nelson: Bush saying he was "out of the loop" on the Iran-Contra affair ("Capital Gang," CNN, 8/29).

OF NOTE: HOTLINE's Bailey pointed out that the 9/1 satellite TV to America 2000 education planning groups in 2500+ communities will be the largest closed circuit network in TV history ("Face the Nation," CBS, 8/31).

YOU'LL LAUGH, YOU'LL CRY: NBC's Jay Leno on Iraq: "Why would Bush have to manufacture a crisis? With the economy, the environment and crime, just pick one, there's plenty to choose.

... If President Bush really wants to destroy Iraq, he should go over there and run for president." On Iraq and politics: "[Bush is] hoping Clinton will panic out of fear of being drafted, drop out of the race, and go back to college in England again" ("Tonight Show," 8/28).

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

"I would like to thank the Vice President and I would like to thank the television academy and members of the cultural elite"

-- Candice Bergen, Emmy acceptance speech, mult., 8/30.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1992 2 AUG 28 P6:17

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARLIN FITZWATER *Marlin*
SUBJECT: Lichter and the Press

Bob Lichter, your media research friend, gave me the attached chart today. His conclusions are:

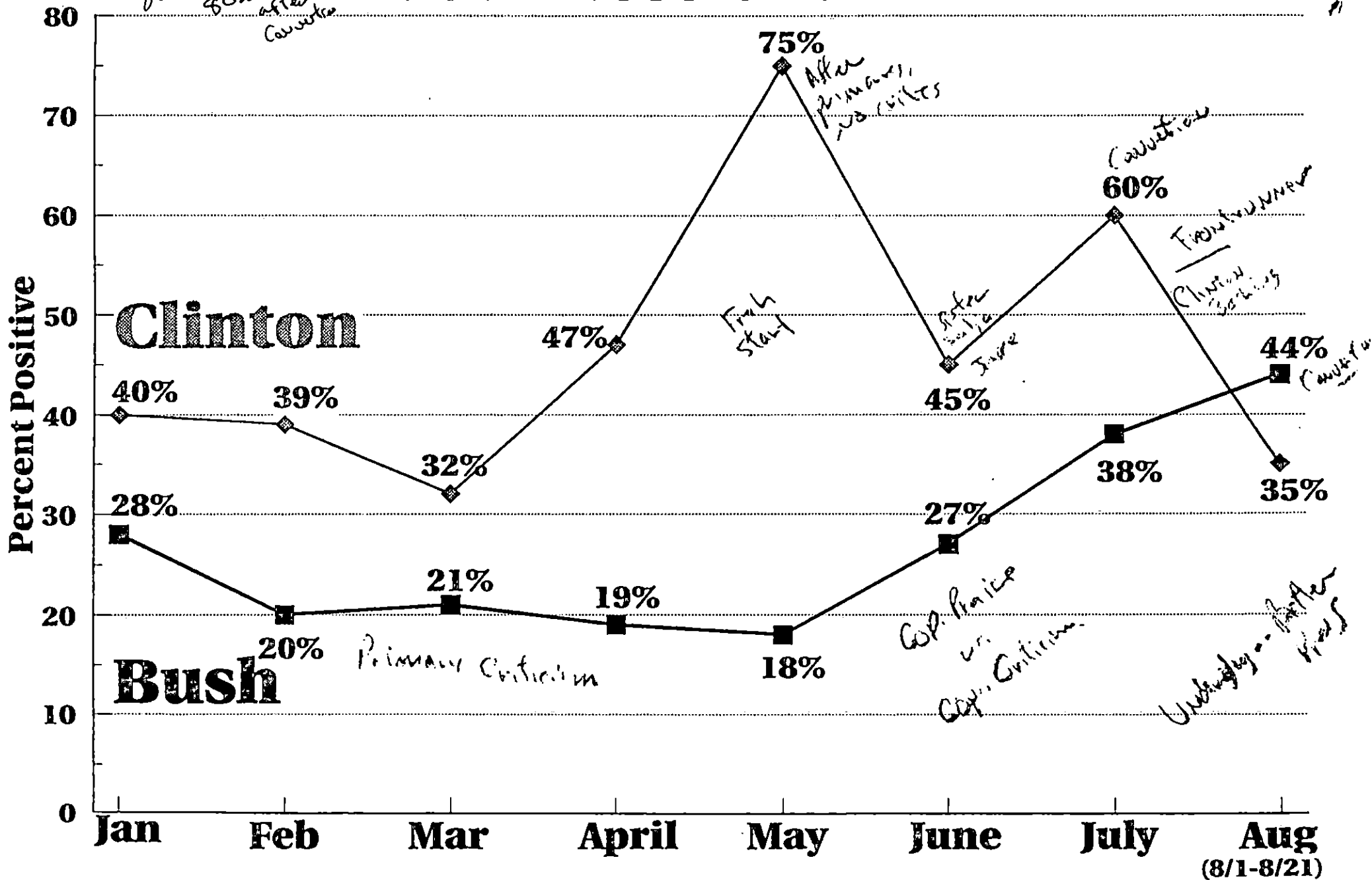
1. Clinton had good press between the primaries and the convention because no one criticized him during this period.
2. He suffered during the Sister Souljah affair due to Jesse Jackson's criticism.
3. Clinton had good press during the convention but it began falling because he became the underdog and because of Bush's criticisms of his record.
4. President Bush had low media ratings from January through May because of the primaries and heavy Democratic criticism.
5. President Bush had a steady rise in press between May and August because Republicans stopped criticizing the President during this period.
6. Interestingly, Lichter says GOP critics were a major cause of our bad press this year.
7. President Bush received more positive press than Clinton for the first time just before the Republican Convention.

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Good Press Over Time

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Based on evaluations by sources in election stories on the ABC, NBC and CBS evening newscasts.



THE PRESIDENT

daily
8-31-92

Dear Lou,

Sorry to get faked out
of Kipport. Oh how I miss it!

Your idea of hammering
away at leadership to cope with
potential peril makes good sense.
All the focus groups show,

FROM
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however, the votes are concerned
mainly about the Economy—

Thanks! Love, for the
suggestions and all your help.

CB /

LOUIS WALKER

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29 August 92

Dear George -

Sorry you couldn't make it this weekend. I wanted to emphasize one thing - with the word in still a great deal of pain I hope you and your campaign will HAMMER and continue to HAMMER this - CAN we afford to trust as our future Commander in Chief a man who not only evaded the draft but who never commanded anything more than the Arkansas National Guard!

This is a point that every American can understand and next to the economy there is nothing more significant.

Also thanks for the 50 bumper stickers at many places such as the fruit market by the gas house and Paradise have people asking for them all the time and we are not seeing many. I want to see them on every car I can see here.

We are going to win

Bob

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